

JEDBURGH HANDBA.

"UPPIES" VERSUS "DOWNIES".
BATTLE FOR THE BALL.

-Scotland-

Picture.:-

This is another of those traditional games which,--
--like the birth of Topsy, are wrapped in mystery. The
shops are barricaded as--
--a first preparation. The Provost sees the ball(which
causes--
--all the trouble) safely handed over to the Candlemas
King, whatever--
--that may mean. The game has--
--no rules, so far as I can gather. The ball is
thrown, and after that--
--it's anybody's fight. There are two sides(numbering
as many as can be persuaded to risk their lives,--
--the Uppies and Doonies, who conduct a sort of 'all-in'--
--scrap. Get the ball first, and attend the inquest--
--afterwards is the idea. Here's the first case of
hanging. He's got the ball, but he's taking the drop.
And that's the famous Jedburgh Handba' Game, oeh ay!