

respecting both themselves and their neighbours, as Harlequin did when he jumped down his own throat : a feat, which we recollect delighted us not a little, in our juvenile days, when our mamma took us to see the christmas pantomime at Covent Garden. A matter in which we take much pride, is the general accuracy with which we have been able to predict the approaching nuptials of many a pair, to provide husbands for the ladies, and helpmates for the gentlemen ; and, in some instances, even to procure those to be buckled together, who scarcely thought of each other, till our annunciation of their intended marriage, made them open their eyes, and see there was no earthly thing better for them to do. It is true that, in common with our illustrious predecessors and fellow-labourers in the astrological art, Bickerstaff, Partridge, Poor Robin, and Francis Moore, our soothsaying has not always been verified ; but the sagacious reader will instantly perceive that their predictions, being founded upon the comparatively more steady and certain data of the weather, winds, clouds, and other phenomena, a reasonable portion of them could not but fail to prove correct ; whilst our's have nothing to trust to but those proverbially unsteadyest of all unsteady and changeful things, a woman's mind, and a young man's love. We have been led to these reflections by a communication which has lain sometime upon our desk, by which it would seem as if one of our earliest announcements, and one that regards a lady, who was, and is, a very great favourite of ours, as she must be of all who know her, had at length a chance of being fulfilled. Our correspondent informs us that, in last month, Mrs. East gave an entertainment, in honour of the *prior's* visit from Government-