

ing his body—to such an individual indeed, under such circumstances, a stagnant atmosphere becomes a benefit of the highest value; not only by preventing or moderating the painful sensation of cold; but by preventing the dissipation of that degree of heat which is necessary for the preservation of the vital principle, which in his unsheltered state might otherwise possibly be soon extinguished. But let circumstances be reversed; and, instead of the wretched beggar exposed to an inclement sky, let us picture to ourselves an Asiatic prince surrounded by all the luxuries which power and opulence can procure, but oppressed by the sultry atmosphere of a burning sun; how grateful to his feelings is the refreshing coolness occasioned by the artificial agitation of the surrounding air: in order to extend the means of obtaining which gratification, fountains of water are customarily introduced into the interior rooms of Indian and Arabian palaces, the evaporation of the spray of which gives a refreshing coolness to the air. Or let us recur to scenes more familiar, and more illustrative of the effect produced; to the bedside of the almost exhausted invalid, whose existence is alone made tolerable by the assiduous supply of fresh streams of air: there let us witness, in the thankful smile which animates his pallid countenance, the soothing sensation which the languid sufferer experiences. Even