

unraveled, the party were just assembled round the breakfast table, for since the sanction of the uncle had been obtained for the marriage and the day fixed for the its solemnization, the major had taken up his abode altogether at the manor house. Miss Fanny was in the act of presenting to her betrothed, his first cup of chocolate, when she was startled by the abrupt appearance of two ill looking men who approaching the major rudely slapped him on the shoulder, at the same time, exclaiming with an oath, " we have got you at last sir, and we will take care you do not give us the slip again"—The consternation of the party may be more easily imagined than described, when the two intruders produced their warrant for the apprehension of the man, who had assumed a name, and title to which he had no pretensions,—“ this fellow has,” continued the man, “ more than once escaped paying the penalty of the law for swindling and horse stealing, but we have got both him and his companion safe enough now. We nabbed his pretended valet in the act of picking a gentleman’s pocket on the race course at Tunbridge yesterday, and he is already safely lodged in the county gaol, indulging in the hope of saving his own life, by turning king’s evidence against his assumed master, who is in reality no other than his guilty comrade.” M. Lec heard the recital with silent astonishment, mingled however with some inward feelings of reproach, for having suffered himself to be so completely duped by external appearances. And as miss Fanny, with no less grief than mortification, beheld her *noble major* led handcuffed from the room, her loquacious female friend thus, in the language of truth, addressed her : You perceive my dear girl, how little dependance we ought to place on exterior appearances.—Tinsel may have a brighter glare than *pure gold*, though its value be infinitely less !—take the advice of a sincere friend,—neither too hastily admire in others, nor be too anxious to acquire yourself, those fashionable manners, which are frequently founded in vanity and falsehood. Our own observations have proved, how easily the vulgar, the unprincipled, and the vile, when supported by effrontery, may imitate the folly and frippery