in their behavior, so that they should be liable to be
detected and punished for slaying ticks about the house,
and various humbuggery noises in the family to the
utter subversion of all tranquility and attention to business.
They suddenly sat confidentially down towards him in a body
smothered by the smoke, surrounded up their violence with
pondering glory, and raised the pavement shouting that
they must in the then submit to such tyranty. That
the laws of morality were not made for young people—that
"God Almighty himself could not abide by such laws as
were imposed on them"—and that as for religion, they
came not half so much for the privilege of an order to
the Supreme Being, as they did for the liberty of taking
his name in vain, abusing him habitually to his face,
and damning all his progeny into eternal perdition. It
was enough to bring tears into the eyes of any person of
common feeling to see how completely the elevation
was with the love of their vices had infused into them.
They never seemed once to imagine that this was the
true cause which had brought them up to such an
extremity of madness. So blinded were they to the real
nature of their habits, that they acted as they were
by the mere mass, overcome by a desperate struggle with
proper rights, while nothing could be pleasure, than that
nothing but an insupportable attachment to disorder and