

THE DUCHESS DE BERRI.

"MARIE CAROLINE, like all young Neapolitan girls, of whatever rank or station, has received scarcely any education. With her, all is nature and instinct. She is a creature of impulse; the exigencies of etiquette are insupportable to her, and she is ignorant of the very forms of the world. She allows her feelings to carry her away without attempting to restrain them; and when any one has inspired her with confidence, she yields to it without restriction. She is capable of supporting the greatest fatigue, and encountering the most appalling danger, with the courage and patience of a soldier. The least contradiction exasperates her—then her naturally pale cheeks become flushed, she screams and jumps about, threatens and weeps by turns, like a spoiled child, and then again, the moment you give way to her, and appear to do what she desires, she smiles, is instantly appeased, and offers you her hand."—*Dermoncourt*.



WINTER FASHIONS AT PARIS.

ALTHOUGH no *rétunions* have yet taken place in the fashionable circles calculated to give a decided tone to the winter fashions, the extensive orders in execution at Lyons, as well as the opinions of Herbault, Simon, and Mesdames Palmyre and Minette, may be regarded as decisive. The richest brocades will be adopted for full dress; with black or very dark grounds relieved by bouquets in bold and striking patterns, called *à la Pompadour*, or *à la Du Barri*. Some of the handsomest of these have been executed for the house of Howell of London, at the price of thirty francs an ell, which would do honour to the wardrobes of our great-grand-mothers, when a full dress suit was hereditary, no less than the family diamonds and point lace. In the millinery department, the bonnets are again enlarged in form, and made on the exact model of an elderly lady's bonnet, in England, four years ago; the crowns are round and plain, and the trimmings insignificant. Herbault's blonde caps are also much wider in the trimmings; while the morning caps retain their neat narrow frilling or plaiting round the face. A wreath