

and all the while, the commodity buyer gets it at a price he can't understand. Although I have seen other people hold their property, knowing I do know, and hard task-masters use him, if they can get any thing. It is beyond the power of the country or whatever are that masters, and such may some patience and r. I should ; for I know the end, do no great deal of g the rich, g gentlemen are a great d—such as are I would crop of my that there reading fast ng blacker

and blacker, just like a cloud coming over the sky, which will end in a storm. It used not to be so long ago ; but the new poor-law has done a great deal to make the change, for that first showed the people clearly that the rich were ready enough to take care of their own money, while they refused to do any thing to better the laborer's condition, or make his master deal fairly by him."

The guest listened attentively, and then mused ; but whether he saw that argument would have no effect, or believed that there might be some truth in the cottager's views, he did not answer, and at length, taking out his watch, he said,

"Now, I think I will go, my good friend, for it is half-past seven, and, in all probability, they will be at dinner before I reach the house."

CHAPTER III.

THE COUNTRY BANKER.

EVERY man should build his own house, if he can afford to pamper his peculiarities ; for the mind, which has been compared to many things, is, in fact, like a fragment of rock fallen off from the crag, full of