

THE FOURTH EPISTLE

OF THE

ACTS OF THE ELECTORS.

CHAPTER I.

1. Now, in the first month of the year, after the dismissal of the proud and haughty rulers who had displeased the people, many of the rulers who were still in office, were pledged to carry out certain improvements (or what they were pleased so to call) throughout the city.

2. And one of the so-called improvements was to lay a Railway, so that the coals which were used in the making of gas might be carried thereon from the great ships which brought them by sea from the collieries throughout the earth.

3. Now were many of the citizens greatly opposed to this part of the plans of the rulers; and but for some who were always on the outlook for anything that might peril the pockets of the community, the proposed Railway might have been established ere yet they had been aware of it.

4. But it came to pass that one of the citizens, a shrewd business man, withal, and one capable to deal with such an affair, wrote to the scribes, calling attention to the matter,

showing both sides of the question, and laying bare the scheme before his fellow-citizens.

5. Showing by facts that few cared to dispute that the new system was pregnant with danger to the life and limbs, as well as the pockets of the citizens, and more especially of those living eastwards.

6. Contending that the method of conveying the coals by horse and chariot as at present, was the cheaper and safer plan, and urging the citizens to discuss the matter well one with another before they had the scheme thrust upon them *Nolens Volens*.

7. So it came to pass that a meeting of the citizens was called in the east part of the city, so that the matter might be considered.

8. And the citizens turned out in goodly number, and also some of the rulers who interested themselves in the working class of the city.

9. And one of the rulers who had at divers times proved himself a friend to those who were assembled, and who was generally popular with all classes, called attention to the