

was but conjectured, upon seeing him felt assured of being in the right track. here were to be seen the swells in their tandems the nib sprigs in their gigs, buggies, and dog carts and the tidy ones on their trotters, all alive and leaping. mirth and merriment appeared spread over every countenance, though expectation and anxiety were intermingled here and there in the features of the real lads of the fancy; many of whom, upon this very interesting occasion, had bets to a considerable amount depending upon the result of the day. the bang up blades were pushing their prads along in gay style, accompanied by two friends, that is to say, a biped and a quadruped. the queer fancy lads, who had hired hacks from the livery stable keepers, were kicking up a dust, and here and there rolling from their prancers in their native soil; while the neck or nothing boys, with no prospect but a whereas before their eyes, were as heedless of their personal safety as they were of their creditors property. jaded hacks and crazy vehicles were to be seen on all sides here lay a bankrupt cart with the panels knockdin, and its driver with an eye knocked out, the horse lamed, and the concern completely knocked up, just before the period when the hammer of the auctioneer was to be called in, and his effects knocked down. there was another curry the coal make sure of the money. of the same description, with a harum scarum devil of a half bred, making his way at all risks, at a full gallop, as unmanageable in his career as his driver had been in his speculations; dust flying, women sprawling, men bawling, dogs barking, and the multitude continually increasing. scouts, scamps, lords, loungers and lacqueys coster mongers from to the hill fields and the bloods from bermondsey, completely lined the road as far as the eye could reach, both and tobacco. the inhabitants possess great numbers of cattle, and many plantations, which extend thirty leagues in the country, especially towards the great town of gibraltar, where are gathered great quantities of cocoa nuts, and all other garden fruits, which serve for the regale and sustenance of the inhabitants of maracaibo, whose territories are much drier than those of gibraltar. hither those of maracaibo send great quantities of flesh, they making returns in oranges, lemons, and other fruits; for the inhabitants of gibraltar want flesh, their fields not being capable of feeding cows or sheep. before maracaibo is a very spacious and secure port, wherein may be built all sorts of vessels, having great convenience of timber, which may be transported thither at little charge. nigh the town lies also a small island called borrica, where they feed great numbers of goats, which cattle the inhabitants use more for their skins than their flesh or milk; they slighting these two, unless while they are tender and young kids. in the fields are fed some sheep, but of a very small size. in some islands of the lake, and in other places hereabouts, are many savage indians, called by the spaniards bravoes, or wild: these could never be reduced by the spaniards, being brutish, and untameable. they dwell mostly towards the west side of the lake, in little huts built on trees growing in the water; so to keep themselves from innumerable mosquitoes, or gnats, which infest and torment them night and day. to the east of the said lake are whole towns of fishermen, who likewise live in huts built on trees, as the former. another reason of this dwelling, is the frequent inundations; for after great rains, the land is often overflown for must introduce an error of unknown importance and extent into his sovereigns far seeing predeterminations. many other reasons against the praetors demands crowded on him, and as each occurred to his mind he cursed his tardy spirit which never let him see or think the right thing till it was too late. his first deceit had already involved him in a second. he hated himself; he hit his forehead with his fists and sobbed aloud bitterly again and again, though he shed no tears. still, in the midst of his self accusation, the flattering voice made itself heard in his soul: it is only to preserve your master from sorrow, and it is nothing wrong that you are asked to do. and each time that his inward ear heard these words he began to puzzle his brain to discover in what way it might be possible for him to tempt the emperor, at the hour named, down from his watch tower in the palace. but he could hit on no practicable plan. it cannot be done, no it cannot be done he muttered to himself and then he asked himself if it were not even his duty to defy the praetor and to confess to hadrian that he had deceived him in the morning. if only it had not been for the little bottle could he ever confess that he