

al the sorrow with which she bade
 e adieu. I left Danville still an in-
 ate in the house. His recovery had
 en surprisingly slow ; but the de-
 y did not excite my suspicion at the
 me. As we had seen more of him,
 ere was apparently more to esteem.
 ild and delicate in his attentions to
 e daughter, grateful, but frank, and
 anly, in his carriage towards her
 ther, he enjoyed their full friend-
 hip and confidence. The villain
 as even then, when apparently still
 retched on the bed of sickness, se-
 retly plotting the ruin of the lovely
 reature who had assisted in rescu-
 g him from the grave ; he was e-
 en then meditating the blow which
 as to strike to the earth the man
 ho had loaded him with kindnesses.
 e was the cool calculating liber-
 ne, who could patiently set his deep-
 id snares, and mark their operation
 n deliberate observance of the e-
 ent. His years denied him the u-
 al plea, bad as it is, of the resist-
 ess vehemence of boyish passion ;
 ut time while it took from the impe-
 osity of youth, seemed, with him,
 o have extinguished also every
 article of remorse or pity, and to
 ave instructed him but the more
 effectually how he should entangle
 he victims of his profligacy. He
 ucceded but too well ; and by the
 ender, yet respectful assiduity of his
 attentions to the unsuspecting Emily,
 and the semblance of warm attach-
 ment which marked his intercourse
 with her father, he acquired such an
 nfluence over her mind that, spite of
 he disparity in their years, he taught
 her to rest her affections upon him
 n the unbounded fulness of early
 ove. He was not slow in discover-
 ng his power—but an union with
 he poor girl was farthest from his
 intentions. He chose his opportu-
 nity, and was suddenly ordered off
 on service.—At that moment, when
 the agonizing fear of losing him for
 ever had stifled every better feeling,
 he persuaded her, that, while honor
 forbade him to quit his profession at
 the hour of his call to its active du-

ties, it was in vain to expect her fa-
 ther's consent to her becoming his
 wife, as long as he remained in the
 service ; but, that if she would elope
 with him, once united, no difficulty
 would follow in obtaining the parent-
 al forgiveness. In an evil hour, the
 infatuated and too credulous girl
 yielded herself to his guidance, and
 quitted the haven of her purity, with
 the delusive hope of an early return
 to its protection ; to throw herself
 at the feet of her father, and implore
 his blessing as the wife of Danville.
 Poor victim ! she did indeed return,
 but not until every earthly hope had
 been blasted ; not until her beauty
 had lost its charm, and her seducer
 had deserted her for ever. She
 had no sooner committed her honor
 and reputation to his trust, than hav-
 ing thus beyond redemption inveigled
 her into his power, and succeeded in
 triumphing in her fall, the remorse-
 less monster forsook and spurned her
 from his side.

In every moment of dissatisfaction
 or spleen for several years, I had in-
 variably resolved upon forswearing
 the farther pursuit of a profession,
 which denied the enjoyment of pre-
 sent ease, and yielded no promise of
 future advantage : but never was I so
 strongly determined upon seeking
 the first occasion of quitting the
 ranks with honor, as when I turned
 my horse from the gate of Milburne's
 dwelling, to follow the march of the
 party which I was to conduct to em-
 barkation for the continent. Our voy-
 age to the walls of Lisbon was rough
 and tedious, and little calculated to
 put me in better humor with my lot.
 But, soon after we joined the army,
 commenced that retreat from the
 frontiers of Portugal which terminat-
 ed only at the lines of Torres Vedras.
 It somehow happens, that the excite-
 ment of a campaign has always the
 effect of stirring up the embers of
 that enthusiastic devotion to the ser-
 vice which has illumined the early
 career of the soldier. The winter
 of 1810-11 was pregnant with events.
 I had found, too, at the head-quar-