

season. The heat of the sun becomes gradually more temperate. August, however, is at times more sultry than any of the summer months; and the more elevated the temperature of the day, the more reduced is the subsequent coldness of the night. The evenings now feel chilly, and the dews fall in great abundance, so as to wet the clothes of those who travel under night. Marshes, solely from the depositions of dew, become more and more filled with water. In places where no rain has fallen, pools of water are often to be found. The decline of this season is always attended with heavy fogs, which give to every evening and morning a considerable degree of opacity. This mistiness of the air must be referred to the sudden condensation of those vapours which had been exhaled by the sun. So rapid is the formation of the fog, that in the evening, when the sun has withdrawn his beams, it appears to be instantly precipitated from the atmosphere; and every hill, mountain, and valley, is enveloped in a general cloud.