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The Extent of Cookery.

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To give up the op'ra, the park and the ball,
 For to view the stag's horns in an old country hall :
 To have neither China nor India to see !
 Nor a lace-man to plague in a morning——not she !

To relinquish the play-houfe, Quin, Garrick, and Clive,
 Who by dint of mere humour had kept her alive ;
 To forego the full box for his lonesome abode !
 O Heav'ns ! she should faint, she should die on the road !

To forget the gay fashions and gestures of *France*,
 And to leave dear *Auguste* in the midst of the dance ;
 And *Harlequin* too !——'Twas in vain to require it—
 And she wonder'd how folks had the face to desire it !

She might yield to resign the sweet fingers of *Ruckholt*,
 Where the citizen-matron regales with her cuckold ;
 But *Ranelagh* soon would her footsteps recall,
 And the music, the lamps, and the glare of *Vaux-hall*.

To be sure she could *breathe* no where else than in town.
 Thus she talk'd like a wit, and he look'd like a clown :
 But while honest *Harry* despair'd to succeed,
 A coach with a *coronet* trail'd her to *Tweed*.

The EXTENT of COOKERY.

———*Aliusque et Idem.*

WHEN Tom to *Cambridge* first was sent,
 A plain brown *bob* he wore ;
 Read much, and look'd as tho' he meant
 To be a fop no more.