the strength of the Bridge than they now do, had the materials been of a substance that would not expand or contract: but that not being the case, they, in warm weather, when they expand, rather tend to derange the other parts of the Bridge than strengthen them; and the appearance of the whole is by no means pleasing.

BRIDGES OF CAST-IRON,
OVER THE RIVERS PARROT, AND THAMES.

The splendid example of the Bridge at Wearmouth gave an impulse to public taste, and caused an emulation among artists, which has produced many examples and more projects of iron Bridges.

The Coalbrook Dale Company have constructed several, among which is a very neat one, over the river Parrot, at Bridgewater. Mr. Wilson, the engineer, employed by Mr. Burdon, has also built several, and has lately finished a very elegant one over the river Thames at Staines, which is by far the most complete in design, as well as the best executed of any that has hitherto been erected. This Bridge consists of a single arch, one hundred and eighty-one feet in span, and sixteen feet six inches in