



# FRIENDSHIP OUT OF FASHION.

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THE world, my dear Mira, is full of  
deceit,  
And friendship's a jewel we seldom can  
meet,  
How strange does it seem, when searching  
around,  
The source of contentment is not to be  
found.

How much to be priz'd and esteem'd is a  
friend,  
On whom we may always with safety de-  
pend,  
Our joys when extended will always in-  
crease,  
And grief when divided is hush'd into  
peace.

O friendship! thou balm and sweetner of  
life,  
Kind parent of ease, and composer of  
strife,  
Without thee, alas! what are riches and  
power,  
But empty delusions, the joy of an hour.

When summer is smiling, what crouds do  
appear,  
Their kindness to offer and friendship  
sincere,  
Then change but the prospect, and point-  
ed distress,  
No longer to court you they'll eagerly  
press.

