

slice of ham hanging over the front as a label of contents ; the other hand grips " my Missus's " bonnet and cap-box ; while he is obliged to wear his own great-coat because he can't carry it. Behind steps out his dearest half and their charming daughter, who think it unnecessary to have a coach, " as there's no luggage ; so condescend to walk, taking care to keep up their parasols, by way of poking out the coal-heavers' eyes ; and to bring up the rear, you hear little Johnny come sniffing along, in the vain endeavour to run as fast as his nose.

But I must admit it is not always that the husband is so accommodating, or so anxious for the trip ; for I believe many of these people to be such radical Cockneys, that they would rather go to their own Commons than visit Piers at Margate and Ramsgate. Indeed, I am borne out in this belief by the case of my worthy three-days' landlord Mr. Stokes, who, I am sure, would never have gone had he not been in a manner compelled, as the subjoined account of his journey (derived from the most accurate and exclusive sources) will, I think, sufficiently prove.

" He that rises first is first dressed," said Mr. Stokes, as his wife and daughter entered the parlour at seven o'clock one Saturday morning, and found him pacing the room, with his hat and great-coat on, and his umbrella under his arm. " Why, my dear," replied Mrs. Stokes, who perfectly understood him, " there's plenty of time ; we have only a few little things to pack up—and Jemima told the coachman to be here precisely at eight: so we can all ride comfortably to the Tower." " Ride, Mrs. S. ! you know I never ride. This Margate whim is unpleasant enough to me, without being shook to bits in a coach over the stones." " Well, my dear, there's plenty of time ; and we'll just have an early breakfast, and start as soon as possible ; but, as I said, I have a few little things to pack up, which I will get about directly."

Now Mr. Stokes was, or rather wished to be, a quiet, come-day, go-day, God-send-Sunday sort of man ; but, unfortunately for his sins, he was blessed with a wife of a totally opposite