

led were apparent to their view. These were of such ample dimensions, as bespoke a residence of some antiquity, for our ancestors did not choose to sneak into their dwellings; within them, a wide, and well-kept gravel road, conducted by a sweep around the house to the front door of the dwelling. All here was neat to perfection, somewhat stiff; and had not the luxuriance of nature done its utmost to destroy the mischievous intentions of art, it might have been displeasing; but the smooth shaved lawn, studded with junipers, was shaded by a magnificent cedar, and terminated by flowering shrubs, which partly concealed, but could not wholly impede a glimpse of the whole distance beyond.

COUNTRY RETIREMENT.

Just as she had finished her lonely dinner at half-past five, came the two Miss Williamses, each with a work-bag in their hands, from charity to sit the whole evening with her. They stayed till ten; when their brother fetched them home with a little pocket lantern. These two young ladies were the most simple creatures in the world. They knew vice only from their spelling-books, and their ideas of virtue were framed from *Adelaide* and *Theodore* or from *L'Ami des enfans*. They had no idea that Prince George of Wales and Caroline his consort, were not the most united couple in the world: they thought married people always were. They had never been allowed to read Shakespeare, and knew nothing more of Addison than the *Select Spectator*. Of course they were no adepts in the chit-chat of the day, and they had no acquirements to compensate for that deficiency, no occupation except needle work, and that of the most elaborate description. The flounces which they began, were out of fashion before they were half finished, and the mind reverted to generations yet unborn who must enjoy the result of their labours, when they talked of their tent-stitch, satin-stitch, open-hemming cross-stitch, and back-stitch. All their ideas were equally obsolete; and any more enlightened friend, who took them in hand, must feel that she had every thing relative to society in general, to instill into their innocent minds.