

PREFACE.

THE adapter of this piece of extravagance begs to disclaim any political proclivities. He has attempted, he hopes not unsuccessfully, to get a little harmless fun out of political peculiarities and weaknesses, irrespective of party—in fact, he has endeavoured to act as much as possible after the pattern of the Irishman at Donnybrook Fair, and wherever he has seen an available head has tried to give it a good-humoured tap, not out of any animosity, but simply for the fun of the thing. If any head should appear to come in for more than its fair share of taps, it must be attributed solely to the particular prominence of the said head, and not to any other cause. If any expression or allusion in this extravaganza should give reasonable cause of offence to any person, he will be sincerely sorry, and hereby apologizes for it in advance; but, as the epidermis of politicians is proverbially tough, he feels convinced that no offence will be taken where none is meant.