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THE  
POETICAL WORKS

OF  
THOMAS MOORE.

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PREFACE

TO THE FIRST VOLUME.

FINDING it to be the wish of my Publishers that at least the earlier volumes of this collection should each be accompanied by some prefatory matter, illustrating, by a few biographical memoranda, the progress of my humble literary career, I have consented, though not, I confess, without some scruple and hesitation, to comply with their request. In no country is there so much curiosity felt respecting the interior of the lives of public men as in England; but, on the other hand, in no country is he who ventures to tell his own story so little safe from the imputation of vanity and self-display.

The whole of the poems contained in the first, as well as in the greater part of the second, volume of this collection were written between the sixteenth and the twenty-third year of the author's age. But I had begun still earlier, not only to rhyme but to publish. A sonnet to my schoolmaster, Mr. Samuel Whyte, written in my fourteenth year, appeared at the time in a Dublin magazine, called the *Anthologia*, — the first, and, I fear, almost only, creditable attempt in periodical literature of which Ireland has to boast. I had even at an earlier period (1793) sent to this magazine two short pieces of verse, prefaced by a note to the editor, requesting the insertion of the "following at-

tempts of a youthful muse;" and the fear and trembling with which I ventured upon this step were agreeably dispelled, not only by the appearance of the contributions, but still more by my finding myself, a few months after, hailed as "Our esteemed correspondent, T. M."

It was in the pages of this publication, — where the whole of the poem was extracted, — that I first met with the *Pleasures of Memory*; and to this day, when I open the volume of the *Anthologia* which contains it, the very form of the type and color of the paper brings back vividly to my mind the delight with which I first read that poem.

My schoolmaster, Mr. Whyte, though amusingly vain, was a good and kind-hearted man; and, as a teacher of public reading and elocution, had long enjoyed considerable reputation. Nearly thirty years before I became his pupil, Richard Brinsley Sheridan, then about eight or nine years of age, had been placed by Mrs. Sheridan under his care; <sup>1</sup> and, strange to say, was, after about a year's trial, pronounced, both by tutor and parent, to be "an incorrigible dunce." Among those who took lessons from him as private pupils were several young ladies of rank, belonging to the great Irish families who still continued to lend to Ireland the en-

<sup>1</sup> Some confused notion of this fact has led the writer of a Memoir prefixed to the "Pocket Edition" of my Poems, printed at Zwickau, to state that Brinsley Sheridan was my tutor! — "Great attention was paid to his education by his tutor, Sheridan."

livening influence of their presence, and made their country seats, through a great part of the year, the scenes of refined as well as hospitable festivity. The Miss Montgomerys, to whose rare beauty the pencil of Sir Joshua has given immortality, were among those whom my worthy preceptor most boasted of as pupils; and, I remember, his description of them long haunted my boyish imagination, as though they were not earthly women, but some spiritual "creatures of the element."

About thirty or forty years before the period of which I am speaking, an eager taste for private theatrical performances had sprung up among the higher ranks of society in Ireland; and at Carton, the seat of the Duke of Leinster, at Castletown, Marley, and other great houses, private plays were got up, of which, in most instances, the superintendence was intrusted to Mr. Whyte, and in general the prologue, or the epilogue, contributed by his pen. At Marley, the seat of the Latouches, where the masque of Comus was performed, in the year 1776, while my old master supplied the prologue, no less distinguished a hand than that of our "ever-glorious Grattan,"<sup>1</sup> furnished the epilogue. This relic of his pen, too, is the more memorable, as being, I believe, the only poetical composition he was ever known to produce.

At the time when I first began to attend his school, Mr. Whyte still continued, to the no small alarm of many parents, to encourage a taste for acting among his pupils. In this line I was long his favorite *show* scholar; and among the playbills introduced in his volume, to illustrate the occasions of his own prologues and epilogues, there is one of a play got up in the year 1790, at Lady Borrowes's private theatre in Dublin, where, among the items of the evening's entertainment, is "An Epilogue, *A Squeeze to St. Paul's*, Master Moore."

With acting, indeed, is associated the very first attempt at verse making to which my memory enables me to plead guilty. It was at a period, I think, even earlier than the date last mentioned. that, while passing the summer holidays, with a number of other young people, at one of those bathing-places, in the neighborhood of Dublin, which afford such fresh and healthful retreats to its inhabitants, it was proposed among us that we should combine together in some theatrical performance; and the

Poor Soldier and a Harlequin Pantomime being the entertainments agreed upon, the parts of Patrick and the Motley hero fell to my share. I was also encouraged to write and recite an appropriate epilogue on the occasion; and the following lines, alluding to our speedy return to school, and remarkable only for their having lived so long in my memory, formed part of this juvenile effort:—

Our Pantaloon, who did so aged look,  
Must now resume his youth, his task, his book :  
Our Harlequin, who skipp'd, laugh'd, danç'd, and died,  
Must now stand trembling by his master's side.

I have thus been led back, step by step, from an early date to one still earlier, with the view of ascertaining, for those who take any interest in literary biography, at what period I first showed an aptitude for the now common craft of verse making; and the result is—so far back in childhood lies the epoch—that I am really unable to say at what age I first began to act, sing, and rhyme.

To these different talents, such as they were, the gay and social habits prevailing in Dublin afforded frequent opportunities of display; while, at home, a most amiable father, and a mother such as in heart and head has rarely been equalled, furnished me with that purest stimulus to exertion—the desire to please those whom we, at once, most love and most respect. It was, I think, a year or two after my entrance into college, that a masque written by myself, and of which I had adapted one of the songs to the air of Haydn's Spirit Song, was acted, under our own humble roof in Aungier Street, by my elder sister, myself, and one or two other young persons. The little drawing room over the shop was our grand place of representation, and young —, now an eminent professor of music in Dublin, enacted for us the part of orchestra at the piano forte.

It will be seen from all this, that, however imprudent and premature was my first appearance in the London world as an author, it is only lucky that I had not much earlier assumed that responsible character; in which case the public would probably have treated my nursery productions in much the same manner in which that sensible critic, my Uncle Toby, would have disposed of the "work which the great Lipsius produced on the day he was born."

While thus the turn I had so early shown for rhyme and song was, by the gay and social circle in which I lived, called so encour-

<sup>1</sup> Byron.

agingly into play, a far deeper feeling — and, I should hope, power — was at the same time awakened in me by the mighty change then working in the political aspect of Europe, and the stirring influence it had begun to exercise on the spirit and hopes of Ireland. Born of Catholic parents, I had come into the world with the slave's yoke around my neck; and it was all in vain that the fond ambition of a mother looked forward to the Bar as opening a career that might lead her son to affluence and honor. Against the young Papist all such avenues to distinction were closed; and even the University, the professed source of public education, was to him "a fountain sealed." Can any one now wonder that a people thus trampled upon should have hailed the first dazzling outbreak of the French revolution as a signal to the slave, wherever suffering, that the day of his deliverance was near at hand? I remember being taken by my father (1792) to one of the dinners given in honor of that great event, and sitting upon the knee of the chairman while the following toast was enthusiastically sent round: — "May the breezes from France fan our Irish Oak into verdure."

In a few months after was passed the memorable Act of 1793, sweeping away some of the most monstrous of the remaining sanctions of the penal code; and I was myself among the first of the young Helots of the land, who hastened to avail themselves of the new privilege of being educated in their country's university, — though still excluded from all share in those college honors and emoluments by which the ambition of the youths of the ascendant class was stimulated and rewarded. As I well knew that, next to my attaining some of these distinctions, my showing that I *deserved* to attain them would most gratify my anxious mother, I entered as candidate for a scholarship, and (as far as the result of the examination went) successfully. But, of course, the mere barren credit of the effort was all I enjoyed for my pains.

It was in this year (1794), or about the beginning of the next, that I remember having, for the first time, tried my hand at political satire. In their very worst times of slavery and suffering, the happy disposition of my countrymen had kept their cheerfulness still unbroken and buoyant; and, at the period of which I am speaking, the hope of a brighter day dawning upon Ireland had given to the society of the middle classes in Dublin a more than usual flow

of hilarity and life. Among other gay results of this festive spirit, a club, or society, was instituted by some of our most convivial citizens, one of whose objects was to burlesque, good humoredly, the forms and pomps of royalty. With this view they established a sort of mock kingdom, of which Dalkey, a small island near Dublin, was made the seat, and an eminent pawnbroker, named Stephen Armitage, much renowned for his agreeable singing, was the chosen and popular monarch.

Before public affairs had become too serious for such pastime, it was usual to celebrate yearly, at Dalkey, the day of this sovereign's accession; and, among the gay scenes that still live in my memory, there are few it recalls with more freshness than the celebration, on a fine Sunday in summer, of one of these anniversaries of King Stephen's coronation. The picturesque sea views from that spot, the gay crowds along the shores, the innumerable boats, full of life, floating about, and, above all, that true spirit of mirth which the Irish temperament never fails to lend to such meetings, rendered the whole a scene not easily forgotten. The state ceremonies of the day were performed, with all due gravity, within the ruins of an ancient church that stands on the island, where his mock majesty bestowed the order of knighthood upon certain favored personages, and among others, I recollect, upon Incedon, the celebrated singer, who arose from under the touch of the royal sword with the appropriate title of Sir Charles Melody. There was also selected, for the favors of the crown on that day, a lady of no ordinary poetic talent, Mrs. Battier, who had gained much fame by some spirited satires in the manner of Churchill, and whose kind encouragement of my early attempts in versification were to me a source of much pride. This lady, as was officially announced, in the course of the day, had been appointed his majesty's poetess laureate, under the style and title of Henrietta, Countess of Laurel.

There could hardly be devised a more apt vehicle for lively political satire than this gay travesty of monarchical power, and its showy appurtenances, so temptingly supplied. The very day, indeed, after this commemoration, there appeared, in the usual record of Dalkey state intelligence, an amusing proclamation from the king, offering a large reward in *cronebanes*,<sup>1</sup> to the finder or finders of his majesty's crown,

<sup>1</sup> Irish halfpence, so called.



which, owing to his "having measured both sides of the road" in his pedestrian progress from Dalkey on the preceding night, had unluckily fallen from the royal brow.

It is not to be wondered at, that whatever natural turn I may have possessed for the lighter skirmishing of satire should have been called into play by so pleasant a field for its exercise as the state affairs of the Dalkey kingdom afforded; and, accordingly, my first attempt in this line was an Ode to his Majesty, King Stephen, contrasting the happy state of security in which he lived among his merry lieges, with the "metal coach," and other such precautions against mob violence, said to have been adopted at that time by his royal brother of England. Some portions of this juvenile squib still live in my memory; but they fall far too short of the lively demands of the subject to be worth preserving, even as juvenilia.

In college, the first circumstance that drew any attention to my rhyming powers was my giving in a theme, in English verse, at one of the quarterly examinations. As the sort of short essays required on those occasions were considered, in general, as a mere matter of form, and were written, at that time, I believe, invariably, in Latin prose, the appearance of a theme in English verse could hardly fail to attract some notice. It was, therefore, with no small anxiety that, when the moment for judging of the themes arrived, I saw the examiners of the different divisions assemble, as usual, at the bottom of the hall for that purpose. Still more trying was it when I perceived that the reverend inquisitor, in whose hands was my fate, had left the rest of the awful group, and was bending his steps towards the table where I was seated. Leaning across to me, he asked suspiciously, whether the verses which I had just given in were my own; and, on my answering in the affirmative, added these cheering words, "They do you great credit; and I shall not fail to recommend them to the notice of the Board." This result of a step, ventured upon with some little fear and scruple, was of course very gratifying to me; and the premium I received from the Board was a well-bound copy of the *Travels of Anacharsis*, together with a certificate, stating, in not very lofty Latin, that this reward had been conferred upon me, "*propter laudabilem in versibus componendis progressum.*"

The idea of attempting a version of some of the Songs or Odes of Anacreon had very early occurred to me; and a specimen of my first

ventures in this undertaking may be found in the Dublin Magazine already referred to, where, in the number of that work for February, 1794, appeared a "Paraphrase of Anacreon's Fifth Ode, by T. Moore." As it may not be uninteresting to future and better translators of the poet to compare this schoolboy experiment with my later and more labored version of the same ode, I shall here extract the specimen found in the *Anthologia*:—

"Let us, with the clustering vine,  
The rose, Love's blushing flower, intwine.  
Fancy's hand our chaplets wreathing,  
Vernal sweets around us breathing,  
We'll gayly drink, full goblets quaffing,  
At frighted Care securely laughing.

"Rose! thou balmy-scented flower,  
Reared by Spring's most fostering power,  
Thy dewy blossoms, opening bright,  
To gods themselves can give delight;  
And Cypris's child, with roses crowned,  
Trips with each Grace the mazy round.

"Bind my brows, — I'll tune the lyre,  
Love my rapturous strain shall fire.  
Near Bacchus's grape-encircled shrine,  
While roses fresh my brows intwine,  
Led by the winged train of Pleasures,  
I'll dance with nymphs to sportive measures."

In pursuing further this light task, the only object I had for some time in view was to lay before the Board a select number of the odes I had then translated, with a hope, — suggested by the kind encouragement I had already received, — that they might consider them as deserving of some honor or reward. Having experienced much hospitable attention from Doctor Kearney, one of the senior fellows,<sup>1</sup> a man of most amiable character, as well as of refined scholarship, I submitted to his perusal the manuscript of my translation as far as it had then proceeded, and requested his advice respecting my intention of laying it before the Board. On this latter point his opinion was such as, with a little more thought, I might have anticipated, namely, that he did not see how the Board of the University could lend their sanction, by any public reward, to writings of so convivial and amatory a nature as were almost all those of Anacreon. He very good naturedly, however, lauded my translation, and advised me to complete and publish it. I was also indebted to him for the use, during my

<sup>1</sup> Appointed Provost of the University in the year 1799, and made afterwards Bishop of Ossory.

task, of Spaletti's curious publication, giving a fac simile of those pages of a MS. in the Vatican Library which contain the Odes, or "Symposiacs," attributed to Anacreon.<sup>1</sup> And here I shall venture to add a few passing words on a point which I once should have thought it profanation to question, — the authenticity of these poems. The cry raised against their genuineness by Robertellus and other enemies of Henry Stephen, when that eminent scholar first introduced them to the learned world, may be thought to have long since entirely subsided, leaving their claim to so ancient a paternity safe and unquestioned. But I am forced to confess, however reluctantly, that there appear to me strong grounds for pronouncing these light and beautiful lyrics to be merely modern fabrications. Some of the reasons that incline me to adopt this unwelcome conclusion are thus clearly stated by the same able scholar, to whom I am indebted for the emendations of my own juvenile Greek ode: — "I do not see how it is possible, if Anacreon had written chiefly in Iambic dimeter verse, that Horace should have wholly neglected that metre. I may add that, of those fragments of Anacreon, of whose genuineness, from internal evidence, there can be no doubt, almost all are written in one or other of the lighter Horatian metres, and scarcely one in Iambic dimeter verse. This may be seen by looking through the list in Fischer."

The unskilful attempt at Greek verse from my own pen, which is found prefixed to the Translation, was intended originally to illustrate a picture, representing Anacreon conversing with the Goddess of Wisdom, from which the frontispiece to the first edition of the work was taken. Had I been brought up with a due fear of the laws of prosody before my eyes, I certainly should not have dared to submit so untutored a production to the criticism of the trained prosodians of the English schools. At

<sup>1</sup> When the monument to Provost Baldwin, which stands in the hall of the College of Dublin, arrived from Italy, there came in the same packing case with it two copies of this work of Spaletti, one of which was presented by Dr. Troy, the Roman Catholic archbishop, as a gift from the Pope to the Library of the University, and the other (of which I was subsequently favored with the use) he presented, in like manner, to my friend, Dr. Kearney. Thus, curiously enough, while Anacreon in *English* was considered — and, I grant, on no unreasonable grounds — as a work to which grave collegiate authorities could not openly lend their sanction, Anacreon in *Greek* was thought no unfitting present to be received by a Protestant bishop, through the medium of a Catholic archbishop, from the hands of his holiness, the Pope.

the same time, I cannot help adding that, as far as music, distinct from metre, is concerned, I am much inclined to prefer the ode as originally written to its present corrected shape; and that, at all events, I entertain but very little doubt as to *which* of the two a composer would most willingly set to music.

For the means of collecting the materials of the notes appended to the Translation, I was chiefly indebted to an old library adjoining St. Patrick's Cathedral, called, from the name of the archbishop who founded it, Marsh's Library. Through my acquaintance with the deputy librarian, the Rev. Mr. Cradock, I enjoyed the privilege of constant access to this collection, even at that period of the year when it is always closed to the public. On these occasions I used to be locked in there alone; and to the many solitary hours which, both at the time I am now speaking of and subsequently, I passed in hunting through the dusty tomes of this old library, I owe much of that odd and out-of-the-way sort of reading which may be found scattered through some of my earlier writings.

Early in the year 1799, while yet in my nineteenth year, I left Ireland, for the first time, and proceeded to London, with the two not very congenial objects, of keeping my terms at the Middle Temple, and publishing, by subscription, my Translation of Anacreon. One of those persons to whom, through the active zeal of friends, some part of my manuscript had been submitted before it went to press, was Doctor Laurence, the able friend of Burke; and, as an instance, however slight, of that ready variety of learning, as well the lightest as the most solid, for which Laurence was so remarkable, the following extract from the letter written by him, in returning the manuscript to my friend Dr. Hume, may not be without some interest: —

“Dec. 20, 1799.

“I return you the four odes which you were so kind to communicate for my poor opinion. They are, in many parts, very elegant and poetical; and, in some passages, Mr. Moore has added a pretty turn not to be found in the original. To confess the truth, however, they are, in not a few places, rather more paraphrastical than suits my notion (perhaps an incorrect notion) of translation.

“In the fifty-third ode there is, in my judgment, a no less sound than beautiful emendation suggested — would you suppose it? — by a Dutch lawyer. Mr. M. possibly may not be aware of

it. I have endeavored to express the sense of it in a couplet interlined with pencil. Will you allow me to add, that I am not certain whether the translation has not missed the meaning, too, in the former part of that passage which seems to me to intend a distinction and climax of pleasure: — ‘It is sweet even to prove it among the briery paths; it is sweet again, plucking, to cherish with tender hands, and carry to the fair, the flower of love.’ This is nearly literal, including the conjectural correction of Mynheer Medenbach. If this be right, instead of

‘Tis sweet to dare the tangled fence,<sup>1</sup>

I would propose something to this effect: —

‘Tis sweet the rich perfume to prove,  
As by the dewy bush you rove;  
‘Tis sweet to dare the tangled fence,  
To cull the timid beauty thence,

To wipe with tender hands away  
The tears that on its blushes lay;<sup>1</sup>  
Then, to the hosom of the fair,  
The flower of love in triumph bear.

“I would *drop* altogether the image of the stems ‘*dropping with gems.*’ I believe it is a confused and false metaphor, unless the painter should take the figure of Aurora from Mrs. Hastings.

“There is another emendation of the same critic, in the following line, which Mr. M. may seem, by accident, to have sufficiently expressed in the phrase of ‘roses shed their *light.*’

“I scribble this in very great haste, but fear that you and Mr. Moore will find me too long, minute, and impertinent. Believe me to be, very sincerely,

“Your obedient, humble servant,

“F. LAURENCE.”

## JUVENILE POEMS.

### PREFACE BY THE EDITOR.<sup>2</sup>

THE Poems which I take the liberty of publishing, were never intended by the author to pass beyond the circle of his friends. He thought, with some justice, that what are called Occasional Poems must be always insipid and uninteresting to the greater part of their readers. The particular situations in which they were written; the character of the author and of his associates; all these peculiarities must be known and felt before we can enter into the spirit of such compositions. This consideration would have always, I believe, prevented the author himself from submitting these trifles to the eye of dispassionate criticism: and if their posthumous introduction to the world be injustice to his memory, or intrusion on the public, the error must be imputed to the injudicious partiality of friendship.

MR. LITTLE died in his one and twentieth year; and most of these Poems were written at

so early a period that their errors may lay claim to some indulgence from the critic. Their author, as unambitious as indolent, scarce ever looked beyond the moment of composition; but, in general, wrote as he pleased, careless whether he pleased as he wrote. It may likewise be remembered, that they were all the productions of an age when the passions very often give a coloring too warm to the imagination; and this may palliate, if it cannot excuse, that air of levity which pervades so many of them. The “*aura legge, s’ei piace ei lice,*” he too much pursued, and too much inculcates. Few can regret this more sincerely than myself; and if my friend had lived, the judgment of riper years would have chastened his mind, and tempered the luxuriance of his fancy.

MR. LITTLE gave much of his time to the study of the amatory writers. If ever he expected to find in the ancients that delicacy of sentiment, and variety of fancy, which are so necessary to refine and animate the poetry of love, he was much disappointed. I know not any one of them who can be regarded as a model in that style; Ovid made love like a rake, and Propertius like a schoolmaster. The mythological allusions of the latter are called erudition by his commentators; but such ostentatious display,

<sup>1</sup> Query, if it ought not to be *lie*? The line might run,

With tender hand the tears to brush,  
That give new softness to its blush  
(or, its flush).

<sup>2</sup> A portion of the Poems included in this and the succeeding volume were published originally as the works of “the late Thomas Little,” with the Preface here given prefixed to them.



upon a subject so simple as love, would be now esteemed vague and puerile, and was even in his own times pedantic. It is astonishing that so many critics should have preferred him to the gentle and touching Tibullus; but those defects, I believe, which a common reader condemns, have been regarded rather as beauties by those erudite men, the commentators; who find a field for their ingenuity and research, in his Grecian learning and quaint obscurities.

Tibullus abounds with touches of fine and natural feeling. The idea of his unexpected return to Delia, "Tunc veniam subito,"<sup>1</sup> &c., is imagined with all the delicate ardor of a lover; and the sentiment of "nec te posse carere velim," however colloquial the expression may have been, is natural, and from the heart. But the poet of Verona, in my opinion, possessed more genuine feeling than any of them. His life was, I believe, unfortunate; his associates were wild and abandoned; and the warmth of his nature took too much advantage of the latitude which the morals of those times so criminally allowed to the passions. All this depraved his imagination, and made it the slave of his senses. But still a native sensibility is often very warmly perceptible; and when he touches the chord of pathos, he reaches immediately the heart. They who have felt the sweets of return to a home from which they have long been absent will confess the beauty of those simple unaffected lines:—

O quid solutus est beatius curis!  
Cum mens onus reponit, ac peregrino  
Labore fessi venimus Larem ad nostrum  
Desideratoque acquiescimus lecto.

*Carin. xxix.*

His sorrows on the death of his brother are the very tears of poesy; and when he complains of the ingratitude of mankind, even the inexperienced cannot but sympathize with him. I wish I were a poet; I should then endeavor to catch, by translation, the spirit of those beauties which I have always so warmly admired.<sup>2</sup>

It seems to have been peculiarly the fate of Catullus, that the better and more valuable part of his poetry has not reached us; for there is confessedly nothing in his extant works to authorize the epithet "doctus," so universally

bestowed upon him by the ancients. If time had suffered his other writings to escape, we perhaps should have found among them some more purely amatory; but of those we possess, can there be a sweeter specimen of warm, yet chastened description than his loves of Acme and Septimius? and the few little songs of dalliance to Lesbia are distinguished by such an exquisite playfulness, that they have always been assumed as models by the most elegant modern Latinists. Still, it must be confessed in the midst of all these beauties,

— Medio de fonte leporum

Surgit amari aliquid, quod in ipsis floribus angat.<sup>3</sup>

It has often been remarked, that the ancients knew nothing of gallantry; and we are sometimes told there was too much sincerity in their love to allow them to trifle thus with the semblance of passion. But I cannot perceive that they were any thing more constant than the moderns: they felt all the same dissipation of the heart, though they knew not those seductive graces by which gallantry almost teaches it to be amiable. Wotton, the learned advocate for the moderns, deserts them in considering this point of comparison, and praises the ancients for their ignorance of such refinements. But he seems to have collected his notions of gallantry from the insipid *fadours* of the French romances, which have nothing congenial with the graceful levity, the "grata protervitas," of a Rochester or a Sedley.

As far as I can judge, the early poets of our own language were the models which Mr. LITTLE selected for imitation. To attain their simplicity ("ævo rarissima nostro simplicitas") was his fondest ambition. He could not have aimed at a grace more difficult of attainment; and his life was of too short a date to allow him to perfect such a taste; but how far he was likely to have succeeded, the critic may judge from his productions.

I have found among his papers a novel, in rather an imperfect state, which, as soon as I have arranged and collected it, shall be submitted to the public eye.

<sup>3</sup> Lucretius.

<sup>4</sup> It is a curious illustration of the labor which simplicity requires, that the Ramblers of Johnson, elaborate as they appear, were written with fluency, and seldom required revision; while the simple language of Rousseau, which seems to come flowing from the heart, was the slow production of painful labor, pausing on every word, and balancing every sentence.

<sup>1</sup> Lib. i. Eleg. 3.

<sup>2</sup> In the following Poems, will be found a translation of one of his finest *Carmina*; but I fancy it is only a mere schoolboy's essay, and deserves to be praised for little more than the attempt.

Where Mr. LITTLE was born, or what is the genealogy of his parents, are points in which very few readers can be interested. His life was one of those humble streams which have scarcely a name in the map of life, and the traveller may pass it by without inquiring its source or direction. His character was well known to all who were acquainted with him; for he had too much vanity to hide its virtues, and not enough of art to conceal its defects. The lighter traits of his mind may be traced perhaps in his writings; but the few for which he was valued live only in the remembrance of his friends. T. M.

TO

JOSEPH ATKINSON, ESQ.

MY DEAR SIR: — I feel a very sincere pleasure in dedicating to you the Second Edition of our friend LITTLE's Poems. I am not unconscious that there are many in the collection which perhaps it would be prudent to have altered or omitted; and, to say the truth, I more than once revised them for that purpose; but, I know not why, I distrusted either my heart or my judgment; and the consequence is, you have them in their original form:

Non possunt nostros multæ, Faustine, lituræ  
Emendare jocos; una litura potest.

I am convinced, however, that, though not quite a *casuiste relâché*, you have charity enough to forgive such inoffensive follies: you know that the pious Beza was not the less revered for those sportive *Juvenilia* which he published under a fictitious name; nor did the levity of Bembo's poems prevent him from making a very good cardinal.

Believe me, my dear friend,  
With the truest esteem,  
Yours, T. M.

FRAGMENTS OF COLLEGE EXERCISES.

Nobilitas sola est atque unica virtus. Juv.

MARK those proud boasters of a splendid line,  
Like gilded ruins, mouldering while they shine,  
How heavy sits that weight of alien show,  
Like martial helm upon an infant's brow;  
Those borrow'd splendors, whose contrasting  
light  
Throws back the native shades in deeper night.

Ask the proud train who glory's shade pursue,  
Where are the arts by which that glory grew?  
The genuine virtues that with eagle gaze  
Sought young Renown in all her orient blaze!  
Where is the heart by chemic truth refin'd,  
Th' exploring soul, whose eye had read mankind?  
Where are the links that twin'd with heav'nly  
art,  
His country's interest round the patriot's heart?

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Justum bellum quibus necessarium, et pia arma quibus  
nulla nisi in armis relinquitur spes. — LIVY.

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Is there no call, no consecrating cause,  
Approv'd by Heav'n, ordain'd by nature's laws,  
Where justice flies the herald of our way,  
And truth's pure beams upon the banners  
play?

Yes, there's a call sweet as an angel's breath  
To slum'ring babes, or innocence in death;  
And urgent as the tongue of Heav'n within,  
When the mind's balance trembles upon sin.

O, 'tis our country's voice, whose claim should  
meet

An echo in the soul's most deep retreat;  
Along the heart's responding chords should run,  
Nor let a tone there vibrate — but the one!

VARIETY.

ASK what prevailing, pleasing power  
Allures the sportive, wandering bee  
To roam, untired, from flower to flower,  
He'll tell you, 'tis variety.

Look Nature round, her features trace,  
Her seasons, all her changes see;  
And own, upon Creation's face,  
The greatest charm's variety.

For me, ye gracious powers above!  
Still let me roam, unfix'd and free;  
In all things, — but the nymph I love,  
I'll change, and taste variety.

But, Patty, not a world of charms  
Could e'er estrange my heart from thee;  
No, let me ever seek those arms,  
There still I'll find variety.

TO A BOY, WITH A WATCH.

WRITTEN FOR A FRIEND.

Is it not sweet, beloved youth,  
 To rove through Erudition's bowers,  
 And cull the golden fruits of truth,  
 And gather Fancy's brilliant flowers ?

And is it not more sweet than this,  
 To feel thy parents' hearts approving,  
 And pay them back in sums of bliss  
 The dear, the endless debt of loving ?

It must be so to thee, my youth ;  
 With this idea toil is lighter ;  
 This sweetens all the fruits of truth,  
 And makes the flowers of fancy brighter.

The little gift we send thee, boy,  
 May sometimes teach thy soul to ponder,  
 If indolence or siren joy  
 Should ever tempt that soul to wander.

Twill tell thee that the winged day  
 Can ne'er be chain'd by man's endeavor ;  
 That life and time shall fade away,  
 While heav'n and virtue bloom forever ?

SONG.

IF I swear by that eye, you'll allow,  
 Its look is so shifting and new,  
 That the oath I might take on it now  
 The very next glance would undo.

Those babies that nestle so sly  
 Such thousands of arrows have got,  
 That an oath, on the glance of an eye  
 Such as yours, may be off in a shot.

Should I swear by the dew on your lip,  
 Though each moment the treasure renews,  
 If my constancy wishes to trip,  
 I may kiss off the oath when I choose.

Could a sigh may disperse from that flower  
 Both the dew and the oath that are there ;  
 And I'd make a new vow ev'ry hour,  
 To lose them so sweetly in air.

Buclear up the heav'n of your brow,  
 Or fancy my faith is a feather ;

On my heart I will pledge you my vow,  
 And they both must be broken together !

TO . . . . .

REMEMBER him thou leav'st behind,  
 Whose heart is warmly bound to thee,  
 Close as the tend'rest links can bind  
 A heart as warm as heart can be.

O, I had long in freedom rov'd,  
 Though many seem'd my soul to share ;  
 'Twas passion when I thought I lov'd,  
 'Twas fancy when I thought them fair.

Ev'n she, my muse's early theme,  
 Beguil'd me only while she warm'd ;  
 'Twas young desire that fed the dream,  
 And reason broke what passion form'd.

But thou — ah ! better had it been  
 If I had still in freedom rov'd,  
 If I had ne'er thy beauties seen,  
 For then I never should have lov'd.

Then all the pain which lovers feel  
 Had never to this heart been known ;  
 But then, the joys that lovers steal,  
 Should *they* have ever been my own ?

O, trust me, when I swear thee this,  
 Dearest ! the pain of loving thee,  
 The very pain is sweeter bliss  
 Than passion's wildest ecstasy.

That little cage I would not part,  
 In which my soul is prison'd now,  
 For the most light and winged heart  
 That wantons on the passing vow.

Still, my belov'd ! still keep in mind,  
 However far remov'd from me,  
 That there is one thou leav'st behind,  
 Whose heart respires for only thee !

And though ungenial ties have bound  
 Thy fate unto another's care,  
 That arm, which clasps thy bosom round,  
 Cannot confine the heart that's there.

No, no ! that heart is only mine  
 By ties all other ties above,  
 For I have wed it at a shrine  
 Where we have had no priest but Love.

## SONG.

WHEN Time, who steals our years away,  
 Shall steal our pleasures too,  
 The mem'ry of the past will stay,  
 And half our joys renew.  
 Then Julia, when thy beauty's flow'r  
 Shall feel the wintry air,  
 Remembrance will recall the hour  
 When thou alone wert fair.  
 Then talk no more of future gloom ;  
 Our joys shall always last ;  
 For Hope shall brighten days to come,  
 And Mem'ry gild the past.

Come, Chloe, fill the genial bowl,  
 I drink to Love and thee :  
 Thou never canst decay in soul,  
 Thou'lt still be young for me.  
 And as thy lips the teardrop chase,  
 Which on my cheek they find,  
 So hope shall steal away the trace  
 That sorrow leaves behind.  
 Then fill the bowl — away with gloom !  
 Our joys shall always last ;  
 For Hope shall brighten days to come,  
 And Mem'ry gild the past.

But mark, at thought of future years  
 When love shall lose its soul,  
 My Chloe drops her timid tears,  
 They mingle with my bowl.  
 How like this bowl of wine, my fair,  
 Our loving life shall fleet ;  
 Though tears may sometimes mingle there,  
 The draught will still be sweet.  
 Then fill the cup — away with gloom !  
 Our joys shall always last ;  
 For Hope will brighten days to come,  
 And Mem'ry gild the past.

## SONG.

HAVE you not seen the timid tear,  
 Steal trembling from mine eye ?  
 Have you not mark'd the flush of fear,  
 Or caught the murmur'd sigh ?  
 And can you think my love is chill,  
 Nor fix'd on you alone ?  
 And can you rend, by doubting still,  
 A heart so much your own ?

To you my soul's affections move,  
 Devoutly, warmly true ;

My life has been a task of love,  
 One long, long thought of you.  
 If all your tender faith be o'er,  
 If still my truth you'll try ;  
 Alas, I know but *one* proof more . . .  
 I'll bless your name, and die !

## REUBEN AND ROSE.

## A TALE OF ROMANCE.

THE darkness that hung upon Willumberg's  
 walls  
 Had long been remember'd with awe and  
 dismay ;  
 For years not a sunbeam had play'd in its halls,  
 And it seem'd as shut out from the regions  
 of day.

Though the valleys were brighten'd by many a  
 beam,  
 Yet none could the woods of that castle il-  
 lume ;  
 And the lightning, which flash'd on the neigh-  
 boring stream,  
 Flew back, as if fearing to enter the gloom !

"O, when shall this horrible darkness disperse !"  
 Said Willumberg's lord to the Seer of the  
 Cave ;—  
 "It can never dispel," said the wizard of verse,  
 "Till the bright star of chivalry sinks in the  
 wave !"

And who was the bright star of chivalry then ?  
 Who *could* be but Reuben, the flow'r of the  
 age,  
 For Reuben was first in the combat of men,  
 Though Youth had scarce written his nam  
 on her page.

For Willumberg's daughter his young heart had  
 beat, —  
 For Rose, who was bright as the spirit of da'n,  
 When with wand dropping diamonds, and sil-  
 very feet,  
 It walks o'er the flow'rs of the mountain and  
 lawn.

Must Rose, then, from Reuben so fatally ever ?  
 Sad, sad were the words of the Seer of the  
 Cave,  
 That darkness should cover that castle fever,  
 Or Reuben be sunk in the merciless wave !

To the wizard she flew, saying, "Tell me, O, tell!  
Shall my Reuben no more be restored to my  
eyes?"

"Yes, yes — when a spirit shall toll the great  
bell  
Of the mouldering abbey, your Reuben shall  
rise!"

Twice, thrice he repeated "Your Reuben shall  
rise!"

And Rose felt a moment's release from her  
pain;

And wip'd, while she listen'd, the tears from  
her eyes,

And hop'd she might yet see her hero again.

That hero could smile at the terrors of death,  
When he felt that he died for the sire of his  
Rose;

To the Oder he flew, and there, plunging beneath,  
In the depth of the billows soon found his re-  
pose. —

How strangely the order of destiny falls! —

Not long in the waters the warrior lay,  
When a sunbeam was seen to glance over the  
walls,

And the castle of Willumberg bask'd in the  
ray!

All, all but the soul of the maid was in light,  
Theresorrow and terror lay gloomy and blank:  
Two days did she wander, and all the long night,  
In quest of her love, on the wide river's bank.

Oft, oft did she pause for the toll of the bell,  
And heard but the breathings of night in the  
air,

Long, long did she gaze on the watery swell,  
And saw but the foam of the white billow  
there.

And often as midnight its veil would undraw,  
As she look'd at the light of the moon in the  
stream,

She thought 'twas his helmet of silver she saw,  
As the curl of the surge glitter'd high in the  
beam.

And now the third night was begemming the  
sky;

Poor Rose, on the cold dewy margin reclin'd,  
There wept till the tear almost froze in her eye,  
When — hark! — 'twas the bell that came  
deep in the wind!

She startled, and saw, through the glimmering  
shade,

A form o'er the waters in majesty glide;  
She knew 'twas her love, though his cheek was  
decay'd,

And his helmet of silver was wash'd by the  
tide.

Was this what the Seer of the Cave had fore-  
told? —

Dim, dim through the phantom the moon shone  
a gleam;

'Twas Reuben, but, ah! he was deathly and cold,  
And fled away like the spell of a dream!

Twice, thrice did he rise, and as often she thought  
From the bank to embrace him, but vain her  
endeavor!

Then, plunging beneath, at a billow she caught,  
And sunk to repose on its bosom forever!

DID NOT.

'Twas a new feeling — something more  
Than we had dared to own before,  
Which then we hid not;  
We saw it in each other's eye,  
And wish'd, in every half-breath'd sigh,  
To speak, but did not.

She felt my lips' impassion'd touch —  
'Twas the first time I dared so much,  
And yet she chid not;  
But whisper'd o'er my burning brow,  
"O, do you doubt I love you now?"  
Sweet soul! I did not.

Warmly I felt her bosom thrill,  
I press'd it closer, closer still,  
Though gently bid not;  
Till — O, the world hath seldom heard  
Of lovers, who so nearly err'd,  
And yet, who did not.

TO . . . . .

That wrinkle, when first I espied it,  
At once put my heart out of pain;  
Till the eye, that was glowing beside it,  
Disturb'd my ideas again.

Thou art just in the twilight at present,  
When woman's declension begins;



When, fading from all that is pleasant,  
She bids a good night to her sins.

Yet thou still art so lovely to me,  
I would sooner, my exquisite mother!  
Repose in the sunset of thee,  
Than bask in the noon of another.

TO MRS. . . . .

ON SOME CALUMNIES AGAINST HER CHARACTER.

Is not thy mind a gentle mind?  
Is not that heart a heart refin'd?  
Hast thou not every gentle grace,  
We love in woman's mind and face?  
And, O, art *thou* a shrine for Sin  
To hold her hateful worship in?

No, no, be happy — dry that tear —  
Though some thy heart hath harbor'd near,  
May now repay its love with blame;  
Though man, who ought to shield thy fame,  
Ungenerous man, be first to shun thee;  
Though all the world look cold upon thee,  
Yet shall thy pureness keep thee still  
Unharm'd by that surrounding chill;  
Like the famed drop, in crystal found,<sup>1</sup>  
Floating, while all was froz'n around, —  
Unchill'd, unchanging shalt thou be,  
Safe in thy own sweet purity.

ANACREONTIC.

— in *lachrymas verterat omne merum*.

TIB. lib. i. eleg. 5.

Press the grape, and let it pour  
Around the board its purple show'r;  
And, while the drops my goblet steep,  
I'll think in woe the clusters weep.

Weep on, weep on, my pouting vine!  
Heav'n grant no tears, but tears of wine.  
Weep on; and, as thy sorrows flow,  
I'll taste the luxury of woe.

<sup>1</sup> This alludes to a curious gem, upon which Claudian has left us some very elaborate epigrams. It was a drop of pure water enclosed within a piece of crystal. See Claudian. Epigram. "de Crystallo cui aqua inerat." Addison mentions a curiosity of this kind at Milan; and adds, "It is such a rarity as this that I saw at Vendome in France, which they there pretend is a tear that our Savior shed over Lazarus, and was gathered up by an angel, who put it into a little crystal vial, and made a present of it to Mary Magdalen." — *Addison's Remarks on several Parts of Italy.*

TO . . . . .

When I lov'd you, I can't but allow  
I had many an exquisite minute;  
But the scorn that I feel for you now  
Hath even more luxury in it.

Thus, whether we're on or we're off,  
Some witchery seems to await you;  
To love you was pleasant enough,  
And, O, 'tis delicious to hate you!

TO JULIA.

IN ALLUSION TO SOME ILLIBERAL CRITICISMS.

Why, let the stingless critic chide  
With all that fume of vacant pride  
Which mantles o'er the pedant fool,  
Like vapor on a stagnant pool.  
O, if the song, to feeling true,  
Can please th' elect, the sacred few,  
Whose souls, by Taste and Nature taught,  
Thrill with the genuine pulse of thought —  
If some fond feeling maid like thee,  
The warm-ey'd child of Sympathy,  
Shall say, while o'er my simple theme  
She languishes in Passion's dream,  
"He was, indeed, a tender soul —  
"No critic law, no chill control,  
"Should ever freeze, by timid art,  
"The flowings of so fond a heart!"  
Yes, soul of Nature! soul of Love!  
That, hovering like a snow-wing'd dove,  
Breath'd o'er my cradle warblings wild,  
And hail'd me Passion's warmest child, —  
Grant me the tear from Beauty's eye,  
From Feeling's breast the votive sigh;  
O, let my song, my mem'ry, find  
A shrine within the tender mind;  
And I will smile when critics chide,  
And I will scorn the fume of pride  
Which mantles o'er the pedant fool,  
Like vapor round some stagnant pool.

TO JULIA.

Mock me no more with Love's beguiling dream,  
A dream, I find, illusory as sweet:  
One smile of friendship, nay, of cold esteem,  
Far dearer were than passion's bland deceit!

I've heard you oft eternal truth declare ;  
 Your heart was only mine, I once believ'd.  
 Ah ! shall I say that all your vows were air ?  
 And *must* I say, my hopes were all deceiv'd ?

Vow, then, no longer that our souls are twin'd,  
 That all our joys are felt with mutual zeal ;  
 Julia — 'tis pity, pity makes you kind ;  
 You know I love, and you would *seem* to feel.

But shall I still go seek within those arms  
 A joy in which affection takes no part ?  
 No, no, farewell ! you give me but your charms,  
 When I had fondly thought you gave your  
 heart.

—  
 THE SHRINE.

TO . . . . .

My fates had destin'd me to rove  
 A long, long pilgrimage of love ;  
 And many an altar on my way  
 Has lur'd my pious steps to stay ;  
 For, if the saint was young and fair,  
 I turn'd and sung my vespers there.  
 This, from a youthful pilgrim's fire,  
 Is what your pretty saints require :  
 To pass, nor tell a single bead,  
 With them would be profane indeed !  
 But, trust me, all this young devotion  
 Was but to keep my zeal in motion ;  
 And, ev'ry humbler altar past,  
 I now have reach'd THE SHRINE at last !

—  
 TO A LADY,

WITH SOME MANUSCRIPT POEMS, ON LEAVING THE  
 COUNTRY.

WHEN, casting many a look behind,  
 I leave the friends I cherish here —  
 Perchance some other friends to find,  
 But surely finding none so dear —

Haply the little simple page,  
 Which vovte thus I've trac'd for thee,  
 May now and then a look engage,  
 And steal one moment's thought for me.

But, O, in pity let not those  
 Whose hearts are not of gentle mould,  
 Let not the eye that seldom flows  
 With feeling's tear, my song behold.

For, trust me, they who never melt  
 With pity, never melt with love ;  
 And such will frown at all I've felt,  
 And all my loving lays reprove.

But if, perhaps, some gentler mind,  
 Which rather loves to praise than blame,  
 Should in my page an interest find,  
 And linger kindly on my name ;

Tell him — or, O, if gentler still,  
 By female lips my name be blest :  
 For, where do all affections thrill  
 So sweetly as in woman's breast ? —

Tell her, that he whose loving themes  
 Her eye indulgent wanders o'er,  
 Could sometimes wake from idle dreams,  
 And bolder flights of fancy soar ;

That Glory oft would claim the lay,  
 And Friendship oft his numbers move ;  
 But whisper then, that, "sooth to say,  
 "His sweetest song was giv'n to Love !"

—  
 TO JULIA.

THOUGH Fate, my girl, may bid us part,  
 Our souls it cannot, shall not sever ;  
 The heart will seek its kindred heart,  
 And cling to it as close as ever.

But must we, must we part indeed ?  
 Is all our dream of rapture over ?  
 And does not Julia's bosom bleed  
 To leave so dear, so fond a lover ?

Does *she* too mourn ? — Perhaps she may ;  
 Perhaps she mourns our bliss so fleeting :  
 But why is Julia's eye so gay,  
 If Julia's heart like mine is beating ?

I oft have lov'd that sunny glow  
 Of gladness in her blue eye gleaming —  
 But can the bosom bleed with woe,  
 While joy is in the glances beaming ?

No, no ! — Yet, love, I will not chide ;  
 Although your heart *were* fond of roving,  
 Nor that, nor all the world beside  
 Could keep your faithful boy from loving

You'll soon be distant from his eye,  
 And, with you, all that's worth possessing

O, then it will be sweet to die,  
When life has lost its only blessing!

TC . . . . .

SWEET lady, look not thus again:  
Those bright deluding smiles recall  
A maid remember'd now with pain,  
Who was my love, my life, my all!

O, while this heart bewilder'd took  
Sweet poison from her thrilling eye,  
Thus would she smile, and lip, and look,  
And I would hear, and gaze, and sigh!

Yes, I did love her — wildly love —  
She was her sex's best deceiver!  
And oft she swore she'd never rove —  
And I was destin'd to believe her!

Then, lady, do not wear the smile  
Of one whose smile could thus betray;  
Alas! I think the lovely wile  
Again could steal my heart away.

For, when those spells that charm'd my mind,  
On lips so pure as thine I see,  
I fear the heart which she resign'd  
Will err again, and fly to thee!

#### NATURE'S LABELS.

##### A FRAGMENT.

In vain we fondly strive to trace  
The soul's reflection in the face;  
In vain we dwell on lines and crosses,  
Crooked mouth, or short proboscis;  
Boobies have look'd as wise and bright  
As Plato or the Stagirite:  
And many a sage and learned skull  
Has peep'd through windows dark and dull.  
Since then, though art do all it can,  
We ne'er can reach the inward man,  
Nor (howsoe'er "learn'd Thebans" doubt)  
The inward woman, from without,  
Methinks 'twere well if Nature could  
(And Nature could, if Nature would)  
Some pithy, short descriptions write,  
On tablets large, in black and white,  
Which she might hang about our throattles,  
Like labels upon physic bottles;  
And where all men might read — but stay —  
As dialectic sages say,

The argument most apt and ample  
For common use is the example.  
For instance, then, if Nature's care  
Had not portray'd, in lines so fair,  
The inward soul of Lucy L-and-n,  
*This* is the label she'd have pinn'd on.

##### LABEL FIRST.

Within this form there lies enshrin'd  
The purest, brightest gem of mind.  
Though Feeling's hand may sometimes throw  
Upon its charms the shade of woe,  
The lustre of the gem, when veil'd,  
Shall be but mellow'd, not conceal'd.

Now, sirs, imagine, if you're able,  
That Nature wrote a second label,  
They're her own words — at least suppose so  
And boldly pin it on Pomposo.

##### LABEL SECOND.

When I compos'd the fustian brain  
Of this redoubted Captain Vain,  
I had at hand but few ingredients,  
And so was forc'd to use expedients.  
I put therein some small discerning,  
A grain of sense, a grain of learning;  
And when I saw the void behind,  
I fill'd it up with — froth and wind!

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#### TO JULIA.

##### ON HER BIRTHDAY.

WHEN Time was entwining the garland of years,  
Which to crown my beloved was given,  
Though some of the leaves might be sullied with  
tears,  
Yet the flow'rs were all gather'd in heaven.  
And long may this garland be sweet to the eye,  
May its verdure forever be new;  
Young Love shall enrich it with many a sigh,  
And Sympathy nurse it with dew.

#### A REFLECTION AT SEA.

SEE how, beneath the moonbeam's smile,  
Yon little billow heaves its breast,  
And foams and sparkles for a while, —  
Then murmuring subsides to rest.



Thus man, the sport of bliss and care,  
Rises on time's eventful sea ;  
And, having swell'd a moment there,  
Thus melts into eternity !

CLORIS AND FANNY.

CLORIS ! if I were Persia's king,  
I'd make my graceful queen of thee ;  
While FANNY, wild and artless thing,  
Should but thy humble handmaid be.

There is but *one* objection in it —  
That, verily, I'm much afraid  
I should, in some unlucky minute,  
Forsake the mistress for the maid.

THE SHIELD.

SAY, did you not hear a voice of death !  
And did you not mark the paly form  
Which rode on the silvery mist of the heath,  
And sung a ghostly dirge in the storm ?

Was it the wailing bird of the gloom,  
That shrieks on the house of woe all night ?  
Or a shivering fiend that flew to a tomb,  
To howl and to feed till the glance of light ?

'Twas *not* the death bird's cry from the wood,  
Nor shivering fiend that hung on the blast ;  
'Twas the shade of Helderic — man of blood —  
It screams for the guilt of days that are past.

See, how the red, red lightning strays,  
And scares the gliding ghosts of the heath !  
Now on the leafless yew it plays,  
Where hangs the shield of this son of death.

That shield is blushing with murderous stains ;  
Long has it hung from the cold yew's spray ;  
It is blown by storms and wash'd by rains,  
But neither can take the blood away !

Oft by that yew, on the blasted field,  
Demons dance to the red moon's light ;  
While the damp boughs creak, and the swinging  
shield  
Sings to the raving spirit of night !

TO JULIA,

WEEPING.

O, if your years are giv'n to care,  
If real woe disturbs your peace,

Come to my bosom, weeping fair !  
And I will bid your weeping cease

But if with Fancy's vision'd fears,  
With dreams of woe your bosom thrill ;  
You look so lovely in your tears,  
That I must bid you drop them still.

DREAMS.

TO

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In slumber, I prithee how is it  
That souls are oft taking the air,  
And paying each other a visit,  
While bodies are heaven knows where ?

Last night, 'tis in vain to deny it,  
Your Soul took a fancy to roam,  
For I heard her, on tiptoe so quiet,  
Come ask, whether *mine* was at home.

And mine let her in with delight,  
And they talk'd and they laugh'd the time  
through ;  
For, when souls come together at night,  
There is no saying what they mayn't do !

And *your* little Soul, heaven bless her !  
Had much to complain and to say,  
Of how sadly you wrong and oppress her  
By keeping her prison'd all day.

"If I happen," said she, "but to steal  
"For a peep now and then to her eye,  
"Or, to quiet the fever I feel,  
"Just venture abroad on a sigh ;

"In an instant she frightens me in  
"With some phantom of prudence or terror  
"For fear I should stray into sin,  
"Or, what is still worse, into error !

"So, instead of displaying my graces,  
"By daylight, in language and mien  
"I am shut up in corners and places,  
"Where truly I blush to be seen !"

Upon hearing this piteous confession,  
*My* Soul, looking tenderly at her,  
Declar'd, as for grace and discretion,  
He did not know much of the matter ;

"But, to-morrow, sweet Spirit!" he said,  
 "Be at home after midnight, and then  
 'I will come when your lady's in bed,  
 "And we'll talk o'er the subject again."

So she whisper'd a word in his ear,  
 I suppose to her door to direct him,  
 And, just after midnight, my dear,  
 Your polite little Soul may expect him.

✓  
 TO ROSA.

WRITTEN DURING ILLNESS.

THE wisest soul, by anguish torn,  
 Will soon unlearn the lore it knew,  
 And when the shringing casket's worn,  
 The gem within will tarnish too.

But love's an essence of the soul,  
 Which sinks not with this chain of clay;  
 Which throbs beyond the chill control  
 Of with'ring pain or pale decay.

And surely, when the touch of Death  
 Dissolves the spirit's earthly ties,  
 Love still attends th' immortal breath,  
 And makes it purer for the skies!

O Rosa, when, to seek its sphere,  
 My soul shall leave this orb of men,  
 That love which form'd its treasure here,  
 Shall be its *best* of treasures then!

And as, in fabled dreams of old,  
 Some air-born genius, child of time,  
 Presided o'er each star that roll'd,  
 And track'd it through its path sublime;

So thou, fair planet, not unled,  
 Shalt through thy mortal orbit stray;  
 Thy lover's shade, to thee still wed,  
 Shall linger round thy carthy way.

Let other spirits range the sky,  
 And play around each starry gem;  
 I'll bask beneath that lucid eye,  
 Nor envy worlds of suns to them.

And when that heart shall cease to beat,  
 And when that breath at length is free,  
 Then Rosa, soul to soul we'll meet,  
 And mingle to etern'ity!

SONG.

THE wreath you wove, the wreath you wove  
 Is fair — but O, how fair,  
 If Pity's hand had stol'n from Love  
 One leaf to mingle there!

If every rose with gold were tied,  
 Did gems for dewdrops fall,  
 One faded leaf where Love had sigh'd  
 Were sweetly worth them all.

The wreath you wove, the wreath you wove  
 Our emblem well may be;  
 Its bloom is yours, but hopeless Love  
 Must keep its tears for me.

— ✓  
 THE SALE OF LOVES.

I DREAMT that, in the Paphian groves,  
 My nets by moonlight laying,  
 I caught a flight of wanton Loves,  
 Among the rosebeds playing.  
 Some just had left their silv'ry shell,  
 While some were full in feather;  
 So pretty a lot of Loves to sell,  
 Were never yet strung together  
 Come buy my Loves,  
 Come buy my Loves,  
 Ye dames and rose-lipp'd misses!  
 They're new and bright,  
 The cost is light,  
 For the coin of this isle is kisses.

First Cloris came, with looks sedate,  
 The coin on her lips was ready;  
 "I buy," quoth she, "my Love by weight,  
 "Full grown, if you please, and steady."  
 "Let mine be light," said Fanny, "pray —  
 "Such lasting toys undo one;  
 "A light little Love that will last to-day, —  
 "To-morrow I'll sport a new one."  
 Come buy my Loves,  
 Come buy my Loves,  
 Ye dames and rose-lipp'd misses! —  
 There's some will keep,  
 Some light and cheap,  
 At from ten to twenty kisses.

The learned Prue took a pert young thing,  
 To divert her virgin Muse with,  
 And pluck sometimes a quill from his wing,  
 To indite her billet-doux with.

Poor Cloe would give for a well-fledg'd pair  
 Her only eye, if you'd ask it;  
 And Tabitha begg'd, old toothless fair,  
 For the youngest Love in the basket.  
 Come buy my Loves, &c. &c.

But *one* was left, when Susan came,  
 One worth them all together;  
 At sight of her dear looks of shame,  
 He smil'd, and prun'd his feather.  
 She wish'd the boy — 'twas more than whim—  
 Her looks, her sighs betray'd it;  
 But kisses were not enough for him,  
 I ask'd a heart, and she paid it!  
 Good by, my Loves,  
 Good by, my Loves,  
 'Twould make you smile to've seen us  
 First trade for this  
 Sweet child of bliss,  
 And then nurse the boy between us.

TO

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THE world had just begun to steal  
 Each hope that led me lightly on;  
 I felt not, as I us'd to feel,  
 And life grew dark and love was gone.

No eye to mingle sorrow's tear,  
 No lip to mingle pleasure's breath,  
 No circling arms to draw me near —  
 'Twas gloomy, and I wish'd for death.

But when I saw that gentle eye,  
 O! something seem'd to tell me then,  
 That I was yet too young to die,  
 And hope and bliss might bloom again.

With every gentle smile that crost  
 Your kindling cheek, you lighted home  
 Some feeling, which my heart had lost,  
 And peace, which far had learn'd to roam.

'Twas then indeed so sweet to live,  
 Hope look'd so new and Love so kind,  
 That, though I mourn, I yet forgive  
 The ruin they have left behind.

I could have lov'd you — O, so well! —  
 The dream, that wishing boyhood knows,  
 Is but a bright, beguiling spell,  
 That only lives while passion glows:

But, when this early flush declines,  
 When the heart's sunny morning fleets,  
 You know not then how close it twines  
 Round the first kindred soul it meets.

Yes, yes, I could have lov'd, as one  
 Who, while his youth's enchantments fall,  
 Finds something dear to rest upon,  
 Which pays him for the loss of all.

TO

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NEVER mind how the pedagogue proses,  
 You want not antiquity's stamp;  
 A lip that such fragrance discloses,  
 O! never should smell of the lamp.

Old Cloe, whose withering kiss  
 Hath long set the Loves at defiance,  
 Now, done with the science of bliss,  
 May take to the blisses of science.

But for *you* to be buried in books —  
 Ah, Fanny, they're pitiful sages,  
 Who could not in *one* of your looks  
 Read more than in millions of pages.

Astronomy finds in those eyes  
 Better light than she studies above;  
 And Music would borrow your sighs  
 As the melody fittest for Love.

Your Arithmetic only can trip  
 If to count your own charms you endeavor,  
 And Eloquence glows on your lip  
 When you swear, that you'll love me forever

Thus you see, what a brilliant alliance  
 Of arts is assembled in you; —  
 A course of more exquisite science  
 Man never need wish to pursue.

