

nearly all, particularly with the females, many of whom had heads indicating high intellectual capacity; but the disordered mind was clearly recognized at first sight, by the vacant stare, and their seemingly bewildered appearance.

The most amusing character I beheld among the males, was a stout, elderly looking personage, with a patriarchal beard, and apparently once possessed of superior abilities. He was dressed in the most unfashionable and grotesque costume ever invented, and assuming the royal title of "David, the king of Jerusalem," and using considerable authority among his subjects, whom he titled the "Children of Israel."

Another singular picture of insanity that attracted my notice, was that of a young athletic fellow rolling up his sleeves, knuckling his fists, and in pugilistic attitude advancing upon some supposed antagonist, indicating a man *beside* himself—thrusting the air with prodigious avidity, and threatening to annihilate the retaliating phantom without pardon or mercy. I had scarcely entered the next apartment, when one of the inmates from behind, grasped me suddenly by the arm, at the same instant calling me by name. Somewhat alarmed, I involuntarily sprang round, and after a moment's gaze, recognized him to be a very familiar and respected acquaintance of mine, whom I had neither seen nor heard of for some time. He shook me frantically by the hand, and appeared, at first, to speak sensibly enough; but a few moments of conversation were sufficient to convince me that he was still labouring under the influence of insanity.

When any of them addresses a stranger, it is generally in soliciting money or tobacco, which shows that the love of cash and a desire for stimulus are the inherent and fostered propensities of their nature. They are allowed to wander

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