

our mutual happiness. How I deceived myself will soon appear.

"I had been in command of the party of soldiers which was with me for about a month, when one evening I was suddenly called away from the house which I occupied, to assist in quelling a riot which was said to have taken place at a short distance from the town. I immediately put on my sword, and proceeding to the barracks found the detachment already under arms, under command of the serjeant, waiting my arrival. After having ascertained that "all were present and correct," I proceeded to the village where the riot was said to have occurred, but on my arrival I found every thing quiet; and I then learned that the alarm was a false one, and that the magistrate who had sent for the military had been duped as well as myself. I accordingly retraced my steps to the barracks, and having left orders with the serjeant to have the men ready at a moment's notice, in case they should be required, I returned to my lodgings. Upon arriving at my house, I was surprised at the unusual aspect of affairs as I entered. Every thing which I possessed of any value, was lying about in wild confusion; trunks were broken open, tables defaced &c., while the silence which pervaded the place filled me with the utmost alarm.—With an anxious foreboding I called upon the name of my wife, but echo alone gave answer to my voice. I rushed up stairs, and sought her chamber, but my horror may be conceived as I beheld my servant lying upon the floor, covered with blood, and life quite extinct; near him lay the female attendant, bound hand and foot, and gagged. I proceeded to release the trembling wretch, whose terror did not permit her for some moments to recognize me; when, however, she was in some degree restored to consciousness, she informed me that 'I had been scarcely an hour gone from the house, when a band of ruffians, armed, and having their faces concealed, entered; and having blindfolded my wife, carried her and the child to a coach which stood at the door—the former being in a state of insensibility—two of the gang entered the coach, which drove furiously away, and the remainder returning, committed every kind of excess. The man-servant having attempted to resist, was inhumanly murdered, herself gagged to prevent her cries, and left in the state, in which I found her.'

"Not to weary you with the recital of the miseries resulting from the loss of the two beings which were dearest to me on earth, it will be sufficient to inform you, that I imme-

diately wrote my father and hers an account of the whole transaction, and a reward of a thousand pounds was offered for the discovery of the abductors, nor were any means left untried which love or vigilance could dictate, find what had become of my wife and child but all to no purpose. The anxiety of mind and body which resulted, threw me into burning fever, from which I slowly recovered only to wish that the grave had not been merciful to me, and in my madness I accused the Great Maker of the universe, of injustice. [To be concluded in our next.]

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