

who has been in love with her but three days. Our hero tried all love's soft persuasions with his fair one in an honourable way; and as his person was very engaging, and his appearance very genteel, he did not find her greatly averse to his proposals. As he was aware that his being of the community of the gipsies might prejudice her against him without examination, he passed with her for the mate of a collier's vessel, in which he was supported by Capt. L—n, of Dartmouth, an old acquaintance of his, who then commanded a vessel lying at Newcastle, and acknowledged him for his mate. These assertions satisfied the young lady, and she at length consented to exchange the tender care and love of a parent for that of a husband; and he made use of such persuasive arguments, that she agreed to elope from her parents, and to go on board Capt. L—n's vessel: they soon hoisted sail, and the very winds being willing to favour these happy lovers, they had an exceeding quick passage to Dartmouth, where they landed. In a few days they set out for Bath, where they lawfully solemnized their nuptials with great gaiety and splendour, but nobody at that time could conjecture who they were, which was the occasion of much speculation, and false surmises.

Our lovers began to be at length weary of the same repeated rounds of pleasure at Bath, they therefore paid a visit to the city of Bristol, where they staid some time, and caused more speculation than they had done at Bath, and did as much damage to that city as the famous Lucullus did at Rome, on his return from his victorious expeditions; for we have some reason to think they first introduced the love of dress and gaiety amongst those plain and frugal citizens. After some stay here, they made a tour through Somersetshire and Dorsetshire into Hampshire, where they paid a visit to an uncle of our hero's, living at P—rchester, near Gosport, who was a clergyman of distinguished merit and character; here they were received with great kindness and hospitality, and staid a considerable time. His uncle made him very lucrative offers for the present, and future promises of making him heir to all his possessions; yet remembering his engagements with the gipsies, he rejected them all, and reflecting now that he had long lived useless to that community, he began to prepare for his departure from his uncle's, in order to make some excursions on the enemy: and to do this with more effect, he bethought himself of a new stratagem; he therefore equips himself in a black loose gown, puts on a band, a large white peruke, and a broad-brimmed hat: his whole deportment was agreeable to his dress; his pace was solemn and slow; his countenance