MERRY ANDREW.

SLY MERRY ANDREW, the laſt *Southwark* Fair
(At *Bartholmew* He did not much appear;
So peeviſh was the Edict of the May'r.)
At *Southwark*, therefore, as his Tricks He ſhow'd,
To pleaſe our Maſters, and his Friends, the Croud;
A huge Neats-Tongue He in his Right Hand held:
His Left was with a good Black-Pudding fill'd.
With a grave Look, in this odd Equipage,
The clowniſh Mimic traverſes the Stage:
Why how now, ANDREW! cries his Brother Droll,
To Day's Conceit, methinks, is ſomething dull:
Come on, Sir, to our worthy Friends explain,
What does Your Emblematic Worſhip mean?
Quoth ANDREW; Honeſt Engliſh let Us ſpeak:
Your Emble--- (what d'ye call't?) is Heathen Greek.
To Tongue or Pudding, Thou haſt no Pretence:
Learning Thy Talent is; but Mine is Senſe.
That buſie Fool I was, which Thou art now;
Deſirous to Correct, not knowing how;
With very good Deſign, but little Wit,
Blaming or Praiſing Things, as I thought fit.
I for this Conduct had what I deſerv'd;
And dealing honeſtly, was almoſt ſtarv'd.
But Thanks to my indulgent Stars, I Eat;
Since I have found the Secret to be Great.
O deareſt ANDREW, ſays the humble Droll,
Henceforth may I Obey, and Thou Controll;

Provided Thou impart Thy uſeful Skill.
Bow then, ſays ANDREW; and, for once, I will.
Be of your Patron's Mind, whate'er He ſays;
Sleep very much; Think little; and Talk leſs:
Mind neither Good nor Bad, nor Right nor Wrong;
But Eat your Pudding, Slave; and Hold your Tongue.

A Rev'rend Prelate ſtopt his Coach and Six,
To laugh a little at our ANDREW's Tricks.
But when He heard him give this Golden Rule;
Drive on; (He cry'd,) This Fellow is no Fool.

A

SIMILE.

DEAR THOMAS, didſt Thou never pop
Thy Head into a Tin-man's Shop?
There, THOMAS, didſt Thou never ſee
('Tis but by way of Simile;)
A SQUIRREL ſpend his little Rage,
In jumping round a rowling Cage?
The Cage, as either Side turn'd up,
Striking a Ring of Bells a-top——?

Mov'd in the Orb; pleas'd with the Chimes;
The fooliſh Creature thinks he climbs:
But here or there, turn Wood or Wire,
He never gets two Inches higher.

So