

"Advice to Young Tradesmen," which please set him to read for his amusement out of school-time. His mother wishes him to learn some poetry against a do which we are going to have, but I think it would be more improving for him to get off some of the Ready Reckoner. Hoping you'll attend to these directions,

I remain,

Yr hbble servt.

Lon. Augt. 6th. 15.

MM. WIDLIKENS.

Mrs. Widlikens complements to Mr. *Pædagogus* begs he will teach the young *Gentelman* to speak *Collins* ode on the *Passions*, with proper *haksent* and *gestikulation*: also *Macbeth's* speech about the *dager*, and a few *helegânt vusses* out of Mr. Wordsworth, in the moving and the pathetick line.—Mrs. W. will do *erself* the pleasure of riding *hover* on the 20th *Ult. Opes* Master W. will perfect by that time, as she intends to give a *speciment* of his talents to a select party of *amatoors of theatrikals*, which may be of use to Mr. *Padigogus's* school, which she will feel pleasure in *patrinising*, all as *luys* in my power, if so be as I am not disappointed in the speeches. Mrs. Jobbins informs me that *er* son is *studdyin* in the *belleter*; if its *noo* and *fashionable*, my young *gentelman* shall learn, if so, you'll *obleege* me by *purchising* one for him the *fast* timè you come to town, which if not immediately I can do for you if you will send me a description.

Yours and so forth.

MARTHA ANGELINA WIDLIKENS.

P. S. As restraint may cramp his *genus*, which I am *credably* *enformed* is all the rage of the *ier sirkles*, *youell* not suffer him to study to much.

Monday Morning.

Complements to Mrs. P.—*Wen* I see you I may *praps* *truble* you with a *foo idears* on *hedicashum* as I dare say you *kno* your *intrest* to well not to wish to be *enformed* what it is as is most required in *junteel life*.

*Fish Street Hill, Monday Morning.*

Hope Mrs. P. will attend to Master W.'s teeth *reglar*.

#### GENEVA

Has very little, as a city, to recommend it. It is characterized by much active industry within doors, the *savans* and *mechaniciens* being pent up in their closets and ateliers, and very little gaiety prevades the promenades. Some parts of the town are sufficiently picturesque; the overhanging roofs, for which it is remarkable, are, however, too lofty to screen the pedestrian from the rain, especially if accompanied by a high wind, and form no shade from the sun. The pavement of the streets is bad, and their irregularity is a considerable drawback from the internal appearance. The pavement of the inclined plane in the Hotel de Ville, of which we gain the arduous ascent that conducts us to the passport office, is a curiosity of its kind, and perhaps unique. The city is tolerably well fenced in with walls within walls, draw and suspension bridges,

and gates; while stakes and chains secure from surprise on the part of the lake. The small canton of Geneva, though in the vicinity of the Great Alpine chain and the mountains of the Jura, includes no mountains. The name of the city and canton has been traced by the etymologists to a Celtic origin; *Gen*, a sally-port or exit, and *av*, a river, probably because the Rhone here leaves the Lemman lake. The eagle on the escutcheon of the city arms indicates it having been an imperial city; and it is believed the key was an adjunct of Pope Martin V., in the year 1418. The motto on the scrole, "Ex tenebris lux," appears to have existed anterior to the light of the Reformation. The number of the inhabitants may now be estimated at about 22,000; but it appears by a census in 1789, to have been 26,148. In this moral city, it is computed that every twelfth birth is illegitimate. The number of people engaged in clock and watch-making and jewellery, may be safely rated at 3,000. In years favourable to these staple manufactures 75,000 ounces of gold are employed, which is almost equally divided between watches and jewellery. The daily supply of silver is about 134 ounces. Pearls form an article of considerable value in the jewellery, and has been rated at no less sum than 1,200 francs daily. 70,000 watches are annually made, only one-twelfth of which are in silver. More than fifty distinct branches are comprised in the various departments, and each workman, on the average, earns about three shillings a-day—*Mr John Murray's Tour*.

AN INTELLIGENT MAID-SERVANT.—I declare it really wasn't prudent to trust that Emma to do a thing; and even that little lamb of a Kitty of mine was scarcely safe with a stupid like her in the house. For I recollect once, I had been thinking the simpleton had a great deal of spare time on her hands, and might just as well do a little needlework as sit twiddling her finger and thumb of an evening, so I told her that my little poppet of a Kitty was growing so fast that all her things were getting too short for her, and that she really wanted a tuck 'out in her best frock, and would certainly look all the better for it, so I would thank her to attend to it that night, and let it be done before she went to bed. In the evening, I was in the parlour, boiling down some quince pips to make a nice fixature for my hair, and all the while I could hear that sweet little cherub of mine down stairs crying; so I said to myself, "What the dickens can that idiot be doing with the child in the kitchen at this time of night, when it ought to have been undressed and in bed a good hour ago?" Off I trotted to see what precious bit of stupidity my lady was at now. When I reached the kitchen I thought I should have fainted, for there sat that Emma, with my little angel on her knee, dressed out in its best frock, and with its dear little innocent face daubed all over with treacle, just as if it had been tarred. "What on earth have you been doing with the child, Emma?" I exclaimed. "I thought you said it was to have