



No. 46.—FORTUNE TELLING.

OBSERVE the authority with which the knave is eloquently declaiming to the fool. It is no question of possible or intended marriage that is occupying their attention. CHAWBACON has asked whether some little pecuniary "spec" into which he has ventured is about to prove a success or where some stolen property is to be found, and the fortune teller after

much apparently deep cogitation, and careful examination of his book of divination, is earning the fee which his dupe has prepaid. The information won't be worth much, for by constant practice Chinese fortune-tellers are able to rival in their utterances the ambiguity of the ancient oracles. The face painted at the side is the common sign of a diviner's booth.