

enough to be her father ; but such instances are frequently recurring. My mind continually dwelt on this idea ; I began to think myself the most hard-hearted, the most ungrateful of human beings ; I thought of her as of a sweet drooping plant, a perfect illustration of Washington Irving's ' Broken Heart.' I bitterly reproached myself, for letting her go. I was accountable to no body ; I had more wealth than I could make use of ; for whom was it accumulating ? It is true, I had some vague plan of founding a medical establishment, for the investigation of non-descript complaints, and bringing forth latent diseases, but I had no great reason to feel much complacency towards the *faculty*. What had they done for me ? Amic's prescription had really afforded me more relief than all the ' *materia medeca*,' it was now, however, too late.

My complaints increased to such an alarming degree, that I concluded it necessary to have a consultation of physicians ; the result was, that travelling on horseback was the only chance that remained of life ; for as to recover my health, I did not dream of such an impossibility. They urged it perseveringly, and at length I consented, and began to make my arrangements. I concluded I might be able to ride my favorite, Charley, three or four miles on a fine day. My carriage was to follow, and a baggage wagon, with my bed and mattress, and my Napoleon pillows, with all the indispensable accommodations of an invalid ; my medicine chest I preferred taking in my carriage, that it might be ready at a moments warning.

After I had made my arrangements, I informed Doctor Veto, on whose skill I had more confidence than of any other of the faculty, what I had done, and that I was ready to set out on my journey ; the man actually laughed in my face, and told me all this would not do, I might as well stay at home. He had the audacity to say my cure depended entirely upon the manner in which the journey was performed, and this must be positively on horseback, with a portmanteau to carry a few changes of clothes, but not a single phial. He said I might choose between a servant and a companion, but both were inadmissible. He concluded by adding, that this was the last and only remedy, that he