And, O! — if a Fellow like me  
 May confer a diploma of hearts,  
 With my lip thus I seal your degree,  
 My divine little Mistress of Arts!

ON THE DEATH OF A LADY.

SWEET spirit! if thy airy sleep  
 Nor sees my tears nor hears my sighs,  
 Then will I weep, in anguish weep,  
 Till the last heart's drop fills mine eyes

But if thy sainted soul can feel,  
 And mingles in our misery ;  
 Then, then my breaking heart I'll seal —  
 Thou shalt not hear one sigh from me.

The beam of morn was on the stream,  
 But sullen clouds the day deform :  
 Like thee was that young, orient beam,  
 Like death, alas, that sullen storm !

Thou wert not form'd for living here,  
 So link'd thy soul was with the sky ;  
 Yet, ah, we held thee all so dear,  
 We thought thou wert not form'd to die.

### INCONSTANCY.

AND do I then wonder that Julia deceives me,  
 When surely there's nothing in nature more  
 common ?  
 She vows to be true, and while vowing she  
 leaves me —  
 And could I expect any more from a woman ?

O, woman ! your heart is a pitiful treasure :  
 And Mahomet's doctrine was not too severe,  
 When he held that you were but materials of  
 pleasure,  
 And reason and thinking were out of your  
 sphere.

By your heart, when the fond sighing lover can  
 win it,  
 He thinks that an age of anxiety's paid ;  
 But, O, while he's blest, let him die at the  
 minute —  
 If he live but a *day*, he'll be surely betray'd.

### THE NATAL GENIUS.

A DREAM.

To . . . . .

THE MORNING OF HER BIRTHDAY.

IN witching slumbers of the night,  
 I dreamt I was the airy sprite  
 That on thy natal moment smil'd :  
 And thought I wafted on my wing  
 Those flow'rs which in Elysium spring,  
 To crown my lovely mortal child.

With olive branch I bound thy head,  
 Heart's ease along thy path I shed,

Which was to bloom through all thy years :  
 Nor yet did I forget to bind  
 Love's roses, with his myrtle twin'd,  
 And dew'd by sympathetic tears.

Such was the wild but precious boon  
 Which Fancy, at her magic noon,  
 Bade me to Nona's image pay ;  
 And were it thus my fate to be  
 Thy little guardian deity,  
 How blest around thy steps I'd play !

Thy life should glide in peace along,  
 Calm as some lonely shepherd's song  
 That's heard at distance in the grove ;  
 No cloud should ever dim thy sky,  
 No thorns along thy pathway lie,  
 But all be beauty, peace, and love.

Indulgent Time should never bring  
 To thee one blight upon his wing,  
 So gently o'er thy brow he'd fly ;  
 And death itself should but be felt  
 Like that of daybeams, when they melt,  
 Bright to the last, in evening's sky !

### ELEGIAC STANZAS,

SUPPOSED TO BE WRITTEN BY JULIA, ON THE DEATH OF HER  
 BROTHER.

THOUGH sorrow long has worn my heart ;  
 Though every day I've counted o'er  
 Hath brought a new and quick'ning smart  
 To wounds that rankled fresh before ;

Though in my earliest life bereft  
 Of tender links by nature tied ;  
 Though hope deceiv'd, and pleasure left ;  
 Though friends betray'd and foes belied ;

I still had hopes — for hope will stay  
 After the sunset of delight ;  
 So like the star which ushers day,  
 We scarce can think it heralds night ! —

I hop'd that, after all its strife,  
 My weary heart at length should rest,  
 And, fainting from the waves of life,  
 Find harbor in a brother's breast.

That brother's breast was warm with truth,  
 Was bright with honor's purest ray ;  
 He was the dearest, gentlest youth —  
 Ah, why then was he torn away ?

He should have stay'd, have linger'd here  
 To soothe his Julia's every woe ;  
 He should have chas'd each bitter tear,  
 And not have caus'd those tears to flow.

We saw within his soul expand  
 The fruits of genius, nurs'd by taste ;  
 While Science, with a fost'ring hand,  
 Upon his brow her chaplet plac'd.

We saw, by bright degrees, his mind  
 Grow rich in all that makes men dear ; —  
 Enlighten'd, social, and refin'd,  
 In friendship firm, in love sincere.

Such was the youth we lov'd so well,  
 And such the hopes that fate denied ; —  
 We lov'd, but ah ! could scarcely tell  
 How deep, how dearly, till he died !

Close as the fondest links could strain,  
 Twin'd with my very heart he grew ;  
 And by that fate which breaks the chain,  
 The heart is almost broken too.

TO THE LARGE AND BEAUTIFUL

MISS . . . . .

IN ALLUSION TO SOME PARTNERSHIP IN A LOTTEEY SHARE.

IMPROMPTU.

— Ego pars —

VIRG.

In wedlock a species of lottery lies,  
 Where in blanks and in prizes we deal ;  
 But how comes it that you, such a capital prize,  
 Should so long have remain'd in the wheel ?

If ever, by Fortune's indulgent decree,  
 To me such a ticket should roll,  
 A sixteenth, Heav'n knows ! were sufficient for  
 me ;  
 For what could I do with the whole ?

✓  
 A DREAM.

I THOUGHT this heart enkindled lay  
 On Cupid's burning shrine :  
 I thought he stole thy heart away,  
 And plac'd it near to mine.

I saw thy heart begin to melt,  
 Like ice before the sun ;  
 Till both a glow congenial felt,  
 And mingled into one !

TO . . . . .

WITH all my soul, then, let us part,  
 Since both are anxious to be free ;  
 And I will send you home your heart,  
 If you will send back mine to me.

We've had some happy hours together,  
 But joy must often change its wing ;  
 And spring would be but gloomy weather,  
 If we had nothing else but spring.

'Tis not that I expect to find  
 A more devoted, fond, and true one,  
 With rosier cheek or sweeter mind —  
 Enough for me that she's a new one.

Thus let us leave the bower of love,  
 Where we have loiter'd long in bliss ;  
 And you may down *that* pathway rove,  
 While I shall take my way through *this*.

ANACREONTIC.

"SHE<sup>r</sup> never look'd so kind before —  
 "Yet why the wanton's smile recall ?  
 "I've seen this witchery o'er and o'er,  
 "'Tis hollow, vain, and heartless all !"

Thus I said, and, sighing, drain'd  
 The cup which she so late had tasted ;  
 Upon whose rim still fresh remain'd  
 The breath, so oft in falsehood wasted.

I took the harp, and would have sung  
 As if 'twere not of her I sang ;  
 But still the notes on Lamia hung —  
 On whom but Lamia *could* they hang ?

Those eyes of hers, that floating shine,  
 Like diamonds in some Eastern river ;  
 That kiss, for which, if worlds were mine,  
 A world for every kiss I'd give her.

That frame so delicate, yet warm'd  
 With flushes of love's genial hue ; —  
 A mould transparent, as if form'd  
 To let the spirit's light shine through.

Of these I sung, and notes and words  
 Were sweet, as if the very air  
 From Lamia's lip hung o'er the chords,  
 And Lamia's voice still warbled there !



But when, alas, I turn'd the theme,  
And when of vows and oaths I spoke,  
Of truth and hope's seducing dream —  
The chord beneath my finger broke.

False harp! false woman! — such, O, such  
Are lutes too frail and hearts too willing;  
Any hand, whate'er its touch,  
Can set their chords or pulses thrilling.

And when that thrill is most awake,  
And when you think Heav'n's joys await  
you,  
The nymph will change, the chord will break,  
O Love, O Music, how I hate you!

### TO JULIA.

I saw the peasant's hand unkind  
From yonder oak the ivy sever;  
They seem'd in very being twin'd;  
Yet now the oak is fresh as ever!

Not so the widow'd ivy shines:  
Torn from its dear and only stay,  
In drooping widowhood it pines,  
And scatters all its bloom away.

Thus, Julia, did our hearts intwine,  
Till Fate disturb'd their tender ties:  
Thus gay indifference blooms in thine,  
While mine, deserted, droops and dies!

### HYMN OF A VIRGIN OF DELPHI,

AT THE TOMB OF HER MOTHER.

O, LOST, forever lost — no more  
Shall Vesper light our dewy way  
Along the rocks of Crissa's shore,  
To hymn the fading fires of day;  
No more to Tempé's distant vale  
In holy musings shall we roam,  
Through summer's glow and winter's gale,  
To bear the mystic chaplets home.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The laurel, for the common uses of the temple, for adorning the altars and sweeping the pavement, was supplied by a tree near the fountain of Castalia; but upon all important occasions, they sent to Tempé for their laurel. We find, in Pausanias, that this valley supplied the branches, of which the temple was originally constructed; and Plutarch says, in his Dialogue on Music, "The youth who brings the Tempic laurel to Delphi is always attended by a player on the flute."  
Ἄλλα μὴν καὶ τῷ κατακομιζόντι παιδί τὴν Τεμπικὴν δαφνὴν  
εἰς Δελφούς παραμαρτεῖ ἀυλῆτης.

'Twas then my soul's expanding zeal,  
By nature warm'd and led by thee,  
In every breeze was taught to feel  
The breathings of a Deity.  
Guide of my heart! still hovering round,  
Thy looks, thy words are still my own —  
I see thee raising from the ground  
Some laurel, by the winds o'erthrown,  
And hear thee say, "This humble bough  
"Was planted for a doom divine;  
"And, though it droop in languor now,  
"Shall flourish on the Delphic shrine!  
"Thus, in the vale of earthly sense,  
"Though sunk a while the spirit lies,  
"A viewless hand shall cull it thence,  
"To bloom immortal in the skies!"

All that the young should feel and know,  
By thee was taught so sweetly well,  
Thy words fell soft as vernal snow,  
And all was brightness where they fell!  
Fond soother of my infant tear,  
Fond sharer of my infant joy,  
Is not thy shade still lingering here?  
Am I not still thy soul's employ?  
O, yes — and, as in former days,  
When, meeting on the sacred mount,  
Our nymphs awak'd their choral lays,  
And danc'd around Cassotis' fount;  
As then, 'twas all thy wish and care,  
That mine should be the simplest mien,  
My lyre and voice the sweetest there,  
My foot the lightest o'er the green:  
So still, each look and step to mould,  
Thy guardian care is round me spread,  
Arranging every snowy fold,  
And guiding every mazy tread.  
And, when I lead the hymning choir,  
Thy spirit still, unseen and free,  
Hovers between my lip and lyre,  
And weds them into harmony.  
Flow, Plistus, flow, thy murmuring wave  
Shall never drop its silv'ry tear  
Upon so pure, so blest a grave,  
To memory so entirely dear!

### SYMPATHY.

TO JULIA.

— sine me sit nulla Venus. SULPICIÆ

Our hearts, my love, were form'd to be  
The genuine twins of Sympathy,

They live with one sensation :  
In joy or grief, but most in love,  
Like chords in unison they move,  
And thrill with like vibration.

How oft I've heard thee fondly say,  
Thy vital pulse shall cease to play  
When mine no more is moving :  
Since, now, to feel a joy *alone*  
Were worse to thee than feeling none  
So twinn'd are we in loving !

THE TEAR.

ON beds of snow the moonbeam slept,  
And chilly was the midnight gloom,  
When by the damp grave Ellen wept —  
Fond maid ! it was her Lindor's tomb !

A warm tear gush'd, the wintry air  
Congeal'd it as it flow'd away :  
All night it lay an icedrop there,  
At morn it glitter'd in the ray.

An angel, wand'ring from her sphere,  
Who saw this bright, this frozen gem,  
To dew-ey'd Pity brought the tear,  
And hung it on her diadem !

THE SNAKE.

My love and I, the other day,  
Within a myrtle arbor lay,  
When near us, from a rosy bed,  
A little Snake put forth its head.

"See," said the maid with thoughtful eyes —  
"Yonder the fatal emblem lies !  
"Who could expect such hidden harm  
"Beneath the rose's smiling charm ?"

Never did grave remark occur  
Less *apropos* than this from her.

I rose to kill the snake, but she,  
Half smiling, pray'd it might not be.  
'No,' said the maiden — and, alas,  
Her eyes spoke volumes, while she said it —  
"Long as the snake is in the grass,  
"One *may*, perhaps, have cause to dread it :

"But when its wicked eyes appear,  
"And when we know for what they wink so,

"One must be *very* simple, dear,  
"To let it wound one — don't you think so ?"

TO ROSA.

Is the song of Rosa mute ?  
Once such lays inspired her lute !  
Never doth a sweeter song  
Steal the breezy lyre along,  
When the wind, in odors dying,  
Wooes it with enamor'd sighing

Is my Rosa's lute unstrung ?  
Once a tale of peace it sung  
To her lover's throbbing breast —  
Then was he divinely blest !  
Ah ! but Rosa loves no more,  
Therefore Rosa's song is o'er ;  
And her lute neglected lies ;  
And her boy forgotten sighs.  
Silent lute — forgotten lover —  
Rosa's love and song are over !

ELEGIAC STANZAS.

*Sic juvat perire.*

WHEN wearied wretches sink to sleep,  
How heavenly soft their slumbers lie !  
How sweet is death to those who weep,  
To those who weep and long to die !

Saw you the soft and grassy bed,  
Where flow'rets deck the green earth's breast ?  
'Tis there I wish to lay my head,  
'Tis there I wish to sleep at rest.

O, let not tears embalm my tomb, —  
None but the dews at twilight given !  
O, let not sighs disturb the gloom, —  
None but the whispering winds of heaven .

LOVE AND MARRIAGE.

*Eque brevi verbo ferre perenne malum  
SECUNDUS, eleg. VII.*

STILL the question I must parry,  
Still a wayward truant prove :  
Where I love, I must not marry ;  
Where I marry, cannot love.

Were she fairest of creation,  
With the least presuming mind,

Learned without affectation ;  
Not deceitful, yet refin'd ;

Wise enough, but never rigid ;  
Gay, but not too lightly free ;  
Chaste as snow, and yet not frigid ;  
Fond, yet satisfied with me :

Were she all this ten times over,  
All that heav'n to earth allows,  
I should be too much her lover  
Ever to become her spouse.

Love will never bear enslaving ;  
Summer garments suit him best ;  
Bliss itself is not worth having,  
If we're by compulsion blest.

—  
ANACREONTIC.

I FILL'D to thee, to thee I drank,  
I nothing did but drink and fill ;  
The bowl by turns was bright and blank,  
'Twas drinking, filling, drinking still.

At length I bid an artist paint  
Thy image in this ample cup,  
That I might see the dimpled saint,  
To whom I quaff'd my nectar up.

Behold how bright that purple lip  
Now blushes through the wave at me ;  
Every roseate drop I sip  
Is just like kissing wine from thee.

And still I drink the more for this :  
For, ever when the draught I drain,  
Thy lip invites another kiss,  
And — in the nectar flows again.

So here's to thee, my gentle dear,  
And may that eyelid never shine  
Beneath a darker, bitterer tear  
Than bathes it in this bowl of mine !

✓ —  
THE SURPRISE.

CHOR'S, I swear, by all I ever swore,  
That from this hour I shall not love thee more.  
"What! love no more? O, why this alter'd  
vow?"  
Because I *cannot* love thee *more* — than *now* !

TO MISS . . . . .,

ON HER ASKING THE AUTHOR WHY SHE HAD  
SLEEPLESS NIGHTS.

I'LL ask the sylph who round thee flies,  
And in thy breath his pinion dips,  
Who suns him in thy radiant eyes,  
And faints upon thy sighing lips :

I'll ask him where's the veil of sleep  
That us'd to shade thy looks of light ;  
And why those eyes their vigil keep,  
When other suns are sunk in night ?

And I will say — her angel breast  
Has never throbb'd with guilty sting ;  
Her bosom is the sweetest nest  
Where Slumber could repose his wing !

And I will say — her cheeks that flush,  
Like vernal roses in the sun,  
Have ne'er by shame been taught to blush,  
Except for what her eyes have done !

Then tell me, why, thou child of air !  
Does slumber from her eyelids rove ?  
What is her heart's impassion'd care ? —  
Perhaps, O sylph ! perhaps, 'tis *love*.

—  
THE WONDER.

COME, tell me where the maid is found,  
Whose heart can love without deceit,  
And I will range the world around,  
To sigh one moment at her feet.

O, tell me where's her sainted home,  
What air receives her blessed sigh,  
A pilgrimage of years I'll roam  
To catch one sparkle of her eye !

And if her cheek be smooth and bright,  
While truth within her bosom lies,  
I'll gaze upon her morn and night,  
Till my heart leave me through my eyes

Show me on earth a thing so rare,  
I'll own all miracles are true ;  
To make one maid sincere and fair,  
O, 'tis the utmost Heav'n can do !



LYING.

Che con le lor bugie pajon divini. *Mauro d'Arcano.*

I do confess in many a sigh,  
My lips have breath'd you many a lie ;  
And who, with such delights in view,  
Would lose them for a lie or two ?

Nay, — look not thus, with brow reproving ;  
Lies are, my dear, the soul of loving.  
If half we tell the girls were true,  
If half we swear to think and do,  
Were aught but lying's bright illusion,  
This world would be in strange confusion.  
If ladies' eyes were, every one,  
As lovers swear, a radiant sun,  
Astronomy must leave the skies,  
To learn her lore in ladies' eyes.  
O, no — believe me, lovely girl,  
When nature turns your teeth to pearl,  
Your neck to snow, your eyes to fire,  
Your amber locks to golden wire,  
Then, only then can Heaven decree,  
That you should live for only me,  
Or I for you, as night and morn,  
We've swearing kiss'd, and kissing sworn.

And now, my gentle hints to clear,  
For once I'll tell you truth, my dear.  
Whenever you may chance to meet  
Some loving youth, whose love is sweet,  
Long as you're false and he believes you,  
Long as you trust and he deceives you,  
So long the blissful bond endures,  
And while he lies, his heart is yours :  
But, O, you've wholly lost the youth  
The instant that he tells you truth.

ANACREONTIC.

FRIEND of my soul, this goblet sip,  
'Twill chase that pensive tear ;  
'Tis not so sweet as woman's lip,  
But, O, 'tis more sincere.  
Like her delusive beam,  
'Twill steal away thy mind :  
But, truer than love's dream,  
It leaves no sting behind.

Come, twine the wreath, thy brows to shade ;  
These flow'rs were cull'd at noon ; —  
Like woman's love the rose will fade,  
But, ah ! not half so soon.

For though the flower's decay'd,  
Its fragrance is not o'er ;  
But once when love's betray'd,  
Its sweet life blooms no more.

THE PHILOSOPHER ARISTIPPUS<sup>1</sup>

TO A LAMP WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN HIM BY LAIS

Dulcis conscia lectuli lucerna.

MARTIAL., lib. xiv. epig. 39.

" O, LOVE the Lamp " (my Mistress said),  
" The faithful Lamp that, many a night,  
" Beside thy Lais' lonely bed  
" Has kept its little watch of light.

" Full often has it seen her weep,  
" And fix her eye upon its flame,  
" Till, weary, she has sunk to sleep,  
" Repeating her beloved's name.

" Then love the Lamp — 'twill often lead  
" Thy step through learning's sacred way ;  
" And when those studious eyes shall read,  
" At midnight, by its lonely ray,  
" Of things sublime, of nature's birth,  
" Of all that's bright in heaven or earth,  
" O, think that she, by whom 'twas given,  
" Adores thee more than earth or heaven !"

Yes — dearest Lamp, by every charm  
On which thy midnight beam has hung ; \*

<sup>1</sup> It does not appear to have been very difficult to become a philosopher amongst the ancients. A moderate store of learning, with a considerable portion of confidence, and just wit enough to produce an occasional apophthegu, seem to have been all the qualifications necessary for the purpose. The principles of moral science were so very imperfectly understood that the founder of a new sect, in forming his ethical code, might consult either fancy or temperament, and adapt it to his own passions and propensities ; so that Mahomet, with a little more learning, might have flourished as a philosopher in those days, and would have required but the polish of the schools to become the rival of Aristippus in morality. In the science of nature, too, though some valuable truths were discovered by them, they seemed hardly to know they were truths, or at least were as well satisfied with errors ; and Xenophanes, who asserted that the stars were igneous clouds, lighted up every night and extinguished again in the morning, was thought and styled a philosopher, as generally as he who anticipated Newton in developing the arrangement of the universe.

For this opinion of Xenophanes, see Plutarch, de Placit. Philosoph. lib. ii. cap. 13. It is impossible to read this treatise of Plutarch, without alternately admiring the genius, and smiling at the absurdities of the philosophers.

<sup>2</sup> The ancients had their lucerne cubicularia; or bed-chamber lamps, which, as the Emperor Gallienus said, " nil cras

The head reclin'd, the graceful arm  
Across the brow of ivory flung;

The heaving bosom, partly hid,  
The sever'd lip's unconscious sighs,  
The fringe that from the half-shut lid  
Adown the cheek of roses lies :

By these, by all that bloom untold,  
And long as all shall charm my heart,  
I'll love my little Lamp of gold —  
My Lamp and I shall never part.

And often, as she smiling said,  
In fancy's hour, thy gentle rays  
Shall guide my visionary tread  
Through poesy's enchanting maze.  
Thy flame shall light the page refin'd,  
Where still we catch the Chian's breath,  
Where still the bard, though cold in death,  
Has left his soul unquench'd behind.  
Or, o'er thy humbler legend shine,  
O man of Ascra's dreary glades.<sup>1</sup>  
To whom the nightly warbling Nine<sup>2</sup>  
A wand of inspiration gave,<sup>3</sup>  
Pluck'd from the greenest tree, that shades  
The crystal of Castalia's wave.

Then, turning to a purer lore,  
We'll cull the sages' deep-hid store,  
From Science steal her golden clew.  
And every mystic path pursue,  
Where Nature, far from vulgar eyes,  
Through labyrinths of wonder flies.

'Tis thus my heart shall learn to know  
How fleeting is this world below,  
Where all that meets the morning light,  
Is chang'd before the fall of night!<sup>4</sup>

I'll tell thee, as I trim thy fire,  
"Swift, swift the tide of being runs,  
"And Time, who bids thy flame expire,  
"Will also quench yon heaven of suns"

O, then if earth's united power  
Can never chain one feathery hour ;  
If every print we leave to-day  
To-morrow's wave will sweep away ;  
Who pauses to inquire of heaven  
Why were the fleeting treasures given,  
The sunny days, the shady nights,  
And all their brief but dear delights,  
Which heaven has made for man to use,  
And man should think it crime to lose?  
Who that has cull'd a fresh-blown rose  
Will ask it why it breathes and glows,  
Unmindful of the blushing ray,  
In which it shines its soul away ;  
Unmindful of the scented sigh,  
With which it dies and loves to die.

Pleasure, thou only good on earth!<sup>1</sup>  
One precious moment giv'n to thee —  
O, by my Lais' lip, 'tis worth  
The sage's immortality,

Then far be all the wisdom hence,  
That would our joys one hour delay!  
Alas, the feast of soul and sense  
Love calls us to in youth's bright day,  
If not soon tasted, fleets away.

Ne'er wert thou form'd, my Lamp, to shed  
Thy splendor on a lifeless page ; —  
Whate'er my blushing Lais said  
Of thoughtful lore and studies sage,  
'Twas mockery all — her glance of joy  
Told me thy dearest, best employ.<sup>2</sup>

meminere;" and, with the same commendation of secrecy, Praxagora addresses her lamp in Aristophanes, *Εκκλησίας*. We may judge how fanciful they were, in the use and embellishment of their lamps, from the famous symbolic Lucerna, which we find in the Romanum Museum, Mich. Ang. Causei, p. 127.

<sup>1</sup> Hesiod, who tells us in melancholy terms of his father's light to the wretched village of Ascra. *Εργ. και Ημερ.* s. 251.

<sup>2</sup> *Εννυχιαί στείχον, περικαλλέα οσαν ιεΐσαι.* Theog. v. 10.

<sup>3</sup> *Και μοι σκηπτρον εδον, δαφνης εριθηλα υζον.* Id. v. 30.

<sup>4</sup> *Ψειν τα δλα ποταμου δικην*, as expressed among the Jugglers of Heraclitus the Ephesian, and with the same image by Seneca, in whom we find a beautiful diffusion of the thought. "Nemo est mane, qui fuit pride. Corpora nostra rapiuntur fluminum more; quidquid videt currit cum tempore. Nihil ex his quæ videmus manet. Ego ipse, dum liquor mutari ipsa, mutatus sum," &c.

<sup>1</sup> Aristippus considered motion as the principle of happiness, in which idea he differed from the Epicureans, who looked to a state of repose as the only true voluptuousness, and avoided even the too lively agitations of pleasure, as a violent and ungraceful derangement of the senses.

<sup>2</sup> Maupertuis has been still more explicit than this philosopher, in ranking the pleasures of sense above the sublimest pursuits of wisdom. Speaking of the infant man, in his production, he calls him, "une nouvelle créature, qui pourra comprendre les choses les plus sublimes, et ce qui est bien au-dessus, qui pourra goûter les mêmes plaisirs." See his *Vénus Physique*. This appears to be one of the efforts of Fontenelle's gallantry of manner, for which the learned President is so well and justly ridiculed in the *Akakia* of Voltaire.

Maupertuis may be thought to have borrowed from the ancient Aristippus that indiscriminate theory of pleasures which he has set forth in his *Essai de Philosophie Morale*,

And, soon as night shall close the eye  
Of heaven's young wanderer in the west ;  
When seers are gazing on the sky,  
To find their future orbs of rest ;  
Then shall I take my trembling way,  
Unseen but to those worlds above,  
And, led by thy mysterious ray,  
Steal to the night bower of my love.

TO MRS. ———.

ON HER BEAUTIFUL TRANSLATION OF VOITURE'S  
KISS.

Mon âme sur mon lèvres étoit lors toute entière,  
Pour savourer le miel qui sur la vôtre étoit ;  
Mais en me retirant, elle resta derrière,  
Tant de ce doux plaisir l'amorce l'a restoit.

VOITURE.

How heav'nly was the poet's doom,  
To breathe his spirit through a kiss ;  
And lose within so sweet a tomb  
The trembling messenger of bliss !

And, sure his soul return'd to feel  
That it *again* could ravish'd be ;  
For in the kiss that thou didst steal,  
His life and soul have fled to thee.

RONDEAU.

" Good night ! good night ! " — And is it so ?  
And must I from my Rosa go ?  
O Rosa, say " Good night ! " once more,  
And I'll repeat it o'er and o'er,  
Till the first glance of dawning light  
Shall find us saying, still, " Good night."

And still " Good night," my Rosa, say —  
But whisper still, " A minute stay ; "  
And I will stay, and every minute  
Shall have an age of transport in it ;  
Till Time himself shall stay his flight,  
To listen to our sweet " Good night."

" Good night ! " you'll murmur with a sigh,  
And tell me it is time to fly :  
And I will vow, will swear to go,  
While still that sweet voice murmurs " No ! "

Till slumber seal our weary sight —  
And then, my love, my soul, " Good night ! "

SONG.

WHY does azure deck the sky ?  
'Tis to be like thy looks of blue ;  
Why is red the rose's dye ?  
Because it is thy blushes' hue.  
All that's fair, by Love's decree,  
Has been made resembling thee !

Why is falling snow so white,  
But to be like thy bosom fair ?  
Why are solar beams so bright ?  
That they may seem thy golden hair !  
All that's bright, by Love's decree,  
Has been made resembling thee !

Why are nature's beauties felt ?  
O, 'tis thine in her we see !  
Why has music power to melt ?  
O, because it speaks like thee.  
All that's sweet, by Love's decree,  
Has been made resembling thee !

TO ROSA.

LIKE one who trusts to summer skies  
And puts his little bark to sea,  
Is he who, lur'd by smiling eyes,  
Consigns his simple heart to thee.

For fickle is the summer wind,  
And sadly may the bark be tost ;  
For thou art sure to change thy mind,  
And then the wretched heart is lost !

WRITTEN IN A COMMONPLACE BOOK,

CALLED " THE BOOK OF FOLLIES ; "

IN WHICH EVERY ONE THAT OPENED IT WAS TO CONTRIBUTE  
SOMETHING.

TO THE BOOK OF FOLLIES.

THIS tribute's from a wretched elf,  
Who hails thee, emblem of himself.  
The book of life, which I have trac'd,  
Has been, like thee, a motley waste  
Of follies scribbled o'er and o'er,  
One folly bringing hundreds more.  
Some have indeed been writ so neat,  
In characters so fair, so sweet,

and for which he was so very justly condemned. Aristippus, according to Laertius, held μη διαφέρειν τε ἡδονῆν ἡδονῆς, which irrational sentiment has been adopted by Maupertuis : " Tant qu'on ne considère que l'état présent, tous les plaisirs sont du même genre," &c. &c.

That those who judge not too severely,  
 Have said they lov'd such follies dearly.  
 Yet still, O book! the allusion stands;  
 For these were penn'd by *female* hands;  
 The rest — alas! I own the truth —  
 I have all been scribbled so uncouth  
 That Prudence, with a with'ring look,  
 Disdainful, flings away the book.  
 Like thine, its pages here and there  
 Have oft been stain'd with blots of care;  
 And sometimes hours of peace, I own,  
 Upon some fairer leaves have shown,  
 White as the snowings of that heav'n  
 By which those hours of peace were given.  
 But now no longer — such, O, such  
 The blast of Disappointment's touch! —  
 No longer now those hours appear;  
 Each leaf is sullied by a tear:  
 Blank, blank is ev'ry page with care,  
 Not ev'n a folly brightens there.  
 Will they yet brighten? — never, never!  
 Then *shut the book*, O God, forever!

—  
 TO ROSA.

SAY, why should the girl of my soul be in tears,  
 At a meeting of rapture like this,  
 When the glooms of the past and the sorrow of  
 years  
 Have been paid by one moment of bliss?

Are they shed for that moment of blissful delight,  
 Which dwells on her memory yet?  
 Do they flow, like the dews of the love-breathing  
 night,  
 From the warmth of the sun that has set?

O! sweet is the tear on that languishing smile,  
 That smile, which is loveliest then;  
 And if such are the drops that delight can  
 beguile,  
 Thou shalt weep them again and again.

—  
 LIGHT SOUNDS THE HARP.

LIGHT sounds the harp when the combat is over,  
 When heroes are resting, and joy is in bloom;  
 When laurels hang loose from the brow of the  
 lover,  
 And Cupid makes wings of the warrior's plume.  
 But, when the foe returns,  
 Again the hero burns;

High flames the sword in his hand once more:  
 The clang of mingling arms  
 Is then the sound that charms,  
 And brazen notes of war, that stirring trumpets  
 pour; —  
 Then, again comes the Harp, when the comat  
 is over —  
 When heroes are resting, and Joy is in bloom —  
 When laurels hang loose from the brow of the  
 lover,  
 And Cupid makes wings of the warrior's plume.

Light went the harp when the War-God,  
 reclining,  
 Lay lull'd on the white arm of Beauty to rest,  
 When round his rich armor the myrtle was  
 twining,  
 And flights of young doves made his helmet  
 their nest.

But, when the battle came,  
 The hero's eye breathed flame:  
 Soon from his neck the white arm was flung;  
 While, to his wakening ear,  
 No other sounds were dear  
 But brazen notes of war, by thousand trumpets  
 sung.  
 But then came the light harp, when danger was  
 ended,  
 And Beauty once more lull'd the War-God to  
 rest;  
 When tresses of gold with his laurels lay blended,  
 And flights of young doves made his helmet  
 their nest.

—  
 FROM THE GREEK OF MELEAGER.<sup>1</sup>

FILL high the cup with liquid flame,  
 And speak my Heliodora's name.  
 Repeat its magic o'er and o'er,  
 And let the sound my lips adore,  
 Live in the breeze, till every tone,  
 And word, and breath, speaks her alone.

Give me the wreath that withers there,  
 It was but last delicious night,  
 It circled her luxuriant hair,  
 And caught her eyes' reflected light.  
 O, haste, and twine it round my brow,  
 'Tis all of her that's left me now.

<sup>1</sup> Εγχει, και παλιν ειπε, παλιν, παλιν, Ηλιοδωρα  
 ειπε, συν ακρητω το γλυκυ μισθ' ονομα.  
 Και μοι τον βρεχθιντα μυρις και χθιζον εοντα,  
 Μναροσσηνον κεινας, αμφιτιθει στεφανον  
 Δακρυει φιλεραστον ιδου βοδον, οννεκα κεινεν  
 Αλλοθι κ' ου κολποις ημετεροις εσθρα.

And see — each rosebud drops a tear,  
To find the nymph no longer here —  
No longer, where such heavenly charms  
As hers *should* be — within these arms.

✓ —  
SONG.

Fly from the world, O Bessy! to me,  
Thou wilt never find any sincerer;  
I'll give up the world, O Bessy! for thee,  
I can never meet any that's dearer.  
Then tell me no more, with a tear and a sigh,  
That our loves will be censur'd by many;  
All, all have their follies, and who will deny  
That ours is the sweetest of any?

When your lip has met mine, in communion so  
sweet,

Have we felt as if virtue forbid it? —  
Have we felt as if heav'n denied them to meet? —  
No, rather 'twas heav'n that did it.  
So innocent, love, is the joy we then sip,  
So little of wrong is there in it,  
That I wish all your errors were lodg'd on your  
lip,  
And I'd kiss them away in a minute.

Then come to your lover, O, fly to his shed,  
From a world which I know thou despisest;  
And slumber will hover as light o'er our bed  
As e'er on the couch of the wisest.  
And when o'er our pillow the tempest is driven,  
And thou, pretty innocent, fearest,  
I'll tell thee, it is not the chiding of heav'n,  
'Tis only our lullaby, dearest.

And, O, while we lie on our death bed, my love,  
Looking back on the scene of our errors,  
A sigh from my Bessy shall plead then above,  
And Death be disarm'd of his terrors.  
And each to the other embracing will say,  
"Farewell! let us hope we're forgiven."  
Thy last fading glance will illumine the way,  
And a kiss be our passport to heaven!

—  
THE RESEMBLANCE.

— vo cercand' io,  
Donna, quant' e possibile, in altrui  
La desiata vostra forma vera.

PETRARCO. *Sonett.* 14.

Yes, if 'twere any common love,  
That led my pliant heart astray,

I grant, there's not a power above,  
Could wipe the faithless crime away.

But, 'twas my doom to err with one  
In every look so like to thee  
That, underneath yon blessed sun,  
So fair there are but thou and she.

Both born of beauty, at a birth,  
She held with thine a kindred sway,  
And wore the only shape on earth  
That could have lured my soul to stray.

Then blame me not, if false I be,  
'Twas love that wak'd the fond excess;  
My heart had been more true to thee,  
Had mine eye priz'd thy beauty less.

—  
FANNY, DEAREST.

Yes! had I leisure to sigh and mourn.  
Fanny, dearest, for thee I'd sigh;  
And every smile on my cheek should turn  
To tears when thou art nigh.  
But, between love, and wine, and sleep,  
So busy a life I live,  
That even the time it would take to weep  
Is more than my heart can give.  
Then bid me not to despair and pine,  
Fanny, dearest of all the dears!  
The Love that's ordered to bathe in wine,  
Would be sure to take cold in tears.

Reflected bright in this heart of mine,  
Fanny, dearest, thy image lies;  
But, ah, the mirror would cease to shine,  
If dimm'd too often with sighs.  
They lose the half of beauty's light,  
Who view it through sorrow's tear;  
And 'tis but to see thee, truly bright  
That I keep my eyebeam clear.  
Then wait no longer till tears shall flow,  
Fanny, dearest — the hope is vain;  
If sunshine cannot dissolve thy snow,  
I shall never attempt it with rain

—  
THE RING.

TO

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No — Lady! Lady! keep the ring:  
O, think, how many a future year,



Of placid smile and downy wing,  
May sleep within its holy sphere.

Do not disturb their tranquil dream,  
Though love hath ne'er the mystery warm'd ;  
Yet heav'n will shed a soothing beam,  
To bless the bond itself hath form'd.

But then, that eye, that burning eye, —  
O, it doth ask, with witching power,  
If heaven can ever bless the tie  
Where love inwreaths no genial flower ?

Away, away, bewildering look,  
Or all the boast of virtue's o'er ;  
Go — hie thee to the sage's book,  
And learn from him to feel no more.

I cannot warn thee: every touch,  
That brings my pulses close to thine,  
Tells me I want thy aid as much —  
Ev'n more, alas, than thou dost mine.

Yet, stay, — one hope, one effort yet —  
A moment turn those eyes away,  
And let me, if I can, forget  
The light that leads my soul astray.

Thou say'st that we were born to meet,  
That our hearts bear one common seal ; —  
Think, Lady, think, how man's deceit  
Can seem to sigh and feign to feel.

When, o'er thy face some gleam of thought,  
Like daybeams through the morning air,  
Hath gradual stole, and I have caught  
The feeling ere it kindled there ;

The sympathy I then betray'd,  
Perhaps was but the child of art,  
The guile of one who long hath play'd  
With all these wily nets of heart.

O, thine is not my earliest vow ;  
Though few the years I yet have told,  
Canst thou believe I've lived till now,  
With loveless heart or senses cold ?

No — other nymphs to joy and pain  
This wild and wandering heart hath mov'd ;  
With some it sported, wild and vain,  
While some it dearly, truly, lov'd.

The check to thine I fondly lay,  
To theirs hath been as fondly laid ;

The words to thee I warmly say,  
To them have been as warmly said.

Then, scorn at once a worthless heart,  
Worthless alike, or fix'd or free ;  
Think of the pure, bright soul thou art,  
And — love not me, O, love not me.

Enough — now, turn thine eyes again ;  
What, still that look and still that sigh !  
Dost thou not feel my counsel then ?  
O, no, beloved, — nor do I.

#### TO THE INVISIBLE GIRL.

THEY try to persuade me, my dear little sprite,  
That you're *not* a true daughter of ether and  
light,

Nor have any concern with those fanciful forms  
That dance upon rainbows and ride upon storms ;  
That, in short, you're a woman ; your lip and  
your eye

As mortal as ever drew gods from the sky.  
But I *will* not believe them — no, Science, to you  
I have long bid a last and a careless adieu :  
Still flying from Nature to study her laws,  
And dulling delight by exploring its cause,  
You forget how superior, for mortals below,  
Is the fiction they dream to the truth that they  
know.

O, who, that has e'er enjoyed rapture complete,  
Would ask *how* we feel it, or *why* it is sweet ;  
How rays are confus'd, or how particles fly  
Through the medium refin'd of a glance or a sigh ;  
Is there one, who but once would not rather  
have known it,

Than written, with Harvey, whole volumes  
upon it ?

As for you, my sweet-voiced and invisible love,  
You must surely be one of those spirits, that  
rove

By the bank where, at twilight, the poet reclines,  
When the star of the west on his solitude shines,  
And the magical fingers of fancy have hung  
Every breeze with a sigh, every leaf with a  
tongue.

O, hint to him then, 'tis retirement alone  
Can hallow his harp or ennoble its tone ;  
Like you, with a veil of seclusion between,  
His song to the world let him utter unseen,  
And like you, a legitimate child of the spheres,  
Escape from the eye to enrapture the ears.

Sweet spirit of mystery ! how I should love,  
 In the wearisome ways I am fated to rove,  
 To have you thus ever invisibly nigh,  
 Inhaling forever your song and your sigh !  
 'Mid the crowds of the world and the murmurs  
 of care,  
 I might sometimes converse with my nymph of  
 the air,  
 And turn with distaste from the clamorous crew,  
 To steal in the pauses one whisper from you.

Then, come and be near me, forever be mine,  
 We shall hold in the air a communion divine,  
 As sweet as, of old, was imagin'd to dwell  
 In the grotto of Numa, or Socrates' cell.  
 And oft, at those lingering moments of night,  
 When the heart's busy thoughts have put slum-  
 ber to flight,  
 You shall come to my pillow and tell me of love,  
 Such as angel to angel might whisper above.  
 Sweet spirit ! — and then, could you borrow the  
 tone  
 Of that voice, to my ear like some fairy song  
 known,  
 The voice of the one upon earth, who has twin'd  
 With her being forever my heart and my mind,  
 Though lonely and far from the light of her smile,  
 An exile, and weary and hopeless the while,  
 Could you shed for a moment her voice on my  
 ear,  
 I will think, for that moment, that Cara is near ;  
 That she comes with consoling enchantment to  
 speak,  
 And kisses my eyelid and breathes on my cheek,  
 And tells me, the night shall go rapidly by,  
 For the dawn of our hope, of our heaven is nigh.

Fair spirit ! if such be your magical power,  
 It will lighten the lapse of full many an hour ;  
 And, let fortune's realities frown as they will,  
 Hope, fancy, and Cara may smile for me still.

THE RING.<sup>1</sup> ✓

Annulus ille viri. — OVID. *Amor.* lib. ii. eleg. 15.

A TALE.

THE happy day at length arriv'd  
 When Rupert was to wed  
 The fairest maid in Saxony,  
 And take her to his bed.

<sup>1</sup> I should be sorry to think that my friend had any serious intentions of frightening the nursery by this story : I rather hope — though the manner of it leads me to doubt — that his

As soon as morn was in the sky,  
 The feast and sports began ;  
 The men admir'd the happy maid,  
 The maids the happy man.

In many a sweet device of mirth  
 The day was pass'd along ;  
 And some the featly dance amus'd,  
 And some the dulcet song.

The younger maids with Isabel  
 Disport'd through the bowers,  
 And deck'd her robe, and crown'd her head  
 With motley bridal flowers.

The matrons all in rich attire,  
 Within the castle walls,  
 Sat listening to the choral strains  
 That echo'd through the halls.

Young Rupert and his friends repair'd  
 Unto a spacious court,  
 To strike the bounding tennis ball  
 In feat and manly sport.

The bridegroom on his finger wore  
 The wedding ring so bright,  
 Which was to grace the lily hand  
 Of Isabel that night.

And fearing he might break the gem,  
 Or lose it in the play,  
 He look'd around the court, to see  
 Where he the ring might lay.

Now, in the court a statue stood,  
 Which there full long had been ;  
 It might a Heathen goddess be,  
 Or else, a Heathen queen.

Upon its marble finger then  
 He tried the ring to fit ;  
 And, thinking it was safest there,  
 Thereon he fasten'd it.

And now the tennis sports went on,  
 Till they were wearied all,

design was to ridicule that distempered taste which prefers those monsters of the fancy to the "speciosa miracula" of true poetic imagination.

I find, by a note in the manuscript, that he met with this story in a German author, *Fromman upon Fascination*, book iii. part vi. ch. 18. On consulting the work, I perceive that Fromman quotes it from Beluacensis, among many other stories equally diabolical and interesting. E.

And messengers announc'd to them  
Their dinner in the hall.

Young Rupert for his wedding ring  
Unto the statue went ;  
But, O, how shock'd was he to find  
The marble finger bent !

The hand was clos'd upon the ring  
With firm and mighty clasp ;  
In vain he tried, and tried, and tried,  
He could not loose the grasp !

Then sore surpris'd was Rupert's mind —  
As well his mind might be ;  
"I'll come," quoth he, "at night again,  
"When none are here to see."

He went unto the feast, and much  
He thought upon his ring ;  
And marvell'd sorely what could mean  
So very strange a thing !

The feast was o'er, and to the court,  
He hied without delay,  
Resolv'd to break the marble hand  
And force the ring away.

But, mark a stranger wonder still —  
The ring was there no more,  
And yet the marble hand ungrasp'd,  
And open as before !

He search'd the base, and all the court,  
But nothing could he find ;  
Then to the castle hied he back  
With sore bewilder'd mind.

Within he found them all in mirth,  
The night in dancing dew ;  
The youth another ring procur'd,  
And none the adventure knew.

And now the priest has join'd their hands,  
The hours of love advance:  
Rupert almost forgets to think  
Upon the morn's mischance.

Within the bed fair Isabel  
In blushing sweetness lay,  
Like flowers, half open'd by the dawn,  
And waiting for the day.

And Rupert, by her lovely side,  
In youthful beauty glows,

Like Phœbus, when he bends to cast  
His beams upon a rose.

And here my song would leave them both,  
Nor let the rest be told,  
If 'twere not for the horrid tale  
It yet has to unfold.

Soon Rupert, 'twixt his bride and him,  
A death-cold carcass found ;  
He saw it not, but thought he felt  
Its arms embrace him round.

He started up, and then return'd,  
But found the phantom still ;  
In vain he shrunk, it clipp'd him round,  
With damp and deadly chill !

And when he bent, the earthy lips  
A kiss of horror gave ;  
'Twas like the smell from charnel vaults  
Or from the mould'ring grave !

Ill fated Rupert ! — wild and loud  
Then cried he to his wife,  
"O, save me from this horrid fiend,  
"My Isabel ! my life !"

But Isabel had nothing seen,  
She look'd around in vain ;  
And much she mourn'd the mad conceit  
That rack'd her Rupert's brain.

At length from this invisible  
These words to Rupert came :  
(O God ! while he did hear the words  
What terrors shook his frame !)

"Husband, husband, I've the ring  
"Thou gav'st to-day for me ;  
"And thou'rt to me forever wed,  
"As I am wed to thee !"

And all the night the demon lay  
Cold chilling by his side,  
And strain'd him with such deadly grasp,  
He thought he should have died.

But when the dawn of day was near,  
The horrid phantom fled,  
And left th' affrighted youth to weep  
By Isabel in bed.

And all that day a gloomy cloud  
Was seen on Rupert's brows ;



Fair Isabel was likewise sad,  
But strove to cheer her spouse.

And, as the day advanc'd, he thought  
Of coming night with fear:  
Alas, that he should dread to view  
The bed that should be dear!

At length the second night arriv'd,  
Again their couch they press'd;  
Poor Rupert hop'd that all was o'er,  
And look'd for love and rest.

But O, when midnight came, again  
The fiend was at his side,  
And, as it strain'd him in its grasp,  
With howl exulting cried:—

"Husband, husband, I've the ring,  
"The ring thou gav'st to me;  
"And thou'rt to me forever wed,  
"As I am wed to thee!"

In agony of wild despair,  
He started from the bed;  
And thus to his bewilder'd wife  
The trembling Rupert said:

"O Isabel! dost thou not see  
"A shape of horrors here,  
"That strains me to its deadly kiss,  
"And keeps me from my dear?"

"No, no, my love! my Rupert, I  
"No shape of horrors see;  
"And much I mourn the fantasy  
"That keeps my dear from me."

This night, just like the night before,  
In terrors pass'd away,  
Nor did the demon vanish thence  
Before the dawn of day.

Said Rupert then, "My Isabel,  
"Dear partner of my woe,  
"To Father Austin's holy cave  
"This instant will I go."

Now Austin was a reverend man,  
Who acted wonders maint—  
Whom all the country round believ'd  
A devil or a saint!

To Father Austin's holy cave  
Then Rupert straightway went;

And told him all, and ask'd him how  
These horrors to prevent.

The father heard the youth, and then  
Retir'd a while to pray;  
And, having pray'd for half an hour,  
Thus to the youth did say:

"There is a place where four roads meet,  
"Which I will tell to thee;  
"Be there this eve, at fall of night,  
"And list what thou shalt see.

"Thou'lt see a group of figures pass  
"In strange disorder'd crowd,  
"Travelling by torchlight through the roads,  
"With noises strange and loud.

"And one that's high above the rest,  
"Terrific towering o'er,  
"Will make thee know him at a glance,  
"So I need say no more.

"To him from me these tablets give,  
"They'll quick be understood;  
"Thou need'st not fear, but give them straight  
"I've scrawl'd them with my blood."

The nightfall came, and Rupert all  
In pale amazement went  
To where the cross roads met, as he  
Was by the Father sent.

And lo! a group of figures came  
In strange disorder'd crowd,  
Travelling by torchlight through the roads,  
With noises strange and loud.

And, as the gloomy train advanc'd,  
Rupert beheld from far  
A female form of wanton mien  
High seated on a oar.

And Rupert, as he gazed upon  
The loosely-vested dame,  
Thought of the marble statue's look,  
For hers was just the same.

Behind her walk'd a hideous form,  
With eyeballs flashing death;  
Whene'er he breath'd, a sulphur'd smoke  
Came burning in his breath.

He seem'd the first of all the crowd,  
Terrific towering o'er.

"Yes, yes," said Rupert, "this is he,  
"And I need ask no more."

Then slow he went, and to this fiend  
The tablets trembling gave,  
Who look'd and read them with a yell  
That would disturb the grave.

And when he saw the blood-scrawl'd name,  
His eyes with fury shine;  
"I thought," cries he, "his time was out,  
"But he must soon be mine!"

Then darting at the youth a look  
Which rent his soul with fear,  
He went unto the female fiend,  
And whisper'd in her ear.

The female fiend no sooner heard  
Than, with reluctant look,  
The very ring that Rupert lost,  
She from her finger took.

And, giving it unto the youth,  
With eyes that breath'd of hell,  
She said, in that tremendous voice,  
Which he remember'd well:

"In Austin's name take back the ring,  
"The ring thou gav'st to me;  
"And thou'rt to me no longer wed,  
"Nor longer I to thee."

He took the ring, the rabble pass'd,  
He home return'd again;  
His wife was then the happiest fair,  
The happiest he of men.

TO

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ON SEEING HER WITH A WHITE VEIL AND A RICH  
GIRDLE.

*Μαργαριταὶ ἀηλοῦσι δακρυῶν ῥοοῦ.*  
*Ἀρ. Νικετηριῶν. in Onirocritico.*

Put off the vestal veil, nor, O,  
Let weeping angels view it;  
Your cheeks belie its virgin snow,  
And blush repenting through it.

Put off the fatal zone you wear;  
The shining pearls around it

Are tears, that fell from Virtue there,  
The hour when Love unbound it.

WRITTEN IN THE BLANK LEAF OF A  
LADY'S COMMONPLACE BOOK.

HERE is one leaf reserv'd for me,  
From all thy sweet memorials free;  
And here my simple song might tell  
The feelings thou must guess so well.  
But could I thus, within thy mind,  
One little vacant corner find,  
Where no impression yet is seen,  
Where no memorial yet hath been,  
O, it should be my sweetest care  
To write my name forever there!

TO MRS. BL—.

WRITTEN IN HER ALBUM.

THEY say that Love had once a book  
(The urchin likes to copy you),  
Where, all who came, the pencil took,  
And wrote, like us, a line or two.

'Twas Innocence, the maid divine,  
Who kept this volume bright and fair,  
And saw that no unhallow'd line  
Or thought profane should enter there;

And daily did the pages fill  
With fond device and loving lore,  
And every leaf she turn'd was still  
More bright than that she turn'd before.

Beneath the touch of Hope, how soft,  
How light the magic pencil ran!  
Till Fear would come, alas, as oft,  
And trembling close what Hope began.

A tear or two had dropp'd from Grief,  
And Jealousy would, now and then,  
Ruffle in haste some snow-white leaf,  
Which Love had still to smooth again.

But, ah! there came a blooming boy,  
Who often turn'd the pages o'er  
And wrote therein such words of joy,  
That all who read them sigh'd for more.

And Pleasure was this spirit's name,  
And though so soft his voice and look,

Yet Innocence, whene'er he came,  
Would tremble for her spotless book.

For, oft a Bacchant cup he bore,  
With earth's sweet nectar sparkling bright;  
And much she fear'd lest, mantling o'er,  
Some drops should on the pages light.

And so it chanc'd, one luckless night,  
The urchin let that goblet fall  
O'er the fair book, so pure, so white,  
And sullied lines and marge and all !

In vain now, touch'd with shame, he tried  
To wash those fatal stains away ;  
Deep, deep had sunk the sullying tide,  
The leaves grew darker every day.

And Fancy's sketches lost their hue,  
And Hope's sweet lines were all effac'd,  
And Love himself now scarcely knew  
What Love himself so lately trac'd.

At length the urchin Pleasure fled,  
(For how, alas ! could Pleasure stay ?)  
And Love, while many a tear he shed,  
Reluctant flung the book away.

The index now alone remains,  
Of all the pages spoil'd by Pleasure,  
And though it bears some earthy stains,  
Yet Memory counts the leaf a treasure.

And oft, they say, she scans it o'er,  
And oft, by this memorial aided,  
Brings back the pages now no more,  
And thinks of lines that long have faded.

I know not if this tale be true,  
But 'hus the simple facts are stated ;  
And I refer their truth to you,  
Since Love and you are near related.

TO CARA,

AFTER AN INTERVAL OF ABSENCE.

CONCEAL'D within the shady wood  
A mother left her sleeping child,  
And flew, to cull her rustic food,  
The fruitage of the forest wild.

But storms upon her pathway rise,  
The mother roams, astray and weeping ;

Far from the weak appealing cries  
Of him she left so sweetly sleeping.

She hopes, she fears ; a light is seen,  
And gentler blows the night wind's breath,  
Yet no — 'tis gone — the storms are keen,  
The infant may be chill'd to death !

Perhaps, ev'n now, in darkness shrouded,  
His little eyes lie cold and still ; —  
And yet, perhaps, they are not clouded  
Life and love may light them still.

Thus, Cara, at our last farewell,  
When, fearful ev'n thy hand to touch,  
I mutely asked those eyes to tell  
If parting pain'd thee half so much :

I thought, — and, O, forgive the thought,  
For none was e'er by love inspir'd  
Whom fancy had not also taught  
To hope the bliss his soul desir'd.

Yes, I *did* think, in Cara's mind,  
Though yet to that sweet mind unknown,  
I left one infant wish behind,  
One feeling, which I called my own.

O blest ! though but in fancy blest,  
How did I ask of Pity's care,  
To shield and strengthen, in thy breast,  
The nursing I had cradled there.

And, many an hour, beguil'd by pleasure,  
And many an hour of sorrow numbering,  
I ne'er forgot the new-born treasure,  
I left within thy bosom slumbering.

Perhaps, indifference has not chill'd it,  
Haply, it yet a throb may give —  
Yet, no — perhaps, a doubt has kill'd it ;  
Say, dearest — *does* the feeling live ?

TO CARA,

ON THE DAWNING OF A NEW YEAR'S DAY

WHEN midnight came to close the year,  
We sigh'd to think it thus should take  
The hours it gave us — hours as dear  
As sympathy and love could make  
Their blessed moments, — every sun  
Saw us, my love, more closely one.

But, Cara, when the dawn was nigh  
Which came a new year's light to shed,  
That smile we caught from eye to eye  
Told us, those moments were not fled;  
O, no, — we felt, some future sun  
Should see us still more closely one.

Thus may we ever, side by side,  
From happy years to happier glide;  
And still thus may the passing sigh  
We give to hours, that vanish o'er us,  
Be follow'd by the smiling eye,  
That Hope shall shed on scenes before us!

TO . . . . ., 1801.

To be the theme of every hour  
The heart devotes to Fancy's power,  
When her prompt magic fills the mind  
With friends and joys we've left behind,  
And joys return and friends are near,  
And all are welcom'd with a tear: —  
In the mind's purest seat to dwell,  
To be remember'd oft and well  
By one whose heart, though vain and wild,  
By passion led, by youth beguil'd,  
Can proudly still aspire to be  
All that may yet win smiles from thee: —  
If thus to live in every part  
Of a lone, weary wanderer's heart;  
If thus to be its sole employ  
Can give thee one faint gleam of joy,  
Believe it, Mary, — O, believe  
A tongue that never can deceive,  
Though, erring, it too oft betray  
Ev'n more than Love should dare to say, —  
In Pleasure's dream or Sorrow's hour,  
In crowded hall or lonely bower,  
The business of my life shall be,  
Forever to remember thee.  
And though that heart be dead to mine,  
Since Love is life and wakes not thine,  
I'll take thy image, as the form  
Of one whom Love had fail'd to warm,  
Which, though it yield no answering thrill,  
Is not less dear, is worshipp'd still —  
I'll take it, wheresoe'er I stray,  
The bright, cold burden of my way.  
To keep this semblance fresh in bloom,  
My heart shall be its lasting tomb,  
And Memory, with embalming care,  
Shall keep it fresh and fadeless there.

## THE GENIUS OF HARMONY.

AN IRREGULAR ODE.

Ad harmoniam canere mundum.

