

a needle under the skin, and rubbing powdered charcoal into the wound.

Morose and covetous, the name of gratitude is scarcely known among them. They seem to take a pleasure in enumerating their wants, even where they have no prospect of having them relieved; and frequently laugh at the dupes of their insincerity.

Harsh, uncourteous usage seems to agree better with them than kindness; for if the least respect be shewn them, they become intolerably insolent. Yet as in all countries and among all people, there are some who are capable of estimating indulgence without trespassing too far.

To defraud the Europeans, and to overreach them in trade, are their pleasure and study. They disguise their persons, change their names; in short, any thing to escape paying their lawful debts, or to enable them to contract new ones.

Notwithstanding those bad qualities, they are one of the mildest of the In-