

up by the side of old women, employed in domestic duties of every kind. But the conduct of the parents is by no means consistent with these rigid restraints. They set no bounds to the freedom of their conversation before their children.

Divorces are pretty common for incontinency, bad behaviour, or even the want of such accomplishments as the husband wishes to find in a wife. This ceremony consists in nothing but a good drubbing, and turning the woman out of doors.

Providence has mercifully denied the woman the same fecundity as in more genial climes. Few produce more than five or six children; and these generally at long intervals, which enables the parents to bring them up with greater facility, than if they had several very young children to take care of at once.

For want of firing, rather than choice, these poor people are frequently obliged to eat their meat raw, particularly in the summer season, when on