

large eyes ;—her mouth, oh ! how shall I describe it ? Pearls encircled by coral ; while a hectic flush which occasionally tinged her cheek, told that health was a stranger there. I gazed at her until I was completely bewildered, she arose from her seat and again entered the cabin—accompanied by her father and aunt. When she had left, I sunk into a profound reverie from which I was aroused, by a slight tap on the arm. I turned, it was Mr.—a fellow traveller, who said : What are you meditating upon ? We are just in port. The boat remains here an hour—There are several passengers to leave here—do you not walk round the village ?—I arose, and stammered out something I know not what, but however declined the walk, determined to see who left the boat. I had not waited long before the three strangers whom I have mentioned, appeared all in readiness to go on shore ; as the young lady moved forward, I gazed after her until she was completely lost to view. The deep interest I had taken in her determined me to ascertain the cause of her dejection and illness, my curiosity was soon gratified by a fellow passenger who told me, he had known her from infancy. Frances———was the only child of Mr.——, a worthy merchant at—— ; her mother dying when she was yet a child, her maiden aunt who resided with her brother, took the whole charge of the little Frances. She was always kept at the very best schools to be found in the country, and of course her education was brilliant—When she left school she was just entering her seventeenth year. Shortly after, she was addressed by a young barrister of highly respectable connexions, his addresses were received by Frances, and their union sanctioned by both her father and the parents of Edward. Frances was the idol of Edward, she was his first and only love : and in him, she beheld all that her fond heart could desire, possessing every noble and generous sentiment, together with a handsome, and commanding person ; how could he fail to touch this lovely girl's heart ? Their union was looked upon, by the parents of both, as the source from whence all their future happiness