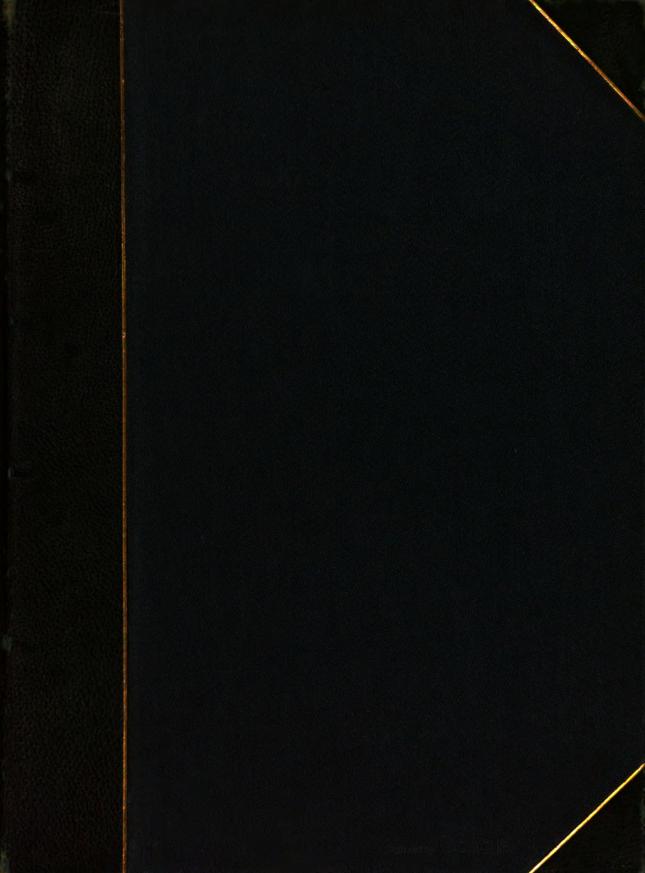
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PREFACE.

TROM the great Number of Cotillon Books already published, it should seem that more on the same Subject would be unneceffary: But as these Books have not answered the Expectations of the Readers, I have ventured to present the Public with the following Trifle; and hope that its Novelty, as well as Utility, will be some Recommendation in its Favour, as it is composed on a different Plan from any of the same Denomination, it being designed to facilitate the Performance of these entertaining and admired Dances. is obvious, that the French Citillon Books already published cannot be of Service to any but great Proficients, on Account of the numerous and difficult Terms and Steps therein made Use of; nor even to those, as they are seldom executed with Propriety, for the Dancing-Masters themselves account them unintelligible; and it is therefore impossible that Technical Terms, used only by the Performers of the Theatres, should be understood by Ladies and Gentlemen, who dance only for Amusement.—From the general Objection, therefore, made to these Books, on Account of these unintelligible Terms and incorrect Directions, I have been induced to publish a Set of Dances, which were originally composed for the Use and Exercise of my own Scholars, without the Stage Steps, and to the most sprightly English, Irish, and Scotch Airs now in Vogue, being better adapted to gay, brisk Dances, than the greater Part of the French Tunes now in Use: And I have also given such Directions and Instructions as will render them easy and familiar to every Capacity, insomuch that

any Person, who is well acquainted with the Figures of the English Country-Dances, may perform them with much Facility.

I am encouraged to offer this to the Public, from the Approbation it has received from many Gentlemen of the Profession, and other Persons of Judgment, to whose Perusal it has been submitted; and they have flattered me with Assurances of its becoming an acceptable Present to the Admirers of this fashionable Amusement. Something of this Kind has been long wanted by the Practitioners of Dancing; and I have delay'd the Publication of the present, in Hopes that some Gentleman of Merit in the Profession would favour the Town with a Production that would convey both Amusement and Instruction; but as nothing has yet appeared that answered my Expectations, I have ventured to present this trisling Production of mine, and shall be happy if it is so fortunate as to answer my Purpose, which is to instruct and amuse.

I more particularly wish this Book may be useful to the Dancing-Masters of these Kingdoms (to whom it is most respectfully dedicated) and shall be glad to receive the Opinion of any Gentleman of the Profession thereupon: And as I fear there may be many Errors, which the Hurry of Business would not allow me Time sufficient to examine into (notwithstanding I have been as careful as possible to prevent any capital Errors from escaping my Notice) this being sinished but at Intervals, any Corrections or Amendments that may be judged necessary shall be duly attended to, if communicated to me by Letter or otherwise, with grateful Thanks for the Obligation.

