

cover them ; when lo ! in came a dusty house-maid in curl-papers, and discharged a whole coal-scuttle upon them. Let those smile who live in tropical climates, but these are no small grievances in merry, but cold England. Yet, nothing could spoil the tempers of the Miss Tribes. They laughed as loud when the fire went out as when it blazed ; they made a regular joke of the bell never being answered, and seemed almost in a state of consternation when the servant happened to come at the first summons. One or other of the sisters was constantly on the search of the house keys, which were usually lost twice a day, and one or other of their friends usually engaged in pinning up the gathers and closing the gaps in their gowns behind ; for as fast as one separation was concealed, another came to view.—With all this their mirth was unabated.

AN ENGLISH FAMILY AND CHATEAU.

The Village of Clifford where Mrs. Bouverie resided was a truly pastoral scene, situated to the South-West of Warwickshire, on the confines of Gloucestershire ; the neighbourhood about it, had all that verdant, luxuriant, and smiling appearance which Scotchmen and foreigners so greatly admire. The little homeward paths, emerging from the copse wood, enlivened by groups of fine cattle, and winding sometimes through a sedgy pool where on Sunday, varied by the careless, loitering steps of the Villagers among whom the clean, and elaborate smock-frock—the red waistcoat, and long knee-tyes, were still deemed the perfection of Sabbath attire, more especially, if the hat was set on with a knowing air, and the happy wearer carried in his hand a huge posy of the gayest and gaudiest flowers that his cottage garden could boast. Smoke, Steam, and Machinery, were here known solely for their domestic uses and in their simplest apparatus ; and the clack of a Water-Mill was the only sound that indicated a substitute for manual labour in this poor, but not distressed district.

The ladies had to drive through a ford, and to pass the low square-towered church before the gates of the hall as it was cal-