

ets, devils, blue lights, stars, wheels, flowers, pots, and crackers, continued dancing, rising, diving, burning, sparkling, exploding, and going off, without intermission; during which period some of the fair ones, who preferred the free range of garden shades to being confined within the narrow precincts of a summer-house, likewise went off, and were seen, by glimpses and at intervals, between the bushes, reclining in bowers, or leaning on the arms of their favourite swains: to these it must have seemed a paradise of Mahomet, and admirably calculated to foster the inclinations of those given to romance. But, alas! how all sub-lunary scenes are subject to change: mark the sequel. A smart shower coming on, the muslin dresses and silk petticoats shifted their quarters as soon as possible into January-hall. Many a neat ankle and well turned leg, in hurried steps, to save splashing their silk stockings, were beheld by amorous eyes, as the covering robes were lifted rather high, to trip the easier into shelter. The band too, retired to recruit fresh wind, and report has whispered that the lord of the revels gave them a glass each, which is worthy of record, as it is said that nowadays no one thinks about paying the piper. When they returned they took the places lately occupied by the ladies. I will now conduct you, with as little ceremony as were the ladies, to the ballroom, which was about twenty four feet by twelve, and was brilliantly lit up with candles in sconces. It was some time before the company could be called to order, and the musicians played several tunes before the light troops commenced their evolutions. A country dance was at length got up, succeeded by a quadrille, (Mrs. East's best cut and dried,) which, after some blundering, was got through with. It was only here I could dis-