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DIRECTIONS

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D A N C E S.

POR the above-mentioned Purpose, I shall, as briefly as possible, endeavour to explain and render easy, the necessary Method for accomplishing the Design. And, for Example: Suppose the Figure described on Page 11, to be the Dancing-Room, being an oblong Square; the Top, Bottom, and Sides of which are properly marked: And as four Couples are necessary for the Purpose, let them be placed as the Figure directs; where you will observe, that the Couple at the Top, are stilled the first Couple; those at the Bottom, the third; and those on each side, the second and fourth Couples. The second Couple being on the first Woman's Right, and the fourth Couple on the third Woman's Right-Hand, which will form the Square: Each Lady being opposite a Gentleman, as the Figure will more fully describe.

Being thus form'd, let every one take Notice of their respective proper Places, where they begin; and be careful to finish every Figure and Change (of which the Cotillons are composed) in those Places, otherwise the Whole will

will be a Scene of Confusion, which a little Attention will intirely prevent; the Dances will be properly executed, and a few Repetitions will render them perfectly easy.

It is moreover absolutely necessary, that every Practitioner should be minutely attentive to the Measures of the Tunes, by beginning and ending every Figure and Change to its proper Time of the Music.

The first Strain of every Tune is for the Change: The second Strain and third, if any, are for the Figure; and are to be repeated as directed, according to the Length of the Figure; which will be better understood by the following Marks, viz. When the first Strain is play'd once over, it is thus mark'd in the Dance ... When repeated or play'd twice ... The second Strain play'd once ..., ditto twice Third Strain once ..., ditto twice ... So that the single, double, or treble Line, signifies the first, second, or third Strain; and the Dots over, or under those Lines, denote the Number of Times each Strain is repeated; and, by being thus regular, all Mistakes are prevented.

Let it be noticed, that it has so happened in some of these Dances, that the first Strain has been used in the Figure, which was done to lengthen the same; and, tho' improper, it need make no Difficulty, as the Figures are then so contrived (by ending with the last Strain) as to cause every Change to be done to its proper Strain, which is the first; and, in these Cases, they are properly noticed, so that the Musician cannot mistake, if he gives a little Attention.

There is this material Difference to be observed between the Figures of the Dances and the Changes, that whereas the Figures of every Dance are different, the Changes are still the same, so that one Explanation of them is sufficient; but the Figures being different, require different Explanations: Which are as fully described as possible, and affixed to every Tune.

I shall now shew the Method of performing one Dance throughout, which will serve for all the rest: And, for Example, suppose the Dance required is the first, being called Le Medecin Extravagante, or The Mad Doctor; and the sour Couples being placed as before directed, let them proceed in the following Manner, viz.

The Gentlemen take off their Hats, and all make their Obeisances, as if beginning a Minuet, but somewhat quicker; and, falling back to their Places, the Gentlemen put on their Hats. During this Time the first Strain

Strain is play'd once over, by Way of Introduction, and then the Dance begins thus:

All make the great Ring : Then the Figure, as directed = First Change : The Figure = Second Change : The Figure = Third Change : The Figure = Fourth Change : The Figure = Fishth Change : The Figure = Sixth Change : The Figure = Seventh Change : The Figure = Eighth Change : The Figure = Ninth Change : The Figure = Tenth Change : The Figure = Eleventh Change : The Figure = Twelfth Change : The Figure = Thirteenth Change : The Figure = Fourteenth Change : The Figure = .

Observe, that the fourteenth Change, being the great Ring, the Figure is repeated after it; and then all making their Bows and Courtesies, as before directed, the Dance is concluded.

Observe also, that if at any Time the Dances are required to be shorten'd, let the Performers call, and do the great Ring (wherever they have a Mind to curtail it) instead of the Changes that were to have followed, and so conclude it; and, in this Manner, the Cotillons may be concluded at the Pleasure of the Dancers.

