

society, and suspect that it holds its meetings in Covent Garden, and that the president has a lively interest in the sale of pot-herbs. There is a frontispiece, indeed, very like a fancy stall in that market.

The hint is clearly taken from Grimaldi's old stage trick of building up a man of vegetables—and the authoress has wisely, or more herbally speaking, sagely endeavoured to apply pantomime practice to the real every-day life, and to support the human body with sourkrout, onions, parsnips, and split-peas. "The pernicious custom of eating animal food having become so general in this country," she feels called upon to make a stand against buttock of beef, set her own face against pork chops, and lift up her vegetable voice in a style enough to put Alderman Scales and his fraternity on their own tenterhooks. The lady's chapel is evidently not Whitechapel, and she declares more for Tabernacle than Meeting. Dr. *Lambe* very naturally declares with her against *Mutton*; and Dr. Buchan says "the consumptions so common in England are in part owing to the great use of animal food;" but the dear lady does not perceive that the consumption here applies to the cattle, with whom it is really an hereditary disease. The late Sir Edward Berry "prevailed on a man to live on partridges—without vegetables," but after eight days trial "he was obliged to give up the game." Nobody doubts it; but how long would a good strong hearty fellow hold out on a diet of "purslain, pennyroyal, and tarragon"?—"The Tartars," says Sir John Sinclair, "who live principally on animal food, possess a ferocity of mind and fierceness of character, which forms the leading features of all carnivorous animals." Begging Sir John's pardon—the horseflesh has nothing to do with the matter. A Tartar would be a *Tartar* if he only ate sorrel. The lady, however, goes a step beyond Sir John, and declares, that the eaters of animal food are nothing less than Holloways and Haggertys, and that Dolly's chop-house is as infamous as Probert's cottage. She tells us—"We must cease to degrade and bestialize our