

THE SCRIBBLER.

MONTREAL, SATURDAY, 8th JUNE, 1822.

SUPPLEMENT TO No. L.

Quadrupedante putrem sonitu quasi ungula campum. VIRGIL.

With four feet pattering, o'er the echoing soil.

Tecum vivere amem, tecum obeam libens. HORACE.

With thee I love to live, for thee I'd gladly die.

It is well known that very strange work has been made in the world under the name and pretence of *Reformation*; and how often it has turned out to be in reality *Deformation*, or at best a tinkering sort of business, where, while one hole has been mended, two have been made.

I have at present in view an event of this nature of considerable importance and permanent influence, which took place in very early times, and which is, by some supposed to have been productive of many and great advantages to the human species. I allude to the alteration brought about in human walking, when man, who, according to the best and ablest philosophers, went originally on four legs, first began to go upon two. I hope I shall be excused if I venture humbly to offer some reasons why I am led to doubt whether the innovation has been attended by all the advantages so fondly imagined.

There is something suspicious in the account given of this reformation. It is said to have had the same origin as that ascribed by Dr. Mandeville to the moral virtues. It was "the offspring of flattery, begot upon pride." The philosophers of those days discovered that man was proud;