I hope this will be Direction sufficient for any Person, of however indifferent a Capacity, to perform all the Dances in this Book: I shall next explain the Manner of doing the Changes, and must now make a Request to the Musicians; which is, that (as the Dancers are obliged to adapt their Motions to the Time of the Music) they will be careful to play each Tune in such a moderately quick Time, as not to destroy that Sprightliness for which these Kind of Tunes are so justly admired, or so slow as to render them dull and heavy; but let them be play'd in the true British Taste, as expressively as possible; which will not only be easier to themselves, but will fuffer the Performers to do every Thing with more Propriety, and confequently every Figure and Change will be shewn to Advantage, which would otherwise be quite destroy'd, if the Quickness of the Measures hurry the Dancers beyond their utmost Speed and Endeavours: But from a brisk Movement, with moderate Quickness, the Dances will receive a considerable Addition, and give Pleasure both to the Performers and Spectators, without fatiguing the Dancers and Musicians, as they generally are by the precipitate Manner in which the English Country-Dances are too frequently play'd; whereby the Whole is rendered a Scene of Confusion, not easily rectified.

These little Hints, duly observed, I doubt not but will be productive of the desired Effect; and I would ever advise the Dancers and Musicians, not to make a Toil of what is designed as a Pleasure.

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C H A N G E S, EXPLAINED.

FIRST CHANGE, called Swing Partners.

EVERY one take their Partner by the Right-Hand, and turn once round. Ditto back again, with the Left-Hand. Always be careful to fet the Strain out, when needful. Never begin the Figure of the Dance 'till the fecond Strain; and always finish on the Spot where you began, otherwise the Figure will not be compleated.

SECOND CHANGE. Turn Partners.

Every one turn their Partners once round, with both Hands. Ditto back again; and set the Strain out, as before directed.

THIRD CHANGE. Ladies Hands across.

The four Ladies advance to the Middle; and, giving their Right-Hands across, turn once round: Then changing to the Left-Hands across, turn once round back again.

FOURTH CHANGE. Gentlemen Hands across. The four Gentlemen give the Hands across, as directed for the Ladies.

FIFTH CHANGE. Ladies Hands round.

The four Ladies Hands round in the Middle, and back again, as in the Cross.

SIXTH

SIXTH CHANGE. Gentlemen Hands round.

The four Gentlemen Hands round in the Middle, and back again, as in the Cross.

SEVENTH CHANGE. Ring Top and Bottom.

The first Couple, second Man, and sourth Woman, Hands sour round at Top, and back again. The third Couple, sourth Man and second Woman, Ditto at Bottom, at the same Time.

EIGHTH CHANGE. Ring on each Side.

The fecond Couple, third Man, and first Woman, Hands four round on the Right-Side, and back again; while the fourth Couple, first Man, and third Woman, Ditto on the opposite Side.

NINTH CHANGE. Hands across Top and Bottom. This is done in the same Manner as Change Seventh.

TENTH CHANGE. Hands across on each Side. This is also done in the same Manner as CHANGE Eighth.

ELEVENTH CHANGE. Right and Left all round.

Every one face their Partner, and give the Right and Left all round in a large Ring, 'till they arrive in their own proper Places, where they finish. Observe, that in doing this the Ladies go round one Way, and the Gentlemen the contrary Way.

TWELFTH CHANGE. The Promenade, or Walk.

Every Gentleman takes his Partner by the Left-Hand; and, putting his Right-Hand round her Waist; in this Manner they tollow each other all round in a great Ring, and finish in their proper Places.

THIRTEENTH CHANGE. Beat all round.

Every one follow each other fingly all round in a large Ring to their own Places, clapping Hands to the Measures of the Tune.

FOURTEFNTH CHANGE. The Great Ring.

Every one join Hands with the Person that is next to them, and make a great Ring of Eight once round.

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Thus I have explained the Changes used in the following Dances, which I hope are sufficiently explicit to be easily understood by every Person who is desirous of Amusement from the Cotillons: And as the Changes in these Dances have given great Pleasure from their agreeable Variety, I have, on that Account, added several new Ones, to those now in Use; so that a Set of four Ladies and four Gentlemen will find as much Exercise, and greater Variety, in one of these Dances, as in going down a Country-Dance of twelve or fourteen Couple; which, I flatter myself, will render them amusing to such Persons as may think proper to practice them: And as they are design'd for the Use of English Practitioners, I have purposely excluded all French Terms, and unintelligible Phrases, by endeavouring to explain the Whole in the English Language to the best of my Abilities; which, if it answers the Purposes of the Title-Page, I am perfectly satisfied.

I named the Dances in French and English, to give them more the Air of a Cotillon, and in order to conform to the present Mode; which, I hope, will not be the less pleasing on that Account.

