

At that epoch they had not yet dared to introduce themselves into France. They knew that the Argus eyes of a strict police would soon have discovered their haunts and put a stop to their philanthropic scheme of restoring mankind to that pristine state of blessedness lost by the eating of an apple. But they did not sooner perceive that the reins of the Empire were held by a weak or what is tantamount to it, by too lenient a hand and that in consequence the police springs were so relaxed that its action was almost stopt, than they rushed into that unhappy Country as the probable fairest field for the trial of their extensive schemes.

To be continued.

QUI TROP EMBRASSE MAL ETREINT.

He who grasps too many things at once secures none.

In the Edinburgh Review * we find some reflections on the propensity of theorist schemers who in general miss the end of their otherwise benevolent exertions by extending their views far beyond their means, and as we have been long e'er now of that opinion we hail the opportunity of supporting it under the sanction of such an authority, in presenting the following extract of the work of an eminent writer which appears to our readers to be speculations on the "Civil and Christian economy of large Towns." That extract runs thus.

"Voluntary associations have come forward in the cause of Education without waiting for any such signal. And if to look confidently forward to a proposed end, with *feeble and disproportioned means*, be to incur the character of *visionary*, then we fear that this imputation must be made to rest upon them also. They have all been greatly less efficient than they might have been from their neglect of the principle of locality. There are many associations which by their resources, could have done that permanently and substantially for a district of the town, which they have vainly attempted, and have, therefore, done partially and superficially for the whole. The money which could have built a local school, and emanated enough of interest, for ever to have kept it in repair, and provided the teacher with a perpetual salary, has been dissipated in transient and ineffectual exertions for the accomplishment

* 34th vol. Page 236 and 237.