CICERO de Nat. Deor. lib. iii

THERE lies a shell beneath the waves,  
In many a hollow winding wreath'd,  
Such as of old  
Echoed the breath that warbling sea maids  
breath'd;  
This magic shell,  
From the white bosom of a siren fell,  
As once she wander'd by the tide that laves  
Sicilia's sands of gold.  
It bears  
Upon its shining side the mystic notes  
Of those entrancing airs,<sup>1</sup>  
The geni of the deep were wont to swell,  
When heaven's eternal orbs their midnight mu-  
sic roll'd!  
O, seek it, wheresoe'er it floats;  
And, if the power  
Of thrilling numbers to thy soul be dear,  
Go, bring the bright shell to my bower,  
And I will fold thee in such downy dreams  
As lap the Spirit of the Seventh Sphere,  
When Luna's distant tone falls faintly on his  
ear!<sup>2</sup>  
And thou shalt own,  
That, through the circle of creation's zone,  
Where matter slumbers or where spirit beams;

<sup>1</sup> In the "Histoire Naturelle des Antilles," there is an account of some curious shells, found at Curaçoa, on the back of which were lines, filled with musical characters so distinct and perfect, that the writer assures us a very charming trio was sung from one of them. "On le nomme musical, parcequ'il porte sur le dos des lignes noires pleines de notes, qui ont une espèce de clé pour les mettre en chant, de sorte que l'on droit qu'il ne manque que la lettre c cette tablature naturelle. Ce curieux gentilhomme (M. du Montel) rapporte qu'il en avâ qui avoient cinq lignes, une clé, et des notes, qui formoient un accord parfait. Quelqu'un y avoit ajouté la lettre, que la nature avoit oubliée, et la faisoit chanter en forme de trio, dont l'air étoit fort agréable." — Chap. xix. art. 11. The author adds, a poet might imagine that these shells were used by the sirens at their concerts.

<sup>2</sup> According to Cicero, and his commentator, Macrobius, the lunar tone is the gravest and faintest on the planetary heptachord. "Quam ob causam summus ille cœli stellifer cursus, cujus conversio est concitator, acuto et excitato movetur sono; gravissimo autem hic lunaris atque infimus." — *Sonn. Scip.* Because, says Macrobius, "spiritu ut in extremitate languescente jam voluit, et propter angustias quibus penultimus orbis arctatur impetu leniore convertitur." — *In Sonn. Scip. lib. ii. cap. 4.* In their musical arrangement of heavenly bodies, the ancient writers are not very intelligible. — See *Ptolem. lib. iii.*

From the pellucid tides,<sup>1</sup> that whirl  
The planets through their maze of song,  
To the small rill, that weeps along  
Murmuring o'er beds of pearl;  
From the rich sigh  
Of the sun's arrow through an evening sky,<sup>2</sup>  
To the faint breath the tuneful osier yields  
On Afric's burning fields;<sup>3</sup>  
Thou'lt wondering own this universe divine  
Is mine!  
That I respire in all and all in me,  
One mighty mingled soul of boundless har-  
mony.

Welcome, welcome, mystic shell!  
Many a star has ceas'd to burn,<sup>4</sup>  
Many a tear has Saturn's urn  
O'er the cold bosom of the ocean wept,<sup>5</sup>  
Since thy aerial spell  
Hath in the waters slept.  
Now blest I'll fly  
With the bright treasure to my choral sky,  
Where she, who wak'd its early swell,  
The Siren of the heavenly choir,  
Walks o'er the great string of my Orphic Lyre;<sup>6</sup>

Or guides around the burning pole  
The winged chariot of some blissful sou. :<sup>7</sup>  
While thou —  
O son of earth, what dreams shall rise for thee!  
Beneath Hispania's sun,  
Thou'lt see a streamlet run,  
Which I've imbued with breathing melody;<sup>8</sup>  
And there, when night winds down the current  
die,  
Thou'lt hear how like a harp its waters sigh.  
A liquid chord is every wave that flows,  
An airy plectrum every breeze that blows.<sup>9</sup>

There, by that wondrous stream,  
Go, lay thy languid brow,  
And I will send thee such a godlike dream,  
As never bless'd the slumbers even of him,<sup>10</sup>  
Who, many a night, with his primordial lyre,<sup>11</sup>  
Sate on the chill Pangæan mount,<sup>12</sup>  
And, looking to the orient Æim,  
Watch'd the first flowing of that sacred fount,  
From which his soul had drunk its fire.  
O, think what visions, in that lonely hour,  
Stole o'er his musing breast:  
What pious ecstasy!<sup>13</sup>

Leone Hebreo, pursuing the idea of Aristotle, that the heavens are animal, attributes their harmony to perfect and reciprocal love. "Non pero manca fra loro il perfetto et reciproco amore: la causa principale, che ne mostra il loro amore, è la lor amicitia armonica et la concordanza, che perpetuamente si trova in loro." — Dialog. ii. di Amore, p. 58. This "reciproco amore" of Leone is the φιλοτης of the ancient Empedocles, who seems, in his Love and Hate of the Elements, to have given a glimpse of the principles of attraction and repulsion. See the fragment to which I allude in Lucretius, Αλλοτε μιν φιλοτητι, συνερχομεν', κ. τ. λ. in *Asiolog.* cap. 2, n. 12.

<sup>1</sup> Leucippus, the atomist, imagined a kind of vortices in the heavens, which he borrowed from Anaxagoras, and possibly suggested to Descartes.

<sup>2</sup> Heraclides, upon the allegories of Homer, conjectures that the idea of the harmony of the spheres originated with this poet, who, in representing the solar beams as arrows, supposes them to emit a peculiar sound in the air.

<sup>3</sup> In the account of Africa which D'Ablancourt has translated, there is mention of a tree in that country, whose branches when shaken by the hand produce very sweet sounds. "Le même auteur (Abenzégar) dit, qu'il y a un certain arbre, qui produit des gaules comme d'osier, et qu'en les prenant à la main et les branlant, elles font une espèce d'harmonie fort agréable," &c. &c. — *L'Afrique de Marmol.*

<sup>4</sup> Alluding to the extinction, or at least the disappearance, of some of those fixed stars, which we are taught to consider as suns, attended each by its system. Descartes thought that our earth might formerly have been a sun, which became obscured by a thick incrustation over its surface. This probably suggested the idea of a central fire.

<sup>5</sup> Porphyry says, that Pythagoras held the sea to be a tear, *την θαλατταν μιν εκαλει ειναι δακρυον* (De Vita); and some one else, if I mistake not, has added the planet Saturn as the source of it. Empedocles, with similar affectation, called

the sea "the sweat of the earth:" *ιδρωτα της γης*. See *Rittershusius upon Porphyry*, Num. 41.

<sup>6</sup> The system of the harmonized orbs was styled by the ancients the Great Lyre of Orpheus, for which Lucian thus accounts: — *ή δε Διρη Ἰππαριτος εουσα την των κινουμενων αστρον αρμονιαν συνεβλητο. κ. τ. λ. in Asiolog.*

<sup>7</sup> *Δειλε ψυχας ισραηθιμους τοις αστροις, ενειμε θ' ἑκαστην προς ἑκαστον, και εμβεβασας ὄς εἰς οχθημα* — "Distributing the souls severally among the stars, and mounting each soul upon a star as on its chariot." — *Plato, Timæus*.

<sup>8</sup> This musical river is mentioned in the romance of Achilles Tatius. *Επει ποτιμον . . . ην δε ακουσαι θελης του ἕδατος λαλουντος*. The Latin version, in supplying the hiatus which is in the original, has placed the river in Hispania. "In Hispaniâ quoque fluvius est, quem primo aspectu," &c. &c.

<sup>9</sup> These two lines are translated from the words of Achilles Tatius. *Εαν γαρ ολιγος ανεμος εις τας διους εμπεισῃ, το μιν ἕδωρ ὡς χοροη κρουεται. το δε πνευμα του ἕδατος πληκτρον γινεται. το βρεμα δε ὡς κιθαρη λαλει.* — *Lib. ii.*

<sup>10</sup> Orpheus.

<sup>11</sup> They called his lyre *αρχαιοτροπιον ἑπαχροδον Ορφεου*. See a curious work by a professor of Greek at Venice, entitled "Hebdomades, sive septem de septenario libri." — *Ibid. iv. cap. 3, p. 177.*

<sup>12</sup> Eratosthenes, in mentioning the extreme veneration of Orpheus by Apollo, says that he was accustomed to go to the Pangæan mountain at daybreak, and there wait the rising of the sun, that he might be the first to hail its beams. *Επεγειρομενος τε της νυκτος, και την εωθινην επι το ορος το καλονμενον Παγγαιον, προσεμενε τας ανατολας, ινα ιδη τον Ἥλιον πρωτον.* — *Καταστρισημ, 24.*

<sup>13</sup> There are some verses of Orpheus preserved to us, which contain sublime ideas of the unity and magnificence of the Deity. For instance, those which Justin Martyr has produced:



Wafted his prayer to that eternal Power,  
Whose seal upon this new-born world imprest<sup>1</sup>  
The various forms of bright divinity!

Or, dost thou know what dreams I wove,  
'Mid the deep horror of that silent bower,<sup>2</sup>  
Where the rapt Samian slept his holy slumber?

When, free

From every earthly chain,  
From wreaths of pleasure and from bonds of  
pain,

His spirit flew through fields above,  
Drank at the source of nature's fontal number,<sup>3</sup>  
And saw, in mystic choir, around him move  
The stars of song, Heaven's burning minstrelsy!

Such dreams, so heavenly bright,

I swear

By the great diadem that twines my hair,  
And by the seven gems that sparkle there,<sup>4</sup>  
Mingling their beams

In a soft iris of harmonious light,

O, mortal! such shall be thy radiant dreams.

I FOUND her not — the chamber seem'd  
Like some divinely-haunted place,  
Where fairy forms had lately beam'd,  
And left behind their odorous trace!

Οὗτος ἦν χαλκεῖον ἐς οὐρανὸν ἐσθρηκταί  
Χρῆσιον ἐν θρονῷ, κ. τ. λ. Ad Græc Cohortat.

It is thought by some, that these are to be reckoned amongst the fabrications, which were frequent in the early times of Christianity. Still, it appears doubtful to whom they are to be attributed, being too pious for the Pagans, and too poetical for the Fathers.

<sup>1</sup> In one of the Hymns of Orpheus, he attributes a figured seal to Apollo, with which he imagines that deity to have stamped a variety of forms upon the universe.

<sup>2</sup> Alluding to the cave near Samos, where Pythagoras devoted the greater part of his days and nights to meditation and the mysteries of his philosophy. *Iamblich. de Vit.* This, as Holstein remarks, was in imitation of the Magi.

<sup>3</sup> The tetractys, or sacred number of the Pythagoreans, on which they solemnly swore, and which they called *πυθαγορείαν ἑστῶτος*, "the fountain of perennial nature." Lucian has ridiculed this religious arithmetic very cleverly in his *Sale of Philosophers*.

<sup>4</sup> This *crademe* is intended to represent the analogy between the notes of music and the prismatic colors. We find in Plutarch a vague intimation of this kindred harmony in colors and sounds. — *Οφεις τε και ακοη, μετα φωνης τε και φωτος την αρμονιαν επιφαινοσσι.* — *De Musica.*

Cassiodorus, whose idea I may be supposed to have borrowed, says, in a letter upon music to Boetius, "Ut diadema oculis, varia luce gemmarum, sic cythara diversitate soni, blanditur auditui." This is indeed the only tolerable thought in the letter. — Lib. ii. Variar.

It felt, as if her lips had shed  
A sigh around her, ere she fled,  
Which hung, as on a melting lute,  
When all the silver chords are mute,  
'There lingers still a trembling breath  
After the note's luxurious death,  
A shade of song, a spirit air  
Of melodies which had been there.

I saw the veil, which, all the day,  
Had floated o'er her cheek of rose;  
I saw the couch, where late she lay  
In languor of divine repose;  
And I could trace the hallow'd print  
Her limbs had left, as pure and warm,  
As if 'twere done in rapture's mind,  
And Love himself had stamp'd the form

O my sweet mistress, where wert thou?  
In pity fly not thus from me;  
Thou art my life, my essence now,  
And my soul dies of wanting thee.

TO

MRS. HENRY TIGHE,

ON READING HER "PSYCHE."

TELL me the witching tale again,  
For never has my heart or ear  
Hung on so sweet, so pure a strain,  
So pure to feel, so sweet to hear.

Say, Love, in all thy prime of fame,  
When the high heaven itself was thine;  
When piety confess'd the flame,  
And even thy errors were divine;

Did ever Muse's hand, so fair,  
A glory round thy temples spread?  
Did ever lip's ambrosial air  
Such fragrance o'er thy altars shed?

One maid there was, who round her lyre  
The mystic myrtle wildly wreath'd; —  
But all *her* sighs were sighs of fire,  
The myrtle wither'd as she breath'd.

O, you, that love's celestial dream,  
In all its purity, would know,  
Let not the senses' ardent beam  
Too strongly through the vision glow.

Love safest lies, conceal'd in night,  
The night where heaven has bid him lie!

O, shed not there unhallow'd light,  
Or, Psyche knows, the boy will fly.<sup>1</sup>

Sweet Psyche, many a charmed hour,  
Through many a wild and magic waste,  
To the fair fount and blissful bower<sup>2</sup>  
Have I, in dreams, thy light foot trac'd !

Where'er thy joys are number'd now,  
Beneath whatever shades of rest,  
The Genius of the starry brow<sup>3</sup>  
Hath bound thee to thy Cupid's breast ;

Whether above the horizon dim,  
Along whose verge our spirits stray, —  
Half sunk beneath the shadowy rim,  
Half brighten'd by the upper ray, <sup>4</sup> —

Thou dwellest in a world, all light,  
Or, lingering here, dost love to be,  
To other souls, the guardian bright  
That Love was, through this gloom, to thee ;

Still be the song to Pysche dear,  
The song, whose gentle voice was given  
To be, on earth, to mortal ear,  
An echo of her own, in heaven.

FROM THE HIGH PRIEST OF APOLLO

TO A VIRGIN OF DELPHI.<sup>5</sup>

Cum digno digna.....  
SULPICIA.

" Who is the maid, with golden hair,  
" With eye of fire, and foot of air,

<sup>1</sup> See the story in Apuleius. With respect to this beautiful allegory of Love and Psyche, there is an ingenious idea suggested by the senator Buonarrotti, in his " Osservazioni sopra alcuni frammenti di vasi antichi." He thinks the fable is taken from some very occult mysteries, which had long been celebrated in honor of Love ; and accounts, upon this supposition, for the silence of the more ancient authors upon the subject, as it was not till towards the decline of pagan superstition, that writers could venture to reveal or discuss such ceremonies. Accordingly, observes this author, we find Lucian and Plutarch treating, without reserve, of the Dea Syria, as well as of Isis and Osiris ; and Apuleius, to whom we are indebted for the beautiful story of Cupid and Psyche, has also detailed some of the mysteries of Isis. See the *Giornale di Letterati d'Italia*, tom. xxvii. articeol. 1. See also the observations upon the ancient gems in the *Museum Florentinum*, vol. i. p. 156.

I cannot avoid remarking here an error into which the French Encyclopédistes have been led by M. Spon, in their article Psyche. They say " Petrone fait un récit de la pompe nuptiale de ces deux amans (Amour et Psyche). Déjà, dit-

" Whose harp around my altar swells,  
" The sweetest of a thousand shells ?"  
'Twas thus the deity, who treads  
The arch of heaven, and proudly sheds  
Day from his eyelids — thus he spoke,  
As through my cell his glories broke.

Aphelia is the Delphic fair,<sup>6</sup>  
With eyes of fire and golden hair,  
Aphelia are the airy feet,  
And hers the harp divinely sweet ;  
For foot so light has never trod  
The laurel'd caverns<sup>7</sup> of the god,  
Nor harp so soft hath ever given  
A sigh to earth or hymn to heaven.

" Then tell the virgin to unfold,  
" In looser pomp, her locks of gold,  
" And bid those eyes more fondly shine  
" To welcome down a Spouse Divine ;  
" Since He, who lights the path of years —  
" Even from the fount of morning's tears  
" To where his setting splendors burn  
" Upon the western sea-maid's urn —  
" Doth not, in all his course, behold  
" Such eyes of fire, such hair of gold.

il," &c. &c. The Psyche of Petronius, however, is a servant maid, and the marriage which he describes is that of the young Pannychis. See Spon's *Recherches curieuses*, &c. Dissertat. 5.

<sup>2</sup> Allusions to Mrs. Tighe's Poems.

<sup>3</sup> Constancy.

<sup>4</sup> By this image the Platonists expressed the middle state of the soul between sensible and intellectual existence.

<sup>5</sup> This poem, as well as a few others in the following volume, formed part of a work which I had early projected, and even announced to the public, but which, luckily, perhaps, for myself, had been interrupted by my visit to America in the year 1803.

Among those impostures in which the priests of the pagan temples are known to have indulged, one of the most favorite was that of announcing to some fair votary of the shrine that the God himself had become enamoured of her beauty, and would descend in all his glory, to pay her a visit within the recesses of the fane. An adventure of this description formed an episode in the classic romance which I had sketched out ; and the short fragment, given above, belongs to an epistle by which the story was to have been introduced.

<sup>6</sup> In the 9th Pythic of Pindar, where Apollo, in the same manner, requires of Chiron some information respecting the fair Cyrene, the Centaur, in obeying, very gravely apologizes for telling the God what his omniscience must know so perfectly already :

Εἰ δὲ γε χολὴ καὶ παρὰ σοφὸν ἀντιφερίζαι,  
Ἐρεω.

<sup>7</sup> Ἄλλ' εἰς δαφνώδη γυαλα βήσομαι ταδ.

EURIPID. *Ion*. v. 76.

"Tell her, he comes, in blissful pride,  
 "His lip yet sparkling with the tide  
 "That mantles in Olympian bowls, —  
 "The nectar of eternal souls!  
 "For her, for her he quits the skies,  
 "And to her kiss from nectar flies.  
 "O, he would quit his star-thron'd height,  
 "And leave the world to pine for light,  
 "Might he but pass the hours of shade,  
 "Beside his peerless Delphic maid,  
 "She, more than earthly woman blest,  
 "He, more than god on woman's breast!"

There is a cave beneath the steep,<sup>1</sup>  
 Where living rills of crystal weep  
 O'er herbage of the loveliest hue  
 That ever spring begem'd with dew:  
 There oft the greensward's glossy tint  
 Is brighten'd by the recent print  
 Of many a faun and naiad's feet, —  
 Scarce touching earth, their step so fleet, —  
 That there, by moonlight's ray, had trod,  
 In light dance, o'er the verdant sod.  
 "There, there," the god, impassion'd, said,  
 "Soon as the twilight tinge is fled,  
 "And the dim orb of lunar souls<sup>2</sup>  
 "Along its shadowy pathway rolls —  
 "There shall we meet, — and not ev'n He,  
 "The God who reigns immortally,  
 "Where Babel's turrets paint their pride  
 "Upon th' Euphrates' shining tide,<sup>3</sup> —  
 "Not ev'n when to his midnight loves  
 "In mystic majesty he moves,  
 "Lighted by many an odorous fire,  
 "And hymn'd by all Chaldea's choir, —  
 "E'er yet, o'er mortal brow, let shine  
 "Such effluence of Love Divine,  
 "As shall to-night, blest maid, o'er thine."

Happy the maid, whom heaven allows  
 To break for heaven her virgin vows!

<sup>1</sup> The Corycian Cave, which Pausanias mentions. The inhabitants of Parnassus held it sacred to the Corycian nymphs, who were children of the River Plistus.

<sup>2</sup> See note 1, p. 102. It should seem that lunar spirits were of a purer order than spirits in general, as Pythagoras was said by his followers to have descended from the regions of the moon. The heresiarch Manes, in the same manner, imagined that the sun and moon are the residence of Christ, and that the ascension was nothing more than his flight to those orbs.

<sup>3</sup> The temple of Jupiter Belus, at Babylon; in one of whose towers there was a large chapel set apart for these celestial assignations. "No man is allowed to sleep here," says Herodotus; "but the apartment is appropriated to a female, when if we believe the Chaldean priests, the deity

Happy the maid! — her robe of shame  
 Is whiten'd by a heavenly flame,  
 Whose glory, with a lingering trace,  
 Shines through and deifies her race!<sup>4</sup>

#### FRAGMENT.

PITY me, love! I'll pity thee,  
 If thou indeed has felt like me.  
 All, all my bosom's peace is o'er!  
 At night, which *was* my hour of calm,  
 When from the page of classic lore,  
 From the pure fount of ancient lay  
 My soul has drawn the placid balm,  
 Which charm'd its every grief away,  
 Ah! there I find that balm no more.  
 Those spells, which make us oft forget  
 The fleeting troubles of the day,  
 In deeper sorrows only whet  
 The stings they cannot tear away.  
 When to my pillow rack'd I fly,  
 With wearied sense and wakeful eye,  
 While my brain maddens, where, O, where  
 Is that serene consoling pray'r,  
 Which once has harbinger'd my rest,  
 When the still soothing voice of Heaven  
 Hath seem'd to whisper in my breast,  
 "Sleep on, thy errors are forgiven!"  
 No, though I still in semblance pray,  
 My thoughts are wandering far away,  
 And even the name of Deity  
 Is murmur'd out in sighs for thee.

#### A NIGHT THOUGHT.

How oft a cloud, with envious veil,  
 Obscures yon bashful light,  
 Which seems so modestly to steal  
 Along the waste of night!

'Tis thus the world's obtrusive wrongs  
 Obscure with malice keen  
 Some timid heart, which only longs  
 To live and die unseen.

selects from the women of the country, as his favorite." Lib. i. cap. 181.

<sup>4</sup> Fontenelle, in his playful *rifacimento* of the learned materials of Van-Dale, has related in his own inimitable manner an adventure of this kind which was detected and exposed at Alexandria. See L'Histoire des Oracles, dissert. 2, chap. vii. Crebillon, too, in one of his most amusing little stories, has made the Génie Mange-Taupes, of the Isle Jonquille, assert this privilege of spiritual beings in a manner rather formidable to the husbands of the island.



THE KISS.

GROW to my lip, thou sacred kiss,  
 On which my soul's beloved swore  
 That there should come a time of bliss,  
 When she would mock my hopes no more.  
 And fancy shall thy glow renew,  
 In sighs at morn, and dreams at night,  
 And none shall steal thy holy dew  
 Till thou'rt absolv'd by rapture's rite.  
 Sweet hours that are to make me blest,  
 Fly, swift as breezes, to the goal,  
 And let my love, my more than soul,  
 Come blushing to this ardent breast.  
 Then, while in every glance I drink  
 The rich o'erflowings of her mind,  
 O, let her all enamour'd sink  
 In sweet abandonment resign'd,  
 Blushing for all our struggles past,  
 And murmuring, "I am thine at last!"

SONG.

THINK on that look whose melting ray  
 For one sweet moment mix'd with mine,  
 And for that moment seem'd to say,  
 "I dare not, or I would be thine!"

Think on thy ev'ry smile and glance,  
 On all thou hast to charm and move;  
 And then forgive my bosom's trance,  
 Nor tell me it is sin to love.

O, not to love thee were the sin;  
 For sure, if Fate's decrees be done,  
 Thou, thou art destin'd still to win,  
 As I am destin'd to be won!

THE CATALOGUE.

"COME, tell me," says Rosa, as kissing and kiss'd,  
 One day she reclin'd on my breast;  
 "Come, tell me the number, repeat me the list  
 "Of the nymphs you have lov'd and caress'd."  
 O Rosa! 'twas only my fancy that roved,  
 My heart at the moment was free;  
 But I'll tell thee, my girl, how many I've loved,  
 And the number shall finish with thee.

My tutor was Kitty; in infancy wild  
 She taught me the way to be blest;  
 She taught me to love her, I lov'd like a child,  
 But Kitty could fancy the rest

This lesson of dear and enrapturing lore  
 I have never forgot, I allow:  
 I have had it *by rote* very often before,  
 But never *by heart* until now.

Pretty Martha was next, and my soul was all  
 flame,

But my head was so full of romance  
 That I fancied her into some chivalry dame,  
 And I was her knight of the lance.  
 But Martha was not of this fanciful school,  
 And she laugh'd at her poor little knight;  
 While I thought her a goddess, she thought me  
 a fool,  
 And I'll swear *she* was most in the right.

My soul was now calm, till, by Cloris's looks,  
 Again I was tempted to rove;  
 But Cloris, I found, was so learned in books  
 That she gave me more logic than love.  
 So I left this young Sappho, and hasten'd to fly  
 To those sweeter logicians in bliss,  
 Who argue the point with a soul-telling eye.  
 And convince us at once with a kiss.

O, Susan was then all the world unto me,  
 But Susan was piously given;  
 And the worst of it was, we could never agree  
 On the road that was shortest to Heaven.  
 "O, Susan!" I've said, in the moments of mirth,  
 "What's devotion to thee or to me?"  
 "I devoutly believe there's a heaven on earth,  
 "And believe that that heaven's in *thee!*"

IMITATION OF CATULLUS.

TO HIMSELF.

Miser Catulle, desinas ineptire, &c.

CEASE the sighing fool to play;  
 Cease to trifle life away;  
 Nor vainly think those joys thine own,  
 Which all, alas, have falsely flown.  
 What hours, Catullus, once were thine,  
 How fairly seem'd thy day to shine,  
 When lightly thou didst fly to meet  
 The girl whose smile was then so sweet —  
 The girl thou lov'dst with fonder pain  
 Than e'er thy heart can feel again.

Ye met — your souls seem'd all in one,  
 Like tapers that commingling shone;  
 Thy heart was warm enough for both,  
 And hers, in truth, was nothing loath!

Such were the hours that once were thine ;  
 But, ah ! those hours no longer shine.  
 For now the nymph delights no more  
 In what she lov'd so much before ;  
 And all Catullus now can do,  
 Is to be proud and frigid too ;  
 Nor follow where the wanton flies,  
 Nor sue the bliss that she denies.  
 False maid ! he bids farewell to thee,  
 To love, and all love's misery ;  
 The heyday of his heart is o'er,  
 Nor will he court one favor more.

Fly, perjurd girl ! — but whither fly ?  
 Who now will praise thy cheek and eye ?  
 Who now will drink the siren tone,  
 Which tells him thou art all his own ?  
 O, none : — and he who lov'd before  
 Can never, never love thee more.

“Neither do I condemn thee ; go, and sin no more !”  
 St. JOHN, chap. viii.

O WOMAN, if through sinful wile  
 Thy soul hath stray'd from honor's track,  
 Tis mercy only can beguile,  
 By gentle ways, the wanderer back.

The stain that on thy virtue lies,  
 Wash'd by those tears, not long will stay ;  
 As clouds that sully morning skies  
 May all be wept in show'rs away.

Go, go, be innocent, — and live ;  
 The tongues of men may wound thee sore ;  
 But Heav'n in pity can forgive,  
 And bids thee “go, and sin no more !”

#### NONSENSE.

Goon reader ! if you e'er have seen,  
 When Phœbus hastens to his pillow,  
 The mermaids, with their tresses green,  
 Dancing upon the western billow :  
 If you have seen, at twilight dim,  
 When the lone spirit's vesper hymn  
 Floats wild along the winding shore,  
 If you have seen, through mist of eve,  
 The fairy train their ringlets weave,  
 Glancing along the spangled green : —  
 If you have seen all this, and more,  
 God bless me, what a deal you've seen !

#### EPIGRAM,

FROM THE FRENCH.

“I NEVER give a kiss (says Prue),  
 “To naughty man, for I abhor it.”  
 She will not *give* a kiss, 'tis true ;  
 She'll *take* one though, and thank you for it

#### ON A SQUINTING POETESS.

To no *one* Muse does she her glance confine,  
 But has an eye, at once, to *all the Nine* !

TO

Moria pur quando vuol, non è bisogna mutar ni faccia ni  
 voce per esser un Angelo.<sup>1</sup>

DIE when you will, you need not wear  
 At Heaven's Court a form more fair  
 Than Beauty here on earth has given :  
 Keep but the lovely looks we see —  
 The voice we hear — and you will be  
 An angel *ready made* for Heaven !

#### TO ROSA.

A far conserva, e cumulo d'amanti. *Past. Fid.*

AND are you then a thing of art,  
 Seducing all, and loving none ;  
 And have I strove to gain a heart  
 Which every coxcomb thinks his own ?

Tell me at once if this be true,  
 And I will calm my jealous breast ;  
 Will learn to join the dangling crew,  
 And share your simpers with the rest.

But if your heart be *not* so free, —  
 O, if another share that heart,  
 Tell not the hateful tale to me,  
 But mingle mercy with your art.

I'd rather think you “false as hell,”  
 Than find you to be all divine, —  
 Than know that heart could love so well,  
 Yet know that heart would *not* be mine !

<sup>1</sup> The words addressed by Lord Herbert of Cherbury to  
 the beautiful Nun at Murano. — See his *Life*.

TO PHILLIS.

PHILLIS, you little rosy rake,  
That heart of yours I long to rifle:  
Come, give it me, and do not make  
So much ado about a *trifle!*

TO A LADY,

ON HER SINGING.

THY song has taught my heart to feel  
Those soothing thoughts of heavenly love,  
Which o'er the sainted spirits steal  
When list'ning to the spheres above!

When, tired of life and misery,  
I wish to sigh my latest breath,  
O, Emma! I will fly to thee,  
And thou shalt sing me into death.

And if along thy lip and cheek  
That smile of heav'nly softness play,  
Which, — ah! forgive a mind that's weak, —  
So oft has stol'n my mind away;

Thou'lt seem an angel of the sky,  
That comes to charm me into bliss:  
I'll gaze and die — Who would not die,  
If death were half so sweet as this?

SONG.

ON THE BIRTHDAY OF MRS. —.

WRITTEN IN IRELAND. 1799.

OF all my happiest hours of joy,  
And even I have had my measure,  
When hearts are full, and every eye  
Hath kindled with the light of pleasure,  
An hour like this I ne'er was given,  
So full of friendship's purest blisses;  
Young Love himself looks down from heaven,  
To smile on such a day as this.  
Then come, my friends, this hour improve,  
Let's feel as if we ne'er could sever;  
And may the birth of her we love  
Be thus with joy remember'd ever!

O, banish ev'ry thought to-night,  
Which could disturb our soul's communion;  
Abandon'd thus to dear delight,  
We'll ev'n for once forget the Union!

On that let statesmen try their powers,  
And tremble o'er the rights they'd die for;  
The union of the soul be ours,  
And ev'ry union else we sigh for.  
Then come, my friends, &c.

In ev'ry eye around I mark  
The feelings of the heart o'erflowing;  
From every soul I catch the spark  
Of sympathy, in friendship glowing.  
O, could such moments ever fly;  
O, that we ne'er were doom'd to lose 'em;  
And all as bright as Charlotte's eye,  
And all as pure as Charlotte's bosom.  
Then come, my friends, &c.

For me, whate'er my span of years,  
Whatever sun may light my roving;  
Whether I waste my life in tears,  
Or live, as now, for mirth and loving,  
This day shall come with aspect kind,  
Wherever fate may cast your rover;  
He'll think of those he left behind,  
And drink a health to bliss that's over!  
Then come, my friends, &c.

SONG.<sup>1</sup>

MARY, I believ'd thee true,  
And I was blest in thus believing?  
But know I mourn that e'er I knew  
A girl so fair and so deceiving.  
Fare thee well.

Few have ever lov'd like me, —  
Yes, I have lov'd thee too sincerely!  
And few have e'er deceiv'd like thee, —  
Alas! deceiv'd me too severely.

Fare thee well! — yet think a while  
On one whose bosom bleeds to doubt thee;  
Who now would rather trust that smile,  
And die with thee than live without thee.

Fare thee well! I'll think of thee,  
Thou leav'st me many a bitter token;  
For see, distracting woman, see,  
My peace is gone, my heart is broken! —  
Fare thee well!

<sup>1</sup> These words were written to the pathetic Scotch air  
"Galla Water."

## MORALITY.

A FAMILIAR EPISTLE.

ADDRESSED TO

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THOUGH long at school and college dozing,  
 O'er books of verse and books of prosing,  
 And copying from their moral pages  
 Fine recipes for making sages ;  
 Though long with those divines at school,  
 Who think to make us good by rule ;  
 Who in methodic forms advancing,  
 Teaching morality like dancing,  
 Tell us, for Heav'n or money's sake,  
 What *steps* we are through life to take :  
 Though thus, my friend, so long employ'd,  
 With so much midnight oil destroy'd,  
 I must confess, my searches past,  
 I've only learn'd to *doubt* at last.  
 I find the doctors and the sages  
 Have differ'd in all climes and ages,  
 And two in fifty scarce agree  
 On what is pure morality.  
 'Tis like the rainbow's shifting zone,  
 And every vision makes its own.

The doctors of the Porch advise,  
 As modes of being great and wise,  
 That we should cease to own or know  
 The luxuries that from feeling flow : —  
 "Reason alone must claim direction,  
 "And Apathy's the soul's perfection.  
 "Like a dull lake the heart must lie ;  
 "Nor passion's gale nor pleasure's sigh,  
 "Though Heav'n the breeze, the breath, sup-  
 plied,  
 "Must curl the wave or swell the tide !"

Such was the rigid Zeno's plan  
 To form his philosophic man ;  
 Such were the modes *he* taught mankind  
 To weed the garden of the mind ;  
 They tore from thence some weeds, 'tis true,  
 But all the flow'rs were ravag'd too !

Now listen to the wily strains  
 Which, on Cyrené's sandy plains,  
 When Pleasure, nymph with loosen'd zone,  
 Usurp'd the philosophic throne, —  
 Hear what the courtly sage's<sup>1</sup> tongue  
 To his surrounding pupils sung : —

<sup>1</sup> Aristippus.

"Pleasure's the only noble end  
 "To which all human powers should tend,  
 "And Virtue gives her heav'nly lore,  
 "But to make Pleasure please us more.  
 "Wisdom and she were both design'd  
 "To make the senses more refin'd,  
 "That man might revel, free from cloying,  
 "Then most a sage when most enjoying !"

Is this morality ? — O, no !  
 E'en I a wiser path could show.  
 The flow'r within this vase confin'd,  
 The pure, the unfading flow'r of mind,  
 Must not throw all its sweets away  
 Upon a mortal mould of clay :  
 No, no, — its richest breath should rise  
 In virtue's incense to the skies.

But thus it is, all sects we see  
 Have watchwords of morality :  
 Some cry out Venus, others Jove ;  
 Here 'tis Religion, there 'tis Love.  
 But while they thus so widely wander,  
 While mystics dream, and doctors ponder ;  
 And some, in dialectics firm,  
 Seek virtue in a middle term ;  
 While thus they strive, in Heaven's defiance,  
 To chain morality with science ;  
 The plain good man, whose actions teach  
 More virtue than a sect can preach,  
 Pursues his course, unsagely blest,  
 His tutor whisp'ring in his breast ;  
 Nor could he act a purer part,  
 Though he had Tully all by heart.  
 And when he drops the tear on woe,  
 He little knows or cares to know  
 That Epictetus blam'd that tear,  
 By Heav'n approv'd, to virtue dear !

O, when I've seen the morning beam  
 Floating within the dimpled stream ;  
 While Nature, wak'ning from the night,  
 Has just put on her robes of light,  
 Have I, with cold optician's gaze,  
 Explor'd the *doctrine* of those rays ?  
 No, pedants, I have left to you  
 Nicely to sep'rate hue from hue.  
 Go, give that moment up to art,  
 When Heav'n and nature claim the heart ;  
 And, dull to all their best attraction,  
 Go — measure *angles of refraction*.  
 While I, in feeling's sweet romance,  
 Look on each daybeam as a glance  
 From the great eye of Him above,  
 Wak'ning his world with looks of love !

THE TELL-TALE LYRE.

I've heard, there was in ancient days  
A Lyre of most melodious spell;  
'Twas heav'n to hear its fairy lays,  
If half be true that legends tell.

'Twas play'd on by the gentlest sighs,  
And to their breath it breath'd again  
In such entrancing melodies  
As ear had never drunk till then!

Not harmony's serenest touch  
So stilly could the notes prolong;  
They were not heavenly song so much  
As they were dreams of heav'nly song!

If sad the heart, whose murmuring air  
Along the chords in languor stole,  
The numbers it awaken'd there  
Were eloquence from pity's soul.

Or if the sigh, serene and light,  
Was but the breath of fancied woes,  
The string, that felt its airy flight,  
Soon whisper'd it to kind repose.

And when young lovers talk'd alone,  
If, mid their bliss that Lyre was near,  
It made their accents all its own,  
And sent forth notes that heav'n might hear.

There was a nymph, who long had lov'd,  
But dar'd not tell the world how well:  
The shades, where she at evening rov'd,  
Alone could know, alone could tell.

'Twas there, at twilight time, she stole,  
When the first star announc'd the night, —  
With him who claim'd her inmost soul,  
To wander by that soothing light.

It chanc'd that, in the fairy bower  
Where blest they wooed each other's smile,  
This Lyre, of strange and magic power,  
Hung whisper'ring o'er their heads the while.

And as, with eyes commingling fire,  
They listen'd to each other's vow,  
The youth full oft would make the Lyre  
A pillow for the maiden's brow:

And, while the melting words she breath'd  
Were by its echoes wafted round,

Her locks had with the chords so wreath'd,  
One knew not which gave forth the sound.

Alas, their hearts but little thought,  
While thus they talk'd the hours away,  
That every sound the Lyre was taught  
Would linger long, and long betray.

So mingled with its tuneful soul  
Were all their tender murmurs grown,  
That other sighs unanswer'd stole,  
Nor words it breath'd but theirs alone.

Unhappy nymph! thy name was sung  
To every breeze that wander'd by;  
The secrets of thy gentle tongue  
Were breath'd in song to earth and sky.

The fatal Lyre, by Envy's hand  
Hung high amid the whisper'ing groves,  
To every gale by which 'twas fann'd,  
Proclaimed the mystery of your loves.

Nor long thus rudely was thy name  
To earth's derisive echoes given;  
Some pitying spirit downward came,  
And took the Lyre and thee to heaven.

There, freed from earth's unholy wrongs,  
Both happy in Love's home shall be;  
Thou, uttering nought but seraph songs,  
And that sweet Lyre still echoing thee!

PEACE AND GLORY.

WRITTEN ON THE APPROACH OF WAR.

WHERE is now the smile, that lighten'd  
Every hero's couch of rest?  
Where is now the hope, that brighten'd  
Honor's eye and Pity's breast?  
Have we lost the wreath we braided  
For our weary warrior men?  
Is the faithless olive faded?  
Must the bay be pluck'd again?

Passing hour of sunny weather!  
Lovely, in your light a while,  
Peace and Glory, wed together,  
Wander'd through our blessed isle.  
And the eyes of Peace would glisten,  
Dewy as a morning sun,  
When the timid maid would listen  
To the deeds her chief had done.



Is their hour of dalliance over?  
 Must the maiden's trembling feet  
 Waft her from her warlike lover  
 To the desert's still retreat?  
 Fare you well! with sighs we banish  
 Nymph so fair and guests so bright;  
 Yet the smile, with which you vanish,  
 Leaves behind a soothing light; —

Soothing light, that long shall sparkle  
 O'er your warrior's sanguin'd way,  
 Through the field where horrors darkle,  
 Shedding hope's consoling ray.  
 Long the smile his heart will cherish,  
 To its absent idol true;  
 While around him myriads perish,  
 Glory still will sigh for you!

✓ —  
 SONG.

TAKE back the sigh, thy lips of art  
 In passion's moment breath'd to me;  
 Yet, no — it must not, will not part,  
 'Tis now the life breath of my heart,  
 And has become too pure for thee.

Take back the kiss, that faithless sigh  
 With all the warmth of truth impress'd;  
 Yet, no — the fatal kiss may lie,  
 Upon *thy* lip its sweets would die,  
 Or bloom to make a rival blest.

Take back the vows that, night and day,  
 My heart receiv'd, I thought, from thine;  
 Yet, no — allow them still to stay,  
 They might some other heart betray,  
 As sweetly as they've ruin'd mine.

#### LOVE AND REASON.

\* Quand l'homme commence à raisonner, il cesse de sentir."  
 J. J. ROUSSEAU.<sup>1</sup>

'Twas in the summer time so sweet,  
 When hearts and flowers are both in season,  
 That — who, of all the world, should meet,  
 One early dawn, but Love and Reason!

Love told h's dream of yesternight,  
 While Reason talked about the weather;  
 The morn, in sooth, was fair and bright,  
 And on they took their way together.

Quoted somewhere in St. Pierre's Etudes de la Nature.

The boy in many a gambol flew,  
 While Reason, like a Juno, stalk'd,  
 And from her portly figure threw  
 A lengthen'd shadow, as she walk'd.

No wonder Love, as on they pass'd,  
 Should find that sunny morning chill,  
 For still the shadow Reason cast  
 Fell o'er the boy, and cool'd him still.

In vain he tried his wings to warm,  
 Or find a pathway not so dim,  
 For still the maid's gigantic form  
 Would stalk between the sun and him.

"This must not be," said little Love —  
 "The sun was made for more than you,"  
 So, turning through a myrtle grove,  
 He bid the portly nymph adieu.

Now gayly roves the laughing boy  
 O'er many a mead, by many a stream;  
 In every breeze inhaling joy,  
 And drinking bliss in every beam.

From all the gardens, all the bowers,  
 He cull'd the many sweets they shaded,  
 And ate the fruits and smell'd the flowers,  
 Till taste was gone and odor faded.

But now the sun, in pomp of noon,  
 Look'd blazing o'er the sultry plains;  
 Alas! the boy grew languid soon,  
 And fever thrill'd through all his veins.

The dew forsook his baby brow,  
 No more with healthy bloom he smil'd —  
 O, where was tranquil Reason now,  
 To cast her shadow o'er the child?

Beneath a green and aged palm,  
 His foot at length for shelter turning,  
 He saw the nymph reclining calm,  
 With brow as cool as his was burning.

"O, take me to that bosom cold,"  
 In murmurs at her feet he said;  
 And Reason op'd her garment's fold,  
 And flung it round his fever'd head.

He felt her bosom's icy touch,  
 And soon it lull'd his pulse to rest;  
 For, ah! the chill was quite too much,  
 And Love expir'd on Reason's breast!

NAY, do not weep, my Fanny dear ;  
 While in these arms you lie,  
 This world hath not a wish, a fear,  
 That ought to cost that eye a tear,  
 That heart one single sigh.

The world ! — ah, Fanny, Love must shun  
 The paths where many rove ;  
 One bosom to recline upon,  
 One heart to be his only one,  
 Are quite enough for Love.

What can we wish, that is not here  
 Between your arms and mine ?  
 Is there, on earth, a space so dear  
 As that within the happy sphere  
 Two loving arms intwine ?

For me, there's not a lock of jet  
 Adown your temples curl'd,  
 Within whose glossy, tangling net,  
 My soul doth not, at once, forget  
 All, all this worthless world.

'Tis in those eyes, so full of love,  
 My only worlds I see ;  
 Let but *their* orbs in sunshine move,  
 And earth below and skies above  
 May frown or smile for me.

ASPASIA.

'Twas in the fair Aspasia's bower,  
 That Love and Learning, many an hour,  
 In dalliance met ; and Learning smil'd  
 With pleasure on the playful child,  
 Who often stole, to find a nest  
 Within the folds of Learning's vest.

There, as the listening statesman hung  
 In transport on Aspasia's tongue,  
 The destinies of Athens took  
 Their color from Aspasia's look.  
 O happy time, when laws of state,  
 When all that rul'd the country's fate,  
 Its glory, quiet, or alarms,  
 Was plann'd between two snow-white arms !

Blest times ! they could not always last —  
 And yet, ev'n now, they *are* not past,  
 Though we have lost the giant mould,  
 In which their men were cast of old,

Woman, dear woman, still the same,  
 While beauty breathes through soul or frame,  
 While man possesses heart or eyes,  
 Woman's bright empire never dies !

No, Fanny, love, they ne'er shall say,  
 That beauty's charm hath pass'd away ;  
 Give but the universe a soul  
 Attun'd to woman's soft control,  
 And Fanny hath the charm, the skill,  
 To wield a universe at will.

THE GRECIAN GIRL'S DREAM OF THE  
 BLESSED ISLANDS.<sup>1</sup>

TO HER LOVER.

— ἴχι τε καλὸς  
 Πυθαγορῆς, ὅσοι τε χρόνον στηρίζαν ἐρωτός.  
 Ἀπολλῶν περὶ Πλωτωνίου.  
*Oracul. Metric. a Joan. Opsop. collecta*

Was it the moon, or was it morning's ray,  
 That call'd thee, dearest, from these arms away ?  
 Scarce had'st thou left me, when a dream of  
 night  
 Came o'er my spirit so distinct and bright,  
 That, while I yet can vividly recall  
 Its witching wonders, thou shalt hear them all.  
 Methought I saw, upon the lunar beam,  
 Two winged boys, such as thy muse might  
 dream,  
 Descending from above, at that still hour,  
 And gliding, with smooth step, into my bower.  
 Fair as the beauteous spirits that, all day,  
 In Amatha's warm founts imprison'd stay,<sup>2</sup>  
 But rise at midnight, from th' enchanted rill,  
 To cool their plumes upon some moonlight  
 hill.

<sup>1</sup> It was imagined by some of the ancients that there is an ethereal ocean above us, and that the sun and moon are two floating, luminous islands, in which the spirits of the blest reside. Accordingly we find that the word *Ωκεανός* was sometimes synonymous with *αἴθρ*, and death was not unfrequently called *Ωκεανὸς πορὸς*, or "the passage of the ocean."

<sup>2</sup> Eunapius, in his life of Iamblichus, tells us of two beautiful little spirits or loves, which Iamblichus raised by enchantment from the warm springs at Gadara ; " *dicens astantibus* (says the author of the *Dii Fatidici*, p. 160.) *illos esse loci Genios* : " which words, however, are not in Eunapius.

I find from Cellarius, that Amathia, in the neighborhood of Gadara, was also celebrated for its warm springs, and I have preferred it as a more poetical name than Gadara. Cellarius quotes Hieronymus. " *Est et alia villa in vicina Gadara nomine Amathia, ubi calidæ aquæ erumpunt.*" — *Geograph. Antiq.* lib. iii. cap. 13.



At once I knew their mission ; — 'twas to bear  
My spirit upward, through the paths of air,  
To that elysian realm, from whence stray beams  
So oft, in sleep, had visited my dreams.  
Swift at their touch dissolv'd the ties, that clung  
All earthly round me, and aloft I sprung ;  
While, heav'nward guides, the little genii flew  
Through paths of light, refresh'd by heaven's  
own dew,  
And fann'd by airs still fragrant with the breath  
Of cloudless climes and worlds that know not  
death.

Thou know'st, that, far beyond our nether sky,  
And shown but dimly to man's erring eye,  
A mighty ocean of blue ether rolls,<sup>1</sup>  
Gemm'd with bright islands, where the chosen  
souls,  
Who've pass'd in lore and love their earthly  
hours,  
Repose forever in unfading bowers.  
That very moon, whose solitary light  
So often guides thee to my bower at night,  
Is no chill planet, but an isle of love,  
Floating in splendor through those seas above,

<sup>1</sup> This belief of an ocean in the heavens, or "waters above the firmament," was one of the many physical errors in which the early fathers bewildered themselves. Le P. Baltus, in his "Défense des Saints Pères accusés de Platonisme," taking it for granted that the ancients were more correct in their notions (which by no means appears from what I have already quoted), adduces the obstinacy of the fathers, in this whimsical opinion, as a proof of their repugnance to even truth from the hands of the philosophers. This is a strange way of defending the fathers, and attributes much more than they deserve to the philosophers. For an abstract of this work of Baltus, (the opposer of Fontenelle, Van Dale, &c., in the famous Oracle controversy,) see "Bibliothèque des Auteurs Ecclésiast. du 16<sup>e</sup> siècle, part 1, tom. ii."

<sup>2</sup> There were various opinions among the ancients with respect to their lunar establishment ; some made it an clysiun, and others a purgatory ; while some supposed it to be a kind of *entrepôt* between heaven and earth, where souls which had left their bodies, and those that were on their way to join them, were deposited in the valleys of Hecate, and remained till further orders. *Τοις περὶ ἀληθινῶν ἀερί λεγόντων οὐρανόσφαιρα, καὶ ἀπ' αὐτῆς κατὰ χωρῶν εἰς τὴν περιγύουσαν σφαιρῶν.* — *Stob. lib. i. Eclog. Physic.*

<sup>3</sup> The pupil and mistress of Epicurus, who called her his "dear little Leontium" (*Λεοντάριον*), as appears by a fragment of one of his letters in Laertius. This Leontium was a woman of talent ; "she had the impudence (says Cicero) to write against Theophrastus ;" and Cicero, at the same time, gives her a name which is neither polite nor translatable. "Meretricula etiam Leontium contra Theophrastum scribere ausa est." — *De Natur. Deor.* She left a daughter called Danae, who was just as rigid an epicurean as her mother ; something like Wieland's Danae in Agathon.

It would sound much better, I think, if the name were

And peopled with bright forms, aerial grown,  
Nor knowing aught of earth but love alone.  
Thither, I thought, we wing'd our airy way : —  
Mild o'er its valleys stream'd a silvery day,  
While, all around, on lily beds of rest,  
Reclin'd the spirits of the immortal Blest.<sup>2</sup>  
O, there I met those few congenial maids,  
Whom love hath warm'd, in philosophic  
shades ;  
There still Leontium,<sup>3</sup> on her sage's breast,  
Found lore and love, was tutor'd and caress'd ;  
And there the clasp of Pythia's<sup>4</sup> gentle arms  
Repaid the zeal which deified her charms.  
The Attic Master,<sup>5</sup> in Aspasia's eyes,  
Forgot the yoke of less endearing ties ;  
While fair Theano,<sup>6</sup> innocently fair,  
Wreath'd playfully her Samian's flowing hair,<sup>7</sup>  
Whose soul now fix'd, its transmigrations  
past,  
Found in those arms a resting-place, at last ;  
And smiling own'd, whate'er his dreamy thought  
In mystic numbers long had vainly sought,  
The One that's form'd of Two whom love hath  
bound,  
Is the best number gods or men e'er found.

Leontia, as it occurs the first time in Laertius ; but M. Ménage will not bear of this reading.

<sup>4</sup> Pythia was a woman whom Aristote lov'd, and to whom after her death he paid divine honors, solemnizing her memory by the same sacrifices which the Athenians offered to the Goddess Ceres. For this impious gallantry the philosopher was, of course, censured ; but it would be well if certain of our modern Stagirités showed a little of this superstition about the memory of their mistresses.

<sup>5</sup> Socrates, who used to console himself in the society of Aspasia for those "less endearing ties" which he found at home with Xantippe. For an account of this extraordinary creature, Aspasia, and her school of erudite luxury at Athens, see L'Histoire de l'Académie, &c. tom. xxxi. p. 69. Ségur rather fails on the inspiring subject of Aspasia. — "Les Femmes," tom. i. p. 122.

The Author of the "Voyage du Monde de Descartes" has also placed these philosophers in the moon, and has allotted seigneries to them, as well as to the astronomers (part ii. p. 143) ; but he ought not to have forgotten their wives and mistresses ; "curæ non ipsâ in morte relinquunt."

<sup>6</sup> There are some sensible letters extant under the name of this fair Pythagorean. They are addressed to her female friends upon the education of children, the treatment of servants, &c. One, in particular, to Nicostrata, whose husband had given her reasons for jealousy, contains such truly considerate and rational advice, that it ought to be translated for the edification of all married ladies. See Gale's Opuscul. Myth. Phys. p. 741.

<sup>7</sup> Pythagoras was remarkable for fine hair, and Doctor Thiers (in his Histoire des Perruques) seems to take for granted it was all his own ; as he has not mentioned him among those ancients who were obliged to have recourse to the "coma apposititia." L'Hist. des Perruques, chap. i.

But think, my Theon, with what joy I thrill'd,  
When near a fount, which through the valley  
rill'd,

My fancy's eye beheld a form recline,  
Of lunar race, but so resembling thine  
That. O, 'twas but fidelity in me,  
To fly, to clasp, to worship it for thee.  
No aid of words the unbodied soul requires,  
To waft a wish or embassy desires ;  
But by a power, to spirits only given,  
A deep, mute impulse, only felt in heaven,  
Swifter than meteor shaft through summer skies,  
From soul to soul the glanc'd idea flies.

O, my beloved, how divinely sweet  
Is the pure joy, when kindred spirits meet !  
Like him, the river god,<sup>1</sup> whose waters flow,  
With love their only light, through caves below,  
Wafting in triumph all the flowery braids,  
And festal rings, with which Olympic maids  
Have deck'd his current, as an offering meet  
To lay at Arethusa's shining feet.  
Think, when he meets at last his fountain  
bride,

What perfect love must thrill the blended tide !  
Each lost in each, till, mingling into one,  
Their lot the same for shadow or for sun,  
A type of true love, to the deep they run.  
'Twas thus —

But, Theon, 'tis an endless theme,  
And thou grow'st weary of my half-told dream.  
O would, my love, we were together now,  
And I would woo sweet patience to thy brow.  
And make thee smile at all the magic tales  
Of starlight bowers and planetary vales,  
Which my fond soul, inspir'd by thee and love,  
In slumber's loom hath fancifully wove.  
But no ; no more — soon as to-morrow's ray  
O'er soft Ilissus shall have died away,  
I'll come, and, while love's planet in the west  
Shines o'er our meeting, tell thee all the rest.

TO CLOE. ✓

IMITATED FROM MARTIAL.

I COULD resist that eye of blue,  
Howe'er its splendor used to thrill me ;

<sup>1</sup> The River Alpheus, which flowed by Pisa or Olympia, and into which it was customary to throw offerings of different kinds, during the celebration of the Olympic games. In the pretty romance of Clitophon and Leucippe, the river is supposed to carry these offerings as bridal gifts to the fountain Arethusa. Και επι την Αρεθουσαν ούτω τον Αλφειον νυμφοστολει. όταν ουν ή των ολυμπιων έορτη, κ. τ. λ. Lib. i.

And ev'n that cheek of roseate hue, —  
To lose it, Cloe, scarce would kill me.

That snowy neck I ne'er should miss,  
However much I've rav'd about it ;  
And sweetly as that lip can kiss,  
I think I could exist without it.

In short, so well I've learn'd to fast,  
That, sooth my love, I know not whether  
I might not bring myself at last,  
To — do without you altogether.

THE WREATH AND THE CHAIN.

I BRING thee, love, a golden chain,  
I bring thee too a flowery wreath ;  
The gold shall never wear a stain,  
The flow'rets long shall sweetly breathe  
Come, tell me which the tie shall be,  
To bind thy gentle heart to me.

The Chain is form'd of golden-threads,  
Bright as Minerva's yellow hair,  
When the last beam of evening sheds  
Its calm and sober lustre there.  
The Wreath's of brightest myrtle wove,  
With sun-lit drops of bliss among it,  
And many a rose leaf, cull'd by Love,  
To heal his lip when bees have stung it.  
Come, tell me which the tie shall be,  
To bind thy gentle heart to me.

Yes, yes, I read that ready eye,  
Which answers when the tongue is loath,  
Thou lik'st the form of either tie,  
And spread'st thy playful hands for both.  
Ah ! — if there were not something wrong,  
The world would see them blended off ;  
The Chain would make the Wreath so strong ;  
The Wreath would make the Chain so soft !  
Then might the gold, the flow'rets be  
Sweet fetters for my love and me.

But, Fanny, so unblest they twine,  
That (heaven alone can tell the reason)  
When mingled thus they cease to shine,  
Or shine but for a transient season.  
Whether the Chain may press too much,  
Or that the Wreath is slightly braided,  
Let but the gold the flow'rets touch,  
And all their bloom, their glow is faded !  
O, better to be always free,  
Than thus to bind my love to me

THE timid girl now hung her head,  
 And, as she turn'd an upward glance,  
 I saw a doubt its twilight spread  
 Across her brow's divine expanse.  
 Just then, the garland's brightest rose  
 Gave one of its love-breathing sighs —  
 O, who can ask how Fanny chose,  
 That ever look'd in Fanny's eyes ?  
 "The Wreath, my life, the Wreath shall be  
 'The tie to bind my soul to thee."

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 TO  
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AND hast thou mark'd the pensive shade,  
 That many a time obscures my brow,  
 'Midst all the joys, beloved maid,  
 Which thou canst give, and only thou ?

O, 'tis not that I then forget  
 The bright looks that before me shine ;  
 For never throbb'd a bosom yet  
 Could feel their witchery, like mine.

When bashful on my bosom hid,  
 And blushing to have felt so blest,  
 Thou dost but lift thy languid lid,  
 Again to close it on my breast ; —

Yes, — these are minutes all thine own,  
 Thine own to give, and mine to feel ;  
 Yet ev'n in them, my heart has known  
 The sigh to rise, the tear to steal.

For I have thought of former hours,  
 When he who first thy soul possess'd,  
 Like me awak'd its witching powers,  
 Like me was lov'd, like me was blest.

Upon *his* name thy murmuring tongue  
 Perhaps hath all as sweetly dwelt ;  
 Upon his words thine ear hath hung,  
 With transport all as purely felt.

For him — yet why the past recall,  
 To damp and wither present bliss ?  
 Thou'rt now my own, heart, spirit, all,  
 And heaven could grant no more than this !

Forgive me, dearest, O, forgive ;  
 I would be first, be sole to thee,  
 Thou shouldst have but begun to live,  
 The hour that gave thy heart to me.

