

## MRS. SOUTHWORTH'S NOVELS.

### Mrs. SOUTHWORTH as an Author.

**W**E have always read with pleasure and profit the stories written by this highly-gifted American author. She is very clever and varied in her narratives. Her tales are not like those of a great many writers of the present day:—if you read one you may say you have read the whole they can produce, because of the sameness which characterizes every one of them. There is an originality in her works rarely to be met with, especially in a female author. There is no flagging of interest in her novels; the zeal and wonderful vivacity she throws into her writings will always assure them a welcome with the intelligent portion of the readers of all romance literature.

### The Bridal Eve.

**T**HE night before marriage is always a time of hope, fear, and anxiety, when, by the coming day's sacred ceremony will be consummated many glowing anticipations fostered and cherished during courtship's devious trials and tests of faithfulness, between the betrothed ones, who have often beheld visions of happiness in the future, when the matrimonial knot is irrevocably tied. The "Bridal Eve" is a charming and interesting romance founded upon this interesting topic.