out producing the desired effect. He looked down | inquisitively with his single optic, but without comprehending the mystery. Again he tried, and of course with the same result; another downward look, and the truth seemed to flash across him. His one eye glared most horribly; but not on us did his anger fall. In front of him, perched on a high stool, with a step half way up for his feet, sat a wee homo, working most industriously at a violoncello as big as himself, and in sweet unconsciousness of the storm gathering in his rear. On this unoffending victim did he of the double-bass vent his rage—for, he darted one piercing glance at the violin-player, deliberately deposited his bow on the desk before him, and dealt the little man so sound a cuff on the head, that musician, stool, violoncello, and desk went down "in one astounding ruin" damaging the shins and toes of immediate neighbours, literally putting their pipes out, and producing discord dire throughout the realms of harmony. - Cruikshank's Omnibus.

DUTIES OF A CONDUCTOR OF MUSIC.

To conduct a festival is an arduous duty, requiring qualifications rarely found united in one man. It requires a high standing and great influence in the profession, founded on knowledge, experience, and

above all, on a life of long-tried integrity. It requires an acquaintance with the world as well as with music; great industry; a clear head, capable of arranging complicated details; and that union of firmness and good temper which is necessary for surmounting difficulties and reconciling jarring interests. It requires a thorough knowledge of everything performed, down to the slightest note of the most insignificant instrument in the score; the faculty of detecting the most trifling error at rehearsal; and the tact by which the mistake is pointed out without wounding the feelings of the performer. These are some of the qualifications required in a conductor. Other men may possess them; but Sir George Smart is, at present, the only man among us who has proved, by a long course of successful exertion, that he does possess them.—From an old file of the Morning Chroniele.

MORALITY OF MUSIC.—The influence of music on all classes is immense, and uniformly favourable. It is sometimes seems to be the bandmaid of refined voluptuousness, or the companion of vulgar debauch, the blame does not belong to it, but to its perversion and abuse. Without it the vices would still exist, probably in more debasing forms; while properly applied it can become a powerful agent in lessening the propensity to degrading pleasures.

THE STAMMERERS.





