

ing made a conquest of a dashing young American nabob, in the first week of her marriage, which our former intimacy authorized me to make, altho' it was generally understood that visits of ceremony were not expected, or received, till the week after, I was not a little diverted with a description of the interested manœuvring of a certain medical gentleman and his lady, who, altho' they were given to understand that the young couple were not prepared to receive general visits, were loth to lose their time, expectations, and labour by a cold *not at home*; and altho' no species of connection or intimacy subsisted between the parties, gained admittance under the pretence of a *sans ceremonie* visit. The young couple were taken by surprise, and for some time a truly ludicrous scene took place in forced politeness on one part, and profuse expressions of the highest regard from the visitors to the visitees. But to be brief, these manœuvring gentry were made of such adhesive materials that they stuck to the young folks like wax, and could not be shook off till it became absolutely impossible to avoid inviting them to dinner: the object being so far accomplished, the doctor excused himself under professional engagements, and left madam, as the more expert hunter, to make sure of the game, which her bewitching rhetoric had no great trouble in effecting, and by the time the doctor returned in the evening, it was perfectly understood that he was to be formally appointed * * * !!!!! Yours,

CASSANDRA.

Laprairie, 2d March 1822.

MY DEAR SCRIB,

Famed as your city is for routs, assemblies,