

the frequent presence of royalty. My parents soon after this removed to London, and there I remained some years. After a good deal of preparatory instruction, I was taken to the continent. My family is English to the remotest generation. My father, a man of law, one who had received a liberal education, and the usual term of articleship to the first man in the legal profession in his native county, assisted in our education by my tender, judicious, painstaking mother, who descended from that honoured and respected class called landed proprietors, were through circumstances little thought of in the earlier days of their union, obliged to feel it was most probable their children would have to use their talents to secure independence. A family cared for as we were, would be rather hard to find in this day of *luxuriousness*, when children are either spoiled with the most destroy-