

too celebrated in the annals of time, have a claim to the notice of the biographer ; and though to pass over the foibles as well as the enormities of his fellow creatures, might be a pleasing omission, yet the sacred character of truth requires that the irregular passions of men should be curbed, by observing the fatal effects and the everlasting disgrace which misapplied talents have produced, and the many calamities which the indulgence of criminal desires in public life, as well as in domestic society, has always entailed on the world.— To be useful we must paint impartially the conduct of individuals, whether laudable or reprehensible ; and those who have caused the miseries of their fellow-men are to be held up to public notice, and to public derestation, that in their history, if we cannot find consolation, we may at least discover those striking lessons of instruction and of precaution, which experience never fails to afford to the sober and contemplative mind.”

I begin with Jarret the 1st, surnamed Limber-joints. He was born, 1776, in one of those low ranges of wooden buildings which grace the walk of Derbyshire-lane. His grandfather was educated at the sign of the shoe-brush in Queens-alley, and, after taking the requisite degrees, he opened a shop near the since celebrated Cato-street, in a house which was knocked down a few years since, by the rude assault of a truck-man's carriage. He was the original proprietor of the present Day and Martin's Japan blacking, which, in those times, bore the name of Jarret's fluid liquorice. It obtained some celebrity for the inventor, and was even used and recommended by the King's household ; but what most contributed to the distinction of old Jarret, was a lawsuit he instituted against one Tom Stebbins for vending a deleterious composition under the title of Jarret's fluid liquorice. The imposture was sufficiently proved, and a pair of boots were presented by the plaintiff, to satisfy the Court that Stebbins's blacking contained a large proportion of oil of vitriol. The counsel for the defendant, however, contended that Jarret's liquor-