

city, and some say as a complimentary congratulation upon the happy issue of his suit with the lovely Miss Caleche, he having obtained her Pa and Ma's consent to their being *stitched* together by Hymen's *bodkin*, *should the lady be inclined to accept him*.* On the joyful night in question, about twenty couple assembled, amongst whom were principally to be noticed Mr. Falcon, Mr. and Mrs. Selkin, and the blooming cheek'd Miss Wagtail; and certainly the Prior must consider himself highly honoured, when he knows that Benny Big himself, with all his powers of persuasion, could not prevail on Miss W. to mix in any of the balls this winter, which she so frequently graced the last, and that at this, the first she has been at this season,) she condescended to lead off the first dance with him, to the no small mortification of poor Benny, who sate crosslegg'd almost all the evening. The Prior shone uncommonly in his dress; full an ell of fine kerseymere was puckered and wound round his gracefully long neck, supporting a head which his intended is said to have wittily assimilated to *un jeune taureau Canadien*: the lengthened vista down his long-waisted, but short-tailed, black coat, shewed the most elegant taste, and the profuse, rich, and complicated bows by which his breeches knees were tied, added greatly to the nobleness of his costume. The lady hostess appeared more brilliant than ever, and Mr. E. shook off the rough manners of the stable, and appeared to pretty good advantage as a gentleman. At about two o'clock the party broke up.

The little gentleman in Essefex-street, not many miles from the house with round windows, not having TAKEN THE HINT, it may be well for him to act more cautiously when he admits certain Cyprian ladies into his house at night, lest

*Alas! this sets us all afloat again.