

ance will do great things, sapped her way unperceived; till, unexpectedly, she appeared at the Card-table of Lady *Biddy Porpoise*, a lethargick Virgin of seventy-six, whom all the families in the next square visited very punctually when she was not at home.

THIS was the first step of that elevation to which my wife has since ascended. For five months she had no name in her mouth but that of Lady *Biddy*, who, let the world say what it would, had a fine understanding, and such a command of her temper, that, whether she won or lost, she slept over her cards.

AT Lady *Biddy's* she met with Lady *Tawdry*, whose favour she gained by estimating her ear-rings, which were counterfeit, at twice the value of real diamonds. When she had once entered two houses of distinction, she was easily admitted into more, and in ten weeks had all her time anticipated by parties and engagements. Every morning she is bespoken, in the summer for the gardens, in the winter for a sale; every afternoon she has visits to pay, and every night brings an inviolable appointment,