

guishes the well educated and experienced man, from the awkward recluse, or the ungainly clown.

In like manner as impudence has its gradations, from the blustering bully to the man of confident assurance ; so has modesty its different degrees.—Diffidence is more often constitutional than otherwise, but sheepishness is invariably derived from deficiency of education.

Both impudence and assurance have numerous advocates amongst men of the world, and particularly those who have been successful in the attainment of riches ; but modesty is supported by a silent sober train, who have neither resolution in themselves, nor sufficient influence with others, for pleading her cause effectually. Shall I, says the man of pleasure, carry along with me an ingredient that will embitter my cups, and render them nauseous or unpalatable? Will he, whose mind is bent upon views of ambition, upon rising to fame and honour, will he envelop himself in the folds of a veil that will trip up his feet at every turn? Will the devotee of wealth, the countinghouse-drudge, or the man, who, like a counterfeit dollar, is nailed to the counter, be restrained in his inordinate desire of accumulation by the fear of not being able to circumvent the unwary with adequate dexterity, which is probably the only species of diffidence to which souls sold to avarice can be subjected? These will not listen to the voice of the charmer. And yet it is true that, though modesty will restrain us in the pursuit of pleasure, will often hinder us from receiving that loud applause which we may have deserved, will, perhaps, prevent us from reaping some advantages which her rival snatches from destiny, it by no means follows that it will hinder us from rising in the world. If I may be allowed the privilege which schoolmen take, of