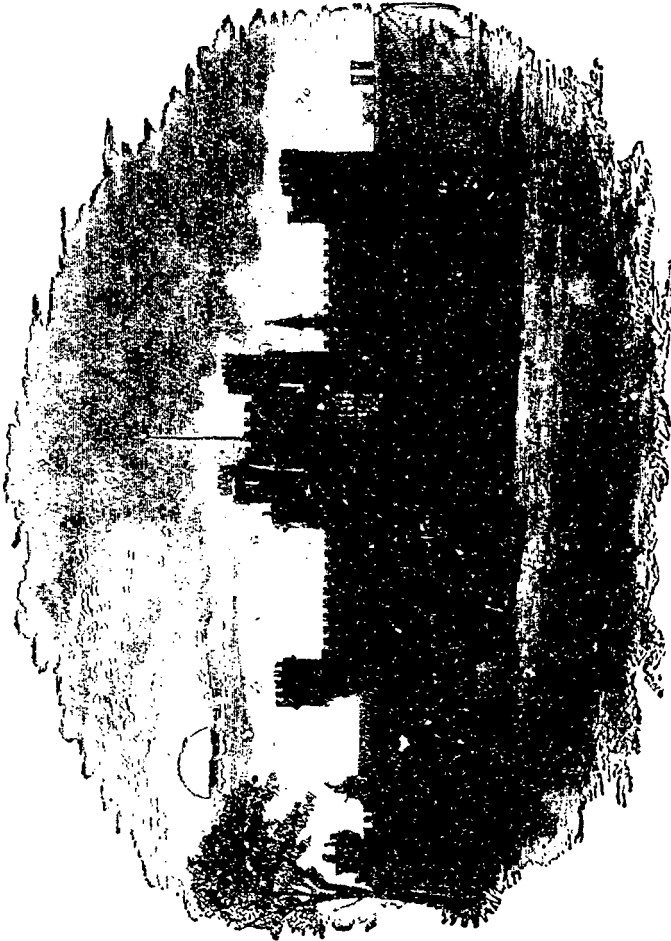


such, who, as he pulled off his surplice, resumed his betting upon a famous cock-fight which was about to take place.

There are in England 12,000 benefices of the Established Church, in every case subject to presentation. The "advowson," or right of presentation, of more than half of them, is in private hands—generally because some pious ancestor built and endowed



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the church, and so controlled the presentation. Sometimes the right of presentation is sold, and frequently in the *London Times* and other papers will be seen the advertisement that the "advowson" of a certain "living" is for sale; and as a special inducement to moneyed men who wish to purchase a snug living