

purse containing two hundred pieces of gold. When the ceremony was over, he, ostentatiously, invited the clergyman and pretended country gentleman, to partake of an entertainment, which he had caused to be prepared at a neighbouring tavern, but they both excused themselves, being ordered to do so, for fear, no doubt, that Caroline might discover something, by their behaviour, if with them a longer time, that might not appear conformable to the characters in which they, respectively, appeared. And it was not only in these things, but in every thing else, that he preserved such an extreme caution, so as to hinder her from having the least suspicion how cruelly she was betrayed, that not even the slightest suspicion of its possibility ever once entered her head.

She lived therefore happy, because contented ; she had not been accustomed to much public diversion, nor was she so desirous of it, as most people are. Her aunt, though the gayest woman in the world, and a continual sharer in all the modish pleasures of the town, had always confined her at home, working some curious ornament or other for her dress, or had else employed her in family affairs ; so that, to live in the manner she was now obliged to do, in order for her concealment, was not at all irksome to her ; for, several hours, every day, she enjoyed the company of the man she loved, and knew not the want of any other ; indeed this is womankind.

But this halcyon season, when all was love, assiduousness and devotion on his part, and on hers, affection, kindness, and the unspeakable delight which the soul of woman enjoys when she knows, and sees, and feels, that she bestows happiness, lasted but a short time. A desire of change, an occupation of his mind by other pur-