I have also, the better to illustrate the Whole, given a Figure, reprefenting a Dancing-Room; shewing, at one View, the Manner in which the four Couples are to be placed: And shall then proceed to the Dances, in the performing of which I most heartily wish the Practitioners all the Amusement they can desire, as they thereby confer an Obligation on

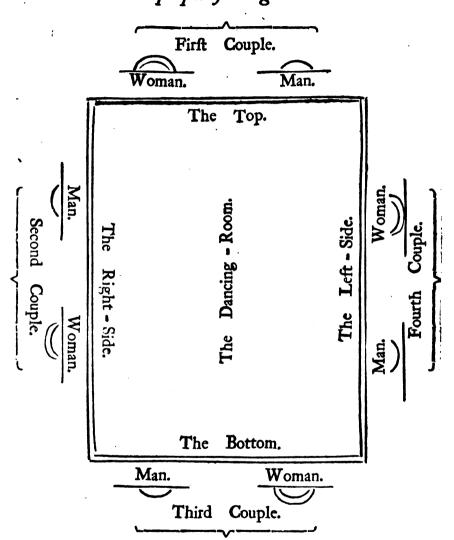
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The Figure of the DANCING-ROOM, with the Dancers properly ranged.



By this Figure is represented the Manner in which the Dancers are to place themselves, when beginning a Cotillon; which, with the Directions already given, I think renders the Whole so clear, as to require no farther Instructions; and, putting some of the Dances in Practice, will convince the Practitioners of the Facility and Ease with which they may be executed.

The Mad Doctor. Le Medecin Extravagante. 1110 Moderato

The Figure

The first Man and 3. Wom, make the whole Figure (or Figure of Eight.) Round the 4th Cu, while the 1. Wom, and 3. Man D. round the 2d Cu. the first and 3d Cu. meet in the middle, hands 4 round and finish in their proper places. Then the 2d and 4th Cu. immediately repeat the same figure thus, the 2d Man and 4th Wom, make the whole figure round the 1st Cu, while the 4th Man and 2d Wom. D. round the 3d Cu, then 2d and 4th Cu, meet in the middle, hands 4 round and finish in their proper places.

MB. This being the figure of the Dance, it is to be repeated after every Change as before directed and fo for all the reft.

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The Devil upon two fticks. Le Diable Boiteux. All? Moderato

The Figure

The 1.t and 3.d Cu, make the right and left quite out and, then right hands across in the middle and finish in their proper places then the 2.d and 4.th Cu, make the right and left quite outright hands across in the middle and finish in their proper places.



The Figure

The four Ladies right hands across in the middle once round = the Ladies still keeping the right hands across each takes her partner with her left hand and turn once more round in a large cross = This done, the four Ladies fall back to their places and the four Gentlemeradvance to the middle and left hands across once round = The Gent lemen still keeping the left hands across, each takes his Partner with his right hand and turn once more round in a large cross, and all finish in their proper places =

NB. This tune having three strains the two last are used for the Figure, as are also some others in like manner.

Le Vovageur Royal. The Royal Traveller.



The Figure

The 1.ft Man and 3.d Wom. the 1.ft Wom. and 3.d Man advance and Back to back, and immediately the fame four hands round in the middle and finish proper, = The 2.d Man and 4.th Wom. the 2.d Wom. and 4.th Man advance and back to back, and immediately the same four hands round in the middle and finish proper =



Play this as it is Mark'd Viz. Each strain twice.

The Figure

The 1.^{ft} and 3.^{dt} Couples meet in the middle 1.^{ft} Man goes round 4.th Wom. 1.^{ft} Wom. D.^{ot} round 2.^{dt} Man 3.^{dt} Man round 2.^{dt} Wom. and 3.^{dt} Wom. round 4.th Man $\stackrel{.}{=}$ 1.^{ft} Man and 3.^{dt} Wo. whole figure round 4.th Cou. 1.^{ft} Wo. and 3.^{dt} Man D.^{ot} round 2.^{dt} Cou. $\stackrel{.}{=}$ 1.^{ft} and 3.^{dt} Couples Right and left in the middle and finish proper $\stackrel{.}{=}$ 2.^{dt} and 4.th Couples meet in the middle 2.^{dt} Man goes round 1.^{ft} Wom 2.^{dt} Wom round 3.^{dt} Man 4.th Man round 3.^{dt} Wom and 4.th Wom round 1.^{ft} Man $\stackrel{.}{=}$ 2.^{dt} Man and 4.th Wom whole figure round 1.^{ft} Couples right and left in the middle and finish proper $\stackrel{.}{=}$

Observe that in this figure as well as in a few others the first Strain is used, but by attention to the rules already given no mistake will arise from that circumstance.

