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Mock Auctioneer.
An amusing writer of comic sketches in London, gives the following specimen of that class known as the mock auctioneer:—"Who'll buy this padlock and key? (Holding it up to the light, and around). 'Taint a Bramah, for them can be picked. This was picked out of ten thousand, my friends, picked out by myself—out of the choicest lot in the country. There's music for you. (Locks and unlocks it.) Why it clicks like a gun lock. Its dog cheap at three shillings, and you may have it at eighteen pence. Who says? It has as many wards as London, and holds as tight as a bull dog. There's real strength in it.—Sampson's strength was in his locks, this beats him entirely. Come, give us a bid. You must have something to lock up. If you are married, lock up your wife, and keep her from gadding about—save your shoe leather and doctor's bills. Come, give us a bid. Sixpence did you say, sir? Thank you, sir. It is yours."

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