Thy book of life till then effac'd,  
 Love should have kept that leaf alone  
 On which he first so brightly trac'd  
 That thou wert, soul and all, my own.

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 TO . . . . . 'S PICTURE.

Go then, if she, whose shade thou art,  
 No more will let thee soothe my pain ;  
 Yet, tell her, it has cost this heart  
 Some pangs, to give thee back again.

Tell her, the smile was not so dear,  
 With which she made thy semblance mine,  
 As bitter is the burning tear,  
 With which I now the gift resign.

Yet go — and could she still restore,  
 As some exchange for taking thee,  
 The tranquil look which first I wore,  
 When her eyes found me calm and free ;

Could she give back the careless flow,  
 The spirit that my heart then knew —  
 Yet, no, 'tis vain — go, picture, go —  
 Smile at me once, and then — adieu !

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 FRAGMENT OF A MYTHOLOGICAL  
 HYMN TO LOVE.<sup>1</sup>

BLEST infant of eternity !  
 Before the daystar learn'd to move,  
 In pomp of fire, along his grand career,  
 Glancing the beamy shafts of light  
 From his rich quiver to the farthest sphere,  
 Thou wert alone, O Love !  
 Nestling beneath the wings of ancient Night,  
 Whose horrors seem'd to smile in shadowing  
 thee.

No form of beauty sooth'd thine eye,  
 As through the dim expanse it wander'd wide ;  
 No kindred spirit caught thy sigh,  
 As o'er the watery waste it lingering died.

<sup>1</sup> Love and Psyche are here considered as the active and passive principles of creation, and the universe is supposed to have received its first harmonizing impulse from the nuptial sympathy between these two powers. A marriage is generally the first step in cosmogony. Timæus held Form to be the father, and Matter the mother of the World ; Elion and Berouth, I think, are Sanchoniatho's first spiritual lovers, and Manco-capac and his wife introduced creation amongst the Peruvians. In short, Harlequin seems to have studied cosmogonies, when he said " tutto il mondo è fatto come la nostra famiglia





CLIVE



Unfelt the pulse, unknown the power,  
That latent in his heart was sleeping, —  
O Sympathy! that lonely hour  
Saw Love himself thy absence weeping.

But look, what glory through the darkness  
beams!

Celestial airs along the water glide! —  
What Spirit art thou, moving o'er the tide  
So beautiful? O, not of earth,  
But, in that glowing hour, the birth  
Of the young Godhead's own creative dreams.  
'Tis she!

Psyche, the first-born spirit of the air.  
To thee, O Love, she turns,  
On thee her eyebeam burns:  
Blest hour, before all worlds ordain'd to be!  
They meet —  
The blooming god — the spirit fair  
Meet in communion sweet.  
Now, Sympathy, the hour is thine;  
All nature feels the thrill divine,  
The veil of Chaos is withdrawn,  
And their first kiss is great Creation's dawn!

TO HIS SERENE HIGHNESS

THE DUKE OF MONTPENSIER,

ON HIS PORTRAIT OF THE LADY ADELAIDE FORBES.

*Donington Park, 1802.*

To catch the thought, by painting's spell,  
How'er remote, how'er refin'd,  
And o'er the kindling canvas tell  
The silent story of the mind;

O'er nature's form to glance the eye,  
And fix, by mimic light and shade,  
Her morning tinges, ere they fly,  
Her evening blushes, ere they fade; —

Yes, these are Painting's proudest powers;  
The gift, by which her art divine  
Above all others proudly towers, —  
And these, O Prince! are richly thine.

And yet, when Friendship sees thee trace,  
In almost living truth express'd,  
This bright memorial of a face  
On which her eye delights to rest;

While o'er the lovely look serene,  
The smile of peace, the bloom of youth,

The cheek, that blushes to be seen,  
The eye that tells the bosom's truth;

While o'er each line, so brightly true,  
Our eyes with lingering pleasure rove.  
Blessing the touch whose various hue  
Thus brings to mind the form we love;

We feel the magic of thy art,  
And own it with a zest, a zeal,  
A pleasure, nearer to the heart  
Than critic taste can ever feel.

THE FALL OF HEBE.

A DITHYRAMBIC ODE.<sup>1</sup>

TWAS on a day  
When the immortals at their banquet lay;  
The bowl  
Sparkled with starry dew,  
The weeping of those myriad urns of light.

<sup>1</sup> Though I have styled this poem a Dithyrambic Ode, I cannot presume to say that it possesses, in any degree, the characteristics of that species of poetry. The nature of the ancient Dithyrambic is very imperfectly known. According to M. Burette, a licentious irregularity of metre, an extravagant research of thought and expression, and a rude embarrassed construction, are among its most distinguishing features; and in all these respects, I have but too closely, I fear, followed my models. Burette adds, "Ces caractères des dityrambes se font sentir à ceux qui lisent attentivement les odes de Pindare." — *Mémoires de l'Acad.* vol. x. p. 306. The same opinion may be collected from Schmidt's dissertation upon the subject. I think, however, if the Dithyrambics of Pindar were in our possession, we should find that, however wild and fanciful, they were by no means the tasteless jargon they are represented, and that even their irregularity was what Boileau calls "un beau désordre." Chiabrera, who has been styled the Pindar of Italy, and from whom all its poetry upon the Greek model was called Chiabreresco (as Crescimbeni informs us, lib. i. cap. 12), has given, amongst his Vendemmie, a Dithyrambic, "all' uso de' Greci;" full of those compound epithets, which, we are told, were a chief characteristic of the style (*συνθετους δε λεξεις ποιων.* — *Suid.* *Διθυραμβοδιδ.*); such as

Briglindorato Pegaso  
Nubicalpestatore.

But I cannot suppose that Pindar, even amidst all the licence of dithyrambics, would ever have descended to ballad language like the following:

Bella Filli, e bella Clori,  
Non più dar pregio a tue bellezze e taci,  
Che se Bacco fa vezzi alle mie labbra  
Fo le fiche a' vostri baci  
————— esser vorrei Coppiar,  
E se troppo desiro  
Deh fossi io Bottiglier.

*Rima del CHIABRERA, part ii. p. 352.*



Within whose orbs, the almighty Power,  
 At nature's dawning hour,  
 Stor'd the rich fluid of ethereal soul.<sup>1</sup>  
 Around,  
 Soft odorous clouds, that upward wing their flight  
 From eastern isles  
 (Where they have bath'd them in the orient ray,  
 And with rich fragrance all their bosoms fill'd,)  
 In circles flew, and, melting as they flew,  
 A liquid daybreak o'er the board distill'd.

All, all was luxury!  
 All *must* be luxury, where Lyæus smiles.  
 His locks divine  
 Were crown'd  
 With a bright meteor braid,  
 Which, like an ever-springing wreath of vine,  
 Shot into brilliant leafy shapes,  
 And o'er his brow in lambent tendrils play'd:  
 While 'mid the foliage hung,  
 Like lucid grapes,  
 A thousand clustering buds of light,  
 Cull'd from the gardens of the galaxy.

Upon his bosom Cytherea's head  
 Lay lovely, as when first the Sirens sung  
 Her beauty's dawn,  
 And all the curtains of the deep, undrawn,  
 Reveal'd her sleeping in its azure bed.  
 The captive deity  
 Hung lingering on her eyes and lip,  
 With looks of ecstasy.  
 Now, on his arm,  
 In blushes she repos'd,  
 And, while he gazed on each bright charm,  
 To shade his burning eyes her hand in dalliance  
 stole.

And now she rais'd her rosy mouth to sip  
 The nectar'd wave  
 Lyæus gave,  
 And from her eyelids, half way clos'd,  
 Sent forth a melting gleam,  
 Which fell, like sundew, in the bowl:  
 While her bright hair, in mazy flow  
 Of gold descending

<sup>1</sup> This is a Platonic fancy. The philosopher supposes, in his *Timæus*, that, when the Deity had formed the soul of the world, he proceeded to the composition of other souls, in which process, says Plato, he made use of the same cup, though the ingredients he mingled were not quite so pure as for the former; and having refined the mixture with a little of his own essence, he distributed it among the stars, which served as reservoirs of the fluid. — *Ταυτ' εἶπε καὶ πάλιν ἐπὶ τὸν πρῶτον κρατήρα ἐν ᾧ τῆς ὄντος ψυχῆς κεραννύς ἰμιόσας, κ. τ. λ.*

Adown her cheek's luxurious glow,  
 Hung o'er the goblet's side,  
 And was reflected in its crystal tide,  
 Like a bright crocus flower,  
 Whose sunny leaves, at evening hour  
 With roses of Cyrene blending,<sup>1</sup>  
 Hang o'er the mirror of some silvery stream

The Olympian cup  
 Shone in the hands  
 Of dimpled Hebe, as she wing'd her feet  
 Up  
 The empyreal mount,  
 To drain the soul drops at their stellar fount; <sup>2</sup>  
 And still  
 As the resplendent rill  
 Gushed forth into the cup with mantling  
 heat,  
 Her watchful care  
 Was still to cool its liquid fire  
 With snow-white sprinklings of that feath-  
 ery air  
 The children of the Pole respire,  
 In those enchanted lands,<sup>3</sup>  
 Where life is all a spring, and north winds never  
 blow.

But O,  
 Bright Hebe, what a tear,  
 And what a blush were thine,  
 When, as the breath of every Grace  
 Wafted thy feet along the studded sphere,  
 With a bright cup for Jove himself to  
 drink,

<sup>1</sup> We learn from Theophrastus, that the roses of Cyrene were particularly fragrant. — *Εὐοσμῶτα τὰ δὲ τὰ ἐν Κυρήνῃ βόδα.*

<sup>2</sup> Heraclitus (Physicus) held the soul to be a spark of the stellar essence — "Scintilla stellaris essentia." — *ΜΑΚΡΟΒΙΟΥ, ἐν Σομν. Scip. lib. i. cap. 14.*

<sup>3</sup> The country of the Hyperboreans. These people were supposed to be placed so far north that the north wind could not affect them; they lived longer than any other mortals; passed their whole time in music and dancing, &c. &c. But the most extravagant fiction related of them is that to which the two lines preceding allude. It was imagined that, instead of our vulgar atmosphere, the Hyperboreans breathed nothing but feathers! According to Herodotus and Pliny, this idea was suggested by the quantity of snow which was observed to fall in those regions; thus the former: *Τὰ ὄντερα εὐκαίρους τὴν χιῶνα τοὺς Σκυθῶν τε καὶ τοὺς περιούκους δοκεῖ λεγεῖν.* — *ΗΡΟΔΟΤ. lib. iv. cap. 31.* Ovid tells the fable otherwise: see *Metamorph. lib. xv.*

Mr. O'Halloran, and some other Irish Antiquaries, have been at great expense of learning to prove that the strange country, where they took snow for feathers, was Ireland and that the famous Abaris was an Irish Druid. Mr. Rowland, however, will have it that Abaris was a Welshman and that his name is only a corruption of Ap Rees!

Some star, that shone beneath thy tread,  
 Raising its amorous head,  
 To kiss those matchless feet,  
 Check'd thy career too fleet;  
 And all heaven's host of eyes  
 Entranc'd, but fearful all,  
 Saw thee, sweet Hebe, prostrate fall  
 Upon the bright floor of the azure sk es;<sup>1</sup>  
 Where, 'mid its stars, thy beauty lay,  
 As blossom, shaken from the spray  
 Of a spring thorn  
 Lies 'mid the liquid sparkles of the morn.  
 Or, as in temples of the Paphian shade,  
 The worshippers of Beauty's queen behold  
 An image of their rosy idol, laid  
 Upon a diamond shrine.

The wanton wind,  
 Which had pursued the flying fair,  
 And sported 'mid the tresses unconfined  
 Of her bright hair,  
 Now, as she fell, — O wanton breeze!  
 Ruffled the robe, whose graceful flow  
 Hung o'er those limbs of unsunn'd snow,  
 Purely as the Eleusinian veil  
 Hangs o'er the Mysteries!<sup>2</sup>

The brow of Juno flush'd —  
 Love bless'd the breeze!  
 The Muses blush'd;  
 And every cheek was hid behind a lyre,  
 While every eye looked laughing through the  
 strings.

But the bright cup? the nectar'd draught  
 Which Jove himself was to have quaff'd?  
 Alas, alas, upturn'd it lay  
 By the fall'n Hebe's side;

<sup>1</sup> It is Servius, I believe, who mentions this unlucky trip which Hebe made in her occupation of cupbearer; and Hoffman tells it after him: "Cum Hebe pocula Jovi ministrans, perque lubricum minus cautè incedens, cecidisset," &c.

<sup>2</sup> The arcane symbols of this ceremony were deposited in the cista, where they lay religiously concealed from the eyes of the profane. They were generally carried in the procession by an ass; and hence the proverb, which one may so often apply in the world, "asinus portat mysteria." See the Divine Legation, book ii. sect. 4.

<sup>3</sup> In the Geoponica, lib. ii. cap. 17, there is a fable somewhat like this descent of the nectar to earth. *Εν ουρανοῦ των θεων ενωχουμενον, και του νεκταρος πολλου παρακειμενον, ανακριθησαι χωρηα του Ερωτα και συσσεισαι τῷ περιῳ του κρατηρος την βυσιν, και περιτρεφαι μεν αυτον του δε νεκταρ εις την γην εκχυθεν, κ. τ. λ.* Vid. Autor. de Re Rust. edit. Cantab. 1704.

<sup>4</sup> The constellation Lyra. The astrologers attribute great

While, in slow lingering drops, th' ethereal tide,  
 As conscious of its own rich essence, ebb'd  
 away.

Who was the Spirit that remember'd Man,  
 In that blest hour,  
 And, with a wing of love,  
 Brush'd off the goblet's scatter'd tears,  
 As, trembling near the edge of heaven they  
 ran,  
 And sent them floating to our orb below?<sup>3</sup>  
 Essence of immortality!  
 The shower  
 Fell glowing through the spheres;  
 While all around new tints of bliss,  
 New odors and new light,  
 Enrich'd its radiant flow.  
 Now, with a liquid kiss,  
 It stole along the thrilling wire  
 Of Heaven's luminous Lyre,<sup>4</sup>  
 Stealing the soul of music in its flight:  
 And now, amid the breezes bland,  
 That whisper from the planets as they roll,  
 The bright libation, softly fann'd  
 By all their sighs, meandering stole.  
 They who, from Atlas' height,  
 Beheld this rosy flame  
 Descending through the waste of night,  
 Thought 'twas some planet, whose empyrea  
 frame  
 Had kindled, as it rapidly revolv'd  
 Around its fervid axle, and dissolv'd  
 Into a flood so bright!

The youthful Day,  
 Within his twilight bower,  
 Lay sweetly sleeping  
 On the flush'd bosom of a lotos flower;<sup>5</sup>

virtues to this sign in ascendenti, which are enumerated by Pontano, in his Urania:

— Ecce novem cum pectine chordas  
 Emodulans, mulcetque novo vaga sidera cantu,  
 Quo captæ nascentum animæ concordia ducunt  
 Pectora, &c.

<sup>5</sup> The Egyptians represented the dawn of day by a young boy seated upon a lotos. *Επει Αιγυπτους εωρακος αρχην ανατολης παιδιον νεογονο γραφοντα επι λωτου καλιζομενον.* — *Plutarch. περι του μηχαν ημετρ.* See also his Treatise de Isid. et Osir. Observing that the lotos showed its head above water at sunrise, and sank again at his setting, they conceived the idea of consecrating this flower to Osiris, or the sun.

This symbol of a youth sitting upon a lotos is very frequent on the Abraxases, or Basilidian stones. See Montfaucon, tom. ii. planche 158, and the "Supplement," &c. tom. ii. lib. vii. chap. 5

When round him, in profusion weeping,  
 Dropp'd the celestial shower,  
     Steeping  
 The rosy clouds, that curl'd  
 About his infant head,  
 Like myrrh upon the locks of Cupid shed.  
 But, when the waking boy  
 Wav'd his exhaling tresses through the sky,  
     O morn of joy ! —  
     The tide divine,  
 All glorious with the vermilion dye  
 It drank beneath his orient eye,  
 Distill'd, in dews, upon the world,  
 And every drop was wine, was heavenly WINE !

Blest be the sod, and blest the flower  
 On which descended first that shower,  
 All fresh from Jove's nectareous springs ; —  
 O far less sweet the flower, the sod,  
 O'er which the Spirit of the Rainbow flings  
 The magic mantle of her solar God !<sup>1</sup>

#### RINGS AND SEALS.

*Ἄσπερ σφραγίδες τὰ φίληματα.*

ACHILLES TATIUS, lib. ii.

"Go !" said the angry, weeping maid,  
 "The charm is broken ! — once betray'd,  
 "Never can this wrong'd heart rely  
 "On word or look, on oath or sigh.  
 "Take back the gifts, so fondly given,  
 "With promis'd faith and vows to heaven ;  
 "That little ring which, night and morn,  
 "With wedded truth my hand hath worn ;  
 "That seal which oft, in moments blest,  
 "Thou hast upon my lip impress'd,  
 "And sworn its sacred spring should be  
 "A fountain seal'd<sup>2</sup> for only thee :  
 "Take, take them back, the gift and vow,  
 "All sullied, lost and hateful now !"

I took the ring — the seal I took,  
 While, O, her every tear and look  
 Were such as angels look and shed,  
 When man is by the world misled.

<sup>1</sup> The ancients esteemed those flowers and trees the sweetest upon which the rainbow had appeared to rest ; and the wood they chiefly burned in sacrifices, was that which the smile of Iris had consecrated. Plutarch. Sympos. lib. iv. cap. 2, where (as Vossius remarks) *καλοῦσι*, instead of *καλοῦσι*, is undoubtedly the genuine reading. See Vossius, for some curious particularities of the rainbow, De Origin. et Progress. Idololat. lib. iii. cap. 13.

<sup>2</sup> There are gardens, supposed to be those of King Solo-

Gently I whisper'd, "Fanny, dear !  
 "Not half thy lover's gifts are here :  
 "Say, where are all the kisses given,  
 "From morn to noon, from noon to even, —  
 "Those signets of true love, worth more  
 "Than Solomon's own seal of yore, —  
 "Where are those gifts, so sweet, so many  
 "Come, dearest, — give back all, if any.

While thus I whisper'd, trembling too,  
 Lest all the nymph had sworn was true,  
 I saw a smile relenting rise  
 'Mid the moist azure of her eyes,  
 Like daylight o'er a sea of blue,  
 While yet in mid air hangs the dew.  
 She let her cheek repose on mine,  
 She let my arms around her twine ;  
 One kiss was half allowed, and then —  
 The ring and seal were hers again.

TO

MISS SUSAN B—CKF—D.<sup>3</sup>

ON HER SINGING.

I MORE than once have heard, at night,  
 A song, like those thy lip hath given,  
 And it was sung by shapes of light,  
 Who look'd and breath'd, like thee, of heaven

But this was all a dream of sleep,  
 And I have said, when morning shone,  
 "Why should the night witch, Fancy, keep  
 "These wonders for herself alone ?"

I knew not then that fate had lent  
 Such tones to one of mortal birth ;  
 I knew not then that Heaven had sent  
 A voice, a form like thine on earth.

And yet, in all that flowery maze  
 Through which my path of life has led,  
 When I have heard the sweetest lays  
 From lips of rosiest lustre shed ;

When I have felt the warbled word  
 From Beauty's lip, in sweetness vying

mon, in the neighborhood of Bethlehem. The friars show a fountain, which, they say, is the 'sealed fountain' to which the holy spouse in the Canticles is compared ; and they pretend a tradition, that Solomon shut up these springs and put his signet upon the door, to keep them for his own drinking." — *Maunderell's Travels*. See also the notes to Mr Good's Translation of the Song of Solomon.

<sup>3</sup> The present Duchess of Hamilton.

With music's own melodious bird,  
When on the rose's bosom lying ;

Though form and song at once combin'd  
Their loveliest bloom and softest thrill,  
My heart hath sigh'd, my ear hath pin'd  
For something lovelier, softer still :—

O, I have found it all, at last,  
In thee, thou sweetest living lyre,  
Through which the soul of song e'er pass'd,  
Or feeling breath'd its sacred fire.

All that I e'er, in wildest flight  
Of fancy's dreams, could hear or see  
Of music's sigh or beauty's light,  
Is realiz'd, at once, in thee !

—  
IMPROMPTU,

ON LEAVING SOME FRIENDS.

O dulces comitum valetæ cœtus ! CATULLUS.

No, never shall my soul forget  
The friends I found so cordial hearted ;  
Dear shall be the day we met,  
And dear shall be the night we parted.

If fond regrets, however sweet,  
Must with the lapse of time decay,  
Yet still, when thus in mirth you meet,  
Fill high to him that's far away !

Long be the light of memory found  
Alive within your social glass ;  
Let that be still the magic round,  
O'er which Oblivion dares not pass.

—  
A WARNING.

TO  
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O FAIR as heaven and chaste as light !  
Did nature mould thee all so bright,  
That thou shouldst e'er be brought to weep  
O'er languid virtue's fatal sleep,  
O'er shame extinguish'd, honor fled,  
Peace lost, heart wither'd, feeling dead ?

No, no ! a star was born with thee,  
Which sheds eternal purity.  
Thou hast, within those sainted eyes,  
So fair a transcript of the skies,

In lines of light such heavenly lore,  
That man should read them and adore.  
Yet have I known a gentle maid  
Whose mind and form were both array'd  
In nature's purest light, like thine ;  
Who wore that clear, celestial sign,  
Which seems to mark the brow that's fair  
For destiny's peculiar care :  
Whose bosom too, like Dian's own,  
Was guarded by a sacred zone,  
Where the bright gem of virtue shone ;  
Whose eyes had, in their light, a charm  
Against all wrong, and guile, and harm.  
Yet, hapless maid, in one sad hour,  
These spells have lost their guardian power ;  
The gem has been beguil'd away ;  
Her eyes have lost their chastening ray ;  
The modest pride, the guiltless shame,  
The smiles that from reflection came,  
All, all have fled, and left her mind  
A faded monument behind ;  
The ruins of a once pure shrine,  
No longer fit for guest divine.  
O, 'twas a sight I wept to see —  
Heaven keep the lost one's fate from thee !

—  
TO  
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'Tis time, I feel, to leave thee now,  
While yet my soul is something free ;  
While yet those dangerous eyes allow  
One minute's thought to stray from thee.

O, thou becom'st each moment dearer ;  
Every chance that brings me nigh thee,  
Brings my ruin nearer, nearer, —  
I am lost, unless I fly thee.

Nay, if thou dost not scorn and hate me,  
Doom me not thus so soon to fall ;  
Duties, fame, and hopes await me, —  
But that eye would blast them all !

For, thou hast heart as false and cold  
As ever yet allur'd or sway'd.  
And couldst, without a sigh, behold  
The ruin which thyself had made.

Yet, — *could* I think that, truly fond,  
That eye but once would smile on me,  
Ev'n as thou art, how far beyond  
Fame, duty, wealth, that smile would be !

O, but to win it, night and day,  
Inglorious at thy feet reclin'd,  
I'd sigh my dreams of fame away,  
The world for thee forgot, resign'd.

But no, 'tis o'er, and — thus we part,  
Never to meet again, — no, never.  
False woman, what a mind and heart  
Thy treachery has undone forever!

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## WOMAN.

AWAY, away — you're all the same,  
A smiling, fluttering, jilting throng;  
And, wise too late, I burn with shame,  
To think I've been your slave so long.

Slow to be won, and quick to rove,  
From folly kind, from cunning loath,  
Too cold for bliss, too weak for love,  
Yet feigning all that's best in both;

Still panting o'er a crowd to reign, —  
More joy it gives to woman's breast  
To make ten frigid coxcombs vain,  
Than one true, manly lover blest.

Away, away — your smile's a curse —  
O, blot me from the race of men,  
Kind pitying Heaven, by death or worse,  
If e'er I love such things again.

TO

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*Νοῦνι τὰ φίλτατα.* EURIPIDES.

COME, take thy harp — 'tis vain to muse  
Upon the gathering ills we see;  
O, take thy harp and let me lose  
All thoughts of ill in hearing thee.

Sing to me, love! — though death were near,  
Thy song could make my soul forget —  
Nay, nay, in pity, dry that tear,  
All may be well, be happy yet.

Let me but see that snowy arm  
Once more upon the dear harp lie,  
And I will cease to dream of harm,  
Will smile at fate, while thou art nigh.

Give me that strain of mournful touch,  
We us'd to love long, long ago,

Before our hearts had known as much  
As now, alas! they bleed to know.

Sweet notes! they tell of former peace,  
Of all that look'd so smiling then,  
Now vanish'd, lost — O pray thee, cease,  
I cannot bear those sounds again.

Art *thou*, too, wretched? yes, thou art;  
I see thy tears flow fast with mine —  
Come, come to this devoted heart,  
'Tis breaking, but it still is thine!

## A VISION OF PHILOSOPHY.

'Twas on the Red Sea coast, at morn, we met  
The venerable man; <sup>1</sup> a healthy bloom  
Mingled its softness with the vigorous thought  
That tower'd upon his brow; and, when he  
spoke,

'Twas language sweeten'd into song — such holy  
sounds

As oft, they say, the wise and virtuous hear,  
Prelusive to the harmony of heaven,  
When death is nigh; <sup>2</sup> and still, as he unclod'd  
His sacred lips, an odor, all as bland  
As ocean breezes gather from the flowers  
That blossom in elysium, <sup>3</sup> breath'd around.  
With silent awe we listen'd, while he told  
Of the dark veil which many an age had hung  
O'er Nature's form, till long explored by man,  
The mystic shroud grew thin and luminous,  
And glimpses of that heavenly form shone  
through: —

<sup>1</sup> In Plutarch's Essay on the Decline of the Oracles, Cleombrotus, one of the interlocutors, describes an extraordinary man whom he had met with, after long research, upon the banks of the Red Sea. Once in every year this supernatural personage appeared to mortals, and conversed with them; the rest of his time he passed among the Genii and the Nymphs. *Περί την ερυθραν θάλασσαν εἶμι, ἀνθρώπος ἀνα πάντας ἀπαξ ἐπιγυγχανότα, τίλλα δὲ σὺν ταῖς νυμφαῖς, νομασί και δαιμοσί, ὡς εἶφασκε.* He spoke in a tone not far removed from singing, and whenever he opened his lips, a fragrance filled the place: *φλογγομένου δὲ του ταπιν εὐωδία κατερχε, του στοματος ἰδίοτου ἀποπνεούτος.* From him Cleombrotus learned the doctrine of a plurality of worlds.

<sup>2</sup> The celebrated Janus Dousa, a little before his death, imagined that he heard a strain of music in the air. See the poem of Heinsius "In harmoniam quam paulo ante obitum audire sibi visus est Dousa." Page 501.

<sup>3</sup> — *ἐνθα μακροῦ  
νάσον ὠκεανίδος  
ἀναρὰ περιπνεούσιν ἀ-  
θέμα δὲ χροῦσσον φλεγει.*



Of magic wonders, that were known and taught  
By him (or Cham or Zoroaster named)  
Who mus'd amid the mighty cataclysm,  
O'er his rude tablets of primeval lore; <sup>1</sup>  
And gathering round him, in the sacred ark,  
The mighty secrets of that former globe,  
Let not the living star of science <sup>2</sup> sink  
Beneath the waters, which engulf'd a world!

<sup>1</sup> Cham, the son of Noah, is supposed to have taken with him into the ark the principal doctrines of magical, or rather of natural, science, which he had inscribed upon some very durable substances, in order that they might resist the ravages of the deluge, and transmit the secrets of antediluvian knowledge to his posterity. See the extracts made by Bayle, in his article, Cham. The identity of Cham and Zoroaster depends upon the authority of Berossus (or rather the impostor Annius), and a few more such respectable testimonies. See Naudé's Apologie pour les Grands Hommes, &c., chap. viii., where he takes more trouble than is necessary in refuting this gratuitous supposition.

<sup>2</sup> Chianum à posteris hujus artis admiratoribus Zoroastrum, seu vivum astrum, propterea fuisse dictum et pro Deo habitum. — *Bochart. Geograph. Sacr.* lib. iv. cap. 1.

<sup>3</sup> Orpheus. — Paulinus, in his *Hebdomades*, cap. 2, lib. iii. has endeavored to show, after the Platonists, that man is a diapason, or octave, made up of a diatesseron, which is his soul, and a diapente, which is his body. Those frequent allusions to music, by which the ancient philosophers illustrated their sublime theories, must have tended very much to elevate the character of the art, and to enrich it with associations of the grandest and most interesting nature. See a preceding note, for their ideas upon the harmony of the spheres. Heraclitus compared the mixture of good and evil in this world, to the blended varieties of harmony in a musical instrument (Plutarch. de Animæ Procreat.); and Euryppianus, the Pythagorean, in a fragment preserved by Stobæus, describes human life, in its perfection, as a sweet and well-tuned lyre. Some of the ancients were so fanciful as to suppose that the operations of the memory were regulated by a kind of musical cadence, and that ideas occurred to it "per arsin et thesin," while others converted the whole man into a mere harmonized machine, whose motion depended upon a certain tension of the body, analogous to that of the strings in an instrument. Cicero indeed ridicules Aristoxenus for this fancy, and says, "Let him teach singing, and leave philosophy to Aristotle;" but Aristotle himself, though decidedly opposed to the harmonic speculations of the Pythagoreans and Platonists, could sometimes condescend to enliven his doctrines by reference to the beauties of musical science; as, in the treatise *Περὶ κωσμῶν* attributed to him, *Καθαπερ δὲ ἐν χορῶν, κορυφαίον καταρξάντος, κ. τ. λ.*

The Abbé Bateux, in his inquiry into the doctrine of the Stoics, attributes to those philosophers the same mode of illustration. "L'âme étoit cause active *ποιεῖν αἰτιος*; le corps cause passive *ἰδέ του πασχειν* — l'une agissant dans l'autre; et y prenant, par son action même, un caractère, des formes, les modifications, qu'elle n'avoit pas par elle-même; à peu près comme l'air, qui, chassé dans un instrument de musique, fait connoître, par les différens sons qu'il produit, les différens modifications qu'il y reçoit." See a fine simile founded upon this notion in Cardinal Polignac's poem, lib. 5, v. 734.

<sup>4</sup> Pythagoras is represented in Iamblichus as descending with great solemnity from Mount Carmel, for which reason

Of visions, by Calliope reveal'd  
To him,<sup>3</sup> who trac'd upon his typic lyre  
The diapason of man's mingled frame,  
And the grand Doric heptachord of heaven,  
With all of pure, of wondrous and arcane,  
Which the grave sons of Mochus, many a night  
Told to the young and bright-hair'd visitant  
Of Carmel's sacred mount.<sup>4</sup> — Then, in a flow

the Carmelites have claimed him as one of their fraternity. This Mochus or Moschus, with the descendants of whom Pythagoras conversed in Phœnicia, and from whom he derived the doctrines of atomic philosophy, is supposed by some to be the same with Moses. Huett has adopted this idea, *Démonstration Evangélique*, Prop. iv. chap. 2, § 7; and Le Clerc, amongst others, has refused it. See *Biblioth. Choisie*, tom. i. p. 75. It is certain, however, that the doctrine of atoms was known and promulgated long before Epicurus. "With the fountains of Democritus," says Cicero, "the gardens of Epicurus were watered;" and the learned author of the *Intellectual System* has shown, that all the early philosophers, till the time of Plato, were atomists. We find Epicurus, however, boasting that his tenets were new and unborrowed, and perhaps few among the ancients had any stronger claim to originality. In truth, if we examine their schools of philosophy, notwithstanding the peculiarities which seem to distinguish them from each other, we may generally observe that the difference is but verbal and trifling; and that, among those various and learned heresies, there is scarcely one to be selected, whose opinions are its own, original and exclusive. The doctrine of the world's eternity may be traced through all the sects. The continual metempsychosis of Pythagoras, the grand periodic year of the Stoics, (at the conclusion of which the universe is supposed to return to its original order, and commence a new revolution,) the successive dissolution and combination of atoms maintained by the Epicureans — all these tenets are but different intimations of the same general belief in the eternity of the world. As explained by St. Austin, the periodic year of the Stoics disagrees only so far with the idea of the Pythagoreans, that instead of an endless transmission of the soul through a variety of bodies, it restores the same body and soul to repeat their former round of existence, so that the "identical Plato, who lectured in the Academy of Athens, shall again and again, at certain intervals, during the lapse of eternity, appear in the same Academy and resume the same functions —" — sic eadem tempora temporalium rerum volumina repeti, ut v. g. eicū in isto sæculo Plato philosophus in urbe Atheniensī, in eā scholā quæ Acadēmia dicta est, discipulos docuit, ita per innumērabilia retro sæcula, multum plexis quidem intervallis, sed certis, et idem Plato, et eadem civitas, eademque schola, iidemque discipuli repetiti et per innumērabilia deinde sæcula repetendi sint. — *De Civitat. Dei*, lib. xii. cap. 13. Vanini, in his dialogues, has given us a similar explication of the periodic revolutions of the world. "Eà de causâ, qui nunc sunt in usu ritus, centies millies fuerunt, totiesque renascentur quoties ceciderunt." 52.

The paradoxical notions of the Stoics upon the beauty, the riches, the dominion of their imaginary sage, are among the most distinguishing characteristics of their school, and, according to their advocate Lipsius, were peculiar to that sect. "Piora illa (decreta) quæ passim in philosophantium scholis ferè obtinent, ista quæ pèculiaria huic secte et habent contradictionem: i. e. paradoxa." — *Manudact. ad Stoic. Philos.*



Of calmer converse, he beguil'd us on  
Through many a maze of Garden and of Porch,

lib. iii. dissertat. 2. But it is evident (as the Abbé Garnier has remarked, *Mémoires de l'Acad. tom. xxxv.*) that even these absurdities of the Stoics are borrowed, and that Plato is the source of all their extravagant paradoxes. We find their dogma, "dives qui sapiens," (which Clement of Alexandria has transferred from the Philosopher to the Christian, *Pædagog. lib. iii. cap. 6.*) expressed in the prayer of Socrates at the end of the *Phædrus* Ω φιλε Παν τε και αλλοι οσοι τησ θεσι, δοιητε μοι καλω γεγεσθαι τανωθεν τωζωθεν δε οσα εχω, τοις εντος ειναι μη φιλια πλουσιον δε νομιζοιμι τον σοφον. And many other instances might be adduced from the *Αντερμαστα*, the *Πολιτικος*, &c., to prove that these weeds of paradox were all gathered among the bowers of the Academy. Hence it is that Cicero, in the preface to his *Paradoxes*, calls them Socratica; and Lipsius, exulting in the patronage of Socrates, says "Ille totus est noster." This is indeed a coalition, which evinces as much as can be wished the confused similitude of ancient philosophical opinions: the father of scepticism is here enrolled amongst the founders of the Portico; he, whose best knowledge was that of his own ignorance, is called in to authorize the pretensions of the most obstinate dogmatists in all antiquity.

Rutilius, in his *Itinerarium*, has ridiculed the abate of the Jews, as "lassati mollis imago Dei;" but Epicurus gave an eternal holiday to his gods, and, rather than disturb the slumbers of Olympus, denied at once the interference of a Providence. He does not, however, seem to have been singular in this opinion. Theophilus of Antioch, if he deserve any credit, imputes a similar belief to Pythagoras: — φησι (Πυθαγορας) τε των παντων θεους ανθρωπων μηδεν φροντιζειν. And Plutarch, though so hostile to the followers of Epicurus, has unaccountably adopted the very same theological error. Thus, after quoting the opinions of Anaxagoras and Plato upon divinity, he adds, Κοινως ον αραρισαν αυψητεροι, οτι τον θεον επιησαν επιστεφομενον των ανθρωπων. — *De Placid. Philosoph. lib. i. cap. 7.* Plato himself has attributed a degree of indifference to the gods, which is not far removed from the apathy of Epicurus's heaven; as thus, in his *Philebus*, where Protarchus asks, Ουκουν εικος γε ουτε χαιρειν θεους, ουτε το εναντιον; and Socrates answers, Πανν μεν ονν εικος, ασχηρον γουν αυτων ικατερον γιγιμενον εστιν: — while Aristotle supposes a still more absurd neutrality, and concludes, by no very flattering analogy, that the deity is as incapable of virtue as of vice. Και γαρ ωσπερ ουδεν θηριον εστι κακια, ουδ' αρετη, οτως ουδε θεον. — *Ethic. Nicomach. lib. vii. cap. 1.* In truth, Aristotle, upon the subject of Providence, was little more correct than Epicurus. He supposed the moon to be the limit of divine interference, excluding of course this sublunary world from its influence. The first definition of the world, in his treatise *Περα Κοσμου* (if this treatise be really the work of Aristotle) agrees, almost verbum verbo, with that in the letter of Epicurus to Pythocles; and both omit the mention of a deity. In his *Ethics*, too, he intimates a doubt whether the gods feel any interest in the concerns of mankind. — Ετ γαρ τις επιμελεια των ανθρωπων ον θεων γινεται. It is true, he adds 'Ωσπερ δοκει, but even this is very sceptical.

In these erroneous conceptions of Aristotle, we trace the cause of that general neglect which his philosophy experienced among the early Christians. Plato is seldom much more orthodox, but the obscure enthusiasm of his style allowed them to accommodate all his fancies to their own

Through many a system, where the scatter'd light  
Of heavenly truth lay, like a broken beam

purpose. Such glowing steel was easily moulded, and Plato himself became a sword in the hands of the fathers.

The Providence of the Stoics, so vaunted in their school was a power as contemptibly inefficient as the rest. All was fate in the system of the Portico. The chains of destiny were thrown over Jupiter himself, and their deity was like the Borgia of the epigrammatist, "et Cæsar et nihil." Not even the language of Seneca can reconcile this degradation of divinity. "Ille ipse omnium conditor ac rector scriptis quidam fata, sed sequitur; semper parat, semel justis." — *Lib. de Providentiâ*, cap. 5.

With respect to the difference between the Stoics, Peripatetics, and Academicians, the following words of Cicero prove that he saw but little to distinguish them from each other: — "Peripateticos et Academicos, nominibus differentes, re congruentes; a quibus Stoici ipsi verbis magis quam sententiis dissenserunt." — *Academic. lib. ii. 5*; and perhaps what Reid has remarked upon one of their points of controversy might be applied as effectually to the reconciliation of all the rest. "The dispute between the Stoics and Peripatetics was probably all for want of definition. The one said they were good under the control of reason, the other that they should be eradicated." — *Essays*, vol. iiii. In short, it appears a no less difficult matter to establish the boundaries of opinion between any two of the philosophical sects, than it would be to fix the landmarks of those estates in the moon, which Ricciolus so generously allotted to his brother astronomers. Accordingly we observe some of the greatest men of antiquity passing without scruple from school to school, according to the fancy or convenience of the moment. Cicero, the father of Roman philosophy, is sometimes an Academician, sometimes a Stoic; and, more than once, he acknowledges a conformity with Epicurus; "non sine causa igitur Epicurus ausus est dicere semper in pluribus bonis esse sapientem, quia semper sit in voluptatibus." — *Tusculan. Quest. lib. v.* Though often pure in his theology, Cicero sometimes smiles at futurity as a fiction; thus, in his *Oration for Cluentius*, speaking of punishments in the life to come, he says, "Quæ si falsa sunt, id quod omnes intelligent, quid ei tandem aliud mors eripuit, præter sensum doloris?" — though here we should, perhaps, do him but justice by agreeing with his commentator Silius, who remarks upon this passage, "Hæc autem dixit, ut cause suæ subserviret." The poet, Horace, roves like a butterfly through the schools, and now wings along the walls of the Porch, now basks among the flowers of the Garden; while Virgil, with a tone of mind strongly philosophical, has yet left us wholly uncertain as to the sect which he espoused. The balance of opinion declares him to have been an Epicurean, but the ancient author of his life asserts that he was an Academician; and we trace through his poetry the tenets of almost all the leading sects. The same kind of eclectic indifference is observable in most of the Roman writers. Thus Propertius, in the fine elegy to Cynthia, on his departure for Athens,

Ille vel studiis animam emendare Platonis,  
Incipiam, aut hortis, docte Epicure, tuis.

Lib. iii. Eleg. 21.

Though Broeckhusius here reads, "dux Epicure," which seems to fix the poet under the banners of Epicurus. Even the Stoic Seneca, whose doctrines have been considered so orthodox, that St. Jerome has ranked him amongst the ecclesiastical writers, when Boececcio doubts (in consideration

From the pure sun, which, though refracted all  
 Into a thousand hues, is sunshine still,<sup>1</sup>  
 And thronged through every change! — he spoke  
 of Him,

The lone,<sup>2</sup> eternal One, who dwells above,  
 And of the soul's untraceable descent  
 From that high fount of spirit, through the grades  
 Of intellectual being, till it mix  
 With atoms vague, corruptible, and dark;  
 Nor yet ev'n then, though sunk in earthly dross,  
 Corrupted all, nor its ethereal touch  
 Quite lost, but tasting of the fountain still.  
 As some bright river, which has roll'd along  
 Through meads of flowery light and mines of  
 gold,

When pour'd at length into the dusky deep,  
 Disdains to take at once its briny taint,  
 But keeps unchanged a while the lustrous tinge  
 Or balmy freshness of the scenes it left.<sup>3</sup>

And here the old man ceased—a winged  
 train

Of nymphs and genii bore him from our eyes.  
 The fair illusion fled! and, as I wak'd,  
 'Twas clear that my rapt soul had roamed, the  
 while,

To that bright realm of dreams, that spirit world,  
 Which mortals know by its long track of light  
 O'er midnight's sky, and call the Galaxy.<sup>4</sup>

of his supposed correspondence with St. Paul) whether Dante should have placed him in Limbo with the rest of the Pagans — even the rigid Seneca has bestowed such commendations on Epicurus, that if only those passages of his works were preserved to us, we could not hesitate, I think, in pronouncing him a confirmed Epicurean. With similar inconsistency, we find Porphyry, in his work upon abstinence, referring to Epicurus as an example of the most strict Pythagorean temperance; and Lancelotti (the author of "Farfalloni degli antichi Storici") has been seduced by this grave reputation of Epicurus into the absurd error of associating him with Chrysippus, as a chief of the Stoic school. There is no doubt, indeed, that however the Epicurean sect might have relaxed from its original purity, the morals of its founder were as correct as those of any among the ancient philosophers; and his doctrines upon pleasure, as explained in the letter to Menoecus, are rational, amiable, and consistent with our nature. A late writer, De Sablons, in his Grands Hommes vengés, expresses strong indignation against the Encyclopédistes for their just and animated praises of Epicurus, and discussing the question, "si ce philosophe étoit vertueux," denies it upon no other authority than the calumnies collected by Plutarch, who himself confesses that, on this particular subject, he consulted only opinion and report, without pausing to investigate their truth. — Άλλα την δοξαν, ου την αληθειαν σκοπομεν. To the factious zeal of his illiberal rivals, the Stoics, Epicurus chiefly owed these gross misrepresentations of the life and opinions of himself and his

TO MRS. . . . .

To see thee every day that came,  
 And find thee still each day the same;  
 In pleasure's smile, or sorrow's tear,  
 To me still ever kind and dear; —  
 To meet thee early, leave thee late,  
 Has been so long my bliss, my fate,  
 That life, without this cheering ray,  
 Which came, like sunshine, every day,  
 And all my pain, my sorrow chas'd,  
 Is now a lone and loveless waste.

Where are the chords she us'd to to  
 The airs, the songs she lov'd so much?  
 Those songs are hush'd, those chords are  
 still,

And so, perhaps, will every thrill  
 Of feeling soon be lull'd to rest,  
 Which late I wak'd in Anna's breast.  
 Yet, no — the simple notes I play'd  
 From memory's tablet soon may fade;  
 The songs, which Anna lov'd to hear,  
 May vanish from her heart and ear;  
 But friendship's voice shall ever find  
 An echo in that gentle mind,  
 Nor memory lose nor time impair  
 The sympathies that tremble there.

associates, which, notwithstanding the learned exertions of Gassendi, have still left an odium on the name of his philosophy; and we ought to examine the ancient accounts of this philosopher with about the same degree of cautious belief which, in reading ecclesiastical history, we yield to the invectives of the fathers against the heretics, — trusting as little to Plutarch upon a dogma of Epicurus, as we would to the vehement St. Cyril upon a tenet of Nestorius. (1801.)

The preceding remarks, I wish the reader to observe, were written at a time, when I thought the studies to which they refer much more important as well as more amusing than, I freely confess, they appear to me at present.

1 Lactantius asserts that all the truths of Christianity may be found dispersed through the ancient philosophical sects, and that any one who would collect these scattered fragments of orthodoxy might form a code in no respect differing from that of the Christian. "Si extitisset aliquis, qui veritatem sparsam per singulos per sectasque diffusam colligeret in unum, ac redigeret in corpus, is profecto non dissentiret a nobis." — *Inst. lib. vi. c. 7.*

2 Το μνον και ερημον.

3 This bold Platonic image I have taken from a passage in Father Bouchet's letter upon the Metempsychosis, inserted in Picart's Cérém. Relig. tom. iv.

4 According to Pythagoras, the people of Dreams are souls collected together in the Galaxy. — Δημος δε ουτιρων, κατα Πυθαγοραν, αι ψυχαι ως συναγασθαι φησιν εις του γαλιξιαν — *Porphyry, de Antro Nymph.*

## TO LADY HEATHCOTE,

ON AN OLD RING FOUND AT TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

"Tunnebridge est à la même distance de Londres, que Fontainebleau l'est de Paris. Ce qu'il y a de beau et de galant dans l'un et dans l'autre sexe s'y rassemble au tems des eaux. La compagnie," &c. &c.

See *Mémoires de Grammont*, Second Part, chap. iii.

*Tunbridge Wells.*

WHEN Grammont grac'd these happy springs,  
And Tunbridge saw, upon her Pantiles,  
The merriest wight of all the kings  
That ever rul'd these gay, gallant isles;

Like us, by day, they rode, they walk'd,  
At eve, they did as we may do,  
And Grammont just like Spencer talk'd,  
And lovely Stewart smil'd like you.

The only different trait is this,  
That woman then, if man beset her,  
Was rather given to saying "yes,"  
Because, — as yet, she knew no better.

Each night they held a coterie,  
Where, every fear to slumber charm'd,  
Lovers were all they ought to be,  
And husbands not the least alarm'd.

Then call'd they up their school-day pranks,  
Nor thought it much their sense beneath  
To play at riddles, quips, and cranks,  
And lords show'd wit, and ladies teeth.

As — "Why are husbands like the mint?"  
Because, forsooth, a husband's duty  
Is but to set the name and print  
That give a currency to beauty.

"Why is a rose in nettles hid  
"Like a young widow, fresh and fair?"  
Because 'tis sighing to be rid  
Of weeds that "have no business there!"

And thus they miss'd and thus they hit,  
And now they struck and now they parried;  
And some lay in of full-grown wit,  
While others of a pun miscarried.

'Twas one of those facetious nights  
That Grammont gave this forfeit ring  
For breaking grave conundrum rites,  
Or punning ill, or — some such thing: —

From whence it can be fairly trac'd,  
Through many a branch and many a bough,  
From twig to twig, until it grac'd  
The snowy hand that wears it now.

All this I'll prove, and then to you  
O Tunbridge! and your springs *ironical*,  
I swear by Heathcote's eye of blue  
To dedicate th' important chronicle.

Long may your ancient inmates give  
Their mantles to your modern lodgers,  
And Charles's loves in Heathcote live,  
And Charles's bards revive in Rogers.

Let no pedantic fools be there;  
Forever be those fops abolish'd,  
With heads as wooden as thy ware,  
And, heaven knows! not half so polish'd.

But still receive the young, the gay,  
The few who know the rare delight  
Of reading Grammont every day,  
And acting Grammont every night.

## THE DEVIL AMONG THE SCHOLARS

A FRAGMENT.

Τὴ κακὸν ὁ γελῶς;

CHRYSOST. *Homil. in Epist. ad Hebræos*

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BUT, whither have these gentle ones,  
These rosy nymphs and black-eyed nuns  
With all of Cupid's wild romancing,  
Led my truant brains a-dancing?  
Instead of studying tones scholastic,  
Ecclesiastic, or monastic,  
Off I fly, careering far  
In chase of Pollys, prettier far  
Than any of their namesakes are, —  
The Polymaths and Polyhistor, —  
Polyglots and all their sisters.  
So have I known a hopeful youth  
Sit down in quest of lore and truth,  
With tomes sufficient to confound him,  
Like Tohu Bohu, heap'd around him,  
Mamura! stuck to Theophrastus,  
And Galen tumbling o'er Bombastus.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Mamura, a dogmatic philosopher, who never is heard about any thing, except who was his father. — "Nihil a se unquam præterquam de patre dubitavit." — *In Vit.* He was very learned — "La-dedans, (that is, in his head when it was opened,) le Punique heurte le Persan, l'Hébreu choque l'Arabique, pour ne point parler de la mauvaise intelligence du Latin avec le Grec," &c. — See *L'Histoire de Montmaur*, tom. ii. p. 91.

<sup>2</sup> Bombastus was one of the names of that great scholar

When lo ! while all that's learn'd and wise  
 Absorbs the boy, he lifts his eyes,  
 And through the window of his study  
 Beholds some damsel fair and ruddy,  
 With eyes, as brightly turn'd upon him as  
 The angel's<sup>1</sup> were on Hieronymus.  
 Quick fly the folios, widely scatter'd,  
 Old Homer's laurell'd brow is batter'd,  
 And Sappho, headlong sent, flies just in  
 The reverend eye of St. Augustin.  
 Raptur'd he quits each dozing sage,  
 O woman, for thy lovelier page :  
 Sweet book ! — unlike the books of art, —  
 Whose errors are thy fairest part ;  
 In whom the dear errata column  
 Is the best page in all the volume !<sup>2</sup>

But to begin my subject rhyme —  
 'Twas just about this devilish time,  
 When scarce there happen'd any frolics  
 That were not done by Diabolics,  
 A cold and loveless son of Lucifer,  
 Who woman scorn'd, nor saw the use of  
 her,

and quack Paracelsus. — “ Philippus Bombastus latet sub splendido tegmine Aureoli Theophrasti Paracelsi,” says Stadelius de circumforaneâ Literatorum vanitate. — He used to fight the devil every night with a broadsword, to the no small terror of his pupil Oporinus, who has recorded the circumstance. (Vide Oporin. Vit. apud Christian. Oryph. Vit. Select. quorundam Eruditissimorum, &c.) Paracelsus had but a poor opinion of Galen : — “ My very beard (says he in his Paragrænum) has more learning in it than either Galen or Avicenna.”

<sup>1</sup> The angel, who scolded St. Jerom for reading Cicero, as Gratian tells the story in his “ Concordantia discordantium Canonum,” and says, that for this reason bishops were not allowed to read the Classics : “ Episcopus Gentilium libros non legat.” — *Distinct.* 37. But Gratian is notorious for lying — besides, angels, as the illustrious pupil of Pantenus assures us, have got no tongues. Οὐχ' ὡς ἡμῖν τὰ ὠτα, οὕτως κεινοῖς ἢ γλωττᾶ οὐδ' ἀν ὀργανα τῆς δωη φωνῆς ἀγγελοῖς. — *Clem. Alexand. Stromat.*

<sup>2</sup> The idea of the Rabbin's, respecting the origin of woman, is not a little singular. They think that man was originally formed with a tail, like a monkey, but that the Deity cut off this appendage, and made woman of it. Upon this extraordinary supposition the following reflection is founded : —

If such is the tie between women and men,  
 The ninny who weds is a pitiful elf,  
 For he takes to his tail like an idiot again,  
 And thus makes a deplorable ape of himself.

Yet, if we may judge as the fashions prevail,  
 Every husband remembers th' original plan,  
 And, knowing his wife is no more than his tail,  
 Why he — leaves her behind him as much as he can.

<sup>3</sup> Scaliger. de Emendat. Tempor. — Dagon was thought by others to be a certain sea monster, who came every day

A branch of Dagon's family,  
 (Which Dagon, whether He or She,  
 Is a dispute that vastly better is  
 Referr'd to Scaliger<sup>3</sup> et cæteris,)  
 Finding that, in this age of fools,  
 The wisest sots adorn the schools,  
 Took it at once his head Satanic in,  
 To grow a great scholastic manikin, —  
 A doctor, quite as learn'd and fine as  
 Scotus John or Tom Aquinas,<sup>4</sup>  
 Lully, Hales Irrefragabilis,  
 Or any doctor of the rabble is.  
 In languages,<sup>5</sup> the Polyglots,  
 Compar'd to him, were Babel sots ;  
 He chatter'd more than ever Jew did ; —  
 Sanhedrim and Priest included,  
 Priest and holy Sanhedrim  
 Were one-and-seventy fools to him.  
 But chief the learned demon felt a  
 Zeal so strong for gamma, delta,  
 That, all for Greek and learning's glory,<sup>6</sup>  
 He nightly tipp'd “ Græco more,”  
 And never paid a bill or balance  
 Except upon the Grecian Kalends : —

out of the Red Sea to teach the Syrians husbandry. — See Jaques Gaffarel (Curiosités Inouies, chap. i.), who says he thinks this story of the sea monster “ carries little show of probability with it.”

<sup>4</sup> I wish it were known with any degree of certainty whether the Commentary on Boethius attributed to Thomas Aquinas be really the work of this Angelic Doctor. There are some bold assertions hazarded in it: for instance, he says that Plato kept school in a town called Acadia, and that Alcibiades was a very beautiful woman whom some of Aristotle's pupils fell in love with: — “ Alcibiades mulier fuit pulcherrima, quam videntes quidam discipuli Aristotelis,” &c. — See *Freitag's Aparat. Litterar.* art. 86, tom. i.

<sup>5</sup> The following compliment was paid to Laurentius Valla, upon his accurate knowledge of the Latin language : —

Nunc postquam defunctus Valla petivit,  
 Non audet Pluto verba Latina loqui.

Since Val arriv'd in Pluto's shade,  
 His nouns and pronouns all so pat in,  
 Pluto himself would be afraid  
 To say his soul's his own, in Latin !

See for these lines the “ Auctorum Censio ” of Du Verdier (page 29).

<sup>6</sup> It is much to be regretted that Martin Luther, with all his talents for reforming, should yet be vulgar enough to laugh at Camerarius for writing to him in Greek. “ Master Joachin (says he) has sent me some dates and some raisins, and has also written me two letters in Greek. As soon as I am recovered, I shall answer them in Turkish, that he too may have the pleasure of reading what he does not understand.” “ Græca sunt, legi non possunt,” is the ignorant speech attributed to Accursius ; but very unjustly : — for, far from asserting that Greek could not be read, that worthy jurisconsult upon the Law 6 D. de Honor. Possess. expressiv says, “ Græcæ literæ possunt intelligi et legi.” (Vide Nov

From whence your scholars, when they want  
tick,  
Say, to be *Attic's* to be on tick,  
In logics, he was quite *Ho Panu*; <sup>1</sup>  
Knew as much as ever man knew.  
He fought the combat syllogistic  
With so much skill and art eristic,  
That though you were the learned *Stagirite*,  
At once upon the hip he had you right.  
In music, though he had no ears  
Except for that amongst the spheres,  
(Which most of all, as he aver'd it,  
He dearly loved, 'cause no one heard it,)  
Yet aptly he, at sight, could read  
Each tuneful diagram in *Bedc*,  
And find, by *Euclid's* corollaria,  
The ratios of a jig or aria.  
But, as for all your warbling *Delias*,  
*Orpheuses* and *Saint Cecelias*,  
He own'd he thought them much surpass'd  
By that redoubted *Hyaloclast* <sup>2</sup>  
Who still contriv'd by dint of throttle,  
Where'er he went to crack a bottle.

Likewise to show his mighty knowledge, he,  
On things unknown in physiology,  
Wrote many a chapter to divert us,  
(Like that great little man *Albertus*,)  
Wherein he show'd the reason why,  
When children first are heard to cry,  
If boy the baby chance to be,  
He cries O A! — if girl, O E! —  
Which are, quoth he, exceeding fair hints  
Respecting their first sinful parents;

*Libror. Rarior. Collection. Fascic. IV.*) — *Scipio Cartero-*  
*machus* seems to have been of opinion that there is no salva-  
tion out of the pale of Greek Literature: "Via prima salutis  
Graîa pandetur ab urbe:" and the zeal of *Laurentius Rho-*  
*domannus* cannot be sufficiently admired, when he exhorts  
his countrymen, "per gloriam Christi, per salutem patriæ,  
per reipublicæ decus et emolumentum," to study the Greek  
language. Nor must we forget *Phavorinus*, the excellent  
Bishop of *Nocera*, who, careless of all the usual commendations  
of a Christian, required no further eulogium on his  
tomb than "Here lieth a Greek Lexicographer."

