

"North Star," put within inverted commas, to show the expression to be borrow'd, and not original, he proceeds:

"Their navigation was confined to inland seas, and when they ventured into the ocean beyond the pillars of Hercules"

Though this passage would be inadmissable in modern English, yet, we presume it must be an elegant one in modern Bathos. In meaning it resembles a double entendre, or it may be said to mean—Yes and No—or, to have a double edge, like a cut and thrust sword, or,—but for want of similies we must have recourse to itself which we hope will best of all illustrate what it is like. Mark—

"'Their navigation is confined to inland seas yet extends to the ocean beyond the pillars of Hercules.'"

We know of no writer of prose or verse in our language, who would have made out such a sentence as this,—or prepared for the Press such a wonderful example of intelligibility.

Persons who are pleased with puzzles will find room for amusement in the following.

"The course of my argument will not allow more than this passing allusion to them (magnificent consequences); but let me remark before I abandon the subject, that, had it not been for the genius of this mechanic, which, under the will of a Divine Providence, afforded to Columbus the means of prosecuting those geographical theories, which, when first mooted, seemed so outrageous to the order of nature and the sciences of the age, as to expose him to the anathemas of the learned and the pious, would never have been wrought out, and this vast continent might yet have remained a wilderness!"

To plain thinking persons like us, this is a downright enigma:—the lecturer however intends it shall convey an important meaning,—for he concludes it with a mark of admiration,—a mark no doubt of astonishment at his own success in the Bathos; we agree with him in our wonder, and exclaim in the agitation of the moment, *oh, most excellent, Sir, prodigious!!* We now come to that part of his lecture, where he opens that section of magnatism which he calls commerce; and though we were in hopes that here he would deal in a less sonorous strain, of the magnificent *profound*, yet we reckoned without our host; for though he casts out a suspicion that his "aspects of classic history shall be considered as ornate and the fruits of a flowery and ambitious imagination" yet, he keeps aloft among the superlatives, and it is now evident that the subject occupies the very marrow of his intellect. He declares, therefore, that "he will suffer any temporary censure" (from which may all the gods of the heathen mythology