

information. (*He bows.*) I am sure I keep you from your sister. (*He leaves. Elinor, with a heavy heart, goes up to the bedroom.*)
ELINOR. Marianne, before I write to Mamma — I have something I need to tell you ... (*She continues under the Gossips, why chapter.*)

GLOSSIPS #2

The Gossips Take Measure

- GOSSIP 3. I suppose you heard about Mr. Willoughby's very ... expeditious nuptials?
- GOSSIP 5. I heard that his creditors breathe much easier!
- GOSSIP 4. I heard that Miss Grey wore orange blossoms to their wedding ... orange blossoms! At this time of year!
- GOSSIP 3. They say the younger Miss Dashwood is broken-hearted, and very ill — they had been *corresponding*, you know.
- GOSSIP 5. Indeed!
- GOSSIP 3. Oh yes, she wrote to him openly!
- GOSSIP 4. Very forward of her!
- GOSSIP 5. No one to keep her in check?
- GOSSIP 1. The father is dead, you know.
- GOSSIP 3. Well, what can you expect —
- GOSSIP 1. — I heard that she went out riding with him, alone.
- GOSSIP 4. — I am not surprised!
- GOSSIP 2. — I am sure all of the Dashwood girls run quite wild —
- GOSSIP 1. — And no money at all to speak of —
- GOSSIP 2. — Then what did she expect?
- GOSSIP 4. Poor girl!
- GOSSIP 3. Silly girl!
- GOSSIP 1. Very forward!
- GOSSIP 5. Very foolish!
- GOSSIP 3. What a waste!