<sup>1</sup> Ο πανν. — The introduction of this language into English  
poetry has a good effect, and ought to be more univers-  
ally adopted. A word or two of Greek in a stanza would  
serve as ballast to the most "light o' love" verses. *Ausonius*,  
among the ancients, may serve as a model: —

Ο γαρ μοι θεμς εστιν in hac regione μενοντι  
Αξιον ab nostris επιδεντα esse καμηνατς.

*Ronsard*, the French poet, has enriched his sonnets and  
odes with many an exquisite morsel from the *Lexicon*. His  
"chère Entelechie," in addressing his mistress, can only be  
equalled by *Cowley's* "Antiperistasis."

<sup>2</sup> Or Glass-Breaker. — *Morhofius* has given an account of

"O Eve!" exclaimeth little madam,  
While little master cries "O Adam!" <sup>3</sup>

But, 'twas in Optics and Dioptrics,  
Our dæmon play'd his first and top tricks.  
He held that sunshine passes quicker  
Through wine than any other liquor;  
And though he saw no great objection  
To steady light and clear reflection,  
He thought the aberrating rays,  
Which play about a bumper's blaze,  
Were by the Doctors look'd, in common, on,  
As a more rare and rich phenomenon.  
He wisely said that the sensorium  
Is for the eyes a great emporium,  
To which these noted picture stealers  
Send all they can and meet with dealers.  
In many an optical proceeding  
The brain, he said, show'd great good breeding  
For instance, when we ogle women  
(A trick which *Barbara* tutor'd him in),  
Although the dears are apt to get in a  
Strange position on the retina,  
Yet instantly the modest brain  
Doth set them on their legs again! <sup>4</sup>

Our doctor thus, with "stuff'd sufficiency"  
Of all omnigenous omniscience,  
Began (as who would not begin  
That had, like him, so much within?)  
To let it out in books of all sorts,  
Folios, quartos, large and small sorts,  
Poems, so very deep and sensible  
That they were quite incomprehensible; <sup>5</sup>

this extraordinary man, in a work, published 1682, — "De  
vitreo scypho fracto," &c.

<sup>3</sup> Translated almost literally from a passage in *Albertus de*  
*Secretis*, &c.

<sup>4</sup> Alluding to that habitual act of the judgment, by which,  
notwithstanding the inversion of the image upon the retina,  
a correct impression of the object is conveyed to the senso-  
rium.

<sup>5</sup> Under this description, I believe "the Devil among the  
Scholars" may be included. Yet *Leibnitz* found out the  
uses of incomprehensibility, when he was appointed secre-  
tary to a society of philosophers at *Nuremberg*, chiefly for  
his ingenuity in writing a cabalistical letter, not one word  
of which either they or himself could interpret. See the  
*Eloge Historique de M. de Leibnitz*, l'Europe Savante. —  
People in all ages have loved to be puzzled. We find *Cicero*  
thanking *Atticus* for having sent him a work of *Serapion*  
"ex quo (says he) quidem ego (quod inter nos liceat dicere)  
millesimam partem vix intelligo." *Lib. ii. epist. 4.* And  
we know that *Avicen*, the learned Arabian, read *Aristotle's*  
*Metaphysics* forty times over for the mere pleasure of being  
able to inform the world that he could not comprehend  
one syllable throughout them. (*Nicolas Massa* in *Vit*  
*Avicen*.)



Prose, which had been at learning's Fair,  
 And bought up all the trumpery there,  
 The tatter'd rags of every vest,  
 In which the Greeks and Romans dress'd,  
 And o'er her figure swoll'n and antic  
 Scatter'd them all with airs so frantic,  
 That those, who saw what fits she had,  
 Declar'd unhappy Prose was mad!  
 Epics he wrote and scores of rebuses,  
 All as neat as old Turnebus's;

Eggs and altars, cyclopædias,  
 Grammars, prayer books — O, 'twere tedious,  
 Did I but tell thee half, to follow me:  
 Not the scribbling bard of Ptolemy,  
 No — nor the hoary Trismegistus,  
 (Whose writings all, thank heaven! have  
 miss'd us,)  
 E'er fill'd with lumber such a ware-room  
 As this great "porcus literarum!"

## ODES OF ANACREON

TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH VERSE, WITH NOTES.

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS

## THE PRINCE OF WALES.

SIR: — In allowing me to dedicate this Work to your Royal Highness, you have conferred upon me an honor which I feel very sensibly: and I have only to regret, that the pages which you have thus distinguished are not more deserving of such illustrious patronage.

Believe me, SIR,

With every sentiment of respect,

Your Royal Highness's

Very grateful and devoted Servant,

THOMAS MOORE.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

It may be necessary to mention, that, in arranging the Odes, the Translator has adopted the order of the Vatican MS. For those who wish to refer to the original, he has prefixed an Index, which marks the number of each Ode in Barnes and the other editions.

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### AN ODE

BY THE TRANSLATOR.

ΕΠΙ ῥόδινοις ταπησι,  
 Τῆϊός ποτ' ὁ μελιστής  
 Ἰλαρὸς γελῶν ἐκεῖτο,  
 Μεθῶν τε καὶ λυρίζων\*  
 Ἀμφὶ αὐτῶν οἱ δ' ἔρωτες  
 Ἄπαλοι συνεχόρουσαν  
 Ὅ βελη τα τῆς Κυθῆρης  
 Ἐποιεῖ, ψυχῆς οἰστούς\*  
 Ὅ δὲ λευκὰ πορφύροισι  
 Κρίνα σὺν ῥόδοισι πλέξας  
 Ἐρίλει στέφων γερῶντα  
 Ἢ δὲ Θεῶν ἀνασσα,  
 ΣΟΦΗ ποτ' ἐξ Ὀλυμποῦ  
 Ἐσώρωσ' Ἀνακρέοντα  
 Ἐσώρωσα τοὺς ἔρωτας,  
 Ὑπομειδίσσας εἶπε  
 Σῶφε, δ' ὡς Ἀνακρέοντα  
 Τὸν σφώωτατον ἀπαντῶν,  
 Καλεῖσιν οἱ σοφισταί,  
 Τί, γερῶν, τεὸν βίον μὲν  
 Τοῖς ἔρωσι, τῷ Ἀναίῳ,  
 Κ' οὐκ ἐμοὶ κρατεῖν ἐδώκας;  
 Τί φίλημα τῆς Κυθῆρης,  
 Τί κυτῆλλα τοῦ Ἀναίου,  
 Αἰεὶ γ' ἐρτυφῆσθαι αἰῶν,  
 Οὐκ ἐμοὺς νομοὺς διδάσκων,  
 Οὐκ ἐμὸν λαχὼν ἀσπτον;  
 Ὅ δὲ Τῆϊός μελιστής  
 Μητε δύσχεραίνε, φησι,  
 Ὅτι, θεῶ, σου γ' ἀνεῦ μὲν,  
 Ὅ σφώωτατος ἀπαντῶν  
 Πᾶρα τῶν σφῶων καλοῦμαι\*  
 Φίλω, πῶν, λυρίζω,

Μετὰ τῶν καλῶν γυναῖκων\*  
 Ἀφελὺς δὲ τερπνα παίζω,  
 Ὡς λυρῆ γὰρ, ἐμὸν ἦτορ  
 Ἀναπνεῖ μουσὺς ἔρωτας\*  
 Ὡδὲ βίωτον γαλήνην  
 Φίλειων μαλίστα πιντῶν,  
 Οὐ σοφὸς μελοδὸς εἰμι;  
 Τίς σφώωτερος μὲν ἐστὶ;

### CORRECTIONS OF THE PRECEDING ODE,

SUGGESTED BY AN EMINENT GREEK SCHOLAR.

ἘΠΙ πορφύροισι τάπησι	Ἐπί ῥόδινοις ταπησι
Τῆϊός ποτ' ὠδωποῖός	Τῆϊός ποτ' ὁ μελιστής
Ἰλαρὸς γελῶν ἐκεῖτο, μεθῶν τε καὶ λυρίζων*	4
περὶ δ' αὐτῶν ἀμφ' ἔρωτες τρομεροῖς ποσὶν χόρευον.	Ἄμφι αὐτῶν οἱ δ' ἔρωτες Ἄπαλοι συνεχόρουσαν
τὰ βέλεμν' ὁ μὲν Κυθῆρης ἐποιεῖ καλῆς, οἰστούς πυρᾶντας, ἐκ κερανοῦ*	9
ὁ δὲ λευκὰ καλλιφύλλοις κρίνα σὺν ῥόδοισι πλέξας, ἐρίλει στέφων γερῶντα. κατὰ δ' εὐθύς ἐξ Ὀλύμπου Σοφίῃ Θεῶν ἀνασσα, ἔσώρωσ' Ἀνακρέοντα,	15
ἔσώρωσα τοὺς ἔρωτας, ὑπομειδίσσά φησι*	Ὑπομειδίσσας εἶπε
Σῶφ',—ἐπεὶ βρωτῶν σὲ τοῦτο καλεῖσιν φύλα πάντα, καλεῖσιν οἱ σοφισταί,— τί, γερῶν, μᾶτην δόδεύεις βίβου τρίβον τεοῦ μὲν μετὰ τῶν καλῶν Ἐρώτων, μετὰ τοῦ καλοῦ Ἀναίου,	19
ἐμὲ δ' ὠδὲ λὰς ἀτίζεις;	25

1. πορφύροισι vox trisyllabica. Anacr. Fragm. cxix. 3, ed. Fischer. πορφύρη τ' Ἀφροδίτη. Id. Fragm. xxxvi. 1 σφαίρη δευτέρη με πορφύρεν, ut legendum plane ex Athenaeo Ἀλιπορφύροισι τάπησι dixit Pseud-Anacreon, Od. viii. 2 Theocr. Id. xv. 125. πορφύροι δὲ τάπητες αἶω, μαλακώτεροι ἴπνω.

5. Tmesis pro ἀμφιχόρευσα. Theocr. Id. vii. 142. πωτῶντα ζουθαὶ περὶ πίδακας ἀμφὶ μέλισσαι, h. e. ἀμψεπωτῶντα.

6. Pseud-Anacr. Od. lii. 12. τρομεροῖς ποσὶν χόρευε. 7, 10. ὁ μὲν, hic—ὁ δὲ, ille. Bion. Id. i. 82. ἄν μὲν οἰστώσ, | ὅς δ' ἐπὶ τῶν ἔθαιν', κ. τ. λ. titidem de Amoribus. 8, 9. ἐποιεῖ—ἐκ κερανοῦ. Pseud-Anacr. Od. cxviii. 13 τὸ δὲ βλέμμα νῦν ἀληθῶς | ἀπὸ τοῦ πυρὸς πῆσιν.

10, 11. καλλιφύλλοις—ῥόδοισι. Pseud-Anacr. Od. v. 3 τὸ ῥόδον τὸ καλλιφύλλον.

13. Tmesis pro κυταῖσα. Pseud-Anacr. Od. iii. 15. ἀνὰ δ' εὐθὺ λύχων ἀψας, h. e. ἀνάψας.

18. Supple ὄνομα, quo τοῦτο referatur. Eurip. Phœn. 12. τοῦτο γὰρ πατήρ | ἔθετο. h. e. τοῦτο ὄνομα. βρωτῶν φύλα πάντα adumbratum ex Pseud-Anacr. Od. iii. 4. μερόπων δὲ φύλα πάντα.

21. Pseud-Anacr. Od. cxvii. 2. βίβου τρίβον δόδεύειν.

25. Æsch. Eumen. 538. μηδὲ νιν, | κέρδος ἰδῶν, ἀθῶν ποδὶ λὰς ἀτί—| σης.

<p> <i>τι φίλημα τῆς Κυθήρης,  τι κόπελλα τοῦ Δυαίου,  ἴσπει τροφῶν αἰδέεις,  ἐμὴ Δέσμι' οὐ διδάσκων,  ἐμὴν οὐ λαχὼν αἰῶνος;</i> </p>	30	<p> <i>Αἰεὶ γ' ἐτρύφησας ἀδῶν  Ὀῦκ ἐμὸς νόμος διδάσκων  Ὀῦκ ἐμὸν λαχὼν αἰῶνος</i> </p>
<p> <i>ὃ δὲ Τηϊῶς μελοδός,  Σὺ παρέκ νόον γε μὴ μοι  χαλέπαινε, φῆσ', ἀντιθε  ὄτι σεῦ σοφὸς καλοῦμαι  π. μὲ τῶν σοφῶν ἀπάντων.</i> </p>	36	<p> <i>Μῆτε δυσχεραίνε, φησι  Ὅτι, Δεῖα, σου γ' ἀνευ μεν  Ὁ σοφωτατὸς ἀπάντων</i> </p>
<p> <i>μετὰ τῶν καλῶν γυναικῶν,  ἀβελῶς δὲ τερονὰ παίζω  κυβάρη γάρ, ὡς κίαρον μὲν,  ἀναπνεῖ μόνους Ἔρωτας.</i> </p>		<p> <i>Ὡς λυρὴ γαρ, ἔμον ητρα</i> </p>
<p> <i>βίτου δὲ τὴν γαλήνην  φιλέων μάλιστα πάντων,  σφῆς οὐ μελοδός εἰμι;  τι σοφώτερον γένει' ἄν;  ἐρέθων σοφώτερος τίς;</i> </p>	41 45	<p> <i>Ὡς βίτου γαλήνην  Ὀῦ σοφὸς μελοδός εἰμι  Τεξ σοφώτερος μεν ἐστι.</i> </p>

## REMARKS ON ANACREON.

THERE is but little known with certainty of the life of Anacreon. Chamæleon Heracleotes,<sup>1</sup> who wrote upon the subject, has been lost in the general wreck of ancient literature. The editors of the poet have collected the few trifling anecdotes which are scattered through the extant authors of antiquity, and, supplying the deficiency of materials by fictions of their own imagination, have arranged, what they call, a life of Anacreon. These specious fabrications are intended to indulge that interest which we naturally feel in the biography of illustrious men; but it is rather a dangerous kind of illusion, as it confounds the limits of history and romance,<sup>2</sup> and is too often supported by unfaithful citation.<sup>3</sup>

32. *παρέκ νόον γε μὴ μοι χαλέπαινε, ne prater rationem in me seroi.* Π. Y. 133. *Ἥρη, μὴ χαλέπαινε παρέκ νόον.* Similiter positionem particularum *μὴ μοι* exhibet Pseud-Anacr. Ocl. xxviii. 13.

<sup>1</sup> He is quoted by Athenæus *εν τῷ περὶ τοῦ Ανακρεοντος.*

<sup>2</sup> The History of Anacreon, by Gæçon (le Poëte sans fard, as he styles himself), is professedly a romance; nor does Mademoiselle Scuderi, from whom he borrowed the idea, pretend to historical veracity in her account of Anacreon and Sappho. These, then, are allowable. But how can Barnes be forgiven, who, with all the confidence of a biographer, traces every wandering of the poet, and settles him at last, in his old age, in a country villa near Téos?

<sup>3</sup> The learned Bayle has detected some infidelities of quotation in Le Fevre. (*Dictionnaire Historique, &c.*) Madame Dacier is not more accurate than her father: they have almost made Anacreon prime minister to the monarch of Samos.

<sup>4</sup> The Asiatics were as remarkable for genius as for luxury. "Iugenia Asiatica inclyta per gentes fecere Poetæ, Anacreon, inde Mimnermus et Antimachus, &c."—*Solinus.*

Our poet was born in the city of Téos,<sup>4</sup> in the delicious region of Ionia, and the time of his birth appears to have been in the sixth century before Christ.<sup>5</sup> He flourished at that remarkable period, when, under the polished tyrants Hipparchus and Polycrates, Athens and Samos were become the rival asylums of genius. There is nothing certain known about his family, and those who pretend to discover in Plato that he was a descendant of the monarch Codrus, show much more of zeal than of either accuracy or judgment.<sup>6</sup>

The disposition and talents of Anacreon recommended him to the monarch of Samos, and he was formed to be the friend of such a prince as Polycrates. Susceptible only to the pleasures, he felt not the corruptions of the court; and, while Pythagoras fled from the tyrant, Anacreon was celebrating his praises on the lyre. We are told too by Maximus Tyrius, that, by the influence of his amatory songs, he softened the mind of Polycrates into a spirit of benevolence towards his subjects.<sup>7</sup>

The amours of the poet, and the rivalry of the tyrant,<sup>8</sup> I shall pass over in silence; and there are few, I presume, who will regret the omission of most of those anecdotes, which the industry of some editors has not only promulged, but discussed. Whatever is repugnant to modesty and virtue is considered in ethical science, by a supposition very favorable to humanity, as impossible; and this amiable persuasion should be much more strongly entertained, where the transgression wars with nature as well as virtue. But why are we not allowed to indulge in the presumption? Why are we

<sup>5</sup> I have not attempted to define the particular Olympiad, but have adopted the idea of Bayle, who says, "Je n'ai point marqué d'Olympiade; car pour un homme qui a vécu 85 ans, il me semble que l'on ne doit point s'enfermer dans des bornes si étroites."

<sup>6</sup> This mistake is founded on a false interpretation of a very obvious passage in Plato's Dialogue on Temperance; it originated with Madame Dacier, and has been received implicitly by many. Gail, a late editor of Anacreon, seems to claim to himself the merit of detecting this error; but Bayle had observed it before him.

<sup>7</sup> *Ανακρεων Σαμοις Πολυκρατην ημερωσε.* Maxim. Tyr. § 21. Maximus Tyrius mentions this among other instances of the influence of poetry. If Gail had read Maximus Tyrius, how could he ridicule this idea in Moutonnet, as unauthenticated?

<sup>8</sup> In the romance of Clelia, the anecdote to which I allude is told of a young girl, with whom Anacreon fell in love while she personated the god Apollo in a mask. But here Mademoiselle Scuderi consulted nature more than truth.

officially reminded that there have been really such instances of depravity?

Hipparchus, who now maintained at Athens the power which his father Pisistratus had usurped, was one of those princes who may be said to have polished the fetters of their subjects. He was the first, according to Plato, who edited the poems of Homer, and commanded them to be sung by the rhapsodists at the celebration of the Panathenæa. From his court, which was a sort of galaxy of genius, Anacreon could not long be absent. Hipparchus sent a barge for him; the poet readily embraced the invitation, and the Muses and the Loves were wafted with him to Athens.<sup>1</sup>

The manner of Anacreon's death was singular. We are told that in the eighty-fifth year of his age he was choked by a grape stone;<sup>2</sup> and, however we may smile at their enthusiastic partiality, who see in this easy and characteristic death a peculiar indulgence of Heaven, we cannot help admiring that his fate should have been so emblematic of his disposition. Cælius Calpagninus alludes to this catastrophe in the following epitaph on our poet:<sup>3</sup>—

Those lips, then, hallow'd sage, which pour'd along  
A music sweet as any cygnet's song,  
The grape hath clos'd it forever!  
Here let the ivy kiss the poet's tomb,  
Here let the rose he loved with laurels bloom.  
In bands that ne'er shall sever.

<sup>1</sup> There is a very interesting French poem founded upon this anecdote, imputed to Desyvetaux, and called "Anacréon Citoyen."

<sup>2</sup> Fabricius appears not to trust very implicitly in this story. "Uvæ passæ acino tandem suffocatus, si credimus Suidæ in *οἰνοποτρῆς*; alii enim hoc mortis genere periisse tradunt Sophoclem."—*Fabricii Bibliothec. Græc.* lib. ii. cap. 15. It must be confessed that Lucian, who tells us that Sophocles was choked by a grape stone, in the very same treatise mentions the longevity of Anacreon, and yet is silent on the manner of his death. Could he have been ignorant of such a remarkable coincidence, or, knowing, could he have neglected to remark it? See Regnier's introduction to his Anacreon.

<sup>3</sup> At te, sancte senex, acinus sub Tartara misit;  
Cygneæ clausit qui tibi vocis iter.  
Vos, hederæ, tumulum, tumulum vos cingite, lauri,  
Hoc rosa perpetuo vernet odora loco;  
At vitis procul hinc, procul hinc odiosa facessat,  
Quæ causam diræ protulit, uva, necis,  
Creditor ipse minus vitem jam Bacchus amare,  
In vatem tantum quæ fuit ausa nefas.

The author of this epitaph, Cælius Calpagninus, has translated or imitated the epigrams *εἰς τὴν Μυρρονος Βοτῆν*, which are given under the name of Anacreon.

<sup>4</sup> Barnes is convinced (but very gratuitously), of the synchronism of Anacreon and Sappho. In citing his authorities,

But far be thou, O, far! unholy vine,  
By whom the favorite minstrel of the Nine  
Lost his sweet vital breath;  
Thy God himself now blushes to confess,  
Once hallow'd vine! he feels he loves thee less,  
Since poor Anacreon's death.

It has been supposed by some writers that Anacreon and Sappho were contemporaries; and the very thought of an intercourse between persons so congenial, both in warmth of passion and delicacy of genius, gives such play to the imagination, that the mind loves to indulge in it. But the vision dissolves before historical truth; and Chamæleon and Hermesianax, who are the source of the supposition, are considered as having merely indulged in a poetical anachronism.<sup>4</sup>

To infer the moral dispositions of a poet from the tone of sentiment which pervades his works, is sometimes a very fallacious analogy; but the soul of Anacreon speaks so unequivocally through his odes, that we may safely consult them as the faithful mirrors of his heart.<sup>5</sup> We find him there the elegant voluptuary, diffusing the seductive charm of sentiment over passions and propensities at which rigid morality must frown. His heart, devoted to indolence, seems to have thought that there is wealth enough in happiness, but seldom happiness in mere wealth. The cheerfulness, indeed, with which he brightens his old age is interesting and endearing: like his own rose, he is fragrant even in decay.

he has strangely neglected the line quoted by Falvius Ursinus, as from Anacreon, among the testimonies to Sappho:—

Εἶμι λαβὼν εὐσπάρῃ Σαπφῶς παρθενὸν ἄδρυφῶρον.

Fabricius thinks that they might have been contemporary, but considers their amour as a tale of imagination. Vossius rejects the idea entirely: as do also Olaus Borrichius and others.

<sup>5</sup> An Italian poet, in some verses on Belleau's translation of Anacreon, pretends to imagine that our bard did not feel as he wrote:—

Lycæum, Venerem, Cupidinemque  
Senex lusit Anacreon poeta.  
Sed quo tempore nec capaciores  
Rogabat cyathos, nec inquietis  
Urebatur amoribus, sed ipsis  
Tantum versibus et jocis amabat,  
Nullum præ se habitum gerens amanti-

To Love and Bacchus ever young  
While sage Anacreon touch'd the lyre,  
He neither felt the loves he sung,  
Nor fill'd his bowl to Bacchus higher.  
Those flowery days had faded long,  
When youth could act the lover's part  
And passion trembled in his song,  
But never, never, reach'd his heart.

But the most peculiar feature of his mind is that love of simplicity, which he attributes to himself so feelingly, and which breathes characteristically throughout all that he has sung. In truth, if we omit those few vices in our estimate which religion, at that time, not only connived at, but consecrated, we shall be inclined to say that the disposition of our poet was amiable; that his morality was relaxed, but not abandoned; and that Virtue, with her zone loosened, may be an apt emblem of the character of Anacreon.<sup>1</sup>

Of his person and physiognomy time has preserved such uncertain memorials, that it were better, perhaps, to leave the pencil to fancy; and few can read the Odes of Anacreon without imagining to themselves the form of the animated old bard, crowned with roses, and singing cheerfully to his lyre. But the head of Anacreon, prefixed to this work,<sup>2</sup> has been considered so authentic, that we scarcely could be justified in the omission of it; and some have even thought that it is by no means deficient in that benevolent suavity of expression which should characterize the countenance of such a poet.

After the very enthusiastic eulogiums be-

<sup>1</sup> Anacreon's character has been variously colored. Barnes lingers on it with enthusiastic admiration: but he is always extravagant, if not sometimes also a little profane. Baillet runs too much into the opposite extreme, exaggerating also the testimonies which he has consulted; and we cannot surely agree with him when he cites such a compiler as Athenæus, as "un des plus savans critiques de l'antiquité."—*Jugement des Savans*, M. CV.

Barnes could hardly have read the passage to which he refers, when he accuses Le Fevre of having censured our poet's character in a note on Longinus; the note in question being manifest irony, in allusion to some censure passed upon Le Fevre for his Anacreon. It is clear, indeed, that praise rather than censure is intimated. See Johannes Vulpium (de Utilitate Poëtica), who vindicates our poet's reputation.

<sup>2</sup> It is taken from the Bibliotheca of Fulvius Ursinus. Bellori has copied the same head into his Imagines. Johannes Faber, in his description of the coin of Ursinus, mentions another head on a very beautiful carnelian, which he supposes was worn in a ring by some admirer of the poet. In the Iconographia of Canini there is a youthful head of Anacreon from a Grecian medal, with the letters ΤΕΙΟΣ around it; on the reverse there is a Neptune, holding a spear in his right hand, and a dolphin, with the word ΤΙΑΩΝ inscribed, in the left; "volendoci denotare (says Canini) che quelle cittadini la coniassero in honore del suo compatriota poeta." There is also among the coins of De Wilde one, which, though it bears no effigy, was probably struck to the memory of Anacreon. It has the word ΤΗΩΝ, encircled with an ivy crown. "At quidni respicit hæc corona Anacæontem, nobilem lyricum?"—*De Wilde*.

<sup>3</sup> Besides those which are extant, he wrote hymns, elegies, epigrams, &c. Some of the epigrams still exist. Horace,

stowed both by ancients and moderns upon the poems of Anacreon,<sup>3</sup> we need not be diffident in expressing our raptures at their beauty, nor hesitate to pronounce them the most polished remains of antiquity.<sup>4</sup> They are, indeed, all beauty, all enchantment.<sup>5</sup> He steals us so insensibly along with him, that we sympathize even in his excesses. In his amatory odes there is a delicacy of compliment not to be found in any other ancient poet. Love at that period was rather an unrefined emotion: and the intercourse of the sexes was animated more by passion than by sentiment. They knew not those little tendernesses which form the spiritual part of affection; their expression of feeling was therefore rude and unvaried, and the poetry of love deprived it of its most captivating graces. Anacreon, however, attained some ideas of this purer gallantry; and the same delicacy of mind which led him to this refinement, prevented him also from yielding to the freedom of language, which has sullied the pages of all the other poets. His descriptions are warm; but the warmth is in the ideas, not the words. He is sportive without being wanton, and ardent without being licentious. His poetic invention is always most

in addition to the mention of him (lib. iv. od. 9), alludes also to a poem of his upon the rivalry of Circe and Penelope in the affections of Ulysses, lib. i. od. 17; and the scholiast upon Nicander cites a fragment from a poem upon Sleep by Anacreon, and attributes to him likewise a medicinal treatise. Fulgentius mentions a work of his upon the war between Jupiter and the Titans, and the origin of the consecration of the eagle

<sup>4</sup> See Horace, Maximus Tyrinus, &c. "His style (says Scaliger) is sweeter than the juice of the Indian reed."—*Flet.* lib. i. cap. 44. "From the softness of his verses (says Olaus Borrichius) the ancients bestowed on him the epithets sweet, delicate, graceful, &c."—*Dissertationes Academicæ*, de Poëtis, diss. 2. Scaliger again praises him thus in a pun; speaking of the μέλος, or ode, "Anacreon autem non solum dedit hæc μέλη sed etiam in ipsis mella." See the passage of Rabin, quoted by all the editors. I cannot omit citing also the following very spirited apostrophe of the author of the Commentary prefixed to the Parma edition: "O vos sublimes animæ, vos Apollinis alumni, qui post unum Alemanem in totâ Hellade lyricam poesim exsuscitastis, colistis, amplificastis, queso vos an nullus unquam fuerit vates qui Teio cantori vel naturæ candore vel metri suavitate pulchram præperuerit." See likewise Vincenzo Gravini della Rag. Poëtica libro primo, p. 97. Among the Ritratti di Marino, there is one of Anacreon beginning "Cingetemi la fronte," &c. &c.

<sup>5</sup> "We may perceive," says Vossius, "that the iteration of his words conduces very much to the sweetness of his style." Henry Stephen remarks the same beauty in a note on the forty-fourth ode. This figure of iteration is his most appropriate grace:—but the modern writers of Juvenilia and Basia have adopted it to an excess which destroys the effect.

brilliantly displayed in those allegorical fictions which so many have endeavored to imitate, though all have confessed them to be inimitable. Simplicity is the distinguishing feature of these odes, and they interest by their innocence, as much as they fascinate by their beauty. They may be said, indeed, to be the very infants of the Muses, and to lisp in numbers.

I shall not be accused of enthusiastic partiality by those who have read and felt the original; but, to others, I am conscious, this should not be the language of a translator, whose faint reflection of such beauties can but ill justify his admiration of them.

In the age of Anacreon music and poetry were inseparable. These kindred talents were for a long time associated, and the poet always sung his own compositions to the lyre. It is probable that they were not set to any regular air, but rather a kind of musical recitation, which was varied according to the fancy and feelings of the moment.<sup>1</sup> The poems of Anacreon were sung at banquets as late as the time of Aulus Gellius, who tells us that he heard one of the odes performed at a birthday entertainment.<sup>2</sup>

The singular beauty of our poet's style, and the apparent facility, perhaps, of his metre have attracted, as I have already remarked, a crowd of imitators. Some of these have succeeded with wonderful felicity, as may be discerned in the few odes which are attributed to writers of a later period. But none of his emulators have been half so dangerous to his fame as those Greek ecclesiastics of the early ages, who, being conscious of their own inferiority to their great prototypes, determined on removing all

possibility of comparison, and, under a semblance of moral zeal, deprived the world of some of the most exquisite treasures of ancient times.<sup>3</sup> The works of Sappho and Alcæus were among those flowers of Grecian literature which thus fell beneath the rude hand of ecclesiastical presumption. It is true they pretended that this sacrifice of genius was hallowed by the interests of religion; but I have already assigned the most probable motive;<sup>4</sup> and if Gregorius Nazianzenus had not written Anacreontics, we might now perhaps have the works of the Teian un mutilated, and be empowered to say exultingly with Horace,

Nec si quid olim lusit Anacreon  
Delevit ætas.

The zeal by which these bishops professed to be actuated, gave birth more innocently, indeed, to an absurd species of parody, as repugnant to piety as it is to taste, where the poet of voluptuousness was made a preacher of the gospel, and his muse, like the Venus in armor at Lacedæmon, was arrayed in all the severities of priestly instruction. Such was the "Anacreon Recantatus," by Carolus de Aquino, a Jesuit, published 1701, which consisted of a series of palinodes to the several songs of our poet. Such, too, was the Christian Anacreon of Patrignanus, another Jesuit,<sup>5</sup> who preposterously transferred to a most sacred subject all that the Grecian poet had dedicated to festivity and love.

His metre has frequently been adopted by the modern Latin poets; and Scaliger, Taubman, Barthius,<sup>6</sup> and others, have shown that it is by no means uncongenial with that language.<sup>7</sup> The Anacreontics of Scaliger, however, scarcely deserve the name; as they glitter all over with

Ἄγε μοι, λιγυία φoρμυγῆ,  
Μετα Τῆραν αἰοιδαν,  
Μετα Δεσβίαν τε μολπαν.

Margunius and Damascenus were likewise authors of pious Anacreontics.

<sup>3</sup> This, perhaps, is the "Jesuita quidam Græculus" alluded to by Barnes, who has himself composed an *Ἀνακρεων Χριστιανος*, as absurd as the rest, but somewhat more skillfully executed.

<sup>6</sup> I have seen somewhere an account of the MSS of Barthius, written just after his death, which mentions many more Anacreontics of his than I believe have ever been published.

<sup>7</sup> Thus too Albertus, a Danish poet: —

Fidii tu minister  
Gaudeo semper esse,  
Gaudeo semper illi  
Litare thure mulso;  
Gaudeo semper illum

<sup>1</sup> In the Paris edition there are four of the original odes set to music, by Le Sueur, Gossec, Mehul, and Cherubini.

<sup>2</sup> On chante du Latin, et de l'Italien," says Gail, "quelquefois même sans les entendre; qui empêche que nous ne chantions des odes Grecques?" The chromatic learning of these composers is very unlike what we are told of the simple melody of the ancients; and they have all, as it appears to me, mistaken the accentuation of the words.

<sup>3</sup> The Parma commentator is rather careless in referring to this passage of Aulus Gellius (lib. xix. 9). The ode was not sung by the rhetorician Julianus, as he says, but by the minstrels of both sexes, who were introduced at the entertainment.

<sup>4</sup> See what Colomesius, in his "Literary Treasures," has quoted from Aleyonius de Exilio; it may be found in Baxter. Colomesius, after citing the passage, adds, "Hæc auro contra cara non potui non apponere."

We may perceive by the beginning of the first hymn of Bishop Synesius, that he made Anacreon and Sappho his models of composition.



conceits, and, though often elegant, are always labored. The beautiful fictions of Angerianus<sup>1</sup> preserve more happily than any others the delicate turn of those allegorical fables, which, passing so frequently through the mediums of version and imitation, have generally lost their finest rays in the transmission. Many of the Italian poets have indulged their fancies upon the subjects, and in the manner of Anacreon, Bernardo Tasso first introduced the metre, which was afterwards polished and enriched by Chabrier and others.<sup>2</sup>

To judge by the references of Degen, the German language abounds in Anacreontic imitations; and Hagedorn<sup>3</sup> is one among many who have assumed him as a model. La Farre, Chaulieu, and the other light poets of France, have also professed to cultivate the muse of Teos; but they have attained all her negligence with little of the simple grace that embellishes it. In the delicate bard of Schiras<sup>4</sup> we find the kindred spirit of Anacreon: some of his gazelles, or songs, possess all the character of our poet.

We come now to a retrospect of the editions of Anacreon. To Henry Stephen we are indebted for having first recovered his remains from the obscurity in which, so singularly, they had for many ages reposed. He found the seventh ode, as we are told, on the cover of an old book, and communicated it to Victorius, who mentions the circumstance in his "Various Readings." Stephen was then very young; and this discovery was considered by some critics of that day as a literary imposition.<sup>5</sup> In 1554, however, he gave Anacreon to the world,<sup>6</sup> accompanied with annotations and a Latin version of the

Laundre pumillilis  
Anacreonticillis.

See the *Danish Poets* collected by Rostgaard.

These pretty littlenesses defy translation. A beautiful Anacreontic by Hugo Grotius, may be found Lib. I. Parraginis.

<sup>1</sup> To Angerianus Prior is indebted for some of his happiest mythological subjects.

<sup>2</sup> See Crescimbeni, *Historia della Volg. Poes.*

<sup>3</sup> "L'aimable Hagedorn vaut quelquefois Anacréon." — *Dorat, Idée de la Poésie Allemande.*

<sup>4</sup> See Toderini on the learning of the Turks, as translated by De Cournard. Prince Cantemir has made the Russians acquainted with Anacreon. See his *Life*, prefixed to a translation of his *Satires*, by the Abbé de Guasco.

<sup>5</sup> Robertellus, in his work "De Ratione corrigendi," pronounces these verses to be the triflings of some insipid Grecist.

<sup>6</sup> Ronsard commemorates this event: —

Je vay boire à Henrie Etienne  
Qui des enfers nous a rendu,

greater part of the odes. The learned still hesitated to receive them as the relics of the Teian bard, and suspected them to be the fabrication of some monks of the sixteenth century. This was an idea from which the classic muse recoiled; and the Vatican manuscript, consulted by Scaliger and Salmasius, confirmed the antiquity of most of the poems. A very inaccurate copy of this MS. was taken by Isaac Vossius, and this is the authority which Barnes has followed in his collation. Accordingly he misrepresents almost as often as he quotes; and the subsequent editors, relying upon his authority, have spoken of the manuscript with not less confidence than ignorance. The literary world, however, has at length been gratified with this curious memorial of the poet, by the industry of the Abbé Spaletti, who published at Rome, in 1781, a fac simile of those pages of the Vatican manuscript which contained the odes of Anacreon.<sup>7</sup>

A catalogue has been given by Gail of all the different editions and translations of Anacreon. Finding their number to be much greater than I could possibly have had an opportunity of consulting, I shall here content myself with enumerating only those editions and versions which it has been in my power to collect; and which, though very few, are, I believe, the most important.

The edition by Henry Stephen, 1554, at Paris — the Latin version is attributed by Colomesius to John Dorat.<sup>8</sup>

The old French translations, by Ronsard and Belleau — the former published in 1555, the latter in 1556. It appears from a note of Mu-

Du vieil Anaeréon perdu,  
La douce lyre Teÿenne. Ode xv. book 5.

I fill the bowl to Stephen's name,  
Who rescued from the gloom of night  
The Teian bard of festive fame,  
And brought his living lyre to light.

<sup>7</sup> This manuscript, which Spaletti thinks as old as the tenth century, was brought from the Palatine into the Vatican library; it is a kind of anthology of Greek epigrams, and in the 67th page of it are found the Ἑμιαῖα Συμμετάκα of Anacreon.

<sup>8</sup> "Le même (M. Vossius) m'a dit qu'il avoit possédé un Anacréon, ou Scaliger avoit marqué de sa main, qu' Henri Etienne n'étoit pas l'auteur de la version Latine des odes de ce poëte, mais Jean Dorat." — *Paulus Colomesius, Particularités.*

Colomesius, however, seems to have relied too implicitly on Vossius; — almost all these Particularités begin with "M. Vossius m'a dit."



retus upon one of the sonnets of Ronsard, that Henry Stephen communicated to this poet his manuscript of Anacreon, before he promulgated it to the world.<sup>1</sup>

The edition by Le Fevre, 1660.

The edition by Madame Dacier, 1681, with a prose translation.<sup>2</sup>

The edition by Longepierre, 1684, with a translation in verse.

The edition by Baxter; London, 1695.

A French translation by la Fosse, 1704.

"L'Histoire des Odes d'Anacreon," by Gazon; Rotterdam, 1712.

A translation in English verse, by several hands, 1713, in which the odes by Cowley are inserted.

The edition by Barnes; London, 1721.

The edition by Dr. Trapp, 1733, with a Latin version in elegiac metre.

A translation in English verse, by John Addison, 1735.

A collection of Italian translations of Anacreon, published at Venice, 1736, consisting of those by Corsini, Regnier,<sup>3</sup> Salvini, Marchetti, and one by several anonymous authors.<sup>4</sup>

A translation in English verse, by Fawkes and Doctor Broome, 1760.<sup>5</sup>

Another, anonymous, 1768.

The edition by Spaletti, at Rome, 1781; with the fac simile of the Vatican MS.

The edition by Degen, 1786, who published

also a German translation of Anacreon, esteemed the best.

A translation in English verse, by Urquhart, 1787.

The edition by Gail, at Paris, 1799, with a prose translation.

## ODE I.<sup>6</sup>

I SAW the smiling bard of pleasure,  
The minstrel of the Teian measure;  
'Twas in a vision of the night,  
He beam'd upon my wondering sight.  
I heard his voice, and warmly pressed  
The dear enthusiast to my breast.  
His tresses wore a silvery dye,  
But beauty sparkled in his eye;  
Sparkled in his eyes of fire,  
Through the mist of soft desire.<sup>7</sup>  
His lip exhal'd, whene'er he sigh'd,  
The fragrance of the racy tide;  
And, as with weak and reeling feet  
He came my cordial kiss to meet,  
An infant, of the Cyprian band,  
Guided him on with tender hand.  
Quick from his glowing brows he drew  
His braid, of many a wanton hue;  
I took the wreath, whose inmost twine  
Breath'd of him and blush'd with wine.<sup>8</sup>

There are surely many telltales of this propensity; and the following are the indices, which the physiognomist gives, describing a disposition perhaps not unlike that of Anacreon: *Οφθαλμοί κλαυόμενοι, κυμαίνοντες εν ἄντοις, εις ἀφροδισια και ευπαθειαν επηρηται. ουτε δε αδικοι, ουτε κακοτρογοι, ουτε φυνεως φανησ, ουτε αμωσοι.* — *Adamantius.* "The eyes that are humid and fluctuating show a propensity to pleasure and love; they bespeak too a mind of integrity and beneficence, a generosity of disposition, and a genius for poetry."

Baptista Porta tells us some strange opinions of the ancient physiognomists on this subject, their reasons for which were curious, and perhaps not altogether fanciful. *Vide Physiognom. Johan. Baptist. Porta.*

<sup>6</sup> *I took the wreath, whose inmost twine*

*Breath'd of him, &c.*] Philostratus has the same thought in one of his *Ερωτικα*, where he speaks of the garland which he had sent to his mistress. *Ει δε βουλει τι φιλω χαριζοσθαι, τα λειψανα αντιπεμψου, μηκειτι πρινον: α βροδων μονον αλλα και σου.* "If thou art inclined to gratify thy lover, send him back the remains of the garland, no longer breathing of roses only, but of thee!" Which pretty conceit is borrowed (as the author of the *Observer* remarks) in a well-known little song of Ben Jonsou's: —

"But thou thereon didst only breathe,  
And sent it back to me;  
Since when it looks and smells, I swear,  
Not of itself, but thee!"

<sup>1</sup> "La fiction de ce sonnet comme l'auteur même m'a dit, est prise d'une ode d'Anacréon, encore non imprimée, qu'il a depuis traduit, Ση μεν φιλη χελιδων."

<sup>2</sup> The author of *Nouvelles de la Répub. des Lett.* bestows on this translation much more praise than its merits appear to me to justify.

<sup>3</sup> The notes of Regnier are not inserted in this edition; but they must be interesting, as they were for the most part communicated by the ingenious Menage, who, we may perceive, from a passage in the *Menagiana*, bestowed some research on the subject. "C'est aussi lui (M. Bigot) qui s'est donné la peine de conférer des manuscrits en Italie dans le tems que je travaillois sur Anacréon." — *Menagiana*, seconde partie.

<sup>4</sup> I find in Haym's *Notizia de' Libri rari*, Venice, 1670, an Italian translation by Cappone, mentioned.

<sup>5</sup> This is the most complete of the English translations.

<sup>6</sup> This ode is the first of the series in the Vatican manuscript, which attributes it to no other poet than Anacreon. They who assert that the manuscript imputes it to Basilus, have been misled by the words *Του αυτου βασιλικωσ* in the margin, which are merely intended as a title to the following ode. Whether it be the production of Anacreon or not, it has all the features of ancient simplicity, and is a beautiful imitation of the poet's happiest manner.

<sup>7</sup> *Sparkled in his eyes of fire,*

*Through the mist of soft desire.*] <sup>8</sup> How could he know at the first look (says Baxter) that the poet was *φιλεινος*?

I hung it, o'er my thoughtless brow,  
And ah! I feel its magic now:<sup>1</sup>  
I feel that even his garland's touch  
Can make the bosom love too much.

## ODE II.

GIVE me the harp of epic song,  
Which Homer's finger thrill'd along;  
But tear away the sanguine string,  
For war is not the theme I sing.  
Proclaim the laws of festal rite,<sup>2</sup>  
I'm monarch of the board to-night;  
And all around shall brim as high,  
And quaff the tide as deep as I.  
And when the cluster's mellowing dews  
Their warm enchanting balm infuse,  
Our feet shall catch th' elastic bound,  
And reel us through the dance's round.  
Great Bacchus! we shall sing to thee,  
In wild but sweet ebriety;  
Flashing around such sparks of thought,  
As Bacchus could alone have taught.

Then, give the harp of epic song,  
Which Homer's finger thrill'd along;  
But tear away the sanguine string,  
For war is not the theme I sing.

ODE III.<sup>3</sup>

LISTEN to the Muse's lyre,  
Master of the pencil's fire!  
Sketch'd in painting's bold display,  
Many a city first portray;

<sup>1</sup> *And ah! I feel its magic now:*] This idea, as Longepierre remarks, occurs in an epigram of the seventh book of the *Anthologia*.

Εἶστε μοι πινοντι συνεσταυσα Χαρικλω  
Δαβη των ιδιων αμφεβαλε στεφανους,  
Περ ολον εἶπται με.

While I unconscious quaff'd my wine,  
<sup>2</sup>Twas then thy fingers slyly stole  
Upon my brow that wreath of thine,  
Which since has madden'd all my soul.

<sup>2</sup> *Proclaim the laws of fe-stal rite.*] The ancients prescribed certain laws of drinking at their festivals, for an account of which see the commentators. Anacreon here acts the symposiarch, or master of the festival. I have translated according to those who consider *κυπελλα* *θεσμων* as an inversion of *θεσμων κυπελλον*.

<sup>3</sup> La Fosse has thought proper to lengthen this poem by

Many a city, revelling free,  
Full of loose festivity.  
Picture then a rosy train,  
Bacchants straying o'er the plain;  
Piping, as they roam along,  
Roundelay or shepherd song.  
Paint me next, if painting may  
Such a theme as this portray,  
All the earthly heaven of love  
These delighted mortals prove.

ODE IV.<sup>4</sup>

VULCAN! hear your glorious task;  
I do not from your labors ask  
In gorgeous panoply to shine,  
For war was ne'er a sport of mine.  
No — let me have a silver bowl,  
Where I may cradle all my soul;  
But mind that, o'er its simple frame  
No mimic constellations flame;  
Nor grave upon the swelling side,  
Orion, scowling o'er the tide.  
I care not for the glitt'ring wain,  
Nor yet the weeping sister train.  
But let the vine luxuriant roll  
Its blushing tendrils round the bowl,  
While many a rose-lipp'd bacchant maid  
Is culling clusters in their shade.<sup>5</sup>  
Let sylvan gods, in antic shapes,  
Wildly press the gushing grapes,  
And flights of Loves, in wanton play,  
Wing through the air their winding way;  
While Venus, from her arbor green,  
Looks laughing at the joyous scene,  
And young Lyæus by her side  
Sits, worthy of so bright a bride.

considerable interpolations of his own, which he thinks are indispensably necessary to the completion of the description.

<sup>4</sup> This ode, Aulus Gellius tells us, was performed at an entertainment where he was present.

<sup>5</sup> *While many a rose-lipp'd bacchant maid, &c.*] I have availed myself here of the additional lines given in the Vatican manuscript, which have not been accurately inserted in any of the ordinary editions: —

Ποισηον αμπελους μοι  
Και βοτρυνας καρ' αυτων  
Και μαιναδας τρυγωσας  
Ποιει δε ληρον οινου,  
Ληροβατας πατουνητας,  
Τους σατυρους γελωντας,  
Και χρουσους τους ερωτας,  
Και Κυθερημ γελωσαν,  
'Ομον καλω Λυαιω,  
Ερωτα κ' Ἀβροδιτην

ODE V.<sup>1</sup>

SCULPTOR, wouldst thou glad my soul,  
 Grave for me an ample bowl,  
 Worthy to shine in hall or bower,  
 When spring time brings the reveller's hour.  
 Grave it with themes of chaste design,  
 Fit for a simple board like mine.  
 Display not there the barbarous rites  
 In which religious zeal delights ;  
 Nor any tale of tragic fate  
 Which History shudders to relate.  
 No — cull thy fancies from above,  
 Themes of heav'n and themes of love.  
 Let Bacchus, Jove's ambrosial boy,  
 Distil the grape in drops of joy,  
 And while he smiles at every tear,  
 Let warm-ey'd Venus, dancing near,  
 With spirits of the genial bed,  
 The dewy herbage deftly tread.  
 Let Love be there, without his arms,<sup>2</sup>  
 In timid nakedness of charms ;

<sup>1</sup> Degen thinks that this ode is a more modern imitation of the preceding. There is a poem by Cælius Calpurnius, in the manner of both, where he gives instructions about the making of a ring.

Tornabis annulum mihi  
 Et fabre, et apte, et commode, &c. &c.

<sup>2</sup> *Let Love be there, without his arms, &c.*] Thus Sannazaro in the eclogue of Gallicio nell' Arcadia : —

Vegnan li vaghi Amori  
 Senza fiammelle, ò strali,  
 Scherzando insieme pargoletti e nudi  
 Fluttering on the busy wing,  
 A train of naked Cupids came,  
 Sporting round in harmless ring,  
 Without a dart, without a flame.

And thus in the *Pervigilium Veneris* : —

Ite nymphæ, posuit arma, feriatu est amor.  
 Love is disarm'd — ye nymphs, in safety stray,  
 Your bosoms now may boast a holiday !

<sup>3</sup> *But ah ! if there Apollo toys, I tremble for the rosy boys.*] An allusion to the fable, that Apollo had killed his beloved boy Hyacinth, while playing with him at quoits. "This (says M. La Fosse) is assuredly the sense of the text, and it cannot admit of any other."

The Italian translators, to save themselves the trouble of a note, have taken the liberty of making Anacreon himself explain this fable. Thus Salvini, the most literal of any of them : —

Ma con lor non giuochi Apollo ;  
 Che in fiero rischio  
 Col duro disco  
 A Giacinto fiaccò il collo.

\* This beautiful fiction, which the commentators have attributed to Julian, a royal poet, the Vatican MS. pronounces to be the genuine offspring of Anacreon. It has, indeed, all the features of the parent : —

And all the Graces, link'd with Love,  
 Stray, laughing, through the shadowy grove  
 While rosy boys disporting round,  
 In circlets trip the velvet ground.  
 But ah ! if there Apollo toys,  
 I tremble for the rosy boys.<sup>3</sup>

ODE VI.<sup>4</sup>

As late I sought the spangled bowers,  
 To cull a wreath of matin flowers,  
 Where many an early rose was weeping.  
 I found the urchin Cupid sleeping.<sup>5</sup>  
 I caught the boy, a goblet's tide  
 Was richly mantling by my side,  
 I caught him by his downy wing,  
 And whelm'd him in the racy spring.  
 Then drank I down the poison'd bowl,  
 And Love now nestles in my soul.  
 O yes, my soul is Cupid's nest,  
 I feel him fluttering in my breast.

et facile inscius  
 Noscitur ab omnibus

<sup>5</sup> *Where many an early rose was weeping, I found the urchin Cupid sleeping.*] This idea is prettily imitated in the following epigram by Andreas Naugerius :

Florentes dum forte vagans mea Hyella per hortos  
 Textit odoratis filia cana rosas,  
 Ecce rosas inter latitantem invenit Amorem  
 Et simul annexis floribus implicuit.  
 Luctatur primo, et contra nitentibus alis  
 Indomitus tentat solvere vincla puer:  
 Mox ubi lacteolas et dignas matre papillas  
 Vidit et ora ipsos nata movere Deos,  
 Impositosque comas ambrosios ut sentit odores  
 Quosque legit diti messe beatus Arabs ;  
 "I (dixit) inea, quere novum tibi, mater, Amorem,  
 Imperio sedes hæc erit apta meo."

As fair Hyella, through the bloomy grove,  
 A wreath of many mingled flow'rets wove,  
 Within a rose a sleeping Love she found,  
 And in the twisted wreaths the baby bound.  
 A while he struggled, and impatient tried  
 To break the rosy bonds the virgin tied ;  
 But when he saw her bosom's radiant swell,  
 Her features, where the eye of Jove might dwell ;  
 And caught th' ambrosial odors of her hair,  
 Rich as the breathings of Arabian air ;  
 "O, mother Venus," (said the raptur'd child,  
 By charms, of more than mortal bloom, beguil'd,)  
 "Go, seek another boy, thou'st lost thine own,  
 "Hyella's arms shall now be Cupid's throne !"

This epigram of Naugerius is imitated by Lodovico Dolce in a poem, beginning

Mentre raccoglie hor uno, hor altro fiore  
 Vicina a un rio di chiare et lucid' onde,  
 Lidia, &c. &c.

ODE VII.<sup>1</sup>

THE women tell me every day  
That all my bloom has pass'd away.  
"Behold," the pretty wantons cry,  
"Behold this mirror with a sigh;  
The locks upon thy brow are few,  
And, like the rest, they're withering too!"  
Whether decline has thinn'd my hair,  
I'm sure I neither know nor care;<sup>2</sup>  
But this I know, and this I feel,  
As onward to the tomb I steal,  
That still as death approaches nearer,  
The joys of life are sweeter, dearer;<sup>3</sup>  
And had I but an hour to live,  
That little hour to bliss I'd give.

ODE VIII.<sup>4</sup>

I CARE not for the idle state  
Of Persia's king,<sup>5</sup> the rich, the great :

<sup>1</sup> Alberti has imitated this ode in a poem, beginning

Nisa mi dice e Clori  
Tirsi, tu se' pur veglio.

<sup>2</sup> Whether decline has thinn'd my hair,

I'm sure I neither know nor care:] Henry Stephen very justly remarks the elegant negligence of expression in the original here :

Εγω δε τας κομας μιν,  
Ειτ εισιν, ειτ' απηλθον,  
Ουκ οίδα.

And Longepierre has adduced from Catullus, what he thinks a similar instance of this simplicity of manner:—

*Ipsè quis sit, utrum sit, an non sit, id quocue nescit.*

Longepierre was a good critic; but perhaps the line which he has selected is a specimen of a carelessness not very commendable. At the same time I confess, that none of the Latin poets have ever appeared to me so capable of imitating the graces of Anacreon as Catullus, if he had not allowed a depraved imagination to hurry him so often into mere vulgar licentiousness.

<sup>3</sup> That still as death approaches nearer,

The joys of life are sweeter, dearer:] Pontanus has a very delicate thought upon the subject of old age:

Quid rides, Matrona? senem quid tennis amantem?  
Quisquis amat nullâ est conditio senex.

Why do you scorn my want of youth,  
And with a smile my brow behold?  
Lady dear! believe this truth,  
That he who loves cannot be old.

<sup>4</sup> "The German poet Lessing has imitated this ode. Vol. i. p. 24." Degen. Gail de Editionibus.

Baxter conjectures that this was written upon the occasion of our poet's returning the money to Polycrates, according to the anecdote in Stobæ: s.

I envy not the monarch's throne,  
Nor wish the treasur'd gold my own.  
But O, be mine the rosy wreath,  
Its freshness o'er my brow to breathe;  
Be mine the rich perfumes that flow,  
To cool and scent my locks of snow.<sup>6</sup>  
To-day I'll haste to quaff my wine,  
As if to-morrow ne'er would shine;  
But if to-morrow comes, why then—  
I'll haste to quaff my wine again.  
And thus while all our days are bright,  
Nor time has dimm'd their bloomy light,  
Let us the festal hours beguile  
With mantling cup and cordial smile;  
And shed from each new bowl of wine  
The richest drop on Bacchus' shrine.  
For Death may come, with brow unpleasant,  
May come, when least we wish him present,  
And beckon to the sable shore,  
And grimly bid us—drink no more!

<sup>5</sup> I care not for the idle state

Of Persia's king, &c.] "There is a fragment of Archilochus in Plutarch, 'De tranquillitate animi,' which our poet has very closely imitated here; it begins,

Ου μοι τα Γυγω του πολυχρησου μελει," BARNES.

In one of the monkish imitators of Anacreon we find the same thought:—

Ψυχην εμην ερωτω,  
Τι σοι θελεις γενεσθαι;  
Θελεις Γυγω τα και τα;

<sup>6</sup> Be mine the rich perfumes that flow,

To cool and scent my locks of snow.] In the original, *μυρωται καταβρεχειν ὑπρηνην*. On account of this idea of perfuming the beard, Cornelius de Pauw pronounces the whole ode to be the spurious production of some lascivious monk, who was nursing his beard with unguents. But he should have known, that this was an ancient eastern custom, which, if we may believe Savary, still exists: "Vous voyez, Monsieur (says this traveller), que l'usage antique de se parfumer la tête et la barbe, célèbre par le prophète Roi, subsiste encore de nos jours." Lettre 12. Savary likewise cites this very ode of Anacreon. Angerianus has not thought the idea inconsistent, having introduced it in the following lines:

Hæc mihi cura, rosis et cingere tempora myrto  
Et curas multo delapidare mera  
Hæc mihi cura, comas et barbam tingere succo  
Assyrio et dulces continuare jocos.

This be my care, to wreath my brow with flowers,  
To drench my sorrows in the ample bowl,  
To pour rich perfumes o'er my beard in showers,  
And give full loose to mirth and joy of soul!

\* "Sicut unguentum in cœpite quod descendit in barbam Anania Pseamme 133."

## ODE IX.

I PRAY thee, by the gods above,<sup>1</sup>  
 Give me the mighty bowl I love,  
 And let me sing, in wild delight,  
 "I will — I will be mad to-night!"  
 Alcmæon once, as legends tell,  
 Was frenzied by the fiends of hell;  
 Orestes too, with naked tread,  
 Frantic pac'd the mountain head;  
 And why? a murder'd mother's shade  
 Haunted them still where'er they stray'd.  
 But ne'er could I a murderer be,  
 The grape alone shall bleed by me;  
 Yet can I shout, with wild delight,  
 "I will — I will be mad to-night."

