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- · Questa gente benche mostra falvages
- " E pur gli monte la contrada accierba
- " Nondimeno l'e delcie ad cui l'affegia.
- " This race of men, tho' favage they may feem,
- " The country, too, with many a mountain rough,
- " Yet are they (weet to him who tries and taftes them."

Fasio Delli Uberti's Travels through Ireland, in the 14th Crosury.

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## WILD IRISH GIRL.

### LETTER XXIV.

TO J. D. ESQ. M.P.

- " Tout l'évanouit fone les cieux,
- " Chaque inffant varie à nos yeux
- " Le tableau mouvant de la vie."

# ALAS! that even this folitude, where all

" The world forgetting, by the world forget,"

should be subject to that mutability of fate which governs the busiest haunts of man. Is it possible, that among these dear ruins, where all the "life of life" has been restored to me, the worst of human pangs should assail my full all-confiding heart. And yet

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I am jealous only on furmife; but who was ever jealous on conviction; for where is the heart fo weak, fo mean, as to cherish the paffion when betrayed by the object? I have already mentioned to you the incongruities which fo forcibly struck me in Glorvina's boudoir. Since the evening, the happy evening in which I first visited it, I have often ftolen thither when I knew her elfewhere engaged, but always found it locked till this morning, when I perceived the door standing open. It feemed as though its mistress had but just left it, for a chair was placed near the window, which was open, and her book and work-balket lay on the feat. mechanically took up the book; it was my own Eloifa, and was marked with a flip of paper in that page where the character of Wolmar is described. I read through the paffage, and was throwing the book by when fome writing on the paper mark caught my eye; supposing it to be Glorvina's, I endeavoured to decipher the lines, and read as follows: " Professions, my lovely friend,

are for the world. But I would at least have you believe, that my friendship, like gold. though not fonorous, is indestructible." This was all I could make out - and this I read a hundred times - the hand-writing was a man's - but it was not the priest's it could not be her father's. And yet, I thought the hand was not entirely unknownto me, though it appeared difguiled. I was still engaged in gazing on the sibyl leaf when I heard Glorvina approach. I never was deceived in her little feet's light bound, for the feldom walks; to hastily replacing the book, I appeared deeply engaged in looking. over a fine Atlas that lay open on the table. She feemed furprized at my appearance, for much indeed, that I felt the necessity of: apologizing for my intrution. " But," faid I, "an immunity granted by you is too precious to be neglected; and, if I have not oftener availed myfelf of my valued privileges, I affure you the fault is not mine."

Without noticing my invendo, the only, bowed her head, and asked me, with a fmile;