

such as is seen among the peasantry of a civilized country; to which they were assimilated in point of condition, though subject to a life of greater privation and more harassing toil. Upon the whole, Ellen suffered less inconvenience than might be supposed from the entire want of those resources and luxuries to which she was used.

It is wonderful, after all, how few are the real essentials of existence; and the English maiden not only discovered, that much of what she had considered indispensable to comfort, might be easily discarded; but that, by breathing continually the pure air, and taking repeated exercise, her frame was invigorated, and her spirits rendered more elastic and cheerful than they had been for a very long period. Conrad remarked the change, and told her that her cheek had more of the rose than the lily in its hue, now, while her eyes sparkled to such a degree that he could not look at them; whereupon, she chid him laughingly, and told him that she did not believe a word of what he said, as he was only wickedly making merry at her expence—knowing very well that there were no means of arriving at the truth; for she had nothing but a bowl of water to make her toilet in, and that gave back a very unsatisfactory reflection, “and so unflattering in short,” added Ellen, “that