MASTER SPEAKER.



PAESIELLO.

Jean Paesiello, a justly admired Italian composer, was the son of a veterinary surgeon, and was born in the year 1741. His father, designing him for the profession of an attorney, confided his education to the Jesuits, which gave the boy an opportunity of pursuing in some degree the bias of his own mind, and displaying his natural taste for music. The bine, full, and silver tones of his voice, greatly

helped to deliver the psalmody from the drawling and monotonous style which long usage had, in different degrees, sanctioned in almost all the churches of Europe. The taste he displayed, and the reputation he had already acquired, determined the able maestro, Resta, to teach him the principles of harmony and composition. At the age of thirteen, his father, who was much gratified at his progress, placed him in the conservatory of Saint