

## THE MERCHANT.



*"Qui congregat thesauros lingua mendacii, vanus et excors est, et impingetur ad laqueos mortis."*—Proverb. xxi.

After having escaped the perils of the sea, and happily reached the wished-for shore with his bales of merchandize; this too secure adventurer, whilst contemplating his riches, is surprised by Death. One of his companions holds up his hands in despair.