

fully back again, filling the ravines to the water's edge, or are broken by bright red crags and quarried precipices.

The *goitre* is almost as common here as it is in most of the Swiss vallies, though it can hardly be said that the valley is so narrow, or that the hills are so high, as to prevent a free circulation of air, or exclude the rays of the sun ; and as for snow water, it is only to be had in winter. The women of the labouring class (among whom the *goitre*, everywhere that it appears, is most common) are much accustomed to carry great weights on their heads—one of the causes to which, we believe, some learned M. D.'s have been pleased to assign this malady, one of the many ills which flesh is heir to, of which so much has been written, and so little is known. Here also, we first remarked that shameless mendicity of a large portion of the poorer population, by which the traveller—particularly the British traveller—is pestered throughout the Grand Duchy of Baden, and the German Cantons of Switzerland. We are not alluding to the travelling artizans, with whom it is a long established custom throughout Germany, to solicit contributions from all who appear as if they could afford them ; but the children of every village, led on to the degrading business by the women, or the women themselves, recalling in their importunities the professional beggars of the streets of London.

TALES OF OUR VILLAGE, No. 2.

MANY years ago, in the days of battle by flood and field, when steamers, railroads, and electric telegraphs, were unheard of blessings, when our little Province had scarcely a subject for agitation, and our politicians were among the great things to be, it had happened that with the passengers in the periodical packet from England, one of those vessels which when wind and weather permitted made their monthly voyages to and from the old world to ours, were a lady and a gentleman bearing the names of Captain and Miss F——, who on arrival took lodgings in one of the private boarding houses then flourishing in the Capital, evidently desirous of obtaining retirement if not total seclusion, as they generally refused the attempts at intercourse and sociability, made by their fellow lodgers and others, whom chance or design threw in their way. It was, however, understood by those whose duties gave them an opportunity of discovery, that they were brother and sister, and evidently intended remaining for some time in Nova Scotia, though for what purpose or with what resources none had any idea. Captain F—— was a fine martial-looking man, with agreeable and polished manner, giving evidence of long and intimate association with the best society. There was a firmness and