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MISCELLANY.

To the YOUNG GENTLEMEN and LADIES
in the single state, Greeting:

WHEREAS there are daily complaints among the sober and thinking part of mankind, of the great decline of matrimony throughout the continent, this is humbly and with all due respect to entreat you and every one of you, to take the causes of this complaint, so made, into your most serious and early consideration, and as far as in your power lays, to remove and obviate all such impediments and hindrances without delay; but as the knowledge of a complaint is half its cure, permit me to inform you, the above decay arises chiefly from the thoughtlessness, gaiety and love of pleasure, which is so predominant in young persons in the present day: Nothing but diversions and amusements are attended to by the generality of the rising generation; the apprehension of being any ways deprived of those, by the cares and concerns of an encroaching family, or the fear of meeting with too prudent and serious companions, averse to the fashionable follies of the age are the prevention of some; while the thoughts of being united to the worthless profligate, or abandoned (being deceived by mere outward appearances) are the reason others assign for remaining single, especially among the more thoughtful and discerning. To condemn all young persons for the indiscretions of many, is not acting the just part (and that there are a few sensible and prudent: I can assert from my own knowledge; would to God there were more) but the latter are so inconsiderable in number to the former, that the greatest hazard attends their altering their condition, as the first are only endeavouring who most shall deceive, ensnare, and ruin each other by flattery, false appearances, and intrigue: The last, ignorant of the other, are more liable to be made the innocent and unwary dupes of their artifice and cunning. Then hear with attention, ye fair inhabitants of this lower world, (who are most exposed to the mal-designs of

the artful and perfidious) the words of friendship and the admonitions of a friend: seek not by finery the gaze of fools, nor listen to flattery lest you are undone; look on amusements with a suitable indifference, and shun affection with a just disdain; let the beauties of the mind be your chief delight, both in yourselves and your admirers, and the way to attain intellectual charms, your great concern: be prudence and economy your study, virtue your guide, and true piety your chief and only wisdom;

Let mental charms be your unfading bloom,
Internal beauty will survive the tomb.

To the boasted lords of creation suffer me to recommend a conduct suitable to men and christians, actions that will bear reflection in our most solitary moments, and a behaviour every way becoming the candidates for eternity; love not the destruction of innocence; nor despise the reproofs of a condemning conscience; do nothing but as in the presence of the all-seeing and omniscient Creator, and with a view to his glory, your own good, and the benefit of your fellow creatures: thus shall ye recommend yourselves to the approbation of heaven, and the love and veneration of all around you.

Dare to be good, your fame regard,
For virtue is its own reward;
Her laws alone, if well pursu'd,
Will make men wise as well as good.

Foreign Intelligence.

L O N D O N, August 9.

IN recompence for the services of the Prince of Nassau, the Empress, beside writing him a complimentary letter in her own hand, and decorating him with the order of St. George, gave him a large tract of land, with 3,500 peasants who inhabit it.

Ockzacow was invested by sea and land on the 13th July. The bombardment was so successfully conducted by the Prince of Nassau, that the place was immediately in flames. The conflagration was increased on the evening of the 14th, at which time a Courier was dispatched with the intelli-

gence to General Soutikow, before Choczim.

The Captain Pacha of his fleet have not been heard of since the engagement; nor is there any account of the Russian fleet which sailed from Sebastopol immediately after. If the Pacha fell in with the latter, the Russian fleet must inevitably have been captured.

On the morning of the 22d, two detachments of Turks sallied from Belgrade, and attacked at the same time two Austrian forts one at Semlin, the other at what is called l'Isle de la Save.

After a combat of more than five hours, they were repulsed—the loss being nearly equal on both sides—in all about 400 men killed, and a greater number wounded.

Such is the immense wealth of the Bank of England, that in addition to the many millions which they have lent Government on Exchequer Bills, they have accommodated the India Company with 600,000l. on the credit of their annuities, within the last fortnight.

The Swedes and Russians are not content with cutting one another's throats, they are doing their best to induce all the other powers to follow their example; for this purpose Manifesto upon Manifesto teems from the Royal presses, and are carefully distributed by their respective agents at the different courts of Europe.

On Monday se'night arrived at Dover, the count de Rochambeau, Governor of Calais, accompanied by his lady and children. They are at present in this City.

The errors of simplicity can never excite anger; they sometimes produce much innocent merriment. A family at the West end of the town, advertised for a wet nurse. Among various young women that offered themselves for the place was an innocent girl, who appeared to be about sixteen years of age. Struck with her youth and simple appearance, the lady expressed much astonishment that she should be qualified for a wet nurse's place. "Madam, (said the girl) I never was a wet-nurse yet, but I think I could soon learn to be one.

A few days ago a Quaker having