

ple of ducks. The wines were of the rarest and choicest flavour.

Carrioles, sleighs, berlins, traineaux, and every description of vehicle on runners, continued to arrive and set down from half past eight till half past nine. Precisely at nine dancing commenced by a quadrille, led off by the following well known elegant votaries of Terpsichoré :

The Countess	and	Baron Grunt ;
Mrs. Longlass,		Baron Loftystone ;
Miss Carolina Wilhelmina	}	Capt. Le Sly ;
Amelia Loverule		
Miss Hogsflesh		Dr. Drugwell ;

and continued with an alternation of country-dances till two, when supper was announced, and by five the whole of the *beau-monde* had withdrawn.

We regret to say that an accident equally unforeseen as never-to-be-sufficiently-lamented and irreparable, eclipsed in a great degree the brilliancy of the arrangements. An immense number of the most tastefully variegated lamps* had been provided, but when they came to receive the Promethean touch of the lighter it was found impossible to kindle them into flame ; whether this was owing to inexperience, bad materials, or an awkward attempt at imitation beyond the possibility of execution, we can not pretend to determine, but this agonizing failure cast an obscuration over the festivity of the evening, which not all the sparkling wit and well known convivial talents of the elegant host, nor the enchanting fascinations of his accomplished lady could dispel. Among the fashionable crowd we noticed

* Rumour with her hundred tongues states that these lamps were the same that on His Majesty's birth day 12th August, last year, 1820, decorated a house in St. Laurent Suburbs, which the newspapers of the day celebrated as exhibiting a blaze of light; and which were borrowed both for that and the present occasion.