

European continent, with those of their own country ;—the emigrants from Great Britain, especially the Irish, who constitute so large a majority of the entire, almost exclusively with each other, who group and cling together on the instinctive principle of a conjoined support and preservation, and are always found to inhabit some certain districts of the country to themselves ; or if, from the nature of their pursuits are resident in towns, live in some distinct and separate locality, which by common assent is set apart for their particular occupancy. It is, perhaps, easy to account from all this, the frequent anxiety, the desire of those who may have already settled in the country, to induce others of their countrymen or kinsfolk to follow their example ; who in the recommendation they so often give them to emigrate, are impelled by a desire to draw a circle of immediate friends around themselves ;—spirits of a more congenial kind than any they may hope to meet with among their newly-made acquaintance ; hoping by such means to smooth away the difficulties of their situation, and in some way reconcile them to the disappointment of their altered condition. Such conduct, no doubt, is peculiarly selfish and ungenerous ; it is unfeeling, and withal unjust :—but we query if mankind, in their general intercourse, are not commonly swayed by motives equally as reprehensible ; and that the happiness of many whom, under a misplaced confidence we class as of our friends, are not often made to rest upon the chance difficulties and troubles that fortune, in