

about twenty five years of age, of dark complexion, fine penetrating eye, large mustachios, and ease of manner well calculated to impress on the youthful mind the importance of the majors rank, and condition in life. Added to which this son of Mars, talked loud, swore frequently—wore an eye glass, which he fixed with great adroitness to his eye, stared the ladies out of countenance ; and, was, according to his own report, a person of the first style and fortune, besides being allied to the most ancient and noblest aristocracy of England, and possessing estates of immense value in Jamaica and other parts of the West Indies. The gallant major soon ascertained who was considered to be the greatest fortune in the assembly, and he lost no time in obtaining miss Fanny for a partner, which of course, led to an introduction to her uncle, who, it must be confessed was not quite so much captivated with the manners of the noble warrior, as was his more susceptible niece, yet he did not choose to treat with indifference a gentleman whom he understood to be of “fortune and renown” he therefore very cordially, gave him an invitation to the Manor house, which was, as may be anticipated, as cordially accepted.

By some accident or other, chance brought them every day a visitor, and at each interview, Fanny became more and more delighted with the agreeable company of this fashionable votary, his wit, his humour, his brilliant repartee, and his almost miraculous adventures, were making rapid strides towards a complete conquest over the gentle heart of Fanny, when the gallant major threw himself at her feet, and implored permission to solicit from her uncle, the hand of the young lady, on whom he vowed, his whole happiness depended. How different were such declarations, to the clownish courtship of the plain country squire. It was impossible to avoid drawing the comparasion, and a short time only, served to convince this warlike man ! if not, man of war ! that he had gained a complete victory, at least, over the affections of miss Fanny,—but with Mr. Leo his success was not quite so certain. The integrity of that worthy man's own heart occasionally led him to be too credulous, yet