L'election General. The General Election.



The 1. and 3. Couples meet in the middle, turn each others partners half round quick and fall back, 2. and 4. Couples the same and immediately all the 4 Couples make the Promenade or walk half round to their own places = this done the four Ladies hands across in the middle once Round and fall back to their places, the four Gentlemen D. and all finish proper =

La Fracas des Medecin. The Physical Squabble.



The Figure

All Back to Back thus, 1. Man and 4. Wom 2. Man and 1. Wom 3. Mar 2d Wo. 4th Man &3d Wo. = then the 2d and 4th Couples advance to the . middle while the 1.t and 3. Couples seperate to the sides, 2. Man leads 4. Wom into the 3. Couples place where feparating each falls back to the Cor ner on their own fides the 4th Man in like manner leads 2th Wominto the 1. Couples place where they separate allso and fall back to their respec tive Corners; Dureing this time the 1. Man and 3. Wom meeing together take hands and advance into the middle while the 3. Man and 1. Wom on the Opofite fide do the fame = then every one turn once Round and all Iwing once Round with the left hands thus, 1. Man and 4. Wom 2. Man and 1 ft Wom 3. Man and 2. Wom 4. Man and 3. Wom - and immediately the 1. and 3. Couples Right hands Acrofs in the middle once Round the 2 and 4. Couples going round fingly on the outlide of the Crofs the Contrary way this done all fiving Left hands as before directed = and meeting their Partners fwing them once round by the Right hands and finish in their proper places Digitized by Google



their partners once round the 1. Cou. being at botom and the 3. Cou. at Top = then 2. Man cross over and half figure round 1. Cou. at bottom 4. Wom D. 4. man and 2. Wom D. at top round 3. Cou and all four turn their partners being on the contray fides = 1. Mancross over and half figure back agin up 2. Cou 1. Wom D. up 4. Cou 3. Man D. down 4. Cou 3. Wom D. down 2. Cou and all four turn their partners in their own places = 2. Man cross over and half figure back again round 1. Cou 4. Man D. round 3. Cou. 2. Wom D. round 3. Cou. 2. Wom D. round 3. Cou. 2. Cou and 3. Cou. 2. Cou. 3. Cou.

all four turn their Partners and finish Proper. - Google



going round 1.11 Wom finishes in his own place, 4.1h Wom goes round 1.11 Man. 4.1h

Man round 3.d Wom 2.d Wom round 3.d Man, and all finish in their proper places

COTILLON X

La Bonnett Ecoffois. The Scotts Bonnett.



The two last strains to be play'd four times throughout the whole Lance.

The Figure

The J. Cou into the 3. Cou place, while 3. Man leads his partner up through the 4. Cou into § 1st Cou.place 1st

Man half figure up 2. Cou. 1st Wom D. up 4. Cou. 3. Man D. down 4st Cou. 3.

Wom D. down 2. Cou, and all 4 turn their partners 1st Man and Wom half figure backagain as before 3. Man and Wom D. 1st and 3. Cou. hands 4 in the mid
elle once and half round & finish in their proper places immediately 2. Man leads his partner through the 3. Cou into the 4st. Cou. place, while § 4st. Man leads his partner through the 1st Cou, 4st. Man D. through 1st. Cou, and 4st. Wom D. through 3. Cou and all 4 turn their partners 1st. Man and Wom half figure backagain as before 4st. Man and Wom D. St. and 4st. Cou. hands 4 in the middle once and a half round and fall back to their proper places.



