

self used to praise to me, pleased me even better than he did you; to him you owe this other." She was proceeding thus, when the fourth boy, who, though only nine years of age, possessed much acuteness, interrupted her. He had perceived that his mother's inclinations seemed by degrees to have debased, and fearful that the one who succeeded to a valet in the fancy of the lady, would prove the lowest in the scale of pater-nity, exclaimed, in a supplicating tone, and throwing himself in tears at the foot of the bed. "Oh! my dear mamma, pray give me one of the best for *my* papa." But he was doomed to remain in uncertainty, for, exhausted by the efforts she had made, his mother, gave up the ghost, without naming her fourth paramour.

About the year 1798, as a couple were going to be married in Liverpool, and had proceeded as far as the church-yard gate, the gentleman stopped his fair comrade with the following unexpected address. "Mary, during our courtship I have told you most of my mind, but not all my mind: when we are married, I shall insist upon three things." "What are they?" asked the astonished lady. "In the first place," says he, "I shall lie alone; secondly, I shall eat alone; and lastly, I shall find fault where there is no occasion: can you submit to these conditions?" "O, yes, sir, very easily," she replied, "for if *you* lie alone, I *shall not*; if you eat alone, I *shall eat first*; and as to your finding fault without occasion, that I think may be prevented, for I will take care you shall never *want occasion*." They were married.

In how far the full-blooded descendants of *Lil-lis* may exist in the present day, I can not tell; but I can not but confess that a slight tinge of relationship with that branch, greatly improves