Alcides' self, in days of yore,  
 Imbru'd his hands in youthful gore,  
 And brandish'd, with a maniac joy,  
 The quiver of th' expiring boy:  
 And Ajax, with tremendous shield,  
 Infuriate scour'd the guiltless field.  
 But I, whose hands no weapon ask,  
 No armor but this joyous flask;  
 The trophy of whose frantic hours  
 Is but a scatter'd wreath of flowers;  
 Ev'n I can sing with wild delight,  
 "I will — I will be mad to-night!"

ODE X.<sup>2</sup>

How am I to punish thee,  
 For the wrong thou'st done to me,

<sup>1</sup> The poet is here in a frenzy of enjoyment, and it is, indeed, "amabilis insania;" —

Furor di poesia,  
 Di lascivia, e di vino,  
 Triplicato furore,  
 Bacco, Apollo, et Amore.  
*Ritratti del Cavalier Marino.*

This is truly, as Scaliger expresses it,

— Insanire dulce  
 Et sapidum furere furorem.

<sup>2</sup> This ode is addressed to a swallow. I find from Degen and from Gail's index, that the German poet Weisse has imitated it, Scherz. Lieder. lib. ii. carm. 5; that Ramler also has imitated it, Lyr. Blumenlese, lib. iv. p. 335; and some others. See Gail de Editionibus.

We are here referred by Degen to that dull book, the Epistles of Alciphron, tenth epistle, third book; where Iophon complains to Eraston of being awakened by the crowing of a cock, from his vision of riches.

<sup>3</sup> *Silly swallow, prating thing, &c.*] The loquacity of the swallow was pr verbalized; thus Nicostratus: —

Silly swallow, prating thing<sup>3</sup> —  
 Shall I clip that wheeling wing?  
 Or, as Tereus did of old,<sup>4</sup>  
 (So the fabled tale is told,  
 Shall I tear that tongue away,  
 Tongue that utter'd such a lay?  
 Ah, how thoughtless hast thou been!  
 Long before the dawn was seen,  
 When a dream came o'er my mind,  
 Picturing her I worship, kind,  
 Just when I was nearly blest,  
 Loud thy matins broke my rest!

ODE XI.<sup>5</sup>

"TELL me, gentle youth, I pray thee,  
 What in purchase shall I pay thee  
 For this little waxen toy,  
 Image of the Paphian boy?"  
 Thus I said the other day,  
 To a youth who pass'd my way;  
 "Sir," (he answer'd, and the while  
 Answer'd all in Doric style,  
 "Take it, for a trifle take it;  
 'Twas not I who dared to make it;  
 No, believe me, 'twas not I;  
 O, it has cost me many a sigh.  
 And I can no longer keep  
 Little gods, who murder sleep!"<sup>6</sup>  
 "Here, then, here," (I said with joy,)  
 "Here is silver for the boy:  
 He shall be my bosom guest,  
 Idol of my pious breast!"

Εἰ το συνεχως και πολλα και ταχειως λαλει  
 Ην του φρονειν παρσσημον, αι χελιδονες  
 Ελεγον? αν ἱμῶν σωφρονεστεραι πολυ.

If in prating from morning till night,  
 A sign of our wisdom there be,  
 The swallows are wiser by right,  
 For they prattle much faster than we.

<sup>4</sup> Or, as Tereus did, of o'd, &c.] Modern poetry has confirmed the name of Philomel upon the nightingale; but many respectable authorities among the ancients assigned this metamorphose to Progne, and made Philomel the swallow, as Anacreon does here.

<sup>5</sup> It is difficult to preserve with any grace the narrative simplicity of this ode, and the humor of the turn with which it concludes. I feel, indeed, that the translation must appear rapid, if not ludicrous, to an English reader.

<sup>6</sup> And I can no longer keep  
 Little gods, who murder sleep!] I have not literally rendered the epithet παντορεκτα: if it has any meaning here, it is one, perhaps, better omitted.



Now, young Love, I have thee mine,  
Warm me with that torch of thine;  
Make me feel as I have felt,  
Or thy waxen frame shall melt:  
I must burn with warm desire,  
Or thou, my boy — in yonder fire.<sup>1</sup>

## ODE XII.

THEY tell how Atys, wild with love,  
Roams the mount and haunted grove;<sup>2</sup>  
Cybele's name he howls around,<sup>3</sup>  
The gloomy blast returns the sound;  
Oft too, by Claros' hallow'd spring,<sup>4</sup>  
The votaries of the laurell'd king  
Quaff the inspiring, magic stream,  
And rave in wild, prophetic dream.  
But frenzied dreams are not for me,  
Great Bacchus is my deity!  
Full of mirth, and full of him,  
While floating odors round me swim,<sup>5</sup>  
While mantling bowls are full supplied,  
And you sit blushing by my side,

<sup>1</sup> *I must burn with warm desire, Or thou, my boy — in yonder fire.* [From this Longepierre conjectures, that, whatever Anacreon might say, he felt sometimes the inconveniences of old age, and here solicits from the power of Love a warmth which he could no longer expect from Nature.

<sup>2</sup> *They tell how Atys, wild with love, Roams the mount and haunted grove;* [There are many contradictory stories of the loves of Cybele and Atys. It is certain that he was mutilated, but whether by his own fury, or Cybele's jealousy, is a point upon which authors are not agreed.

<sup>3</sup> *Cybele's name he howls around, &c.* [I have here adopted the accentuation which Elias Andrens gives to Cybele:—

In montibus Cybelen  
Magno sonans boatu.

<sup>4</sup> *Oft, too, by Claros' hallow'd spring, &c.* [This fountain was in a grove, consecrated to Apollo, and situated between Colophon and Lebedos, in Ionia. The god had an oracle there. Scaliger thus alludes to it in his *Anacreontica*:

Semel ut concitus æstro,  
Veluti qui Clarias aquas  
Ebibere loquaces,  
Quo plus canunt, plura volunt.

<sup>5</sup> *While floating odors, &c.* [Spaletti has quite mistaken the import of *καρπώθεις*, as applied to the poet's mistress — "*Μετὰ fatigatus amicâ*;" — thus interpreting it in a sense which must want either delicacy or gallantry; if not, perhaps, both.

<sup>6</sup> *And what did I unthinking do?* [I took to arms, undaunted, too;] Longepierre has here quoted an epigram from the *Anthologia*, in which the poet assumes Reason as the armor against Love.

Ωπλισμαι προς ερωτα περι στερονοισι λογιμον,  
Ουδε με νικησει, μονος εαν προς ενα.

I will be mad and raving too —  
Mad, my girl, with love for you!

## ODE XIII.

I WILL, I will, the conflict's past,  
And I'll consent to love at last.  
Cupid has long, with smiling art,  
Invited me to yield my heart;  
And I have thought that peace of mind  
Should not be for a smile resign'd;  
And so repell'd the tender lure,  
And hop'd my heart would sleep secure.

But, slighted in his boasted charms,  
The angry infant flew to arms;  
He slung his quiver's golden frame,  
He took his bow, his shafts of flame,  
And proudly summon'd me to yield,  
Or meet him on the martial field.  
And what did I unthinking do?  
I took to arms, undaunted, too;<sup>6</sup>

Θνατος δ' αθανατω συνελκουσμαι ην δε βοηθον  
Βακχυν εχη, τι μονος προς δν' εγω δυναμαι;  
With Reason I cover my breast as a shield,  
And fearlessly meet little Love in the field;  
Thus fighting his godship, I'll ne'er be dismay'd;  
But if Bacchus should ever advance to his aid,  
Alas! then, unable to combat the two,  
Unfortunate warrior, what should I do?

This idea of the irresistibility of Cupid and Bacchus united, is delicately expressed in an Italian poem, which is so truly Anacreontic, that its introduction here may be pardoned. It is an imitation, indeed, of our poet's sixth ode.

Lavossi Amore in quel vicino fiume  
Ove giuro (Pastor) che bevend' io  
Bevei le fiamme, anzi l'istesso Dio  
Ch'or con l'humide piume  
Lascivetto mi scherza al cor intorno.  
Ma che sarei s' io lo bevessi un giorno,  
Bacco, nel tuo liquore?  
Sarei, piu che non sono ebro d'Amore.

The urchin of the bow and quiver  
Was bathing in a neighboring river,  
Where, as I drank on yestereve,  
(Shepherd youth, the tale believe,)  
'Twas not a cooling, crystal draught,  
'Twas liquid flame I madly quaff'd;  
For Love was in the rippling tide,  
I felt him to my bosom glide;  
And now the wily, wanton minion  
Plays round my heart with restless pinion.  
A day it was of fatal star,  
But ah, 'twere even more fatal far,  
If, Bacchus, in thy cup of fire,  
I found this flutt'ring, young desire:  
Then, then indeed my soul would prove,  
E'en more than ever, drunk with love!



Assum'd the corselet, shield, and spear,  
 And, like Pelides, smil'd at fear.  
 Then (hear it, all ye powers above !)  
 I fought with Love ! I fought with Love !  
 And now his arrows all were shed,  
 And I had just in terror fled —  
 When, heaving an indignant sigh,  
 To see me thus unwounded fly,  
 And, having now no other dart,  
 He shot himself into my heart !<sup>1</sup>  
 My heart — alas the luckless day !  
 Receiv'd the God, and died away.  
 Farewell, farewell, my faithless shield !  
 Thy lord at length is forc'd to yield.  
 Vain, vain, is every outward care,  
 The foe's within, and triumphs there.

<sup>1</sup> *And, having now no other dart, He shot himself into my heart!*] Dryden has parodied this thought in the following extravagant lines:—

— I'm all o'er Love ;  
 Nay, I am Love, Love shot, and shot so fast,  
 He shot himself into my breast at last.

<sup>2</sup> The poet, in this catalogue of his mistresses, means nothing more, than, by a lively hyperbole, to inform us, that his heart, unfettered by any one object, was warm with devotion towards the sex in general. Cowley is indebted to this ode for the hint of his ballad, called "The Chronicle;" and the learned Menage has imitated it in a Greek Anacreontic, which has so much ease and spirit, that the reader may not be displeas'd at seeing it here:—

ΗΠΟΣ ΒΙΩΝΑ.

Εἰ ἀλσων τα φύλλα,  
 Λειμάνιους τε ποίας,\*  
 Εἰ νυκτός ἀστρα πάντα,  
 Παρακτιούς τε ψαμμούς,  
 Ἄλος τε κυματώδη,  
 Δωνη, Βίων, ἀριθμεῖν,  
 Καὶ τοὺς ἔμους ἔρωτος  
 Δωνη, Βίων, ἀριθμεῖν.  
 Κορην, γυναῖκα, Χηρυν,  
 Σμικρην, Μείσην, Μεγίστην,  
 Ἀσκευη τε καὶ Μελαιναν,  
 Ορειάδας, Ναπαιας,  
 Νηρηίδας τε πάσας  
 Ὅσος φίλος φιλήσει.  
 Παντῶν κόρος μὲν ἔστιν.  
 Αὐτῆν ἔρων Ἐρωτων,  
 Δεσποιναν Ἀφροδίτην,  
 Χρυσην, κίλην, γλυκεῖαν,  
 Ἐρασμιαν, ποθεινην,  
 Ἄει μόνην φιλήσαι  
 Ἐγώ γε μὴ δύναμαι.

Tell the foliage of the woods,  
 Tell the billows of the floods,  
 Number midnight's starry store,  
 And the sands that crowd the shore,  
 Then, my Bion, thou mayst count  
 Of my loves the vast amount.  
 I've been loving, all my days,  
 Many nymphs, in many ways ;

ODE XIV.<sup>3</sup>

COUNT me, on the summer trees,  
 Every leaf that courts the breeze,  
 Count me, on the foamy deep,  
 Every wave that sinks to sleep ;  
 Then, when you have number'd these  
 Billowy tides and leafy trees,  
 Count me all the flames I prove,  
 All the gentle nymphs I love.  
 First, of pure Athenian maids  
 Sporting in their olive shades,  
 You may reckon just a score,  
 Nay, I'll grant you fifteen more.  
 In the fam'd Corinthian grove,  
 Where such countless wantons rove,<sup>4</sup>

Virgin, widow, maid, and wife —  
 I've been doting all my life.  
 Naiads, Nereids, nymphs of fountains,  
 Goddesses of groves and mountains,  
 Fair and sable, great and small,  
 Yes, I swear I've lov'd them all !  
 Soon was every passion over,  
 I was but the moment's lover ;  
 O, I'm such a roving elf,  
 That the Queen of Love herself,  
 Though she practis'd all her wiles,  
 Rosy blushes, wreathed smiles,  
 All her beauty's proud endeavor  
 Could not chain my heart forever.

<sup>3</sup> *Count me, on the summer trees, Every leaf, &c.*] This figure is called, by rhetoricians, the Impossible (*ἀδύνατον*), and is very frequently made use of in poetry. The amatory writers have exhausted a world of imagery by it, to express the infinite number of kisses which they require from the lips of their mistresses: in this Catullus led the way.

— Quam sidera multa, cum tacet nox,  
 Furtivos hominum vident amores ;  
 Tam te basia multa basiare  
 Vesano satis, et super, Catullo est :  
 Quæ nec penumerare curiosi  
 Possunt, nec inala fascinare lingua. Carm. 7.

As many stellar eyes of light,  
 As through the silent waste of night,  
 Gazing upon this world of shade,  
 Witness some secret youth and maid,  
 Who fair as thou, and fond as I,  
 In stolen joys enamour'd lie, —  
 So many kisses, ere I slumber,  
 Upon those dew-bright lips I'll number :  
 So many kisses we shall count,  
 Envy can never tell th' amount.  
 No tongue shall blab the sum, but mine ;  
 No lips shall fascinate, but thine !

<sup>4</sup> *In the fam'd Corinthian grove, Where such countless wantons rove, &c.*] Corinth was very famous for the beauty and number of its courtezans. Venus was the deity principally worshipped by the people, and their constant prayer was, that the gods should increase the number of her worshippers. We may perceive from the *supra*

Chains of beauties may be found,  
 Chains, by which my heart is bound;  
 There, indeed, are nymphs divine,  
 Dangerous to a soul like mine.<sup>1</sup>  
 Many bloom in Lesbos' isle;  
 Many in Ionia smile;  
 Rhodes a pretty swarm can boast;  
 Caria too contains a host.  
 Sum them all — of brown and fair  
 You may count two thousand there.  
 What, you stare? I pray you, peace!  
 More I'll find before I cease.  
 Have I told you all my flames,  
 'Mong the amorous Syrian dames?  
 Have I number'd every one,  
 Glowing under Egypt's sun?  
 Or the nymphs, who blushing sweet  
 Deck the shrine of Love in Crete;  
 Where the God, with festal play,  
 Holds eternal holiday?  
 Still in clusters, still remain  
 Gades' warm, desiring train;<sup>2</sup>  
 Still there lies a myriad more  
 On the sable India's shore;  
 These, and many far remov'd,  
 All are loving — all are lov'd!

tion of the verb *κοινοβιαζω*, in Aristophanes, that the lubricity of the Corinthians had become proverbial.

<sup>1</sup> *There, indeed, are nymphs divine,*

*Dangerous to a soul like mine.*] “With justice has the poet attributed beauty to the women of Greece.” — *Degen*.

M. de Pauw, the author of Dissertations upon the Greeks, is of a different opinion; he thinks, that by a capricious partiality of nature, the other sex had all the beauty; and by this supposition endeavors to account for a very singular depravation of instinct among that people.

<sup>2</sup> *Gades' warm, desiring train;*] The Gaditanian girls were like the Baladières of India, whose dances are thus described by a French author: “Les danses sont presque toutes des pantomimes d'amour; le plan, le dessin, les attitudes, les mesures, les sons et les cadences de ces ballets, tout respire cette passion et en exprime les voluptés et les fureurs.” — *Histoire du Commerce des Europ. dans les deux Indes.* — *Raynal*.

The music of the Gaditanian females had all the voluptuous character of their dancing, as appears from Martial: —

Cantica qui Nili, qui Gaditana susurrat.

Lib. iii. epig. 63.

Lodovico Ariosto had this ode of our bard in his mind, when he wrote his poem “De diversis amoribus.” See the *Anthologia Italorum*.

<sup>3</sup> The dove of Anacreon, bearing a letter from the poet to his mistress, is met by a stranger, with whom this dialogue is imagined.

The ancients made use of letter-carrying pigeons, when they went any distance from home, as the most certain means of conveying intelligence back. That tender domestic attachment, which attracts this delicate little bird through

## ODE XV.

TELL me, why, my sweetest dove,<sup>3</sup>  
 Thus your humid pinions move,  
 Shedding through the air in showers  
 Essence of the balmiest flowers?  
 Tell me whither, whence you rove,  
 Tell me all, my sweetest dove.

Curious stranger, I belong  
 To the bard of Teian song;  
 With his mandate now I fly  
 To the nymph of azure eye; —  
 She, whose eye has madden'd many,<sup>4</sup>  
 But the poet more than any.  
 Venus, for a hymn of love,  
 Warbled in her votive grove,<sup>5</sup>  
 ('Twas in sooth a gentle lay.)  
 Gave me to the bard away.  
 See me now his faithful minion, —  
 Thus with softly-gliding pinion,  
 To his lovely girl I bear  
 Songs of passion through the air.  
 Oft he blandly whispers me,  
 “Soon, my bird, I'll set you free.”  
 But in vain he'll bid me fly,  
 I shall serve him till I die.

every danger and difficulty, till it settles in its native nest affords to the author of “The Pleasures of Memory” a fine and interesting exemplification of his subject.

Led by what chart, transports the timid dove

The wreaths of conquest, or the vows of love?

See the poem. Daniel Heinsius, in speaking of Doussa, who adopted this method at the siege of Leyden, expresses a similar sentiment.

Quo patriæ non tendit amor? Mandata referre

Postquam hominem nequiu mittere, misit avem.

<sup>3</sup> Fuller tells us, that at the siege of Jerusalem, the Christians intercepted a letter, tied to the legs of a dove, in which the Persian Emperor promised assistance to the besieged. — *Holy War*, cap. 24, book i.

<sup>4</sup> *She, whose eye has madden'd many, &c.*] For *ρῶπαυον* in the original, Zeune and Schneider conjecture that we should read *ρῶπαυον*, in allusion to the strong influence which this object of his love held over the mind of Polycrates. See *Degen*.

<sup>5</sup> *Venus, for a hymn of love,*

*Warbled in her votive grove, &c.*] “This passage is invaluable, and I do not think that any thing so beautiful or so delicate has ever been said. What an idea does it give of the poetry of the man, from whom Venus herself, the mother of the Graces and the Pleasures, purchases a little hymn with one of her favorite doves!” — *Longepierre*.

De Pauw objects to the authenticity of this ode, because it makes Anacreon his own pancegryst; but poets have a license for praising themselves, which, with some indeed, may be considered as comprised under their general privilege of fiction.

Never could my plumes sustain  
Ruffling winds and chilling rain,  
O'er the plains, or in the dell,  
On the mountain's savage swell,  
Seeking in the desert wood  
Gloomy shelter, rustic food.  
Now I lead a life of ease,  
Far from rugged haunts like these.  
From Anacreon's hand I eat  
Food delicious, viands sweet;  
Flutter o'er his goblet's brim,  
Sip the foamy wine with him.  
Then, when I have wanton'd round  
To his lyre's beguiling sound;  
Or with gently-moving wings  
Fann'd the minstrel while he sings;  
On his harp I sink in slumbers,  
Dreaming still of dulcet numbers!

This is all — away — away —  
You have made me waste the day,  
How I've chatter'd! prating crew  
Never yet did chatter so.

ODE XVI.<sup>1</sup>

THOU, whose soft and rosy hues  
Mimic form and soul infuse,<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This ode and the next may be called companion pictures; they are highly finished, and give us an excellent idea of the taste of the ancients in beauty. Franciscus Junius quotes them in his third book "De Pictura Veterum."

This ode has been imitated by Ronsard, Giuliano Gosellini, &c. &c. Scaliger alludes to it thus in his *Anacreontica*:

Olim lepore blando,  
Litis versibus  
Candidus Anacreon  
Quam pingeret amicus  
Descripsit Venerem suam.

The Teian bard, of former days,  
Attun'd his sweet descriptive lays,  
And taught the painter's hand to trace  
His fair beloved's every grace.

In the dialogue of Caspar Bartheus, entitled "An formosa sit ducenda," the reader will find many curious ideas and descriptions of womanly beauty.

<sup>2</sup> *Thou whose soft and rosy hues*

*Mimic form and soul infuse.*] I have followed here the reading of the Vatican MS. *ρ-δης*. Painting is called "the rosy art," either in reference to coloring, or as an indefinite epithet of excellence, from the association of beauty with that flower. Salvini has adopted this reading in his literal translation: —

Della rosea arte signore.

<sup>3</sup> *The lovely maid that's far away.*] If this portrait of the poet's mistress be not merely ideal, the omission of her name is much to be regretted. Meleager, in an epigram on Anacreon, mentions "the golden Eury pyle" as his mistress.

Βεβληκός χρυσεην χειρας επ' Ευρυπυλην.

Best of painters, come portray  
The lovely maid that's far away.<sup>3</sup>  
Far away, my soul! thou art,  
But I've thy beauties all by heart.  
Paint her jetty ringlets playing,  
Silky locks, like tendrils straying;<sup>4</sup>  
And if painting hath the skill  
To make the spicy balm distil,<sup>5</sup>  
Let every little lock exhale  
A sigh of perfume on the gale.  
Where her tresses' curly flow  
Darkles o'er the brow of snow,  
Let her forehead beam to light,  
Burnish'd as the ivory bright.  
Let her eyebrows smoothly rise  
In jetty arches o'er her eyes,  
Each, a crescent gently gliding,  
Just commingling, just dividing.

But, hast thou any sparkles warm,  
The lightning of her eyes to form?  
Let them effuse the azure rays  
That in Minerva's glances blaze,  
Mix'd with the liquid light that lies  
In Cytherea's languid eyes.<sup>6</sup>  
O'er her nose and cheek be shed  
Flushing white and soften'd red;

<sup>4</sup> *Paint her jetty ringlets playing,*

*Silky locks, like tendrils straying.*] The ancients have been very enthusiastic in their praises of the beauty of hair. Apuleius, in the second book of his *Milesiaca*, says, that Venus herself, if she were bald, though surrounded by the Graces and the Loves, could not be pleasing even to her husband Vulcan.

Stesichorus gave the epithet *καλλιλοκαμῶς* to the Graces, and Simonides bestowed the same upon the Muses. See Hadrian Junius's *Dissertation upon Hair*.

To this passage of our poet, Selden alluded in a note on the *Polyolbion* of Drayton, *Song the Second*, where observing, that the epithet "black-haired" was given by some of the ancients to the goddess Isis, he says, "Nor will I swear, but that Anacreon (a man very judicious in the provoking motives of wanton love), intending to bestow on his sweet mistress that one of the titles of woman's special ornament, well-haired (*καλλιλοκαμῶς*), thought of this when he gave his painter direction to make her black-haired."

<sup>5</sup> *And if painting hath the skill*

*To make the spicy balm distil, &c.*] Thus Philostratus, speaking of a picture: *επαίσις και τον ενδρόσον τον ιδωον, και φημι γεγραφθαι αυτα μετα της οσμης*. "I admire the dewiness of these roses, and could say that their very smell was painted."

<sup>6</sup> *Mix'd with the liquid light that lies*

*In Cytherea's languid eyes.*] Marchetti explains thus the *ύβρον* of the original: —

Dipingili unidetti

Tremuli e lascivetti,

Quai gli ha Ciprigna l'Alma Dea d'Amore.

Mingling tints, as when there glows  
 In snowy milk the bashful rose.<sup>1</sup>  
 Then her lip, so rich in blisses,  
 Sweet petitioner for kisses,<sup>2</sup>  
 Rosy nest, where lurks Persuasion,  
 Mutely courting Love's invasion.  
 Next, beneath the velvet chin,  
 Whose dimple hides a Love within,<sup>3</sup>  
 Mould her neck with grace descending,  
 In a heaven of beauty ending ;  
 While countless charms, above, below,  
 Sport and flutter round its snow.  
 Now let a floating, lucid veil,  
 Shadow her form, but not conceal ;<sup>4</sup>  
 A charm may peep, a hue may beam,  
 And leave the rest to Fancy's dream.  
 Enough — 'tis she ! 'tis all I seek ;  
 It glows, it lives, it soon will speak !

Fasso has painted in the same manner the eyes of Armida :—

Qual raggio in onda le scintilla un riso  
 Negli umidi occhi tremulo e lascivo.

Within her humid, melting eyes  
 A brilliant ray of laughter lies,  
 Soft as the broken solar beam,  
 That trembles in the azure stream.

The mingled expression of dignity and tenderness, which Anacreon requires the painter to infuse into the eyes of his mistress, is more amply described in the subsequent ode. Both descriptions are so exquisitely touched, that the artist must have been great indeed, if he did not yield in painting to the poet.

<sup>1</sup> *Mingling tints, as when there glows*

[*In snowy milk the bashful rose.*] Thus Propertius, eleg. 3, lib. ii.

Utque rosæ puro lacte natant folia.

And Davenant, in a little poem called "The Mistress,"

Catch as it falls the Scythian snow,  
 Bring blushing roses steep'd in milk.

Thus too Taygetus :—

Quæ lac atque rosas vincis candore rubenti.

These last words may perhaps defend the "flushing white" of the translation.

<sup>2</sup> *Her lip, so rich in blisses,*

*Sweet petitioner for kisses,*] The "lip, provoking kisses," in the original, is a strong and beautiful expression. Achilles Tatius speaks of *χείλη μαλθακά προς τα φίληματά*, "Lips soft and delicate for kissing." A grave old commentator, Dionysius Lambinus, in his notes upon Lucretius, tells us with the apparent authority of experience, that "*Suavius viros osculantur puellæ labiosæ, quam quæ sunt brevis labris.*" And Æneas Sylvius, in his tedious uninteresting story of the loves of Euryalus and Lucretia, where he particularizes the beauties of the heroine (in a very false and favored style of latinity), describes her lips thus :— "*Os parvum decensque, labia coralini coloris ad morsum aptissima.*"—Epist. 114, lib. i.

ODE XVII.<sup>5</sup>

AND now with all thy pencil's truth,  
 Portray Bathyllus, lovely youth !  
 Let his hair, in masses bright,  
 Fall like floating rays of light ;<sup>6</sup>  
 And there the raven's dye confuse  
 With the golden sunbeam's hues.  
 Let no wreath, with artful twine,<sup>7</sup>  
 The flowing of his locks confine ;  
 But leave them loose to every breeze,  
 To take what shape and course they please.  
 Beneath the forehead, fair as snow,  
 But flush'd with manhood's early glow,  
 And guileless as the dews of dawn,<sup>8</sup>  
 Let the majestic brows be drawn,

<sup>3</sup> *Next, beneath the velvet chin,*

*Whose dimple hides a Love within, &c.*] Madame Dacier has quoted here two pretty lines of Varro :—

Sigilla in mento impressa Amoris digitulo  
 Vestigio demonstrant mollitudinem.

In her chin is a delicate dimple,  
 By Cupid's own finger impress'd ;  
 There Beauty, bewitchingly simple,  
 Has chosen her innocent nest.

<sup>4</sup> *Now let a floating, lucid veil,*

*Shadow her form, but not conceal, &c.*] This delicate art of description, which leaves imagination to complete the picture, has been seldom adopted in the imitations of this beautiful poem. Ronsard is exceptionally minute ; and Politianus, in his charming portrait of a girl, full of rich and exquisite diction, has lifted the veil rather too much. The "questo che tu m'intendi" should be always left to fancy.

<sup>5</sup> The reader, who wishes to acquire an accurate idea of the judgment of the ancients in beauty, will be indulged by consulting Junius de Pictura Veterum, lib. 3, c. 9, where he will find a very curious selection of descriptions and epithets of personal perfections. Junius compares this ode with a description of Theodoris, king of the Goths, in the second epistle, first book, of Sidonius Apollinaris.

<sup>6</sup> *Let his hair, in masses bright,*

*Fall like floating rays of light ; &c.*] He here describes the sunny hair, the "flava coma," which the ancients so much admired. The Romans gave this color artificially to their hair. See Stanisł. Kobieczyck. de Luxu Romanorum.

<sup>7</sup> *Let no wreath, with artful twine, &c.*] If the original here, which is particularly beautiful, can admit of any additional value, that value is conferred by Gray's admiration of it. See his letters to West.

Some annotators have quoted on this passage the description of Photis's hair in Apuleius ; but nothing can be more distant from the simplicity of our poet's manner, than that affectation of richness which distinguishes the style of Apuleius.

<sup>8</sup> *But flush'd with manhood's early glow,*

*And guileless as the dews of dawn, &c.*] Torrentius, upon the words "insignem tenni fronte," in Horace, Od. 33, lib. 1, is of opinion, incorrectly, I think, that "tenni" bears the same meaning as the word *τεττα*.

Of ebon hue, enrich'd by gold,  
Such as dark, shining snakes unfold.  
Mix in his eyes the power alike,  
With love to win, with awe to strike;<sup>1</sup>  
Borrow from Mars his look of ire,  
From Venus her soft glance of fire;  
Blend them in such expression here,  
That we by turns may hope and fear!

Now from the sunny apple seek  
The velvet down that spreads his cheek;  
And there, if art so far can go,  
Th' ingenuous blush of boyhood show.  
While, for his mouth — but no, — in vain  
Would words its witching charm explain.  
Make it the very seat, the throne,  
That Eloquence would claim her own;<sup>2</sup>  
And let the lips, though silent, wear  
A life look, as if words were there.<sup>3</sup>

Next thou his ivory neck must trace,  
Moulded with soft but manly grace;  
Fair as the neck of Paphia's boy,  
Where Paphia's arms have hung in joy.

<sup>1</sup> *Mix in his eyes the power alike,*

*With love to win, with awe to strike; &c.*] Tasso gives a similar character to the eyes of Clorinda: —

Lampeggiar gli occhi, e folgorar gli sguardi  
Dolci ne Pira.

Her eyes were flashing with a heavenly heat,  
A fire that, even in anger, still was sweet.

The poetess Veronica Cambra is more diffuse upon this variety of expression: —

Occhi lucenti e belli,  
Come esser puo ch' in un medesimo istante  
Nascan de voi si nuove forme et tante?  
Lieti, mesti, superbi, humil', altieri,  
Vi mostrate in un punto, onde di speme,  
Et di timor, de empiete, &c. &c.

O, tell me, brightly-beaming eye,  
Whence in your little orbit lie  
So many different traits of fire,  
Expressing each a new desire.  
Now with pride or scorn you dangle,  
Now with love, with gladness, sparkle,  
While we who view the varying mirror,  
Feel by turns both hope and terror.

Chevreau, citing the lines of our poet, in his critique on the poems of Malherbe, produces a Latin version of them from a manuscript which he had seen, entitled "Joan. Faldonis Anacreontici Lusus."

<sup>2</sup> *That Eloquence would claim her own;*] In the original, as in the preceding ode, Pitho, the goddess of persuasion, or eloquence. It was worthy of the delicate imagination of the Greeks to deify Persuasion, and give her the lips for her throne. We are here reminded of a very interesting fragment of Anacreon, preserved by the scholiast upon Pindar, and supposed to belong to a poem reflecting with some

Give him the winged Hermes' hand,<sup>4</sup>  
With which he waves his snaky wand;  
Let Bacchus the broad chest supply,  
And Leda's son the sinewy thigh;  
While, through his whole transparent frame,  
Thou show'st the stirrings of that flame,  
Which kindles, when the first love sigh  
Steals from the heart, unconscious why.

But sure thy pencil, though so bright,  
Is envious of the eye's delight,  
Or its enamour'd touch would show  
The shoulder, fair as sunless snow,  
Which now in veiling shadow lies,  
Remov'd from all but Fancy's eyes.  
Now, for his feet — but hold — forbear —  
I see the sun-god's portrait there;<sup>5</sup>  
Why paint Bathyllus? when, in truth,  
There, in that god, thou'st sketch'd the  
youth.

Enough — let this bright form be mine,  
And send the boy to Samos' shrine;  
Phœbus shall then Bathyllus be,  
Bathyllus then, the deity!

severity on Simonides, who was the first, we are told, that ever made a hireling of his muse: —

Οὐδ' ἀργυρεὴ ποτ' ἐλαψέε Πειθῶ.  
Nor yet had fair Persuasion shone  
In silver splendors, not her own.

<sup>3</sup> *And let the lips, though silent, wear*

*A life look, as if words were there.*] In the original λαλῶν σιωπῆ. The mistress of Petrarch "parla con silenzio," which is perhaps the best method of female eloquence.

<sup>4</sup> *Give him the winged Hermes' hand, &c.*] In Shakspeare's *Cymbeline* there is a similar method of description: —

——— this is his hand,  
His foot mercurial, his martial thigh,  
The brawns of Hercules.

We find it likewise in *Hamlet*. Longepierre thinks that the hands of Mercury are selected by Anacreon on account of the graceful gestures which were supposed to characterize the god of eloquence; but Mercury was also the patron of thieves, and may perhaps be praised as a light-fingered deity.

<sup>5</sup> ——— *But hold — forbear —*

*I see the sun-god's portrait there;*] The abrupt turn here is spirited, but requires some explanation. While the artist is pursuing the portrait of Bathyllus, Anacreon, we must suppose, turns round and sees a picture of Apollo, which was intended for an altar at Samos. He then instantly tells the painter to cease his work; that this picture will serve for Bathyllus; and that, when he goes to Samos, he may make an Apollo of the portrait of the boy which he had begun.

"Bathyllus (says Madame Dacier) could not be more elegantly praised, and this one passage does him more honor than the statue, however beautiful it might be, which Polyrates raised to him."



ODE XVIII.<sup>1</sup>

Now the star of day is high,  
Fly, my girls, in pity fly,  
Bring me wine in brimming urns,<sup>2</sup>  
Cool my lip, it burns, it burns!  
Sunn'd by the meridian fire,  
Panting, languid I expire.  
Give me all those humid flowers,<sup>3</sup>  
Drop them o'er my brow in showers.  
Scarce a breathing chaplet now  
Lives upon my feverish brow;

<sup>1</sup> An elegant translation of this ode, says Degen, may be found in Ramler's *Lyr. Blumenlese*, lib. v. p. 403.

<sup>2</sup> *Bring me wine in brimming urns, &c.* Orig. *πινει ἀμυστι*. The amystis was a method of drinking used among the Thracians. Thus Horace, "Theicidā vincat amystide." *Mad. Dacier, Longepierre, &c. &c.*

Parrhasius, in his twenty-sixth epistle (*Thesaur. Critic. vol. i*), explains the amystis as a draught to be exhausted without drawing breath, "uno haustu." A note in the margin of this epistle of Parrhasius says, "Pollitianus vestem esse putabat," but adds no reference.

<sup>3</sup> *Give me all those humid flowers, &c.* According to the original reading of this line, the poet says, "Give me the flower of wine" — *Date flosculos Lyæi*, as it is in the version of Elias Andreas; and

Deh porgetimi del fiore  
Di quel almo e bion liquor, e

as Regnier has it, who supports the reading. The word *Αβθς* would undoubtedly bear this application, which is somewhat similar to its import in the epigram of Simonides upon Sophocles: —

Εσθισθης γεραει Σοφοκλεες, ανθος αιιδων.

and *flos* in the Latin is frequently applied in the same manner — thus Cethegus is called by Ennius, *Flos inlibatus populi, suadaque medulla*, "The immaculate flower of the people, and the very marrow of persuasion." See these verses cited by Aulus Gellius, lib. xii., which Cicero praised, and Seneca thought ridiculous.

But in the passage before us, if we admit *εκεινων*, according to Faber's conjecture, the sense is sufficiently clear, without having recourse to such refinements.

<sup>4</sup> *Every dewy rose I wear*

*Sheds its tears, and withers there.*] There are some beautiful lines, by Angerianus, upon a garland, which I cannot resist quoting here: —

Ante fores inadiæ sic sic pendete corollæ,  
Manc orto imponet Cælia vos capiti;  
At quum per niveam cervicem influxerit humor,  
Dicite, non rosis sed pluvia hæc lacrimæ.

By Cælia's arbor all the night  
Hang, humid wreath, the lover's vow;  
And haply, at the morning light,  
My love shall twine thee round her brow

Then, if upon her bosom bright  
Some drops of dew shall fall from thee,  
'Till her, they are not drops of night,  
But tears of sorrow shed by me!

Every dewy rose I wear  
Sheds its tears, and withers there.<sup>4</sup>  
But to you, my burning heart,<sup>5</sup>  
What can now relief impart?  
Can brimming bowl, or flowret's dew,  
Cool the flame that scorches you?

ODE XIX.<sup>6</sup>

HERE recline you, gentle maid,<sup>7</sup>  
Sweet is this embowering shade;  
Sweet the young, the modest trees,  
Ruffled by the kissing breeze;

In the poem of Mr. Sheridan's, "Uncouth is this moss-covered grotto of stone," there is an idea very singularly coincident with this of Angerianus: —

And thou, stony grot, in thy arch mayst preserve  
Some lingering drops of the night-fallen dew;  
Let them fall on her bosom of snow, and they'll serve  
As tears of my sorrow intrusted to you.

<sup>5</sup> *But to you, my burning heart, &c.*] The transition here is peculiarly delicate and impassioned; but the commentators have perplexed the sentiment by a variety of readings and conjectures.

<sup>6</sup> The description of this bower is so natural and animated, that we almost feel a degree of coolness and freshness while we peruse it. Longepierre has quoted from the first book of the *Antologia*, the following epigram, as somewhat resembling this ode: —

Ερχσο και κατ' εραν ιξεν πιτυν, α το μελιχρον  
Προς μαλακουσ ηχει κεκλιμενα ζεφυρουσ.  
Ηνδε και κροννησιμα μελισσιταγεσ, ενθα μελισσω  
Ηδων ερηματοισ ὑπνον α ω καλαροισ.

Come, sit by the shadowy pine  
That covers my sylvan retreat;  
And see how the branches incline  
The breathing of zephyr to meet.

See the fountain, that, flowing, diffuses  
Around me a glittering spray;  
By its brink, as the traveller muses,  
I soothe him to sleep with my lay.

<sup>7</sup> *Here recline you, gentle maid, &c.*] The Vatican Ms. reads *βαθυλλον*, which renders the whole poem metaphorical. Some commentator suggests the reading of *βαθυλλον*, which makes a pun upon the name; a grace that Plato himself has condescended to in writing of his boy *Αστηρ*. See the epigram of this philosopher, which I quote on the twenty-second ode.

There is another epigram by this philosopher, preserved in Laertius, which turns upon the same word.

Αστηρ πριν μεν ελαμπεισ ενι ζωσιων εωουσ,  
Νυν δε θανων λαμπεισ εσπερουσ εν φθιμενοισ.

In life thou wert my morning star,  
But now that death has stol'n thy light,  
Alas! thou shinest dim and far,  
Like the pale beam that weeps at night.

In the *Veneres Blyenburgicæ*, under the head of "Allusions," we find a number of such frigid conceits upon names, selected from the poets of the middle ages.



Sweet the little founts that weep,  
Lulling soft the mind to sleep;  
Hark! they whisper as they roll,  
Calm persuasion to the soul;  
Tell me, tell me, is not this  
All a stilly scene of bliss?  
Who, my girl, would pass it by?  
Surely neither you nor I.<sup>1</sup>

ODE XX.<sup>2</sup>

ONE day the Muses twin'd the hands  
Of infant Love with flow'ry bands;  
And to celestial Beauty gave  
The captive infant for her slave.

<sup>1</sup> *Who, my girl, would pass it by?*

*Surely neither you nor I.]* The finish given to the picture by this simple exclamation *τις αν ουν δρων παρελθαι*, is inimitable. Yet a French translator says on the passage, "This conclusion appeared to me too trifling after such a description, and I thought proper to add somewhat to the strength of the original."

<sup>2</sup> The poet appears, in this graceful allegory, to describe the softening influence which poetry holds over the mind, in making it peculiarly susceptible to the impressions of beauty. In the following epigram, however, by the philosopher Plato, (Diog. Laert. lib. 3,) the Muses are represented as disavowing the influence of Love.

'Α Κυπρις Μουσαισι, κορασια, των Αφροδιταν  
Τιμαρ', η τον Ερωτα υμνιν εφοπλισσασαι.  
Αι Μουσαι ποτι Κυπριν, Αρει τα στωμυλα ταυτα  
'Ημιν ου πεταται τουτο το παιδιουριον.

"Yield to my gentle power, Parnassian maids;"  
Thus to the Muses spoke the Queen of Charms —  
"Or Love shall flutter through your classic shades,  
And make your grove the camp of Paphian arms!"  
"No," said the virgins of the tuneful bower,  
"We scorn thine own and all thy urchin's art;  
Though Mars has trembled at the infant's power,  
His shaft is pointless o'er a Muse's heart!"

There is a sonnet by Benedetto Guidi, the thought of which was suggested by this ode.

Scherzava dentro all' auree chiome Amore  
Dell' alma donna della vita mia:  
E tanta era il piacer ch' ei ne sentia,  
Che non sapea, nè volea uscirne fore.  
Quando ecco ivi annodar si sente il core,  
Sì, che per forza ancor conven che stia:  
Tai lacci alta beltate orditi avia  
Del cresco crin, per farsi eterno onore.  
Onde offre infin dal ciel degna mercede,  
A chi scioglie il figliuol la bella dea  
Da tanti nodi, in ch' ella stretto il vede.  
Ma ei vinto a due occhi l' arme cede:  
Et t' affatichi indarno, Citera;  
Che s' altri 'l scioglie, egli a legar si riede  
Love, wandering through the golden maze  
Of my beloved's hair,  
Found, at each step, such sweet delays,  
That rapt he linger'd there.

His mother comes, with many a toy,  
To ransom her beloved boy;<sup>3</sup>  
His mother sues, but all in vain, —  
He ne'er will leave his chains again.  
Even should they take his chains away,  
The little captive still would stay.  
"If this," he cries, "a bondage be,  
O, who could wish for liberty?"

ODE XXI.<sup>4</sup>

OBSERVE when mother earth is dry,  
She drinks the droppings of the sky;  
And then the dewy cordial gives  
To ev'ry thirsty plant that lives.

And how, indeed, was Love to fly,  
Or how his freedom find,  
When every ringlet was a tie,  
A chain, by Beauty twin'd.  
In vain to seek her boy's release,  
Comes Venus from above:  
Fond mother, let thy efforts cease,  
Love's now the slave of Love.  
And, should we loose his golden chain,  
The prisoner would return again!

<sup>3</sup> *His mother comes, with many a toy,  
To ransom her beloved boy; &c.]* In the first idyl of Moschus, Venus thus proclaims the reward for her fugitive child: —

'Ο μανυτας γερας εξει,  
Μισθος τοι, το φιλαμα το Κυπριδος· ην δ', αγαγης ν·ν  
Ου γυμνον τυ φιλαμα, τυ δ', ω ζειν, και πλεον εξεις.

On him, who the haunts of my Cupid can show,  
A kiss of the tenderest stamp I'll bestow;  
But he, who can bring back the urchin in chains,  
Shall receive even something more sweet for his pains.

Subjoined to this ode, we find in the Vatican MS. the following lines, which appear to me to boast as little sense as metre, and which are most probably the interpolation of the transcriber: —

Ηδνμελης Ανακρειων  
Ηδνμενης δε Σαφρω  
Πινδαρικον το δε μοι μελος  
Συγκερασας τις εγχει  
Τα τρια ταυτα μοι δοκει  
Και Διονυσος εισελθων  
Και Παφιη παρηχρως  
Και αυτος Ερωσ και επειν.

<sup>4</sup> Those critics who have endeavored to throw the chains of precision over the spirit of this beautiful trifle, require too much from Anacreontic philosophy. Among others, Gail very sapiently thinks that the poet uses the epithet *μελαινη*, because black earth absorbs moisture more quickly than any other; and accordingly he indulges us with an experimental disquisition on the subject. — See Gail's notes.

One of the Capilupi has imitated this ode, in an epitaph on a drunkard: —

Dum vixi sine fine bibi, sic imbrifer arcus  
Sic tellus pluvias sole perusta bibit.

The vapors, which at evening weep,  
 Are beverage to the swelling deep ;  
 And when the rosy sun appears,  
 He drinks the ocean's misty tears.  
 The moon too quaffs her paly stream  
 Of lustre, from the solar beam.  
 Then, hence with all your sober thinking !  
 Since Nature's holy law is drinking ;  
 I'll make the laws of nature mine,  
 And pledge the universe in wine.

## ODE XXII.

THE Phrygian rock, that braves the storm,  
 Was once a weeping matron's form ;<sup>1</sup>

Sic bibit assidue fontes et flumina Pontus,  
 Sic semper sitiens Sol maris haurit aquas.  
 Ne te igitur jactes plus me, Silene, hibisse ;  
 Et mihi da victas tu quoque, Bacche, manus.

HIPPOLYTUS CAPILYTUS.

While life was mine, the little hour  
 In drinking still unvaried flew ;  
 I drank as earth imbibes the shower,  
 Or as the rainbow drinks the dew ;  
 As ocean quaffs the rivers up,  
 Or flushing sun inhales the sea :  
 Silenus trembled at my cup,  
 And Bacchus was outdone by me !

I cannot omit citing those remarkable lines of Shakspeare, where the thoughts of the ode before us are preserved with such striking similitude :

I'll example you with thievery.

The sun's a thief, and with his great attraction  
 Robs the vast sea. The moon's an arrant thief,  
 And her pale fire she snatches from the sun.  
 The sea's a thief, whose liquid surge resolves  
 The mounds into salt tears. The earth's a thief,  
 That feeds, and breeds by a composture stol'n  
 From general excrements.

*Timon of Athens*, act iv. sc. 3.

1 ——— a weeping matron's form ;] Niobe. — Ogilvie, in his Essay on the Lyric Poetry of the Ancients, in remarking upon the Odes of Anacreon, says, " In some of his pieces there is exuberance and even wildness of imagination ; in that particularly, which is addressed to a young girl, where he wishes alternately to be transformed to a mirror, a coat, a stream, a bracelet, and a pair of shoes, for the different purposes which he recites ; this is mere sport and wantonness."

It is the wantonness, however, of a very graceful Muse ; " ludit amabiliter." The compliment of this ode is exquisitely delicate, and so singular for the period in which Anacreon lived, when the scale of love had not yet been graduated into all its little progressive refinements, that if we were inclined to question the authenticity of the poem, we should find a much more plausible argument in the features of modern gallantry which it bears, than in any of those fastidious conjectures upon which some commentators have presumed so far. Degen thinks it spurious, and De Pauw pronounces it to be miserable. Longepierre and Barnes refer us to

And Progne, hapless, frantic maid,  
 Is now a swallow in the shade.  
 O, that a mirror's form were mine,  
 That I might catch that smile divine ;  
 And like my own fond fancy be,  
 Reflecting thee, and only thee ;  
 Or could I be the robe which holds  
 That graceful form within its folds ;  
 Or, turn'd into a fountain, lave  
 Thy beauties in my circling wave.  
 Would I were perfume for thy hair,  
 To breathe my soul in fragrance there ;  
 Or, better still, the zone, that lies  
 Close to thy breast, and feels its sighs.<sup>2</sup>  
 Or ev'n those envious pearls that show  
 So faintly round that neck of snow —

several imitations of this ode, from which I shall only select the following epigram of Dionysius : —

Εἶθ' ἀνεμος γεννημῆν, σὺ δὲ γὰρ στεῖχονα παρ' ἀνγὰς  
 Στῆθεα γυμνωσαῖς, καὶ με πνεύοντα λαβοῖς.  
 Εἶθε ῥόδον γεννημῆν ὑποσφόνδρον, σφῆρα με χερσῖν  
 Ἀραμηνῆ, κομισαῖς στέθεισι χινοῖσι.  
 Εἶθε κρινὸν γεννημῆν λευκοχροῶν, σφῆρα με χερσῖν  
 Ἀραμηνῆ, μάλλον σῆς χροῦτις κορῆσις.

I wish I could like zephyr steal  
 To wanton o'er thy mazy vest ;  
 And thou wouldst open thy bosom veil,  
 And take me panting to thy breast !  
 I wish I might a rosebud grow,  
 And thou wouldst cull me from the bower,  
 To place me on that breast of snow,  
 Where I should bloom, a wintry flower.

I wish I were the lily's leaf,  
 To fade upon that bosom warm,  
 Content to wither, pale and brief,  
 The trophy of thy fairer form !

I may add, that Plato has expressed as fanciful a wish in a distich preserved by Laertius :

Ἀστερὰς εἰσαθρεῖς, Ἀστὴρ ἐμὸς εἶθε γεννημῆν  
 Οὐρανὸς, ὡς πολλοὶς ὀμμασὶν εἰς σε βλέπω.

TO STELLA.

Why dost thou gaze upon the sky ?  
 O, that I were that spangled sphere,  
 And every star should be an eye,  
 To wonder on thy beauties here !

Apuleius quotes this epigram of the divine philosopher, to justify himself for his verses on Critias and Charinus. See his Apology, where he also adduces the example of Anacreon ; " Fecere tamen et alii talia, et si vos ignorant, apud Græcos Teius quidam, &c. &c."

<sup>2</sup> Or, better still, the zone, that lies

Close to thy breast, and feels its sighs.] This ταινὴ was a ribbon, or band, called by the Romans fascia and strophium, which the women wore for the purpose of restraining the exuberance of the bosom. Vide Polluc. Onomast. Thus Martial : —

Fasciâ crescentes dominæ compesce papillas.

The women of Greece not only wore this zone, but condemned themselves to fasting, and made use of certain drugs

Yes, I would be a happy gem,  
Like them, to hang, to fade like them.  
What more would thy Anacreon be?  
O, any thing that touches thee;  
Nay, sandals for those airy feet —  
Ev'n to be trod by them were sweet! <sup>1</sup>

ODE XXIII.<sup>2</sup>

I OFTEN wish this languid lyre,  
This warbler of my soul's desire,  
Could raise the breath of song sublime,  
To men of fame, in former time.  
But when the soaring theme I try,  
Along the chords my numbers die,  
And whisper, with dissolving tone,  
"Our sighs are given to love alone!"  
Indignant at the feeble lay,  
I tore the panting chords away,  
Attun'd them to a nobler swell,  
And struck again the breathing shell;  
In all the glow of epic fire,  
To Hercules I wake the lyre.<sup>3</sup>

and powders for the same purpose. To these expedients they were compelled, in consequence of their inelegant fashion of compressing the waist into a very narrow compass, which necessarily caused an excessive tumidity in the bosom. See Dioscorides, lib. v.

<sup>1</sup> *Nay, sandals for those airy feet —*

*Ev'n to be trod by them were sweet!* The sophist Philostratus, in one of his love letters, has borrowed this thought; *ω αἰετοί ποδες, ω καλλος ελευθερος, ω τρισυδαιμων εγω και μακαριος εαν πατησετε με.* — "O, lovely feet! O, excellent beauty! O, thrice happy and blessed should I be, if you would but tread on me!" In Shakspeare, Romeo desires to be a glove: —

O, that I were a glove upon that hand,  
That I might kiss that cheek!

And, in his *Passionate Pilgrim*, we meet with an idea somewhat like that of the thirteenth line: —

He, spying her, bound'd in, where as he stood,  
"O Jove!" quoth she, "why was not I a flood?"

In Burton's *Anatomy of Melancholy*, that whimsical farrago of "all such reading as was never read," we find a translation of this ode made before 1632. — "Englished by Mr. B. Holiday, in his *Technog.* act i. scene 7."

<sup>2</sup> According to the order in which the odes are usually placed, this (*Θελω λεγειν Ατρειδης*) forms the first of the series; and is thought to be peculiarly designed as an introduction to the rest. It however characterizes the genius of the Teian but very inadequately, as wine, the burden of his lays, is not even mentioned in it:

— cum multo Venereum confundere mero  
Precept Lyrici Teia Musa senis.

ΟΝΙΘ.

The twenty-sixth Ode, *Συ μιν λεγειν τα Θηδης*, might, with just as much propriety, be placed at the head of his songs.

We find the sentiments of the ode before us expressed by Bion with much simplicity in his fourth idyl. The above

But still its fainting sighs repeat,  
"The tale of love alone is sweet!"<sup>4</sup>  
Then fare thee well, seductive dream,  
That mad'st me follow Glory's theme;  
For thou my lyre, and thou my heart,  
Shall never more in spirit part;  
And all that one has felt so well  
The other shall as sweetly tell!

ODE XXIV.<sup>5</sup>

To all that breathe the air of heaven,  
Some bone of strength has Nature given.  
In forming the majestic bull,  
She fenced with wreathed horns his skull;  
A hoof of strength she lent the steed,  
And wing'd the timorous hare with speed  
She gave the lion fangs of terror,  
And o'er the ocean's crystal mirror,  
Taught the unnumber'd scaly throng  
To trace their liquid path along;

translation is, perhaps, too paraphrastical; but the ode has been so frequently translated, that I could not otherwise avoid triteness and repetition.

<sup>3</sup> *In all the glow of epic fire,*

*To Hercules I wake the lyre.*] Madame Dacier generally translates *λυρη* into a lute, which I believe is inaccurate. "D'expliquer la lyre des anciens (says M. Sorel) par un luth, c'est ignorer la difference qu'il y a entre ces deux instrumens de musique." — *Bibliothèque Française.*

<sup>4</sup> *But still its fainting sighs repeat,*

"*The tale of love alone is sweet!*" The word *αντιφωνει* in the original, may imply that kind of musical dialogue practised by the ancients, in which the lyre was made to respond to the questions proposed by the singer. This was a method which Sappho used, as we are told by Hermogenes; "*δταν την λυραν ερωτα Σαπφω, και δταν αυτη αποκρινηται.*" — *Περί Ιδρων, τομ. δευτ.*

<sup>5</sup> Henry Stephen has imitated the idea of this ode in the following lines of one of his poems: —

Provida dat cunctis Natura animantibus arma,  
Et sua fœmineum possidet arma genus,  
Ungulâque ut defendit equum, atque ut cornua taurum,  
Arnata est formâ fœnina pulchra sua.

And the same thought occurs in those lines, spoken by Corisca in *Pastor Fido*:

Così noi la bellezza  
Ch' è virtù nostra così propria, comò  
La forza del leone,  
E l'ingegno de l' huomo.

The lion boasts his savage powers,  
And lordly man his strength of mind;  
But beauty's charm is solely ours,  
Peculiar boon, by Heav'n assign'd.

\* "An elegant explication of the beauties of this ode (says Degen) may be found in Grimm an den Aumerk über einige Oden des Anakr."

While for the umbrage of the grove,  
She plum'd the warbling world of love.

To man she gave, in that proud hour,  
The boon of intellectual power.<sup>1</sup>  
Then, what, O woman, what, for thee,  
Was left in Nature's treasury?  
She gave thee beauty — mightier far  
Than all the pomp and power of war.<sup>2</sup>  
Nor steel nor fire itself hath power  
Like woman, in her conquering hour.  
Be thou but fair, mankind adore thee,  
Smile, and a world is weak before thee!<sup>3</sup>

ODE XXV.<sup>4</sup>

ONCE in each revolving year,  
Gentle bird! we find thee here.  
When Nature wears her summer vest,  
Thou com'st to weave thy simple nest;  
But when the chilling winter lowers,  
Again thou seek'st the genial bowers  
Of Memphis, or the shores of Nile,  
Where sunny hours forever smile.  
And thus thy pinion rests and roves,  
Alas! unlike the swarm of Loves,

<sup>1</sup> To man she gave, in that proud hour,  
The boon of intellectual power.] In my first attempt to translate this ode, I had interpreted φρονημα, with Baxter and Barnes, as implying courage and military virtue; but I do not think that the gallantry of the idea suffers by the import which I have now given to it. For, why need we consider this possession of wisdom as exclusive? and in truth, as the design of Anacreon is to estimate the treasure of beauty, above all the rest which Nature has distributed, it is perhaps even refining upon the delicacy of the compliment, to prefer the radiance of female charms to the cold illumination of wisdom and prudence; and to think that women's eyes are

the books, the academies,  
From whence doth spring the true Promethean fire.

<sup>2</sup> She gave thee beauty — mightier far  
Than all the pomp and power of war.] Thus Achilles Tatius: — καλλος αὐτερον τιτρωσκει βελους, και δια των οφθαλμων εις την ψυχην καταρτει. Ορθαλμος γαρ ὁδὸς ερωτικῶ τραυματι. "Beauty wounds more swiftly than the arrow, and passes through the eye to the very soul; for the eye is the inlet to the wounds of love."

<sup>3</sup> Be thou but fair, mankind adore thee,  
Smile, and a world is weak before thee!] Longepierre's remark here is ingenious: — "The Romans," says he, "were so convinced of the power of beauty, that they used a word implying strength in the place of the epithet beautiful. Thus Plautus, act 2, scene 2. Bacchid.