The Figure It The 1. and 3. Cou. meet together in the middle while the 2. and 4. Cou. separate fro their partners to the fides 2. Wom and 4th Man advance to each other and take the 3th Cou. place 2. Man and 4. Wom in like manner take the 1. Cou. place, at the fame time 1. Man takeing 3. Wom by both hands leads her outfide into the 4. Couplace 3. Ma and 1. Wom D. into 2. Cou. place, this done let the 1. Man and 3. Wom 3 Man and 1. Wom, 2d. Man and 4th Wom, 4th Man and 2d Wom, fiving once quite round with the right hands and immediately the 1. Man and 4. Wom, 2. Man and 1. Wom, 3. Man and 2dWom, 4th Man and 3dWom, takeing each other by the left hand turn half round advancing to their own places where being arrived every one turn their own partner once round by the right hand and finish proper the 2d and 4th Cous meet together in the middle while the 1.ft and 3. Cou. feparate from their partners to the fides, 2d Man takeing 4.th Wom by both hands leads her outfide to the 1t Cou. place. 4th Man and 2dWom D. into the 3.d Cou. place, at the fame time 1. Man and 3.d Wom. meet together in the 4.th Couples place the 3.d Man and 1.t Wom D. into the 3.d Couples place, then all turn by the right and left hands as before directed and finish in their own proper places =

COTILLON XII

L'Hospitalite' des Irlandois. The Irish Hospitality.



The 1th Man and Wom 2th Man and 4th Wom Right and Left at Top while the 3th Man and Wom, 4th Wom, and 2th Man Doat Bottom at the same time.

Then all Back to Back with their own Partners & turn hands with contrary partners thus, 1th Man and 4th Wom, 2th Man and 1th Wom.

Man and 2th Wom, 4th Man and 3th Wom, and all finnish in their proper places.

La Feste du Village. The Village Feast.



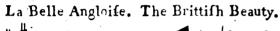
The 1. Man half Figure down 4. Cou.1. Wom D. down 2. Cou, 3. Man D. up 2. Cou 3. Wom D. up 4. Cou, and all four turn their partners half round, the 1. Cou at Bottom and the 3. Cou at Top, then 1. Man half figure up 2. Cou, 1. Wonn D. up 4 Cou, 3. Man D. down 4. Cou, and 3. Wom D. down 2. Cou, and all turn their partners half round in their own places, Then 2. Man half figure round 1. Cou, 2. Wom D. round 3. Cou, 4. Man D. round 3. Cou, 4. Womn D. round 3. Cou, 4. Womn D. round 3. Cou, 4. Man D. round 3. Cou, 4. Man half figure round 3. Cou, 4. Man D. round 3. Cou, 4. Man D. round 1. Cou, 4. Man half figure round 3. Cou, 2. Wom D. round 1. Cou, 4. Man D. round 1. Cou, 4.

COTILLON XIV

Les Infulaires Glorieux. The Glorious Islanders.



The 1. Cou hands four round with 4. Couple and ftop in the 3 Couples place, who at the fame time hands 4 round with 2. Cou and ftop in 1. Couples place, then 1. Cou hands 4 round with 2. Cou and finish in their own places, while 3. Cou hands four round with 4 Cou and finish also in their own places, — Then 2. Cou hands four round with 1. Cou and stop in 4. Couples place, who at the same time hands four round with 3. Cou and stop in 2. Couples place, then 2. Cou hands four round with 3. Cou and finish in their own places, while 4. Cou hands four with 1. Cou and finish also in their own places.





The 1st Man takes his Partnar round the waift as in the Promenade and leads her down through the 2.^d Cou and up through the 4.th Cou into their own proper places; while 3.^d Man at the same time leads his partner in like manner up through the 4.th Cou and down through the 2.^d Cou into their own proper places; this done the 2.^d Man and 4.th Wom meet and turn hands round in the middle, 4.th Man and 2.^d Wom D.^o and all fall back too their own proper places then 1. Man and 4. Wom 4. Man and 3. Wom right and left on the left side while the 1.st Wom and 2.^d Man 3.^d Man and 2.^d Wom right and left on the opposite side and all finish in their proper places

L'Esprit de Contradiction. The Spirit of Contradiction.



The Figure

The 1st and 3st Couples swing their Partners once round with the right hand and cast off, 1st Man behind 4sth Wom, 1st Wom behind 2st Man, 3st Man behind 2st Wom, 3st Wom behind 4sth Man, and all four advance to the middle between 2st and 4sth Couples, — Then 1st and 3st Couples swing Partners by the left hand once round in the middle, and cast up back again to their own places — 2st and 4sth Couples repeat the same thus, they swing their Partners once round by the right hand and cast off, the 2st Man round 1st Wom, 2st Wom round 3st Man, 4sth Man round 3st Wom, 4sth Wom round 1st Man, and all four advance to the middle between the 1st and 3st Couples — Then 2st and 4sth Couples swing Partners with the left hand once round in the middle, and cast off back again to their own proper places —