

columns and pilasters, to which his eye has been accustomed, together with stucco-work, in endless variety, but almost of ephemeral duration. He soon learns that almost every house has a separate owner, often many, maintained by the rents, and that there is seldom any spare money to bestow on fanciful ornament.

He may lament the improvidence of the early governors of Gibraltar, in giving away the ground in fee, without any consideration, or stipulations as to the shape, style, or uniformity of the buildings. But he must content himself with things as they are; and with a little exertion, he will find ample amusement and gratification in the appearance of the men he meets,—chiefly Spaniards from the east coasts, or the mountains of Ronda; while enchanted with the beaming, dark eye of the gentler sex, many of whom yet appear in the graceful dress of *saya* and *mantilla*.