

the artillery of the eyes to play around; they may be left to find their own level.

In full dress, fancy-caps, as usual in this place, are too much worn. A braid, a band, a circlet, with a flower or a feather, tastefully arranged amongst the beautiful tresses, for which the ladies of this country are so remarkable, are more becoming. Gold or silver net-caps, however, may be excepted; these, with pearl ornaments, set the hair off to the greatest advantage.

The coronation at home will probably give the ton to the female head-dress for some time to come, and it has been predicted that Ostrich plumes will wave with renovated elegance in the circles of fashion in England, during the ensuing winter. Steal a march, therefore, on the leaders of taste at home, good ladies, and adopt them by anticipation here, was my advice to the committee: to this they unanimously agreed, and it passed *nem. con.* that the next opportunity they would each sport a plume as large as that upon the champion's helmet, or so much less as might suit their complexions, statures, and fancies.

Having thus got them to be of the same opinion in one thing, the conference was broken up; and being, as naturally might be expected in an elderly gentleman, engaged with four ladies, fatigued with the exertion, I reclined back upon the sofa, and fell into a doze, in which silks, and muslins, and bonnets, and feathers, and flounces, and ribbands, and jewels, and ankles, and legs, and petticoats, and stays, and Heaven knows what besides, floated in wild and variegated confusion, before my eyes;

“Visions of glory spare my aching sight!”—

till order arose at length amongst them, and arranging themselves around, I found myself in a