Sed Bacchis etiam fortis tibi visa.

<sup>4</sup> Fortis, id est formosa, say Servius and Nonius."

That brood within this hapless breast,  
And never, never change their nest!<sup>4</sup>  
Still every year, and all the year,  
They fix their fated dwelling here;  
And some their infant plumage try,  
And on a tender winglet fly;  
While in the shell, impregn'd with fires,  
Still lurk a thousand more desires;  
Some from their tiny prisons peeping,  
And some in formless embryo sleeping.  
Thus peopled, like the vernal groves,  
My breast resounds with warbling Loves,  
One urchin imps the other's feather,  
Then twin desires they wing together,  
And fast as they thus take their flight,  
Still other urchins spring to light.  
But is there then no kindly art,  
To chase these Cupids from my heart;  
Ah, no! I fear, in sadness fear,  
They will forever nestle here!

ODE XXVI.<sup>5</sup>

THY harp may sing of Troy's alarms,  
Or tell the tale of Theban arms;

<sup>4</sup> We have here another ode addressed to the swallow Alberti has imitated both in one poem, beginning

Perch' io pianga al tuo canto,  
Rondinella importuna, &c.

<sup>5</sup> Alas! unlike the swarm of Loves,  
That brood within this hapless breast,  
And never, never change their nest!] Thus Love is represented as a bird, in an epigram cited by Longepierre from the Anthologia: —

Λιαι μοι δυνει μεν εν ονασιν ηχος ερωτος,  
Ομμα δε σιγα παθοις το γλυκν δακρυ φερει.  
Ουδ' η νυξ, ου φεγγος εκοιμισεν, αλλ' ὑπο ριλιτρων  
Ηδε που κραδη γνωστος ενεστι τυπος.  
Ω πανοι, μη και ποτ' εφίπτασθαι μεν ερωτες  
Οιδαρ', αποπηναι δ' ουθ' ὄσον ισχυετε.

'Tis Love that murmurs in my breast,  
And makes me shed the secret tear;  
Nor day nor night my soul hath rest,  
For night and day his voice I hear.

A wound within my heart I find,  
And O, 'tis plain where Love has been;  
For still he leaves a wound behind,  
Such as within my heart is seen.

O, bird of Love! with song so drear,  
Make not my soul the nest of pain;  
But, let the wing which brought thee here,  
In pity waft thee hence again!

<sup>6</sup> "The German poet Uz has imitated this ode. Compare also Weisse Scherz. Lieder, lib. iii. der Soldat" Gail, Degen.

With other wars my song shall burn,  
 For other wounds my harp shall mourn.  
 'Twas not the crested warrior's dart,  
 That drank the current of my heart ;  
 Nor naval arms, nor mailed steed,  
 Have made this vanquish'd bosom bleed ;  
 No — 'twas from eyes of liquid blue  
 A host of quiver'd Cupids flew ;<sup>1</sup>  
 And now my heart all bleeding lies  
 Beneath that army of the eyes !

ODE XXVII.<sup>2</sup>

WE read the flying courser's name  
 Upon his side, in marks of flame ;  
 And, by their turban'd brows alone,  
 The warriors of the East are known.  
 But in the lover's glowing eyes,  
 The inlet to his bosom lies ;<sup>3</sup>  
 Through them we see the small faint mark,  
 Where Love has dropp'd his burning spark !

<sup>1</sup> No — 'twas from eyes of liquid blue  
 [A host of quiver'd Cupids flew ;] Longepierre has quoted  
 part of an epigram from the seventh book of the Anthologia,  
 which has a fancy something like this

Ου με λεληθας,  
 Τοξοτα, Ζηνοφιλας αρμασι κρυπτομενος.

Archer Love ! though slyly creeping,  
 Well I know where thou dost lie ;  
 I saw thee through the curtain peeping,  
 That fringes Zenophelia's eye.

The poets abound with conceits on the archery of the eyes,  
 but few have turned the thought so naturally as Anacreon.  
 Ronsard gives to the eyes of his mistress "un petit camp  
 d'amours."

<sup>2</sup> This ode forms a part of the preceding in the Vatican  
 MS., but I have conformed to the editions in translating  
 them separately.

"Compare with this (says Degen) the poem of Ramler  
 Wahrzeichen der Liebe, in Lyr. Blumenlese, lib. iv. p. 313."

<sup>3</sup> But in the lover's glowing eyes,  
 The inlet to his bosom lies ;] "We cannot see into the  
 heart," says Madame Dacier. But the lover answers —

Il cor ne gli occhi et ne la fronte ho scritto.

M. La Fosse has given the following lines, as enlarging  
 on the thought of Anacreon :—

Lorsque je vois un amant,  
 Il cache en vain son tourment,  
 A le trahir tout conspire,  
 Sa langue, son embarras,  
 Tout ce qu'il peut faire ou dire  
 Même ce qu'il ne dit pas.

In vain the lover tries to veil  
 The flame that in his bosom lies ;

ODE XXVIII.<sup>4</sup>

As, by his Lemnian forge's flame,  
 The husband of the Paphian dame  
 Moulded the glowing steel, to form  
 Arrows for Cupid, thrilling warm ;  
 And Venus, as he plied his art,  
 Shed honey round each new-made dart,  
 While Love, at hand, to finish all,  
 Tipp'd every arrow's point with gall ;<sup>5</sup>  
 It chanc'd the Lord of Battles came  
 To visit that deep cave of flame.  
 'Twas from the ranks of war he rush'd  
 His spear with many a lifedrop blush'd ;  
 He saw the fiery darts, and smil'd  
 Contemptuous at the archer child.  
 "What !" said the urchin, "dost thou smile ?  
 Here, hold this little dart a while,  
 And thou wilt find, though swift of flight,  
 My bolts are not so feathery light."

Mars took the shaft — and, O, thy look,  
 Sweet Venus, when the shaft he took ! —

His cheeks' confusion tells the tale,  
 We read it in his languid eyes :  
 And while his words the heart betray,  
 His silence speaks ev'n more than they.

<sup>4</sup> This ode is referred to by La Mothe le Vayer, who, I  
 believe, was the author of that curious little work, called  
 "Hexameron Rustique." He makes use of this, as well as  
 the thirty-fifth, in his ingenious but indelicate explanation  
 of Homer's Cave of the Nymphs. — *Journée Quatrième.*

<sup>5</sup> While Love, at hand, to finish all,  
 Tipp'd every arrow's point with gall ;] Thus Claudian :—

Labuntur gemini fontes, hic dulcis, amarus  
 Alter, et infusus corrupit mella venenis,  
 Unde Cupidineas armavit fama sagittas.

In Cyprus' isle two rippling fountains fall,  
 And one with honey flows, and one with gall ;  
 In these, if we may take the tale from fame,  
 The son of Venus dips his darts of flame.

See Alcicius, emblem 91, on the close connection which  
 subsists between sweets and bitters. "Apes ideo pungunt  
 (says Petronius), quia ubi dulce, ibi et acidum invenies."

The allegorical description of Cupid's employment, in  
 Horace, may vie with this before us in fancy, though not in  
 delicacy :—

— ferus et Cupido  
 Semper ardentis acuens sagittas  
 Cote cruentâ.

And Cupid, sharpening all his fiery darts,  
 Upon a whetstone stain'd with blood of hearts.

Secundus has borrowed this, but has somewhat softened  
 the image by the omission of the epithet "cruentâ."

Fallor an ardentis acuebat cote sagittas ? Eleg. 1.



Sighing, he felt the urchin's art,  
And cried, in agony of heart,  
"It is not light — I sink with pain!  
Take — take thy arrow back again."  
"No," said the child, "it must not be;  
That little dart was made for thee!"

## ODE XXIX.

YES — loving is a painful thrill,  
And not to love more painful still;<sup>1</sup>  
But O, it is the worst of pain,  
To love and not be lov'd again!  
Affection now has fled from earth,  
Nor fire of genius, noble birth,  
Nor heavenly virtue, can beguile  
From beauty's cheek one favoring smile.  
Gold is the woman's only theme,  
Gold is the woman's only dream.  
O, never be that wretch forgiven —  
Forgive him not, indignant heaven!  
Whose grovelling eyes could first adore,  
Whose heart could pant for sordid ore.

*Yes — loving is a painful thrill,*

*And not to love more painful still; &c.] The following Anacreontic, addressed by Menage to Daniel Hue, enforces, with much grace, the "necessity of loving:"—*

Περι του δειν φιλησαι.  
Προς Πτρον Δανιηλα Ύεττον.

Μεγα θάυμα των αισθων,  
Χαριτων θαλος, Ύεττε,  
Φιλωμεν, ω εταιρε.  
Φιλησαν οι σοφισται.  
Φιλησε σεμος ανηρ,  
Το τεκνον του Σωφρονισκου,  
Σοφης πατηρ απισης.  
Τι δ' ανευ γενου? Ερωτος;  
Ακονη μεν εστι ψυχης.\*  
Πτερυγισσιν εις Ολυμπον  
Κατακειμενους αναιρει.  
Βραδεις τετημενοισι  
Βλεπει εξαγειρει.  
Πορι λαμπαδος φαινω  
Ροπαρωτεους καθαιρει.  
Φιλωμεν ον, Ύεττε,  
Φιλωμεν ω εταιρε.  
Αδικως δε λαιδορουντι  
Αγιως ερωτας ημων  
Κακον ενζομαι το μουνον,  
Ίνα μη δυνατ' εκεινος  
Φιλειν τε και φιλεισθαι.

Thou! of tuneful bards the first,  
Thou! by all the Graces nurs'd;

\* This line is borrowed from an epigram by Alpheus of Mitylene which Menage, I think, says somewhere he was himself the first to produce to the world:—

Ψυχης εστιν Ερωας ακονη.

Since that devoted thirst began,  
Man has forgot to feel for man;  
The pulse of social life is dead,  
And all its fonder feelings fled!  
War too has sullied Nature's charms,  
For gold provokes the world to arms:  
And O, the worst of all its arts,  
It rends asunder loving hearts.

## ODE XXX.\*

'T WAS in a mocking dream of night —  
I fancied I had wings as light  
As a young bird's, and flew as fleet;  
While Love, around whose beauteous feet,  
I knew not why, hung chains of lead,  
Pursued me, as I trembling fled;  
And, strange to say, as swift as thought,  
Spite of my pinions, I was caught!  
What does the wanton Fancy mean  
By such a strange, illusive scene?  
I fear she whispers to my breast,  
That you, sweet maid, have stol'n its rest;

Friend! each other friend above,  
Come with me, and learn to love.  
Loving is a simple lore,  
Graver men have learn'd before;  
Nay, the boast of former ages,  
Wisest of the wisest sages,  
Sophroniscus' prudent son,  
Was by love's illusion won.  
O, how heavy life would move,  
If we knew not how to love!  
Love's a whetstone to the mind;  
Thus 'tis pointed, thus refined.  
When the soul dejected lies,  
Love can waft it to the skies;  
When in languor sleeps the heart,  
Love can wake it with his dart;  
When the mind is dull and dark,  
Love can light it with his spark!  
Come, O, come then, let us haste  
All the bliss of love to taste;  
Let us love both night and day,  
Let us love our lives away!  
And when hearts, from loving free,  
(If indeed such hearts there be,)  
Frown upon our gentle flame,  
And the sweet delusion blame;  
This shall be my only curse,  
(Could I, could I wish them worse?)  
May they ne'er the rapture prove,  
Of the smile from lips we love!

<sup>2</sup> Barnes imagines from this allegory, that our poet married very late in life. But I see nothing in the ode which alludes to matrimony, except it be the lead upon the feet of Cupid; and I agree in the opinion of Madame Dacier, in her life of the poet, that he was always too fond of pleasure to marry.



'That though my fancy, for a while,  
Hath hung on many a woman's smile,  
I soon dissolv'd each passing vow,  
And ne'er was caught by love till now!

ODE XXXI.<sup>1</sup>

ARM'D with hyacinthine rod,  
(Arms enough for such a god,)  
Cupid bade me wing my pace,  
And try with him the rapid race.  
O'er many a torrent, wild and deep,  
By tangled brake and pendent steep,  
With weary foot I panting flew,  
Till my brow dropp'd with chilly dew.<sup>2</sup>  
And now my soul, exhausted, dying,  
To my lip was faintly flying;<sup>3</sup>  
And now I thought the spark had fled,  
When Cupid hover'd o'er my head,

<sup>1</sup> The design of this little fiction is to intimate, that much greater pain attends insensibility than can ever result from the tenderest impressions of love. Longepierre has quoted an ancient epigram which bears some similitude to this ode:—

Lecto compositus, vix prima silentia noctis  
Carpebam, et somno lumina victa dabam;  
Cum me sævus Amor prenum, sursumque capillis  
Excitat, et lacerum pervigilare jubet.  
Tu fanulus meus, inquit, ames cum mille puellas,  
Solutus Io, solus, dure jacere potes?  
Exilio et pedibus nudis, tunicaque soluta,  
Omne iter impedio, nullum iter expedio.  
Nunc propro, nunc ire piget; rursumque redire  
Pœnitet; et pudor est stare via media.  
Ecce tacent voces hominum, strepitusque ferarum,  
Et volucrum cantus, turbaque fida canum.  
Solutus ego ex cunctis pævo somnumque torumque,  
Et sequor imperium, sæve Cupido, tuum.

Upon my couch I lay, at night profound,  
My languid eyes in magic slumber bound,  
When Cupid came and snatch'd me from my bed,  
And forc'd me many a weary way to tread,  
"What! said the god! shall you, whose vows are known,  
Who love so many nymphs, thus sleep alone?"  
I rise and follow; all the night I stray,  
Unshelter'd, trembling, doubtful of my way;  
Tracing with naked foot the painful track,  
Loath to proceed, yet fearful to go back.  
Yes, at that hour, when Nature seems interr'd,  
Nor warbling birds, nor lowing flocks are heard,  
I, I alone, a fugitive from rest,  
Passion my guide, and madness in my breast,  
Wander the world around, unknowing where,  
The slave of love, the victim of despair!

<sup>2</sup> Till my brow dropp'd with chilly dew.] I have followed those who read *εἰρην ἰδρωσ* for *περὶν ὕδρωσ*; the former is partly authorized by the MS. which reads *καρπεν ἰδρωσ*.

<sup>3</sup> And now my soul, exhausted, dying,  
To my lip was faintly flying: &c.] In the original, he says, his heart flew to his nose; but our manner more nat-

And fanning light his breezy pinion,  
Rescued my soul from death's dominion;  
Then said, in accents half reproving,  
"Why hast thou been a foe to loving?"

ODE XXXII.<sup>6</sup>

STREW me a fragrant bed of leaves,  
Where lotus with the myrtle weaves;  
And while in luxury's dream I sink,  
Let me the balm of Bacchus drink!  
In this sweet hour of revelry  
Young Love shall my attendant be—  
Dress'd for the task, with tunic round  
His snowy neck and shoulders bound,  
Himself shall hover by my side,  
And minister the racy tide!

urally transfers it to the lips. Such is the effect that Plato tells us he felt from a kiss, in a distich quoted by Aulus Gellius:—

Την ψυχην, Αγαθωνα φίλων, ἐπι χειρῶσιν εσχρν.  
Ἦλθε γὰρ ἡ γλημων ὡς διαθροσμενη.

Whene'er thy nectar'd kiss I sip,  
And drink thy breath, in trance divine,  
My soul then flutters to my lip,  
Ready to fly and mix with thine.

Aulus Gellius subjoins a paraphrase of this epigram, in which we find a number of those *mignar-lises* of expression, which mark the effemination of the Latin language.

<sup>4</sup> And fanning light his breezy pinion,

Rescued my soul from death's dominion;] "The facility with which Cupid recovers him, signifies that the sweets of love make us easily forget any solitudes which he may occasion."—*La Fosse*.

<sup>5</sup> We here have the poet, in his true attributes, reclining upon myrtles, with Cupid for his cupbearer. Some interpreters have ruined the picture by making *Ερωσ* the name of his slave. Note but Love should fill the goblet of Anacreon. Sappho, in one of her fragments, has assigned this office to Venus. Ἐλθε, Κυπρι, χρροσσαισιν ἐν κυλικροσσιν ἄθροισ συμμεγιστροσ. Σαλλιαισι νεκταρ οινουχουσα τουτοισι τοισ ττοιροισ ερωσ γε και σοισ.

Which may be thus paraphrased:—

lither, Venus, queen of kisses,  
This shall be the night of blisses,  
This the night, to friendship dear,  
Thou shalt be our Hebe here.  
Fill the golden brimmer high,  
Let it sparkle like thine eye;  
Bid the rosy current gush,  
Let it mantle like thy blush.  
Goddess, hast thou e'er above  
Seen a feast so rich in love?  
Not a soul that is not mine!  
Not a soul that is not thine!

<sup>6</sup> Compare with this ode (says the German commentator) the beautiful poem in Ramler's *Lyr. Blumenlese*, lib. iv. p. 296, "Amor als Diener."

O, swift as wheels that kindling roll,  
 Our life is hurrying to the goal :  
 A scanty dust, to feed the wind,  
 Is all the trace 'twill leave behind  
 Then wherefore waste the rose's bloom  
 Upon the cold, insensate tomb ?  
 Can flowery breeze, or odor s breathe,  
 Affect the still, cold sense of death ?  
 O no ; I ask no balm to steep  
 With fragrant tears my bed of sleep ;  
 But now, while every pulse is glowing,  
 Now let me breathe the balsam flowing ;  
 Now let the rose, with blush of fire,  
 Upon my brow in sweets expire ;  
 And bring the nymph whose eye hath power  
 To brighten even death's cold hour.  
 Yes, Cupid ! ere my shade retire,  
 To join the blest elysian choir,  
 With wine, and love, and social cheer,  
 I'll make my own elysium here !

ODE XXXIII.<sup>1</sup>

'Twas noon of night, when round the pole  
 The sullen Bear is seen to roll ;  
 And mortals, wearied with the day,  
 Are slumbering all their cares away ;  
 An infant, at that dreary hour,  
 Came weeping to my silent bower,  
 And wak'd me with a piteous prayer,  
 To shield him from the midnight air.  
 "And who art thou," I waking cry,  
 "That bidd'st my blissful visions fly ?"<sup>2</sup>  
 "Ah, gentle sire !" the infant said,  
 "In pity take me to thy shed ;  
 Nor fear deceit : a lonely child  
 I wander o'er the gloomy wild.  
 Chill drops the rain, and not a ray  
 Illumes the drear and misty way !"

I heard the baby's tale of woe ;  
 I heard the bitter night winds blow ;  
 And sighing for his piteous fate,  
 I trimm'd my lamp and op'd the gate.  
 'Twas Love ! the little wandering sprite,<sup>3</sup>  
 His pinion sparkled through the night.  
 I knew him by his bow and dart ;  
 I knew him by my fluttering heart.  
 Fondly I take him in, and raise  
 The dying embers' cheering blaze ;  
 Press from his dank and clinging hair  
 The crystals of the freezing air,  
 And in my hand and bosom hold  
 His little fingers thrilling cold.

And now the embers' genial ray  
 Had warm'd his anxious fears away ;  
 "I pray thee," said the wanton child,  
 (My bosom trembled as he smil'd,)  
 "I pray thee let me try my bow,  
 For through the rain I've wander'd so,  
 That much I fear, the midnight shower  
 Has injur'd its elastic power."  
 The fatal bow the urchin drew ;  
 Swift from the string the arrow flew ;  
 As swiftly flew as glancing flame,  
 And to my inmost spirit came !  
 "Fare thee well," I heard him say,  
 As laughing wild he wing'd away ;  
 "Fare thee well, for now I know  
 The rain has not relax'd my bow ;  
 It still can send a thrilling dart,  
 As thou shalt own with all thy heart !"

ODE XXXIV.<sup>4</sup>

O THOU, of all creation blest,  
 Sweet insect, that delight'st to rest

<sup>1</sup> M. Bernard, the author of *L'Art d'aimer*, has written a ballet called "Les Surprises de l'Amour," in which the subject of the third entrée is Anacreon, and the story of this ode suggests one of the scenes. — Œuvres de Bernard, Anac. scene 4th.

The German annotator refers us here to an imitation by Uz, lib. iii., "Amor und sein Bruder;" and a poem of Kleist, "die Heilung." La Fontaine has translated, or rather imitated, this ode.

<sup>2</sup> "And who art thou," I waking cry,

"That bidd'st my blissful visions fly ?" Anacreon appears to have been a voluptuary even in dreaming, by the lively regret which he expresses at being disturbed from his visionary enjoyments. See the odes x. and xxxvii.

<sup>3</sup> 'Twas Love! the little wandering sprite, &c.] See the beautiful description of Cupid, by Moschus, in his first idyl.

<sup>4</sup> In a Latin ode addressed to the grasshopper, Rapin has preserved some of the thoughts of our author :—

O quæ virenti graminis in toro,  
 Cicada, blande sidis, et herbidos  
 Saltus oberras, otiosos  
 Ingeniosa ciere cantus.

Sen forte adultis floribus incubas,  
 Cœli caducis ebria fletibus, &c.

O thou, that on the grassy bed  
 Which Nature's vernal hand has spread,  
 Recliest soft, and tun'st thy song,  
 The dewy herbs and leaves among !  
 Whether thou ly'st on springing flowers,  
 Drunk with the balmy morning showers,  
 Or, &c.

See what Licetus says about grasshoppers, cap. 93 and 185.

Upon the wildwood's leafy tops,  
 To drink the dew that morning drops,  
 And chirp thy song with such a glee,<sup>1</sup>  
 'That happiest kings may envy thee.  
 Whatever decks the velvet field,  
 Whate'er the circling seasons yield,  
 Whatever buds, whatever blows,  
 For thee it buds, for thee it grows.  
 Nor yet art thou the peasant's fear,  
 To him thy friendly notes are dear ;  
 For thou art mild as matin dew ;  
 And still, when summer's flowery hue  
 Begins to paint the bloomy plain,  
 We hear thy sweet prophetic strain ;  
 Thy sweet prophetic strain we hear,  
 And bless the notes and thee rever !  
 The Muses love thy shrilly tone ;<sup>2</sup>  
 Apollo calls thee all his own ;  
 'Twas he who gave that voice to thee,  
 'Tis he who tunes thy minstrelsy.

<sup>1</sup> *And chirp thy song with such a glee, &c.*] "Some authors have affirmed (says Madame Dacier), that it is only male grasshoppers which sing, and that the females are silent ; and on this circumstance is founded a bon-mot of Xenarchus, the comic poet, who says *εἰ' εἰσὶν οἱ τερτίγες οὐκ εὐδαίμονες, ὧν τὰς γυναῖξιν σὺδ' ὅτι οὐν φωνῆς ἐνι* ;<sup>4</sup> are not the grasshoppers happy in having dumb wives ?" This note is originally Henry Stephen's ; but I chose rather to make a lady my authority for it.

<sup>2</sup> *The Muses love thy shrilly tone ; &c.*] Phile, de Animal. Proprietat. calls this insect *Μουσῆσαι φίλος*, the darling of the Muses ; and *Μουσῶν ὄρνιν*, the bird of the Muses ; and we find Plato compar'd for his eloquence to the grasshopper, in the following punning lines of Timon, preserved by Diogenes Laertius :—

Τῶν πάντων δ' ἠγεῖτο πλαυστᾶτος, ἀλλ' ἀγορητῆς  
 Ἠδύεπης τερτίξιν ἰσαγρᾶτος, οἱ θ' Ἐκασθῆμου  
 Δενδρέι ἐφιζήμενοι οἶα λειριόσσαν λείσι.

This last line is borrowed from Homer's *Iliad*, γ, where there occurs the very same simile.

<sup>3</sup> *Melodious insect, child of earth.*] Longepierre has quoted the two first lines of an epigram of Antipater, from the first book of the *Anthologia*, where he prefers the grasshopper to the swan :

Ἀρκὴ τερτίγας μέθυσαι ὄροσος, ἀλλὰ πιοντες  
 Ἀλεῖδεν κυκνῶν εἰσι γεωνοτεροι.

In dew, that drops from morning's wings,  
 The gay Cicada sipping floats ;  
 And drunk with dew, his matin sings  
 Sweeter than any cygnet's notes.

<sup>4</sup> Theocritus has imitated this beautiful ode in his nineteenth idyl ; but is very inferior, I think, to his original, in delicacy of point and naïveté of expression. Spenser, in one of his smaller compositions, has sported more diffusely on the same subject. The poem to which I allude, begins thus :—

Upon a day, as Love lay sweetly slumbering  
 All in his mother's lap ;  
 A gentle bee, with his loud trumpet murmuring,  
 About him flew by hap, &c. &c.

Unworn by age's dim decline,  
 The fadeless blooms of youth are thine.  
 Melodious insect, child of earth,<sup>3</sup>  
 In wisdom mirthful, wise in mirth ;  
 Exempt from every weak decay,  
 That withers vulgar frames away ;  
 With not a drop of blood to stain  
 The current of thy purer vein ;  
 So blest an age is pass'd by thee,  
 Thou seem'st — a little deity !

#### ODE XXXV.<sup>4</sup>

CUPID once upon a bed  
 Of roses laid his weary head ;  
 Luckless urchin, not to see  
 Within the leaves a slumbering bee ;  
 The bee awak'd — with anger wild  
 The bee awak'd, and stung the child.

In Almelooven's collection of epigrams, there is one by Luxorius, correspondent somewhat with the turn of Anacreon, where Love complains to his mother of being wound ed by a rose.

The ode before us is the very flower of simplicity. The infantine complainings of the little god, and the natural and impressive reflections which they draw from Venus, are beauties of inimitable grace. I may be pardoned, perhaps, for introducing here another of Menage's Anacreontics, not for its similitude to the subject of this ode, but for some faint traces of the same natural simplicity, which it appears to me to have preserved :—

Ἔρωσ ποτ' ἐν χορδαίαις  
 Τῶν παρθένων αἰῶτων,  
 Τῆν μοι φίλην Κορινναῖαν,  
 Ὡς εἶδεν, ὡς πρὸς αὐτῆν  
 Προσεδράμε' τραχὴλῶ  
 Διδύμος τε χεῖρας ἀπῶν  
 Φίλει με, μητὲρ, εἶπε.  
 Καλομένην Κοριννα,  
 Μητῆρ, ἐρυθρίαζει,  
 Ὄς παρθένος μὲν οὖσα.  
 Κ' αὐτὸς δὲ δύσχεραίνων,  
 Ὡς ὀμμασί πλανηθείς,  
 Ἔρωσ ἐρυθρίαζει.  
 Ἐγὼ, δὲ οἱ παραστάς,  
 Μὴ δύσχεραίνε, φημι.  
 Κύπριν τε καὶ Κορινναῖαν  
 Διαγνώσσαι οὐκ ἐχρῆσι  
 Καὶ οἱ βλέποντες οὖν.

As dancing o'er the enamel'd plain,  
 The flow'ret of the virgin train,  
 My soul's Corinna lightly play'd,  
 Young Cupid saw the graceful maid ;  
 He saw, and in a moment flew,  
 And round her neck his arms he threw ;  
 Saying, with smiles of infant joy,  
 "O, kiss me, mother, kiss thy boy !"  
 Unconscious of a mother's name,  
 The modest virgin blush'd with shame !

Loud and piteous are his cries ;  
 To Venus quick he runs, he flies ;  
 "O mother ! — I am wounded through —  
 I die with pain — in sooth I do !  
 Stung by some little angry thing,  
 Some serpent on a tiny wing —  
 A bee it was — for once, I know  
 I heard a rustic call it so."  
 Thus he spoke, and she the while  
 Hear ! him with a soothing smile ;  
 Then said, "My infant, if so much  
 Thou feel the little wild bee's touch,  
 How must the heart, ah, Cupid ! be,  
 The hapless heart that's stung by thee !"

ODE XXXVI.<sup>1</sup>

If hoarded gold possess'd the power  
 To lengthen life's too fleeting hour,  
 And purchase from the hand of death  
 A little span, a moment's breath,  
 How I would love the precious ore !  
 And every hour should swell my store :  
 That when Death came, with shadowy pinion,  
 To waft me to his bleak dominion,<sup>2</sup>  
 I might, by bribes, my doom delay,  
 And bid him call some distant day.  
 But, since not all earth's golden store  
 Can buy for us one bright hour more,

And angry Cupid, scarce believing  
 That vision could be so deceiving —  
 Thus to mistake his Cyprian dame !  
 It made ev'n Cupid blush with shame.  
 "Be not asham'd, my boy," I cried,  
 For I was lingering by his side ;  
 "Corinna and thy lovely mother,  
 Believe me, are, so like each other,  
 That clearest eyes are oft betray'd,  
 And take thy Venus for the maid."

Zitto, in his *Cappricciosi Pensieri*, has given a translation of this ode of Anacreon.

<sup>1</sup> Fontenelle has translated this ode, in his dialogue between Anacreon and Aristotle in the shades, where, on weighing the merits of both these personages, he bestows the prize of wisdom upon the poet.

"The German imitators of this ode are, Lessing, in his poem 'Gestern Brüder,' &c. ; Gleim, in the ode 'An den Tod ;' and Schmidt in der Poet. Blumenl., Gotting. 1783, p. 7." — *Degen*.

<sup>2</sup> *That when Death came, with shadowy pinion,  
 To waft me to his bleak dominion, &c.* The commentators, who are so fond of disputing "de lanâ caprinâ," have been very busy on the authority of the phrase *ἰ' αὖ δακτυλίου ἐπιλθῆναι*. The reading of *ἰ' αὖ θανάτου ἐπιλθῆναι*, which De Medenhach proposes in his *Amenitates Literariæ*, was already hinted by Le Febvre, who seldom suggests any thing worth notice.

<sup>3</sup> *The goblet rich, the board of friends,*

*Whose social souls the goblet blends ;*] This communion

Why should we vainly mourn our fate,  
 Or sigh at life's uncertain date ?  
 Nor wealth nor grandeur can illumine  
 The silent midnight of the tomb.  
 No — give to others hoarded treasures —  
 Mine be the brilliant round of pleasures ;  
 The goblet rich, the board of friends,  
 Whose social souls the goblet blends ;<sup>3</sup>  
 And mine, while yet I've life to live,  
 Those joys that love alone can give.

ODE XXXVII.<sup>4</sup>

'Twas night, and many a circling bowl  
 Had deeply warm'd my thirsty soul ;  
 As lull'd in slumber I was laid,  
 Bright visions o'er my fancy play'd.  
 With maidens, blooming as the dawn,  
 I seem'd to skim the opening lawn ;  
 Light on tiptoe bath'd in dew,  
 We flew, and sported as we flew !

Some ruddy striplings, who look'd on —  
 With cheeks, that like the wine god's shone  
 Saw me chasing, free and wild,  
 These blooming maids, and slyly smil'd ;  
 Smil'd indeed with wanton glee,  
 Though none could doubt they envied me.

of friendship, which sweetened the bowl of Anacreon, has not been forgotten by the author of the following scoliolum, where the blessings of life are enumerated with proverbial simplicity. Ὑγιαίνειν μὲν ἀριστον ἀνδρὶ ζῆτησιν. Δευτερον δέ, καλον φησὶ γενεσθαι. Το τρίτον δέ, πλουτεῖν ἀδύλωσ. Καὶ τὸ τετάρτον συνέβαιν μετα των φίλων.

Of mortal blessings here the first is health,  
 And next those charms by which the eye we move ;  
 The third is wealth, unwounding guiltless wealth,  
 And then, sweet intercourse with those we love !

<sup>4</sup> Compare with this ode the beautiful poem 'der Traun' of Uz." — *Degen*.

Le Febvre, in a note upon this ode, enters into an elaborate and learned justification of drunkenness ; and this is probably the cause of the severe reprehension which he appears to have suffered for his Anacreon. "Fuit olim fateor (says he in a note upon Longinus), cum Sapphonen amatam. Sed ex quo illa me perditissima femina pene miserum perdidit cum sceleratissimo suo congerone, (Anacreontem dico, si nescis, Lector,) noli sperare, &c. &c." He alludes on this ode the authority of Plato, who allowed ebriety, at the Dionysian festivals, to men arrived at their fortieth year. He likewise quotes the following line from Alexis, which he says no one, who is not totally ignorant of the world, can hesitate to confess the truth of :—

Ουδείς φιλοποτης εστιν ανθρωπος κακος.

"No lover of drinking was ever a vicious man"

And still I flew — and now had caught  
The panting nymphs, and fondly thought  
To gather from each rosy lip  
A kiss that Jove himself might sip —  
When sudden all my dream of joys,  
Blushing nymphs and laughing boys,  
All were gone! <sup>1</sup> — “Alas!” I said,  
Sighing for th’ illusion fled,  
“Again, sweet sleep, that scene restore,  
O, let me dream it o’er and o’er!” <sup>2</sup>

ODE XXXVIII.<sup>3</sup>

LET us drain the nectar’d bowl,  
Let us raise the song of soul  
To him, the god who loves so well  
The nectar’d bowl, the choral swell;  
The god who taught the sons of earth  
To thrud the tangled dance of mirth;  
Him, who was nurs’d with infant Love,  
And cradled in the Paphian grove;  
Him, that the snowy Queen of Charms  
So oft has fondled in her arms.<sup>4</sup>  
O, ’tis from him the transport flows,  
Which sweet intoxication knows;  
With him, the brow forgets its gloom,  
And brilliant graces learn to bloom.

Behold! — my boys a goblet bear,  
Whose sparkling foam lights up the air.

<sup>1</sup> *When sudden all my dream of joys,  
Blushing nymphs and laughing boys,  
All were gone!*] “Nonnus says of Bacchus, almost in the  
same words that Anacreon uses, —

Εγχομενος δε

Παρθενον ουκ εκιχησε, και ηθειλεν αυθις ταπειν’

Waking, he lost the phantom’s charms,  
The nymph had faded from his arms;  
Again to slumber he essay’d,  
Again to clasp the shadowy maid. LONGEPierre.

*Again, sweet sleep, that scene restore,*

*O, let me dream it o’er and o’er!*”] Doctor Johnson, in his preface to Shakspeare, animadverting upon the commentators of that poet, who pretended, in every little coincidence of thought, to detect an imitation of some ancient poet, alludes in the following words to the line of Anacreon before us: — “I have been told that when Caliban, after a pleasing dream, says, ‘I cried to sleep again,’ the author imitates Anacreon, who had, like any other man, the same wish on the same occasion.”

<sup>2</sup> “Compare with this beautiful ode to Bacchus the verses of Hagedorn, lib. v., ‘das Gesellschaftliche;’ and of Bürger, p. 51, &c. &c.” — *Degen*.

<sup>4</sup> *Him that the snowy Queen of Charms  
So oft has fondled in her arms.*] Robertellus, upon the epithalamium of Catullus, mentions an ingenious derivation

Where are now the tear, the sigh?  
To the winds they fly, they fly!  
Grasp the bowl; in nectar sinking,  
Man of sorrow, drown thy thinking!  
Say, can the tears we lend to thought  
In life’s account avail us aught?  
Can we discern with all our lore,  
The path we’ve yet to journey o’er?  
Alas, alas, in ways so dark,  
’Tis only wine can strike a spark.<sup>5</sup>  
Then let me quaff the foamy tide,  
And through the dance meandering glide;  
Let me imbibe the spicy breath  
Of odors chaf’d to fragrant death;  
Or from the lips of love inhale  
A more ambrosial, richer gale!  
To hearts that court the phantom Care,  
Let him retire and shroud him there;  
While we exhaust the nectar’d bowl,  
And swell the choral song of soul  
To him, the god who loves so well  
The nectar’d bowl, the choral swell!

## ODE XXXIX.

How I love the festive boy,  
Tripping through the dance of joy!  
How I love the mellow sage,  
Smiling through the veil of age!  
And whene’er this man of years  
In the dance of joy appears,

of Cytheræa, the name of Venus, *παρα το κευθειν τους ερωτας*, which seems to hint that “Love’s fairy favors are lost, when not concealed.”

<sup>5</sup> *Alas, alas, in ways so dark,*

’Tis only wine can strike a spark.] The brevity of life allows arguments for the voluntary as well as the moralist. Among many parallel passages which Longepierre has adduced, I shall content myself with this epigram from the Anthologia.

Δουσαμενοι, Προδικη, πικασωμεθα, και τον ακρατον

’Ελκωμεν, κυλικος ριζοντας αραιμενοι.  
’Ραιος ο χαιροντων εστι βιος. ειτα τα λοιπα  
Γηρας κωλυσει, και το τελος θανατος

Of which the following is a paraphrase: —

Let’s fly, my love, from noonday’s beam,  
To plunge us in yon cooling stream;  
Then, hastening to the festal bower,  
We’ll pass in mirth the evening hour;  
’Tis thus our age of bliss shall fly,  
As sweet, though passing as that sigh,  
Which seems to whisper o’er your lip,  
“Come, while you may, of rapture sip.”  
For age will steal the graceful form,  
Will chill the pulse, while throbbing warm,  
And death — alas! that hearts, which thrill  
Like yours and mine, should e’er be still!



Snows may o'er his head be flung,  
But his heart — his heart is young.<sup>1</sup>

## ODE XL.

I know that Heaven hath sent me here,  
To run this mortal life's career ;  
The scenes which I have journeyed o'er,  
Return no more — alas ! no more ;  
And all the path I've yet to go,  
I neither know nor ask to know.  
Away, then, wizard Care, nor think  
Thy fetters round this soul to link ;  
Never can heart that feels with me  
Descend to be a slave to thee !<sup>2</sup>  
And O, before the vital thrill,  
Which trembles at my heart, is still,  
I'll gather Joy's luxuriant flowers,  
And gild with bliss my fading hours ;  
Bacchus shall bid my winter bloom,  
And Venus dance me to the tomb !<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Snows may o'er his head be flung,  
But his heart — his heart is young.*] Saint Pavin makes  
the same distinction in a sonnet to a young girl.

Je sais bien que les destinées  
Ont mal compassée nos années ;  
Ne regardez que mon amour ;  
Peut-être en serez vous émue.  
Il est jeune et n'est que du jour,  
Belle Iris, que je vous ai vu.

Fair and young thou bloomed now,  
And I full many a year have told ;  
But read the heart and not the brow,  
Thou shalt not find my love is old.

My love's a child ; and thou canst say  
How much his little age may be,  
For he was born the very day  
When first I set my eyes on thee !

<sup>2</sup> *Never can heart that feels with me  
Descend to be a slave to thee !*] Longepierre quotes here an  
epigram from the Anthologia, on account of the similarity  
of a particular phrase. Though by no means Anacreontic, it  
is marked by an interesting simplicity which has induced  
me to paraphrase it, and may atone for its intrusion

Ελπεις και συ τυχη μεγα χαιρετε. τον λιμεν' εβρον.  
Ουδεν εμοι χ' υμιν, παιζετε τους μετ' εμε

At length to Fortune, and to you,  
Delusive Hope ! a last adieu.  
The charm that once beguil'd is o'er,  
And I have reach'd my destin'd shore.  
Away, away, your flattering arts  
May now betray some simpler hearts,  
And you will smile at their believing,  
And they shall weep at your deceiving !

<sup>3</sup> *Bacchus shall bid my winter bloom,  
And Venus dance me to the tomb !*] The same commenta-  
tor has quoted an epitaph, written upon our poet by Julian,

## ODE XLI.

WHEN Spring adorns the dewy scene,  
How sweet to walk the velvet green,  
And hear the west wind's gentle sighs,  
As o'er the scented mead it flies !  
How sweet to mark the pouting vine,  
Ready to burst in tears of wine ;  
And with some maid, who breathes but love  
To walk, at noontide, through the grove,<sup>4</sup>  
Or sit in some cool, green recess —  
O, is not this true happiness?

ODE XLII.<sup>5</sup>

Yes, be the glorious revel mine,  
Where humor sparkles from the wine  
Around me, let the youthful choir  
Respond to my enlivening lyre ;  
And while the red cup foams along,  
Mingle in soul as well as song.

in which he makes him promulgate the precepts of good  
fellowship even from the tomb.

Πιλακι μεν τοδ' αεισα, και εκ τρυβου δε βοησω,  
Πινετε, πριν ταυτην αμφιβαλησθε κοινη.

This lesson oft in life I sung,  
And from my grave I still shall cry,  
“ Drink, mortal, drink, while time is young,  
Ere death has made thee cold as I.”

<sup>4</sup> *And with some maid, who breathes but love,  
To walk, at noontide, through the grove,*] Thus Horace : —

Quid habes illius, illius  
Quæ spirabat anores,  
Quæ me sirpuerat mihi. Lib. iv. Carm. 13.

And does there then remain but this,  
And hast thou lost each rosy ray  
Of her, who breath'd the soul of bliss,  
And stole me from myself away ?

<sup>5</sup> The character of Anacreon is here very strikingly de-  
picted. His love of social, harmonized pleasures, is ex-  
pressed with a warmth, amiable and endearing. Among  
the epigrams imputed to Anacreon is the following ; it is  
the only one worth translation and it breathes the same  
sentiments with this ode : —

Ου φιλος, δες κρητηρι παρα πλω ονοποταζων,  
Νεικει και πολεμον διακρουεντα λεγει.  
Αλλ' οστις Μουσων τε, και αγλαα δωρ' Αφροδιτης  
Συμμισγων, ερατης μνησκειται ευφροσυνης.

When to the lip the brimming cup is pressed,  
And hearts are all afloat upon its stream,  
Then banish from my board th' unpolish'd guest,  
Who makes the feats of war his barbarous theme.  
But bring the man, who o'er his goblet wreathes  
The Muse's laurel with the Cyprian flower ;  
O, give me him, whose soul expansive breathes  
And blends refinement with the social hour



Then, while I sit, with flow'rets crown'd,  
To regulate the goblet's round,  
Let but the nymph, our banquet's pride,  
Be seated smiling by my side,  
And earth has not a gift or power  
That I would envy, in that hour.  
Envy!—O, never let its blight  
Touch the gay hearts met here to-night.  
Far hence be slander's sidelong wounds,  
Nor harsh dispute, nor discord's sounds  
Disturb a scene, where all should be  
Attuned to peace and harmony.

Come, let us hear the harp's gay note  
Upon the breeze inspiring float,  
While round us, kindling into love,  
Young maidens through the light dance move.  
Thus blest with mirth, and love, and peace,  
Sure such a life should never cease!

## ODE XLIII.

WHILE our rosy fillets shed  
Freshness o'er each fervid head,  
With many a cup and many a smile  
The festal moments we beguile.  
And while the harp, impassion'd, flings  
Tuneful rapture from its strings,<sup>1</sup>  
Some airy nymph, with graceful bound,  
Keeps measure to the music's sound;

<sup>1</sup> And while the harp, impassion'd, flings

*Tuneful rapture from its strings, &c.*] Respecting the barbiton a host of authorities may be collected, which, after all, leave us ignorant of the nature of the instrument. There is scarcely any point upon which we are so totally uninformed as the music of the ancients. The authors \* extant upon the subject are, I imagine, little understood; and certainly if one of their moods was a progression by quarter tones, which we are told was the nature of the enharmonic scale, simplicity was by no means the characteristic of their melody; for this is a nicety of progression, of which modern music is not susceptible.

The invention of the barbiton is, by Athenæus, attributed to Anacreon. See his fourth book, where it is called *το εὐρημα του Ανακρεοντος*. Neanthes of Cyzicus, as quoted by Gyraldus, asserts the same. Vide Chabot, in Horat. on the words "Les-boum barbiton," in the first ode.

<sup>2</sup> And O, the sadness in his sigh,

*As o'er his lip the accents die!*] Longepierre has quoted here an epigram from the Anthologia:—

Κι υση τις μ' εφιλησε ποθεσπερα χειλεσιν υγροισ.  
Νεκταρ ενν το φιλημα. το γαρ στομα νεκταρος εννει.  
Νυν μεθω το φιλημα, πολλων τον ερωτα πεπωκως.

Of which the following paraphrase may give some idea:—

\* Collected by Meibomius.

Waving, in her snowy hand,  
The leafy Bacchanalian wand,  
Which, as the tipping wanton flies,  
Trembles all over to her sighs.  
A youth the while, with loosen'd hair,  
Floating on the listless air,  
Sings, to the wild harp's tender tone,  
A tale of woes, alas, his own;  
And O, the sadness in his sigh,  
As o'er his lip the accents die!<sup>2</sup>  
Never sure on earth has been  
Half so bright, so blest a scene.  
It seems as Love himself had come  
To make this spot his chosen home;<sup>3</sup>—  
And Venus, too, with all her wiles,  
And Bacchus, shedding rosy smiles,  
All, all are here, to hail with me  
The Genius of Festivity!<sup>4</sup>

ODE XLIV.<sup>5</sup>

BUDS of roses, virgin flowers,  
Cull'd from Cupid's balmy bowers,  
In the bowl of Bacchus steep,  
Till with crimson drops they weep.  
Twine the rose, the garland twine,  
Every leaf distilling wine;  
Drink and smile, and learn to think  
That we were born to smile and drink.  
Rose, thou art the sweetest flower  
That ever drank the amber shower;

The kiss that she left on my lip,

Like a dewdrop shall lingering lie;

'Twas nectar she gave me to sip,

'Twas nectar I drank in her sigh.

From the moment she printed that kiss,

Nor reason, nor rest has been mine;

My whole soul has been drunk with the bliss,

And feels a delirium divine!

<sup>3</sup> It seems as Love himself had come

*To make this spot his chosen home:—*] The introduction of these deities to the festival is merely allegorical. Madame Dacier thinks that the poet describes a masquerade, where these deities were personated by the company in masks. The translation will conform with either idea.

<sup>4</sup> All, all are here, to hail with me

*The Genius of Festivity!*] *Κωμος*, the deity or genius of mirth. Philostratus, in the third of his pictures, gives a very lively description of this god.

<sup>5</sup> This spirited poem is a eulogy on the rose; and again, in the fifty-fifth ode, we shall find our author rich in the praises of that flower. In a fragment of Sappho, in the romance of Achilles Tatius, to which Barnes refers us, the rose is fancifully styled "the eye of flowers;" and the same poetess, in another fragment, calls the favors of the Muse "the roses of Pieria." See the notes on the fifty-fifth ode.

Rose, thou art the fondest child  
Of dimpled Spring, the wood nymph wild.  
Even the Gods, who walk the sky,  
Are amorous of thy scented sigh.  
Cupid, too, in Paphian shades,  
His hair with rosy fillet braids,  
When with the blushing, sister Graces,  
The wanton winding dance he traces.<sup>1</sup>  
Then bring me, showers of roses bring,  
And shed them o'er me while I sing;  
Or while, great Bacchus, round thy shrine,  
Wreathing my brow with rose and vine,  
I lead some bright nymph through the dance,<sup>2</sup>  
Commingling soul with every glance!

## ODE XLV.

WITHIN this goblet, rich and deep,  
I cradle all my woes to sleep.  
Why should we breathe the sigh of fear,  
Or pour the unavailing tear?  
For death will never heed the sigh,  
Nor soften at the tearful eye;  
And eyes that sparkle, eyes that weep,  
Must all alike be seal'd in sleep.  
Then let us never vainly stray,  
In search of thorns, from pleasure's way;<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Compare with this ode (says the German annotator) the beautiful ode of Uz, 'die Rose.'

<sup>2</sup> *When with the blushing, sister Graces, The wanton winding dance he traces.* "This sweet idea of Love dancing with the Graces, is almost peculiar to Anacreon." — *Degen*.

<sup>3</sup> *I lead some bright nymph through the dance, &c.* The epithet βαθυκοιλος, which he gives to the nymph, is literally "full-bosomed."

<sup>4</sup> *Then let us never vainly stray,*

*In search of thorns, from pleasure's way; &c.* I have thus endeavored to convey the meaning of *τι δε τον βιον πλανωμαι*; according to Regnier's paraphrase of the line:—

E che val, fuor della strada  
Del piacere alma e gradita,  
Vaneggiare in questa vita?

<sup>4</sup> The fastidious affectation of some commentators has denounced this ode as spurious. Degen pronounces the four last lines to be the patchwork of some miserable versificator, and Brunck condemns the whole ode. It appears to me, on the contrary, to be elegantly graphic; full of delicate expressions and luxuriant imagery. The abruptness of *ιδε πως εαρως φανερος* is striking and spirited, and has been imitated rather languidly by Horace:—

Vides ut alta stet nive candidum  
Soracte ———

The imperative *ιδε* is infinitely more impressive;—as in Shakspeare,

But look, the morn, in russet mantle clad,  
Walks o'er the dew of yon high eastern hill

But wisely quaff the rosy wave,  
Which Bacchus loves, which Bacchus gave;  
And in the goblet, rich and deep,  
Cradle our crying woes to sleep.

## ODE XLVI.

BETHOLD, the young, the rosy Spring,  
Gives to the breeze her scented wing;  
While virgin Graces, warm with May,  
Fling roses o'er her dewy way.<sup>5</sup>  
The murmuring billows of the deep  
Have languish'd into silent sleep;<sup>6</sup>  
And mark! the fitting sea birds lave  
Their plumes in the reflecting wave;  
While cranes from hoary winter fly  
To flutter in a kinder sky.  
Now the genial star of day  
Dissolves the murky clouds away,  
And cultur'd field, and winding stream,  
Are freshly glittering in his beam.

Now the earth prolific swells  
With leafy buds and flowery bells;  
Gemming shoots the olive twine,  
Clusters ripe festoon the vine;

There is a simple and poetical description of Spring, in Catullus's beautiful farewell to Bithynia. Carm. 44.

Barnes conjectures, in his life of our poet, that this ode was written after he had returned from Athens, to settle in his paternal seat at Teos; where, in a little villa at some distance from the city, commanding a view of the Ægean Sea and the islands, he contemplated the beauties of nature and enjoyed the felicities of retirement. Vide Barnes, in *Anac. Vita*, § xxxv. This supposition, however unauthenticated, forms a pleasing association, which renders the poem more interesting.

Chevreau says, that Gregory Nazianzenus has paraphrased somewhere this description of Spring; but I cannot meet with it. See Chevreau, *Œuvres Méléées*.

"Compare with this ode (says Degen) the verses of Hagedorn, book fourth, 'der Frühling,' and book fifth, 'der Mai.'"

<sup>5</sup> *While virgin Graces, warm with May, Fling roses o'er her dewy way.* De Pauw reads, *Χαριτας βοδα βρυσουσι*, "the roses display their graces." This is not uningenious; but we lose by it the beauty of the personification, and the boldness of which Regnier has rather frivolously objected.

<sup>6</sup> *The murmuring billows of the deep Have languish'd into silent sleep; &c.* It has been justly remarked, that the liquid flow of the line *απαλυεται γαληνη* is perfectly expressive of the tranquillity which it describes.

<sup>7</sup> *And cultur'd field, and winding stream, &c.* By *βρωτων εργα* "the works of men" (says Baxtor), he means cities, temples, and towns, which are then illuminated by the beams of the sun.

All along the branches creeping,  
Through the velvet foliage peeping,  
Little infant fruits we see,  
Nursing into luxury.

## ODE XLVII.

'Tis true, my fading years decline,  
Yet can I quaff the brimming wine,  
As deep as any stripling fair,  
Whose cheeks the flush of morning wear;  
And if, amidst the wanton crew,  
I'm call'd to wind the dance's clew,  
Then shalt thou see this vigorous hand,  
Not faltering on the Bacchant's wand,  
But brandishing a rosy flask,<sup>1</sup>  
The only thyrsus e'er I'll ask!<sup>2</sup>

Let those, who pant for Glory's charms,  
Embrace her in the field of arms;  
While my inglorious, placid soul  
Breathes not a wish beyond this bowl.  
Then fill it high, my ruddy slave,  
And bathe me in its brimming wave.  
For though my fading years decay,  
Though manhood's prime hath pass'd away,  
Like old Silenus, sire divine,  
With blushes borrow'd from my wine,  
I'll wanton 'mid the dancing train,  
And live my follies o'er again!

## ODE XLVIII.

WHEN my thirsty soul I steep,  
Every sorrow's lull'd to sleep.  
Talk of monarchs! I am then  
Richest, happiest, first of men;

<sup>1</sup> *But brandishing a rosy flask, &c.*] *Ασκος* was a kind of leathern vessel for wine, very much in use, as should seem by the proverb *ασκος και θυλακος*, which was applied to those who were intemperate in eating and drinking. This proverb is mentioned in some verses quoted by Athenæus, from the Hesiode of Alexis.

<sup>2</sup> *The only thyrsus e'er I'll ask!*] Phornutus assigns as a reason for the consecration of the thyrsus to Bacchus, that inebriety often renders the support of a stick very necessary.

<sup>3</sup> *Ivy leaves my brow intertwining, &c.*] "The ivy was consecrated to Bacchus (says Montfaucon), because he formerly lay hid under that tree, or, as others will have it, because its leaves resemble those of the vine." Other reasons for its consecration, and the use of it in garlands at banquets, may be found in Longepierre, Barnes, &c. &c.

<sup>4</sup> *Arm ye, arm ye, men of might,*

*Hasten to the sanguine fight!*] I have adopted the interpretation of Reguier and others:—

Careless o'er my cup I sing,  
Fancy makes me more than king;  
Gives me wealthy Cræsus' store,  
Can I, can I wish for more?  
On my velvet couch reclining,  
Ivy leaves my brow intertwining,<sup>3</sup>  
While my soul expands with glee,  
What are kings and crowns to me?  
If before my feet they lay,  
I would spurn them all away!  
Arm ye, arm ye, men of might,  
Hasten to the sanguine fight;<sup>4</sup>  
But let *me*, my budding vine!  
Spill no other blood than thine.  
Yonder brimming goblet see,  
That alone shall vanquish me—  
Who think it better, wiser far  
To fall in banquet than in war.

ODE XLIX.<sup>5</sup>

WHEN Bacchus, Jove's immortal boy,  
The rosy harbinger of joy,  
Who, with the sunshine of the bowl,  
Thaws the winter of our soul<sup>6</sup>—  
When to my inmost core he glides,  
And bathes it with his ruby tides,  
A flow of joy, a lively heat,  
Fires my brain, and wings my feet,  
Calling up round me visions known  
To lovers of the bowl alone.

Sing, sing of love, let music's sound  
In melting cadence float around,  
While, my young Venus, thou and I  
Responsive to its murmurs sigh.  
Then, waking from our blissful trance,  
Again we'll sport, again we'll dance.

Altri segua Marte fero;

Che sol Bacco è 'l mio conforto.

<sup>5</sup> This, the preceding ode, and a few more of the same character, are merely chansons à boire;—the effusions probably of the moment of conviviality, and afterwards sung, we may imagine, with rapture throughout Greece. But that interesting association, by which they always recalled the convivial emotions that produced them, can now be little felt even by the most enthusiastic reader; and much less by a phlegmatic grammarian, who sees nothing in them but dialects and particles.

<sup>6</sup> *Who, with the sunshine of the bowl,*

*Thaws the winter of our soul—&c.*] *Ανατος* is the title which he gives to Bacchus in the original. It is a curious circumstance, that Plutarch mistook the name of Levi among the Jews for *Αετι* (one of the bacchical cries), and accordingly supposed that they worshipped Bacchus.

ODE L.<sup>1</sup>

WHEN wine I quaff, before my eyes  
 Dreams of poetic glory rise ;<sup>2</sup>  
 And freshen'd by the goblet's dews,  
 My soul invokes the heavenly Muse.  
 When wine I drink, all sorrow's o'er ;  
 I think of doubts and fears no more ;  
 But scatter to the railing wind  
 Each gloomy phantom of the mind.  
 When I drink wine, th' ethereal boy,  
 Bacchus himself, partakes my joy ;  
 And while we dance through vernal bowers,<sup>3</sup>  
 Whose ev'ry breath comes fresh from flowers,  
 In wine he makes my senses swim,  
 Till the gale breathes of nought but him !

Again I drink, — and, lo, there seems  
 A calmer light to fill my dreams ;  
 The lately ruffled wreath I spread  
 With steadier hand around my head ;  
 Then take the lyre, and sing “ how blest  
 The life of him who lives at rest ! ”  
 But then comes witching wine again,  
 With glorious woman in its train ;

<sup>1</sup> Faber thinks this Ode spurious ; but, I believe, he is singular in his opinion. It has all the spirit of our author. Like the wreath which he presented in the dream, “ it smells of Anacreon.”

The form of the original is remarkable. It is a kind of song of seven quatrain stanzas, each beginning with the line

‘Or’ *εγω πτω τον οινω.*

The first stanza alone is incomplete, consisting but of three lines.

<sup>2</sup> Compare with this poem (says Degen) the verses of Hagedorn, lib. v., ‘der Wein,’ where that divine poet has waltzed in the praises of wine.”

