

again. as we passed slowly under the shadow of the heavy foliage, jack, like eleanor, put up his left arm to drag down a bunch of roses. they were further advanced now, and the shower of rose leaves fell thickly like snowflakes over us over jack and me, and neddy and the carriage, with the hat box on the driving seat. we must have looked very queer, i think, as we came up out of the overshadowed road, like dwarfs out of a fairy tale, covered with flowers, and leading our carriage with its odd occupant inside. keziah, who had been counting the days to the holidays, ran down first to meet us, beaming with pleasure; though when jack, in the futile attempt to play leap frog with her against her will, damaged her cap, and clung to her neck till i thought she would have been throttled, she indignantly declared that, now the young gentlemen was home there was an end of peace for everybody, choose who they might be. xxiii correspond with the major my collection occupations madame again fete de village the british hooray. i wrote to my old friends and relatives, with a full account of my new home. rather a comically expressed account too, i fancy, from the bits uncle buller used to quote in after years. i got charming letters from him, piquant with his dry humour, and full of affection. matilda generally added a note also; and aunt theresa always sent love and kisses in abundance, to atone for being too busy to write by that post. the fonder i grew of the arkwrights, the better i seemed to love and understand uncle buller. apart as we were, we had now a dozen interests in common threads of those intellectual ties over which the changes and chances of this mortal life have so little power. my sympathy was real, as well as ready, when the major discovered a new insect, almost invisible by the naked eye, which disappointed they, with sparkle, assisted the females into the colonels carriage, wished them a good morning, and took their way towards temple bar. i am at a loss, said dashall, to guess what you meant by a prior engagement; for my part, i confess i had engaged myself with you, and never felt a greater inclination for a ramble in my life. then, said bob, ill tell you merry well and mortimer had determined to give the old colonel and his company the slip; and i have engaged, provided you have no objection, to dine with them at the globe in fleet street, at half past four. they are in high glee, ready and ripe for fun, determined to beat up the eastern quarters of the town. an excellent intention, continued tom, and exactly agreeable to my own inclinations well meet them, and my life out we shall have a merry evening. it is now four we will take a walk through the temple, and then to dinner with what appetite we may so come along. you have heard of the temple, situated close to the bar, which takes its name. it is principally occupied by lawyers, and law officers, a useful and important body of men, whose lives are devoted to the study and practice of the law of the land, to keep peace and harmony among the individuals of society, though there are, unfortunately, too many pretenders to legal knowledge, who prey upon the ignorant and live by litigation such as persons who have in a recent meeting at the egyptian hall, a celebrated irish barrister is reported to have said, that blasphemy was the only trade that prospered. the assertion, like many others in the same speech, was certainly a bold one, and one which the gentleman would have found some difficulty in establishing. if, but they were much deceived, meeting neither indians nor victuals, nor anything else: but they saw, on the other side of the river, about a hundred indians, who, all fleeing, escaped. some few pirates leaped into the river to cross it, and try to take any of the indians, but in vain: for, being much more nimble than the pirates, they not only baffled them, but killed two or three with their arrows; hooting at them, and crying, ha, perros a la savana, a la savana. ha, ye dogs go to the plain, go to the plain. this day they could advance no farther, being necessitated to pass the river, to continue their march on the other side. hereupon they reposed for that night, though their sleep was not profound; for great murmurings were made at captain morgan, and his conduct; some being desirous to return home, while others would rather die there than go back a step from their undertaking: others, who had greater courage, laughed and joked at their discourses. meanwhile, they had a guide who much comforted them, saying, it would not now be long before they met with people from whom they should reap some considerable advantage. the seventh day, in the morning, they made clean their arms, and every one