

THE CALLIOPE.

many of the fair sex, she frowns on those who fawn around her, and spurns them from her presence, to lavish her smiles and caresses on those whose manly independence and self-respect excites her admiration and gains her esteem.

Amusements, under which concealed vices of every description, are thrown out to dazzle and allure the simple-minded idler; indulged in at first merely to while away the hours which would otherwise hang so heavily on their hands, but gradually gaining a power over them, which they find impossible to shake off, until it finally completes their ruin.

How often do we find a warm hearted noble youth, when thrown out of employment which has hitherto kept his mental and physical powers in action; for the purpose of amusement, and to beguile his idle life, associates with those whom, in his simplicity, he accepted as good and virtuous companions, but who, when their base purpose is accomplished stand forth in their true colors as vile and swily knaves, and jealous of the generous nature which he displays, take a fiendish delight in bringing him down to a position as low and degraded as themselves. The oaths and wicked blasphemy, which formerly he would have shuddered to have heard repeated, he now hears and repeats unmoved, and with a savage satisfaction, pours down draught after draught of licenced poison to drown his bitter reflections in beastly intoxication, until, at last in a drunken brawl, he ends his life, or takes that of another, without the power of realising the extent of his crime.

This is no vain theory, put forward to gain the favor or approbation of our readers, but a plain every day fact,

which any one can prove who takes the trouble to pay a little attention to the events of the times. Being youngsters ourselves, we know how seldom youth looks beyond the present; but there is a limit to the enjoyment of youth which we should not exceed. If we wish to enjoy a peaceful and happy old age, we should seek an honorable and steady employment, which if prosecuted with vigour and perseverance, will yield us a comfortable independence, and by engaging our time and thoughts, will keep us apart from temptation.

Varieties.

List to the reason I never have wed—
The reason no bride to the altar have led;
The Crinoline silks, and the duck of a bonnet,
Would soon show our table with nothing upon it.

A traveller on a miserable lean steed, was hailed by a farmer who was hoeing his pumpkins by the road side.

"Hullo friend were are you bound?"
"I am going out to settle in the west," replied the other.

"Well get off and saddle this pumpkin vine—it will grow and carry you faster than that 'ere beast."

"You see we perforate an aperture in the apex, grandma, and a corresponding aperture in the base; and by applying the egg to the lips and forcibly inhaling the breath, the shell is entirely discharged of its contents." "Bless my soul" said the old lady, "what astonishing improvements they do make! now in my young days, we just made a hole in each end and sucked."

What is the difference between a blind man and a sailor in prison?

One can't see to go, and the other can't go to sea.