<sup>3</sup> When wine I quaff, before my eyes

*Dreams of poetic glory rise :* “ Anacreon is not the only one (says Longepierre) whom wine has inspired with poetry. We find an epigram in the first book of the *Anthologia*, which begins thus :—

*Οινος τοι χαριεντι μεγας πελει ἵππος αοιδω,  
 Ὑδωρ δε πινων, καλον ου τεκοις επος.*

If with water you fill up your glasses,  
 You'll never write any thing wise ;  
 For wine's the true horse of Parnassus,  
 Which carries a bard to the skies !

<sup>3</sup> *And while we dance through vernal bowers, &c.* [If some of the translators had observed Doctor Trapp's caution, with regard to *πολυανθεσιον μ' εν αυραις*, “ Cave ne cœlum intellegas,” they would not have spoiled the simplicity of Anacreon's fancy, by such extravagant conceptions as the following :—

Quand je bois, mon œil s' imagine  
 Que, dans un tourbillon plein de parfums divers,  
 Bacchus m' importe dans les airs,  
 Rempli de sa liqueur divine.

And, while rich perfumes round me rise,  
 That seem the breath of woman's sighs,  
 Bright shapes, of every hue and form,  
 Upon my kindling fancy swarm,  
 Till the whole world of beauty seems  
 To crowd into my dazzled dreams !  
 When thus I drink, my heart refines,  
 And rises as the cup declines ;  
 Rises in the genial flow,  
 That none but social spirits know,  
 When, with young revellers, round the bowl,  
 The old themselves grow young in soul !<sup>4</sup>  
 O, when I drink, true joy is mine,  
 There's bliss in every drop of wine.  
 All other blessings I have known,  
 I scarcely dar'd to call my own ;  
 But this the Fates can ne'er destroy,  
 Till death o'ershadows all my joy.

ODE LI.<sup>5</sup>

FLY not thus my brow of snow,  
 Lovely wanton ! fly not so.  
 Though the wane of age is mine,  
 Though youth's brilliant flush be thine,

Or this :—

Indi mi mena  
 Mentre lieto ebro, deliro,  
 Baccho in giro  
 Per la vaga aura serena.

<sup>4</sup> *When, with young revellers, round the bowl,*

*The old themselves grow young in soul!* Subjoined to Gail's edition of Anacreon, we find some curious letters upon the *Θιασοι* of the ancients, which appeared in the French Journals. At the opening of the *Odéon* in Paris, the managers of that spectacle requested Professor Gail to give them some uncommon name for their fêtes. He suggested the word “Thiase,” which was adopted ; but the literati of Paris questioned the propriety of the term, and addressed their criticisms to Gail through the medium of the public prints.

<sup>5</sup> Alberti has imitated this ode ; and Capilupus in the following epigram, has given a version of it :—

Cur, Lalage, mea vita, meos contemnitis amores ?  
 Cur fugias e nostro pulchra puella sinu ?  
 Ne fugias, sint sparsa licet mea tempora canas,  
 Inque tuo roseus fulgeat ore color.  
 Aspice ut intextas deceant quoque flore corollas  
 Candida purpureis lilia mista rosis.

O, why repel my soul's impassion'd vow,  
 And fly, beloved maid, these longing arms ?  
 Is it, that wintry time has strew'd my brow,  
 While thine are all the summer's roseate charms ?

See the rich garland cull'd in vernal weather,  
 Where the young rosebud with the lily glows ;  
 So, in Love's wreath we both may twine together,  
 And I the lily be, and thou the rose.

Still I'm doom'd to sigh for thee,  
 Blest, if thou couldst sigh for me!  
 See, in yonder flowery braid,  
 Cull'd for thee, my blushing maid,<sup>1</sup>  
 How the rose, of orient glow,  
 Mingles with the lily's snow;  
 Mark, how sweet their tints agree,  
 Just, my girl, like thee and me!

ODE LII.<sup>2</sup>

Away, away, ye men of rules,  
 What have I to do with schools?  
 They'd make me learn, they'd make me think,  
 But would they make me love and drink?  
 Teach me this, and let me swim  
 My soul upon the goblet's brim;  
 Teach me this, and let me twine  
 Some fond, responsive heart to mine,<sup>3</sup>  
 For, age begins to blanch my brow,  
 I've time for nought but pleasure now.

Fly, and cool my goblet's glow  
 At yonder fountain's gelid flow;  
 I'll quaff, my boy, and calmly sink  
 This soul to slumber as I drink.

<sup>1</sup> See, in yonder flowery braid,

Cull'd for thee, my blushing maid,] "In the same manner that Anacreon pleads for the whiteness of his locks, from the beauty of the color in garlands, a shepherd, in Theocritus, endeavors to recommend his black hair:—

Και το ιον μελαν εστι, και η γραπτα υακινθος,  
 Αλλ' εμπας εν τοις στεφανοις τα πρωτα λεγονται "  
 Longepierre, Barnes, &c.

<sup>2</sup> "This is doubtless the work of a more modern poet than Anacreon; for at the period when he lived rhetoricians were not known."—Degen.

Though this ode is found in the Vatican manuscript, I am much inclined to agree in this argument against its authenticity; for though the dawns of the art of rhetoric might already have appeared, the first who gave it any celebrity was Corax of Syracuse, and he flourished in the century after Anacreon.

Our poet anticipated the ideas of Epicurus, in his aversion to the labors of learning, as well as his devotion to voluptuousness. Πασαν παιδειαν μακαριοι φευγετε, said the philosopher of the garden in a letter to Pythocles.

<sup>3</sup> Teach me this, and let me twine

Some fond, responsive heart to mine.] By χρωςης Αφροδιτης here, I understand some beautiful girl, in the same manner that Αραιος is often used for wine. "Golden" is frequently an epithet of beauty. Thus in Virgil, "Venus aurea;" and in Propertius, "Cynthia aurea." Tibullus, however, calls an old woman "golden."

The translation d'Autori Anonimi, as usual, wantons on this passage of Anacreon:

E m' insegni con piu rare  
 Forme accorto d'involare

Soon, too soon, my jocund slave,  
 You'll deck your master's grassy grave;  
 And there's an end—for ah, you know  
 They drink but little wine below!<sup>4</sup>

## ODE LIII.

When I behold the festive train  
 Of dancing youth, I'm young again!  
 Memory wakes her magic trance,  
 And wings me lightly through the dance.  
 Come, Cybeba, smiling maid!  
 Cull the flower and twine the braid;  
 Bid the blush of summer's rose  
 Burn upon my forehead's snows;<sup>5</sup>  
 And let me, while the wild and young  
 Trip the mazy dance along,  
 Fling my heap of years away,  
 And be as wild, as young, as they.  
 Hither haste, some cordial soul!  
 Help to my lips the brimming bowl;  
 And you shall see this hoary sage  
 Forget at once his locks and age.  
 He still can chant the festive hymn,  
 He still can kiss the goblet's brim;<sup>6</sup>

Ad amabile beltæ  
 Il bel cinto d'onestade.

<sup>4</sup> And there's an end—for ah, you know  
 They drink but little wine below.] Thus Mainard:—

La Mort nous guette; et quand ses loix  
 Nous ont enfermés une fois  
 Au sein d'une fosse profonde,  
 Adieu bons vins et bon repas;  
 Ma science ne trouve pas  
 Des cabarets en l'autre monde.

From Mainard, Gombault, and De Cailly, old French poets, some of the best epigrams of the English language have been borrowed.

<sup>5</sup> Bid the blush of summer's rose

Burn upon my forehead's snows: &c.] Licetus, in his Hieroglyphica, quoting two of our poet's odes, where he calls to his attendants for garlands, remarks, "Constat igitur flores coronas poetis et potentibus in symposio convenire, non autem sapientibus et philosophiam affectantibus."—"It appears that wreaths of flowers were adapted for poets and revellers at banquets, but by no means became those who had pretensions to wisdom and philosophy." On this principle, in his 152d chapter, he discovers a refinement in Virgil, describing the garland of the poet Silenus, as fallen off; which distinguishes, he thinks, the divine intoxication of Silenus from that of common drunkards, who always wear their crowns while they drink. Such is the "labor inepitium" of commentators!

<sup>6</sup> He still can kiss the goblet's brim; &c.] Wine is prescribed by Galen, as an excellent medicine for old men; "Quod frigidus et humoribus expletos calefaciat, &c.;" but Nature was Anacreon's physician.



As deeply quaff, as largely fill,  
And play the fool right nobly still.

ODE LIV.<sup>1</sup>

METHINKS, the pictur'd bull we see  
Is amorous Jove — it must be he !  
How fondly blest he seems to bear  
That fairest of Phœnician fair !  
How proud he breasts the foamy tide,  
And spurns the billowy surge aside !  
Could any beast of vulgar vein,  
Undaunted thus defy the main ?  
No : he descends from climes above,  
He looks the God, he breathes of Jove !<sup>2</sup>

There is a proverb in Eriphus, as quoted by Athenæus, which says, "that wine makes an old man dance, whether he will or not."

Λογος εστ' αρχαιος, ου κακος εχων,  
Οινον λεγουσι τους γεροντας, ω πατερ,  
Πειθειν χορειν ου Ξελοντας.

<sup>1</sup> "This ode is written upon a picture which represented the rape of Europa." — *Madame Dacier*.

It may probably have been a description of one of those coins, which the Sidonians struck off in honor of Europa, representing a woman carried across the sea by a bull. Thus Natalis Comes, lib. viii. cap. 23. "Sidonii numismata cum feminâ tauri dorso insidente ac mare transfretante cuderunt in ejus honorem." In the little treatise upon the goddess of Syria, attributed very falsely to Lucian, there is mention of this coin, and of a temple dedicated by the Sidonians to Astarté, whom some, it appears, confounded with Europa.

The poet Moschus has left a very beautiful idyl on the story of Europa.

<sup>2</sup> *No : he descends from climes above,  
He looks the God, he breathes of Jove !* Thus Moschus : —

Κρυψε θεον και τρεψε δεμας και γινετο ταυρος.

The god forget himself, his heaven, for love,  
And a bull's form belied th' almighty Jove.

This ode is a brilliant panegyric on the rose. "All antiquity (says Barnes) has produced nothing more beautiful."

From the idea of peculiar excellence, which the ancients attached to this flower, arose a pretty proverbial expression, used by Aristophanes, according to Suidas, *ροδα μ' ετηκας*, "You have spoken roses," a phrase somewhat similar to the "dire des fleurettes" of the French. In the same idea of excellence originated, I doubt not, a very curious application of the word *ροδον*, for which the inquisitive reader may consult Gaulminus upon the epithalamium of our poet, where it is introduced in the romance of Theodoros. Murætus, in one of his elegies, calls his mistress his rose : —

Jam te igitur rursus teneo, fornicula, jam te  
(Quid trepidas ?) teneo ; jam, rosa, te teneo.

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Now I again may clasp thee, dearest,  
What is t'ere now, on earth, thou fearest ?

ODE LV.<sup>3</sup>

WHILE we invoke the wreathed spring,  
Resplendent rose ! to thee we'll sing ;<sup>4</sup>  
Resplendent rose, the flower of flowers,  
Whose breath perfumes th' Olympian bowers ;  
Whose virgin blush, of chasten'd dye,  
Enchants so much our mortal eye.  
When pleasure's spring-tide season glows,  
The Graces love to wreath the rose ;  
And Venus, in its fresh-blown leaves,<sup>5</sup>  
An emblem of herself perceives.  
Oft hath the poet's magic tongue  
The rose's fair luxuriance sung ;<sup>6</sup>  
And long the Muses, heavenly maids,  
Have rear'd in it their tuneful shades.

Again these longing arms unfold thee,  
Again, my rose, again I hold thee.

This, like most of the terms of endearment in the modern Latin poets, is taken from Plautus ; they were vulgar and colloquial in his time, but are among the elegances of the modern Latinists.

Passeratius alludes to the ode before us, in the beginning of his poem on the Rose : —

Carmine digna rosa est ; vellem caneretur ut illam  
Teius argutâ cecinit testudine vates.

<sup>4</sup> *Resplendent rose ! to thee we'll sing ;* I have passed over the line *ουν εταρει αυξει μελπην*, which is corrupt in this original reading, and has been very little improved by the annotators. I should suppose it to be an interpolation, if it were not for a line which occurs afterwards : *φερε δη φυσιν λεγωμεν*.

<sup>5</sup> *And Venus, in its fresh-blown leaves, &c.* Belleau, in a note upon an old French poet, quoting the original here *αφροδισιον η ανθημα*, translates it, "comue les délicies et mignardises de Venus."

<sup>6</sup> *Oft hath the poet's magic tongue  
The rose's fair luxuriance sung ; &c.* The following is a fragment of the Lesbian poetess. It is cited in the romance of Achilles Tatius, who appears to have resolved the numbers into prose. *Ει τοις ανθεισιν ηθελεν ο Ζευς επιτειναι βασιλεια, το ροδον αν των ανθειων εβασιλευε. γης εστι κοσμος, φυτων αγαλασμα, οφθαλμος ανθων, λειμωνος ερυθρημα, καλλος αστραπτον. Ερωτος πνει, Αφροδιτην προξενει, ευαιδεει φυλλοις κομη, ευκρινητοις πεταλοις τρυφω. το πεταλοι η Ζεφυρω γελα.*

If Jove would give the leafy bowers  
A queen for all their world of flowers,  
The rose would be the choice of Jove,  
And blush, the queen of every grove.  
Sweetest child of weeping morning,  
Gem, the vest of earth adorning,  
Eye of gardens, light of lawns,  
Nursling of soft summer dawns ;  
Love's own earliest sigh it breathes,  
Beauty's brow with lustre wreathes,  
And, to young Zephyr's warm caresses  
Spreads abroad its verdant tresses,  
Till, blushing with the wanton's play  
Its cheek wears e'en a richer ray !



When, at the early glance of morn,  
It sleeps upon the glittering thorn,  
'Tis sweet to dare the tangled fence,  
To eull the timid flow'ret thence,  
And wipe with tender hand away  
The tear that on its blushes lay!  
'Tis sweet to hold the infant stems,  
Yet dropping with Aurora's gems,  
And fresh inhale the spicy sighs  
That from the weeping buds arise.

When revel reigns, when mirth is high,  
And Bacchus beams in every eye,  
Our rosy fillets scent exhale,  
And fill with balm the fainting gale.  
There's nought in nature bright or gay,  
Where roses do not shed their ray.  
When morning paints the orient skies,  
Her fingers burn with roseate dyes;<sup>1</sup>  
Young nymphs betray the rose's hue,  
O'er whitest arms it kindles through.  
In Cytherea's form it glows,  
And mingles with the living snows.

The rose distils a healing balm,  
The beating pulse of pain to calm;

<sup>1</sup> *When morning points the orient skies, Her fingers burn with roseate dyes; &c.*] In the original here, he enumerates the many epithets of beauty, borrowed from roses, which were used by the poets, *παρα των ροφων*. We see that poets were dignified in Greece with the title of sages: even the careless Anacreon, who lived but for love and voluptuousness, was called by Plato the wise Anacreon — “*fuit hæc sapientia quondam.*”

<sup>2</sup> *Preserves the cold inurned clay, &c.*] He here alludes to the use of the rose in embalming; and, perhaps (as Barnes thinks), to the rosy unguent with which Venus anointed the corpse of Hector. — Homer's *Diad ψ*. It may likewise regard the ancient practice of putting garlands of roses on the dead, as in Statius, *Theb. lib. x. 762*.

— hi sertis, hi veris honore soluto

Accumulat artus, patriâque in sede reponunt  
Corpus odoratum.

Where “*veris honor,*” though it mean every kind of flowers, *veris* seem more particularly to refer to the rose, which our poet in another ode calls *ἰαρος μελῆμα*. We read, in the Hieroglyphics of Pierius, *lib. lv.*, that some of the ancients used to order in their wills, that roses should be annually scattered on their tombs, and Pierius has adduced some sepulchral inscriptions to this purpose.

<sup>3</sup> *And mocks the vestige of decay.*] When he says that this flower prevails over time itself, he still alludes to its efficacy in embalmment (*tenerâ poneret ossa rosâ*. *Propert. lib. i. eleg. 17*), or perhaps to the subsequent idea of its fragrance surviving its beauty; for he can scarcely mean to praise for duration the “*nimum breves flores*” of the rose. Philostratus compares this flower with love, and says, that they both defy the influence of time; *χρονον δε ουτε Ερωας,*

Preserves the cold inurned clay,<sup>2</sup>  
And mocks the vestige of decay:<sup>3</sup>  
And when at length, in pale decline,  
Its florid beauties fade and pine,  
Sweet as in youth, its balmy breath  
Diffuses odor even in death!<sup>4</sup>  
O, whence could such a plant have sprung?  
Listen, — for thus the tale is sung.  
When, humid, from the silvery stream,  
Effusing beauty's warmest beam,  
Venus appear'd, in flushing hues,  
Mellow'd by ocean's briny dews;  
When, in the starry courts above,  
The pregnant brain of mighty Jovo  
Disclos'd the nymph of azure glance,  
The nymph who shakes the martial lance; —  
Then, then, in strange eventful hour,  
The earth produc'd an infant flower,  
Which sprung, in blushing glories dress'd  
And wanton'd o'er its parent breast.  
The gods beheld this brilliant birth,  
And hail'd the Rose, the boon of earth!  
With nectar drops, a ruby tide,  
The sweetly orient buds they dyed,<sup>5</sup>  
And bade them bloom, the flowers divine  
Of him who gave the glorious vine;

*ουτε ροδα οιδεν*. Unfortunately the similitude lies not in their duration, but their transience.

<sup>4</sup> *Sweet as in youth, its balmy breath Diffuses odor even in death!*] Thus Casper Barlæus, in his *Ritus Nuptiarum*:

Ambrosium late rosa tunc quoque spargit odorem,  
Cum fluit, aut multo languida sole jacet.

Nor then the rose its odor loses,  
When all its flushing beauties die;  
Nor less ambrosial balm diffuses,  
When wither'd by the solar eye.

<sup>5</sup> *With nectar drops, a ruby tide, The sweetly orient buds they dyed, &c.*] The author of the “*Pervigilium Veneris*” (a poem attributed to Catullus, the style of which appears to me to have all the labored luxury of a much later period) ascribes the tincture of the rose to the blood from the wound of Adonis —

— roseæ

Fusæ aprino de cruore —

according to the emendation of Lipsius. In the following epigram this hue is differently accounted for: —

Illa quidem studiosa suum defendere Adonim,  
Gravidus stricto quem petit ense ferox,  
Affixit duris vestigia cæca rosetis,  
Albaque divino picta cruora rosa est.

While the enamour'd queen of joy  
Flies to protect her lovely boy,  
On whom the jealous war god rushes;  
She treads upon a thorned rose,  
And while the wound with crimson flows,  
The snowy flow'ret feels her blood, and blushes

And bade them on the spangled thorn  
Expand their bosoms to the morn.

ODE LVI.<sup>1</sup>

HE, who instructs the youthful crew  
To bathe them in the brimmer's dew,  
And taste, uncloy'd by rich excesses,  
All the bliss that wine possesses ;  
He, who inspires the youth to bound  
Elastic through the dance's round, —  
Bacchus, the god again is here,  
And leads along the blushing year ;  
The blushing year with vintage teems,  
Ready to shed those cordial streams,  
Which, sparkling in the cup of mirth,  
Illuminate the sons of earth !<sup>2</sup>

Then, when the ripe and vermilion wine, —  
Blest infant of the pregnant vine,  
Which now in mellow clusters swells, —  
O, when it bursts its roseate cells,  
Brightly the joyous stream shall flow,  
To balsam every mortal woe !  
None shall be then cast down or weak,  
For health and joy shall light each cheek ;  
No heart will then desponding sigh,  
For wine shall bid despondence fly.  
Thus — till another autumn's glow  
Shall bid another vintage flow.

<sup>1</sup> "Compare with this elegant ode the verses of Uz, lib. i. die Weinlese." — *Degen*.

This appears to be one of the hymns which were sung at the anniversary festival of the vintage ; one of the *επιθρηνοι ἕμνοι*, as our poet himself terms them in the fifty-ninth ode. We cannot help feeling a sort of reverence for these classic relics of the religion of antiquity. Horace may be supposed to have written the nineteenth ode of his second book, and the twenty-fifth of the third, for some bacchanalian celebration of this kind.

<sup>2</sup> Which, sparkling in the cup of mirth,  
Illuminate the sons of earth !] In the original *ποσει αστρον κομιζων*. Madame Dacier thinks that the poet here had the nepenthé of Homer in his mind. *Odyssey*, lib. iv. This nepenthé was a something of exquisite charm, infused by Helen into the wine of her guests, which had the power of dispelling every anxiety. A French writer, De Meré, conjectures that this spell, which made the bowl so beguiling, was the charm of Helen's conversation. See Bayle, art. *Helène*.

<sup>3</sup> This ode is a very animated description of a picture of Venus on a discus, which represented the goddess in her first emergence from the waves. About two centuries after our poet wrote, the pencil of the artist Apelles embellished this subject, in his famous painting of the Venus Anadyomené, the model of which, as Pliny informs us, was the beautiful Campaspe, given to him by Alexander ; though, according to Natalis Comes, lib. vii. cap. 16, it was Phryne who sat to Apelles for the face and breast of this Venus.

There are a few blemishes in the reading of the ode before

ODE LVII.<sup>3</sup>

WHOSE was the artist hand that spread<sup>d</sup>  
Upon this disk the ocean's bed ?<sup>4</sup>  
And, in a flight of fancy, high  
As aught on earthly wing can fly,  
Depicted thus, in semblance warm,  
The Queen of Love's voluptuous form  
Floating along the silv'ry sea  
In beauty's naked majesty !  
O, he hath given th' enamour'd sight  
A witching banquet of delight,  
Where, gleaming through the waters clear,  
Glimpses of undream'd charms appear,  
And all that mystery loves to screen,  
Fancy, like Faith, adores unseen.<sup>5</sup>

Light as a leaf, that on the breeze<sup>a</sup>  
Of summer skims the glassy seas,  
She floats along the ocean's breast,  
Which undulates in sleepy rest ;  
While stealing on, she gently pillows  
Her bosom on the heaving billows.  
Her bosom, like the dew-wash'd rose,<sup>6</sup>  
Her neck, like April's sparkling snows,  
Illume the liquid path she traces,  
And burn within the stream's embraces.  
Thus on she moves, in languid pride,  
Encircled by the azure tide,

us, which have influenced Faber, Heyne, Brunck, &c. to denounce the whole poem as spurious. But, "non ego paucis offendar maculis." I think it is quite beautiful enough to be authentic.

<sup>4</sup> Whose was the artist hand that spread  
Upon this disk the ocean's bed ?] The abruptness of *αυρη τις τοπεινα πορον*, is finely expressive of sudden admiration, and is one of those beauties which we cannot but admire in their source, though, by frequent imitation, they are now become familiar and unimpressive.

<sup>5</sup> And all that mystery loves to screen,  
Fancy, like Faith, adores unseen, &c.] The picture here has all the delicate character of the semi-reducta Venus, and affords a happy specimen of what the poetry of passion ought to be — glowing but through a veil, and stealing upon the heart from concealment. Few of the ancients have attained this modesty of description, which, like the golden cloud that hung over Jupiter and Juno, is impervious to every beam but that of fancy.

<sup>6</sup> Her bosom, like the dew-wash'd rose, &c.] "Ῥοσεον (says an anonymous annotator) is a whimsical epithet for the bosom." Neither Catullus nor Gray have been of his opinion. The former has the expression,

En hic in roseis latet papillis.

And the latter,

Lo ! where the rosy-bosom'd hours, &c.

Crottus, a modern Latinist, might indeed be censured for too vague a use of the epithet "rosy," when he applies it to the eyes : — "e roseis oculis."

As some fair lily o'er a bed  
Of violets bends its graceful head.

Beneath their queen's inspiring glance,  
The dolphins o'er the green sea dance,  
Bearing in triumph young Desire,<sup>1</sup>  
And infant Love with smiles of fire !  
While, glittering through the silver waves,  
The tenants of the briny caves  
Around the pomp their gambols play,  
And gleam along the watery way.

ODE LVIII.<sup>2</sup>

WHEN Gold, as fleet as zephyr's pinion,  
Escapes like any faithless minion,<sup>3</sup>  
And flies me (as he flies me ever<sup>4</sup>),  
Do I pursue him ? never, never !  
No, let the false deserter go,  
For who would court his direst foe ?  
But, when I feel my lighten'd mind  
No more by grovelling gold confin'd,  
Then loose I all such clinging cares,  
And cast them to the vagrant airs.  
Then feel I, too, the Muse's spell,  
And wake to life the dulcet beauty,  
Which, rous'd once more, to beauty sings,  
While love dissolves along the strings !

But scarcely has my heart been taught  
How little Gold deserves a thought,

<sup>1</sup> ——— young Desire, &c.] In the original Ἰμερος, who was the same deity with Jocus among the Romans. Aurelius Augurellus has a poem beginning —

Invitat olim Bacchus ad cenam suos  
Comon, Jocus, Cupidinem.

Which Parnell has closely imitated : —

Gay Bacchus, liking Estcourt's wine,  
A noble meal bespoke us ;  
And for the guests that were to dine,  
Brought Comus, Love, and Jocus, &c.

I have followed Barnes's arrangement of this ode, which, though deviating somewhat from the Vatican MS., appears to me the more natural order.

<sup>2</sup> When Gold, as fleet as zephyr's pinion,

Escapes like any faithless minion, &c.] In the original Ὁ δραπέτης ὁ χρυσός. There is a kind of pun in these words, as Madame Dacier has already remarked ; for Chrysos, which signifies gold, was also a frequent name for a slave. In one of Lucian's dialogues, there is, I think, a similar play upon the word, where the followers of Chrysipus are called golden fishes. The puns of the ancients are, in general, even more vapid than our own ; some of the best are those recorded of Diogenes.

<sup>4</sup> And flies me (as he flies me ever), &c.] Αἰεὶ δ', αἰεὶ με ζυγοῖ. This grace of iteration has already been taken notice of. Though sometimes merely a playful beauty, it is

When, lo ! the slave returns once more,  
And with him wafts delicious store  
Of racy wine, whose genial art  
In slumber seals the anxious heart.  
Again he tries my soul to sever  
From love and song, perhaps forever !

Away, deceiver ! why pursuing  
Ceaseless thus my heart's undoing ?  
Sweet is the song of amorous fire,  
Sweet the sighs that thrill the lyre ;  
O, sweeter far than all the gold  
Thy wings can waft, thy mines can hold.  
Well do I know thy arts, thy wiles —  
They wither'd Love's young wreathed smiles ;  
And o'er his lyre such darkness shed,  
I thought its soul of song was fled !  
They dash'd the wine cup, that, by him,  
Was filled with kisses to the brim.<sup>5</sup>  
Go — fly to haunts of sordid men,  
But come not near the bard again.  
Thy glitter in the Muse's shade,  
Scares from her bower the tuneful maid ;  
And not for worlds would I forego  
That moment of poetic glow,  
When my full soul, in Fancy's stream,  
Pours o'er the lyre its swelling theme.  
Away, away ! to worldlings hence,  
Who feel not this diviner sense ;  
Give gold to those who love that pest, —  
But leave the poet poor and blest.

peculiarly expressive of impassioned sentiment, and we may easily believe that it was one of the many sources of that energetic sensibility which breathed through the style of Sappho. See Gyrald. Vet. Poet. Dial. 9. It will not be said that this is a mechanical ornament by any one who can feel its charm in those lines of Catullus, where he complains of the infidelity of his mistress, Lesbia : —

Cæli, Lesbia nostra, Lesbia illa,  
Illa Lesbia, quem Catullus unam,  
Plus quam se atque suos amavit omnes,  
Nunc, &c.

Si sic omnia dixisset ! — but the rest does not bear citation.

<sup>5</sup> They dash'd the wine cup, that, by him,  
Was filled with kisses to the brim.] Original : —

Φιλιματων δε κεδων,  
Ποθων κυπελλα κερνης.

Horace has “*Desiderique temperare poculum*,” not figuratively, however, like Anacreon, but importing the love philters of the witches. By “*cups of kisses*” our poet may allude to a favorite gallantry among the ancients, of drinking when the lips of their mistresses had touched the brim : —

“Or leave a kiss within the cup,  
And I'll not ask for wine.”

As in Ben Jonson's translation from Philostratus ; and Lucian has a conceit upon the same idea, “*ἵνα καὶ πινῶσι ἀμὲ καὶ φιλήσῃς*,” “that you may at once both drink and kiss.”

ODE LIX.<sup>1</sup>

RIPEN'D by the solar beam,  
Now the ruddy clusters teem,  
In osier baskets borne along  
By all the festal vintage throng  
Of rosy youths and virgins fair,  
Ripe as the melting fruits they bear.  
Now, now they press the pregnant grapes,  
And now the captive stream escapes,  
In fervid tide of nectar gushing,  
And for its bondage proudly blushing !  
While, round the vat's impurpled brim,  
The choral song, the vintage hymn  
Of rosy youths and virgins fair,  
Steals on the charm'd and echoing air.  
Mark, how they drink, with all their eyes,  
The orient tide that sparkling flies,  
The infant Bacchus, born in mirth,  
While Love stands by, to hail the birth.

When he whose verging years decline  
As deep into the vale as mine,  
When he inhales the vintage cup,  
His feet, new-wing'd, from earth spring up,  
And, as he dances, the fresh air  
Plays whispering through his silvery hair.  
Meanwhile young groups whom love invites,  
To joys ev'n rivalling wine's delights,  
Seek, arm in arm, the shadowy grove,  
And there, in words and looks of love,  
Such as fond lovers look and say,  
Pass the sweet moonlight hours away.<sup>2</sup>

ODE LX.<sup>3</sup>

AWAKE to life, my sleeping shell,  
To Phœbus let thy numbers swell ;

And though no glorious prize be thine,  
No Pythian wreath around thee twine,  
Yet every hour is glory's hour  
To him who gathers wisdom's flower.  
Then wake thee from thy voiceless slum-  
bers,

And to the soft and Phrygian numbers,  
Which, tremblingly, my lips repeat,  
Send echoes from thy chord as sweet.  
'Tis thus the swan, with fading notes,  
Down the Cayster's current floats,  
While amorous breezes linger round,  
And sigh responsive sound for sound.

Muse of the Lyre ! illumine my dream,  
Thy Phœbus is my fancy's theme ;  
And hallow'd is the harp I bear,  
And hallow'd is the wreath I wear,  
Hallow'd by him, the god of lays,  
Who modulates the choral maze.  
I sing the love which Daphne twin'd  
Around the godhead's yielding mind ;  
I sing the blushing Daphne's flight  
From this ethereal son of Light ;  
And how the tender, timid maid  
Flew trembling to the kindly shade,<sup>4</sup>  
Resign'd a form, alas, too fair,  
And grew a verdant laurel there ;  
Whose leaves, with sympathetic thrill,  
In terror seem'd to tremble still !  
The god pursu'd, with wing'd desire ;  
And when his hopes were all on fire,  
And when to clasp the nymph he thought,  
A lifeless tree was all he caught ;  
And, 'stead of sighs that pleasure heaves,  
Heard but the west wind in the leaves !

But pause, my soul, no more, no more —  
Enthusiast, whither do I soar ?

<sup>1</sup> The title *Ἐπιληντος ὕμνος*, which Barnes has given to this ode, is by no means appropriate. We have already had one of those hymns (ode 56), but this is a description of the vintage; and the title *εἰς οἶνον*, which it bears in the Vatican MS., is more correct than any that have been suggested.

Degen, in the true spirit of literary scepticism, doubts that this ode is genuine, without assigning any reason for such a suspicion; — "non amo te, Sabidi, nec possum dicere quare." But this is far from satisfactory criticism.

<sup>2</sup> Those well acquainted with the original need hardly be remind-ed that, in these few concluding verses, I have thought right to give only the general meaning of my author, leaving the details untouched.

<sup>3</sup> This hymn to Apollo is supposed not to have been written by Anacreon; and it is undoubtedly rather a sublimer flight than the Teian wing is accustomed to soar. But, in a poet of whose works so small a proportion has reached us, diversity of style is by no means a safe criterion. If we

knew Horace but as a satirist, should we easily believe there could dwell such animation in his lyre? Suidas says that our poet wrote hymns, and this perhaps is one of them. We can perceive in what an altered and imperfect state his works are at present, when we find a scholiast upon Horace citing an ode from the third book of Anacreon.

<sup>4</sup> *And how the tender, timid maid*

*Flew trembling to the kindly shade, &c.* Original: —

Το μὲν ἐκπεφευγε κεντρον,  
Φυσσεως δ' ἀμειψε μορφην.

I find the word *κεντρον* here has a double force, as it also signifies that "omnium parentem, quam sanctus Numa, &c. &c." (See Martial.) In order to confirm this import of the word here, those who are curious in new readings, may place the stop after *φυσσεως*, thus: —

Το μὲν ἐκπεφευγε κεντρον  
Φυσσεως, δ' ἀμειψε μορφη

This sweetly-madd'ning dream of soul  
 Hath hurried me beyond the goal.  
 Why should I sing the mighty darts  
 Which fly to wound celestial hearts,  
 When ah, the song, with sweeter tone,  
 Can tell the darts that wound my own?  
 Still be Anacreon, still inspire  
 The descant of the Teian lyre :<sup>1</sup>  
 Still let the nectar'd numbers float,  
 Distilling love in every note !  
 And when some youth, whose glowing soul  
 Has felt the Paphian star's control,  
 When he the liquid lays shall hear,  
 His heart will flutter to his ear,  
 And drinking there of song divine,  
 Banquet on intellectual wine !<sup>2</sup>

*Still be Anacreon, still inspire*

*The descant of the Teian lyre :* The original is Τὸν Ἀνακρέοντα μιμνῶ. I have translated it under the supposition that the hymn is by Anacreon ; though, I fear, from this very line, that his claim to it can scarcely be supported.

Τὸν Ἀνακρέοντα μιμνῶ, "Imitate Anacreon." Such is the lesson given us by the lyrist ; and if, in poetry, a simple elegance of sentiment, enriched by the most playful felicities of fancies, be a charm which invites or deserves imitation, where shall we find such a guide as Anacreon? In morality, too, with some little reserve, we need not blush, I think, to follow in his footsteps. For if his song be the language of his heart, though luxurious and relaxed, he was artless and benevolent ; and who would not forgive a few irregularities, when atoned for by virtues so rare and so endearing? When we think of the sentiment in those lines :—

Away ! I hate the slanderous dart,  
 Which steals to wound th' unwary heart,

now many are there in the world, to whom we would wish to say, Τὸν Ἀνακρέοντα μιμνῶ !

<sup>2</sup> Here ends the last of the odes in the Vatican MS., whose authority helps to confirm the genuine antiquity of them all, though a few have stolen among the number, which we may hesitate in attributing to Anacreon. In the little essay prefixed to this translation, I observed that Barnes has quoted this manuscript incorrectly, relying upon an imperfect copy of it, which Isaac Vossius had taken. I shall just mention two or three instances of this inaccuracy—the first which occur to me. In the ode of the Dove, on the words Περραιοὶ συγκάλυψω, he says, "Vatican MS. συσκιαζῶν, etiam Prisciano invito:" but the MS. reads συγκαλύψω, with συσκιασῶ interlined. Degen too, on the same line, is somewhat in error. In the twenty-second ode of this series, line thirteenth, the MS. has *τενιη* with *αι* interlined, and Barnes imputes to it the reading of *τενῶη*. In the fifty-seventh, line twelfth, he professes to have preserved the reading of the MS. *Ἀλαλημενη δ' ἐπ' αὐτη*, while the latter has *ἀλαλημενος δ' ἐπ' αὐτα*. Almost all the other annotators have translated these errors from Barnes.

ODE LXI.<sup>3</sup>

Youth's endearing charms are fled ;  
 Hoary locks deform my head ;  
 Bloomy graces, dalliance gay,  
 All the flowers of life decay.<sup>4</sup>  
 Withering age begins to trace  
 Sad memorials o'er my face ;  
 Time has shed its sweetest bloom,  
 All the future must be gloom.  
 This it is that sets me sighing ;  
 Dreary is the thought of dying !<sup>5</sup>  
 Lone and dismal is the road  
 Down to Pluto's dark abode ;  
 And, when once the journey's o'er,  
 Ah ! we can return no more !<sup>6</sup>

ODE LXII.<sup>7</sup>

FILL me, boy, as deep a draught,  
 As e'er was fill'd, as e'er was quaff'd ;

<sup>3</sup> The intrusion of this melancholy ode, among the care-less levities of our poet, reminds us of the skeletons which the Egyptians used to hang up in their banquet rooms, to inculcate a thought of mortality even amidst the dissipations of mirth. If it were not for the beauty of its numbers, the Teian Muse should disown this ode. "Quid habet illius, illius quæ spirabat amores?"

To Stobæus we are indebted for it.

<sup>4</sup> *Bloomy graces, dalliance gay,*

[*All the flowers of life decay.*] Horace often, with feeling and elegance, deprecates the fugacity of human enjoyments. See book ii. ode 11 ; and thus in the second epistle, book ii. :—

Singula de nobis anni prædantur euntes ;  
 Eripuere jocos, venerem, convivia, ludum.

The wing of every passing day  
 Withers some blooming joy away,  
 And wafers from our enamour'd arms  
 The banquet's mirth, the virgin's charms.

<sup>5</sup> *Dreary is the thought of dying!* &c.] Regnier, a liberal French poet, has written some sonnets on the approach of death, full of gloomy and trembling repentance. Chaulieu, however, supports more consistently the spirit of the Epicurean philosopher. See his poem, addressed to the Marquis de Lafare—

Plus j'approche du terme et moins je le redoute, &c.

<sup>6</sup> *And, when once the journey's o'er,*  
*Ah ! we can return no more!*] Scaliger, upon Catullus's well-known lines, "Qui nunc it per iter, &c.," remarks, that Acheron, with the same idea, is called *αεζῶδος* by Theocritus, and *ὄσσεκδρομος* by Nicander.

<sup>7</sup> This ode consists of two fragments, which are to be found in Athenæus, book x., and which Barnes, from the similarity of their tendency, has combined into one. I think this a very justifiable liberty, and have adopted it in some other fragments of our poet.

Degen refers us here to verses of Uz, lib. iv., "der Trink er."



But let the water amply flow,  
 To cool the grape's intemperate glow;<sup>1</sup>  
 Let not the fiery god be single,  
 But with the nymphs in union mingle.  
 For though the bowl's the grave of sadness,  
 Ne'er let it be the birth of madness.  
 No, banish from our board to-night  
 The revelries of rude delight;  
 To Scythians leave these wild excesses,  
 Ours be the joy that soothes and blesses!  
 And while the temperate bowl we wreath,  
 In concert let our voices breathe,  
 Beguiling every hour along  
 With harmony of soul and song.

ODE LXIII.<sup>2</sup>

To Love, the soft and blooming child,  
 I touch the harp in descant wild;  
 To Love, the babe of Cyprian bowers,  
 The boy, who breathes and blushes flowers;  
 To Love, for heaven and earth adore him,  
 And gods and mortals bow before him!

ODE LXIV.<sup>3</sup>

HASTE thee, nymph, whose well-aimed spear  
 Wounds the flooting mountain deer!

<sup>1</sup> But let the water amply flow,

To cool the grape's intemperate glow; &c.] It was Amphityon who first taught the Greeks to mix water with their wine; in commemoration of which circumstance they erected altars to Bacchus and the nymphs. On this mythological allegory the following epigram is founded:—

Ardentem ex utero Seneles lavæ Lyæum  
 Naiades, extincto fulminis igne sacri;  
 Cum nymphis igitur tractabilis, at sine nymphis  
 Candenti rursus fulmine corripitur.

PIERIUS VALERIANUS.

Which is, non verbum verbo,—

While heavenly fire consum'd his Theban dame,  
 A Naiad caught young Bacchus from the flame,  
 And dipp'd him burning in her purest lymph;  
 Hence, still he loves the Naiad's crystal urn,  
 And when his native fires too fiercely burn,  
 Seeks the cool waters of the fountain nymph.

<sup>2</sup> "This fragment is preserved in Clemens Alexandrinus, Strom. lib. vi. and in Arsenius, Collect. Græc."—Barnes.

It appears to have been the opening of a hymn in praise of Love.

<sup>3</sup> This hymn to Diana is extant in Hephæstion. There is an anecdote of our poet, which has led some to doubt whether he ever wrote any odes of this kind. It is related by the Scholiast upon Pindar (Isthmionic. od. ii. v. 1, as cited

Dian, Jove's immortal child,  
 Huntress of the savage wild!  
 Goddess with the sun-bright hair!  
 Listen to a people's prayer.  
 Turn, to Lethe's river turn,  
 There thy vanquish'd people mourn!<sup>4</sup>  
 Come to Lethe's wavy shore,  
 Tell them they shall mourn no more.  
 Thine their hearts, their altars thine;  
 Must they, Dian—must they pine?

ODE LXV.<sup>5</sup>

LIKE some wanton filly sporting,  
 Maid of Thrace, thou fly'st my courting.  
 Wanton filly! tell me why  
 Thou trip'st away with scornful eye,  
 And seem'st to think my doating heart  
 Is novice in the bridling art?  
 Believe me, girl, it is not so;  
 Thou'lt find this skilful hand can throw  
 The reins around that tender form,  
 However wild, however warm.  
 Yes—trust me I can tame thy force,  
 And turn and wind thee in the course.  
 Though, wasting now thy careless hours,  
 Thou sport amid the herbs and flowers,  
 Soon shalt thou feel the rein's control,  
 And tremble at the wish'd-for goal!

by Barnes) that Anacreon being asked, why he address'd all his hymns to women, and none to the deities? answered, "Because women are my deities."

I have assumed, it will be seen, in reporting this anecdote, the same liberty which I have thought it right to take in translating some of the odes; and it were to be wished that these little infidelities were always allowable in interpreting the writings of the ancients; thus, when nature is forgotten in the original, in the translation "tamen usque recurrit."

<sup>4</sup> Turn, to Lethe's river turn,

[There thy vanquish'd people mourn.] Lethe, a river of Ionia, according to Strabo, falling into the Meander. In its neighborhood was the city called Magnesia, in favor of whose inhabitants our poet is supposed to have address'd this supplication to Diana. It was written (as Madame Dacier conjectures) on the occasion of some battle, in which the Magnesians had been defeated.

<sup>5</sup> This ode, which is address'd to some Thracian girl, exists in Heraclides, and has been imitated very frequently by Horace, as all the annotators have remarked. Madame Dacier rejects the allegory, which runs so obviously through the poem, and supposes it to have been address'd to a young mare belonging to Polycrates.

Pierius, in the fourth book of his Hieroglyphics, cites this ode, and informs us that the horse was the hieroglyphical emblem of pride.



ODE LXVI.<sup>1</sup>

To thee, the Queen of nymphs divine,  
 Fairest of all that fairest shine ;  
 To thee, who rul'st with darts of fire  
 This world of mortals, young Desire !  
 And O, thou nuptial Power, to thee  
 Who bear'st of life the guardian key,  
 Breathing my soul in fervent praise,  
 And weaving wild my votive lays,  
 For thee, O Queen ! I wake the lyre,  
 For thee, thou blushing young Desire,  
 And O, for thee, thou nuptial Power,  
 Come, and illumine this genial hour.

Look on thy bride, too happy boy,  
 And while thy lambent glance of joy  
 Plays over all her blushing charms,  
 Delay not, snatch her to thine arms,  
 Before the lovely, trembling prey,  
 Like a young birdling, wing away !  
 Turn, Stratocles, too happy youth,  
 Dear to the Queen of amorous truth,  
 And dear to her, whose yielding zone  
 Will soon resign her all thine own.  
 Turn to Myrilla, turn thine eye,  
 Breathe to Myrilla, breathe thy sigh.  
 To those bewitching beauties turn ;  
 For thee they blush, for thee they burn.

Not more the rose, the queen of flowers,  
 Outblushes all the bloom of bowers,  
 Than she unrivall'd grace discloses,  
 The sweetest rose, where all are roses.  
 O, may the sun, benignant, shed  
 His blandest influence o'er thy bed ;

<sup>1</sup> This ode is introduced in the Romance of Theodorus Prodrumus, and is that kind of epithalamium which was sung like a scolium at the nuptial banquet.

Among the many works of the impassioned Sappho, of which time and ignorant superstition have deprived us, the loss of her epithalamiums is not one of the least that we deplore. The following lines are cited as a relic of one of those poems : —

Ὀλβιε γαμβρε, σοι μὲν ὄη γαμος ὡς ἀραο,  
 Ἐκτελέσει, εἰς δὲ παρθενὸν ἀν ἀραο.

See Scaliger, in his Poetics, on the Epithalamium.

<sup>2</sup> And foster there an infant tree,

To bloom like her, and tower like thee !] Original Κωνσταντῶς δὲ πεφικτοὶ σὺν ἐνὶ κήπῳ. Passeratius, upon the words "cum castum amisit florem," in the Nuptial Song of Catullus, after explaining "flos" in somewhat a similar sense to that which Gaulminus attributes to ῥόδον, says, "Hortum quoque vocant in quo flos ille carpitur, et Græcis κήπον ἐστὶ τὸ εὐφραίνειν γυναίκων."

I may remark, in passing, that the author of the Greek version of this charming ode of Catullus, has neglected a

And foster there an infant tree,  
 To bloom like her, and tower like thee !<sup>2</sup>

ODE LXVII.<sup>3</sup>

RICH in bliss, I proudly scorn  
 The wealth of Amalthea's horn ;  
 Nor should I ask to call the throne  
 Of the Tartessian prince my own ;<sup>4</sup>  
 To totter through his train of years,  
 The victim of declining fears.  
 One little hour of joy to me  
 Is worth a dull eternity !

ODE LXVIII.<sup>5</sup>

Now Neptune's month our sky deforms,  
 The angry night cloud teems with storms ;  
 And savage winds, infuriate driven,  
 Fly howling in the face of heaven !  
 Now, now, my friends, the gathering gloom  
 With roseate rays of wine illumine :  
 And while our wreaths of parsley spread  
 Their fadeless foliage round our head,  
 Let's hymn th' almighty power of wine,  
 And shed libations on his shrine !

ODE LXIX.<sup>6</sup>

THEY wove the lotus band to deck  
 And fan with pensive wreath each neck ;

most striking and Anacreontic beauty in those verses "Ut flos in septis, &c." which is the repetition of the line, "Multi illum pueri, multe optavere puellæ," with the slight alteration of nulli and nullæ. Catullus himself, however, has been equally injudicious in his version of the famous ode of Sappho ; having translated γελωσας ἡμεραν, but omitted all notice of the accompanying charm, ἀδὺν φωνῶν σαι. Horace has caught the spirit of it more faithfully : —

Dulce ridentem Lalagen amabo,  
 Dulce loquentem.

<sup>3</sup> This fragment is preserved in the third book of Strabo.

<sup>4</sup> Of the Tartessian prince my own ;] He here alludes to Arganthonius, who lived, according to Lucian, a hundred and fifty years ; and reigned, according to Herodotus, eighty. See Barnes.

<sup>5</sup> This is composed of two fragments ; the seventieth and eighty-first in Barnes. They are both found in Eustathius.

<sup>6</sup> Three fragments form this little ode, all of which are preserved in Athenæus. They are the eighty-second, seventy-fifth, and eighty-third, in Barnes.

And every guest, to shade his head,  
 Three little fragrant chaplets spread;<sup>1</sup>  
 And one was of th' Egyptian leaf,  
 The rest were roses, fair and brief;  
 While from a golden vase profound,  
 To all on flowery beds around,  
 A Hebe, of celestial shape,  
 Pour'd the rich droppings of the grape!

ODE LXX.<sup>2</sup>

A BROKEN cake, with honey sweet,  
 Is all my spare and simple treat:  
 And while a generous bowl I crown  
 To float my little banquet down,  
 I take the soft, the amorous lyre,  
 And sing of love's delicious fire:  
 In mirthful measures warm and free,  
 I sing, dear maid, and sing for thee!

ODE LXXI.<sup>3</sup>

WITH twenty chords my lyre is hung,  
 And while I wake them all for thee,  
 Thou, O maiden, wild and young,  
 Disport'st in airy levity.

The nursing fawn, that in some shade  
 Its antler'd mother leaves behind,<sup>4</sup>  
 Is not more wantonly afraid,  
 More timid of the rustling wind!

<sup>1</sup> *And every guest, to shade his head, Three little fragrant chaplets spread;*] Longepierre, to give an idea of the luxurious estimation in which garlands were held by the ancients, relates an anecdote of a courtesan, who in order to gratify three lovers, without leaving cause for jealousy with any of them, gave a kiss to one, let the other drink after her, and put a garland on the brow of the third; so that each was satisfied with his favor, and flattered himself with the preference.

This circumstance resembles very much the subject of one of the *tunsons* of Savari de Mauléon, a troubadour. See *L'Histoire Littéraire des Troubadours*. The recital is a curious picture of the puerile gallantries of chivalry.

<sup>2</sup> Compiled by Barnes, from Athenæus, Hephestion, and Arsenius. See Barnes, 80th.

<sup>3</sup> This I have formed from the eighty-fourth and eighty-fifth of Barnes's edition. The two fragments are found in Athenæus.

<sup>4</sup> *The nursing fawn, that in some shade Its antler'd mother leaves behind, &c.* In the original:—

Ὅς ἐν ἄλλῃ κεραισσησ  
 Απολειφθεὶς ὑπο μητροσ.

## ODE LXXII.

FARE thee well, perfidious maid,  
 My soul, too long on earth delay'd,  
 Delay'd, perfidious girl, by thee,  
 Is on the wing for liberty.  
 I fly to seek a kindlier sphere,  
 Since thou hast ceas'd to love me here!

ODE LXXIII.<sup>6</sup>

A WHILE I bloom'd, a happy flower,  
 Till Love approach'd one fatal hour,  
 And made my tender branches feel  
 The wounds of his avenging steel.  
 Then lost I fell, like some poor willow  
 That falls across the wintry billow!

ODE LXXIV.<sup>7</sup>

MONARCH Love, resistless boy,  
 With whom the rosy Queen of Joy,  
 And nymphs, whose eyes have Heaven's hue,  
 Disporting tread the mountain dew;  
 Propitious, O, receive my sighs,  
 Which, glowing with entreaty, rise,  
 That thou wilt whisper to the breast  
 Of her I love thy soft behest;  
 And counsel her to learn from thee,  
 That lesson thou hast taught to me.  
 Ah! if my heart no flattery tell,  
 Thou'lt own I've learn'd that lesson well!

"Horned" here, undoubtedly, seems a strange epithet; Madame Dacier however observes, that Sophocles, Callimachus, &c. have all applied it in the very same manner, and she seems to agree in the conjecture of the scholiast upon Pindar, that perhaps horns are not always peculiar to the males. I think we may with more ease conclude it to be a license of the poet, "jussit habere puellam cornua."

<sup>6</sup> This fragment is preserved by the scholiast upon Aristophanes, and is the eighty-seventh in Barnes.

<sup>7</sup> This is to be found in Hephestion, and is the eighty-ninth of Barnes's edition.

I have omitted, from among these scraps, a very considerable fragment imputed to our poet, *Σαυθῆ δ' Εσρουπολη μελει*, &c. which is preserved in the twelfth book of Athenæus, and is the ninety-first in Barnes. If it was really Anacreon who wrote it, "nil fuit unquam sic impar sibi." It is in a style of gross satire, and abounds with expressions that never could be gracefully translated.

<sup>7</sup> A fragment preserved by Dion Chrysostom. *Orat. ii. de Regno*. See Barnes, 93.

ODE LXXV.<sup>1</sup>

SPIRIT of Love, whose locks unroll'd,  
Stream on the breeze like floating gold ;  
Come, within a fragrant cloud  
Blushing with light, thy votary shroud ;  
And, on those wings that sparkling play,  
Waft, O, waft me hence away !  
Love ! my soul is full of thee,  
Alive to all thy luxury.  
But she, the nymph for whom I glow,  
The lovely Lesbian mocks my woe ;  
Smiles at the chill and hoary hues,  
That time upon my forehead strews.  
Alas ! I fear she keeps her charms,  
In store for younger, happier arms !

ODE LXXVI.<sup>2</sup>

HITHER, gentle Muse of mine,  
Come and teach thy votary old  
Many a golden hymn divine,  
For the nymph with vest of gold.

Pretty nymph, of tender age,  
Fair thy silky locks unfold ;  
Listen to a hoary sage,  
Sweetest maid with vest of gold !

ODE LXXVII.<sup>3</sup>

WOULD that I were a tuneful lyre,  
Of burnish'd ivory fair,  
Which, in the Dionysian choir,  
Some blooming boy should bear !

<sup>1</sup> This fragment, which is extant in Athenæus (Barnes, 101), is supposed, on the authority of Chamæleon, to have been addressed to Sappho. We have also a stanza attributed to her, which some romancers have supposed to be her answer to Anacreon. "Mais par malheur (as Bayle says), Sappho vint au monde environ cent ou six vingt ans avant Anacréon." — *Nouvelles de la Rép. des Lett.* tom. ii. de Novembre, 1684. The following is her fragment, the compliment of which is finely imagined ; she supposes that the Muse has dictated the verses of Anacreon : —

Κεινον, ω χρυσαθρονη Μουσα<sup>3</sup> ενισπεις  
Υμνον, εκ της καλλιγυναικος εσθλας  
Τηϊος χωρις δυ αιειδε περινοως  
Πρεσβυς αγανος.

O Muse ! who sit'st on golden throne,  
Full many a hymn of witching tone  
The Teian sage is taught by thee ;  
But, Goddess, from thy throne of gold,  
The sweetest hymn thou'st ever told,  
He lately learn'd and sung for me

Would that I were a golden vase,  
That some bright nymph might hold  
My spotless frame, with blushing grace,  
Herself as pure as gold !

ODE LXXVIII.<sup>4</sup>

WHEN Cupid sees how thickly now,  
The snows of Time fall o'er my brow,  
Upon his wing of golden light,  
He passes with an eagle's flight,  
And fitting onward seems to say,  
"Fare thee well, thou'st had thy day !"

CUPID, whose lamp has lent the ray,  
That lights our life's meandering way,  
That God, within this bosom stealing,  
Hath waken'd a strange, mingled feeling,  
Which pleases, though so sadly teasing,  
And teases, though so sweetly pleasing !<sup>5</sup>

LET me resign this wretched breath,  
Since now remains to me  
No other balm than kindly death,  
To soothe my misery !<sup>6</sup>

I KNOW thou lov'st a brimming measure,  
And art a kindly, cordial host ;  
But let me fill and drink at pleasure —  
Thus I enjoy the goblet most.<sup>7</sup>

I FEAR that love disturbs my rest,  
Yet feel not love's impassion'd care ;

<sup>2</sup> Formed of the 124th and 119th fragments in Barnes, both of which are to be found in Scaliger's Poetics.

De Pauw thinks that those detached lines and couplets, which Scaliger has adduced as examples in his Poetics, are by no means authentic, but of his own fabrication.

<sup>3</sup> This is generally inserted among the remains of Alcæus. Some, however, have attributed it to Anacreon. See our poet's twenty-second ode, and the notes.

<sup>4</sup> See Barnes, 173d. This fragment, to which I have taken the liberty of adding a turn not to be found in the original, is cited by Lucian in his short essay on the Gallic Hercules.

<sup>5</sup> Barnes, 125th. This is in Scaliger's Poetics. Gail has omitted it in his collection of fragments.

<sup>6</sup> This fragment is extant in Arsenius and Hephæstion. See Barnes (69th), who has arranged the metre of it very skillfully.

<sup>7</sup> Barnes, 72d. This fragment, which is found in Athenæus, contains an excellent lesson for the votaries of Jupiter Hospitalis.

I think there's madness in my breast,  
Yet cannot find that madness there! <sup>1</sup>

FROM dread Leucadia's frowning steep,  
I'll plunge into the whitening deep :  
And there lie cold, to death resign'd,  
Since Love intoxicates my mind ! <sup>2</sup>

Mix me, child, a cup divine,  
Crystal water, ruby wine :  
Weave the frontlet, richly flushing,  
O'er my wintry temples blushing.  
Mix the brimmer — Love and I  
Shall no more the contest try.  
Here — upon this holy bowl,  
I surrender all my soul ! <sup>3</sup>

AMONG the Epigrams of the Anthologia, are found some panegyrics on Anacreon, which I had translated, and originally intended as a sort of Coronis to this work. But I found upon consideration, that they wanted variety; and that a frequent recurrence, in them, of the same thought, would render a collection of such poems uninteresting. I shall take the liberty, however, of subjoining a few, selected from the number, that I may not appear to have totally neglected those ancient tributes to the fame of Anacreon. The four epigrams which I give are imputed to Antipater Sidonius. They are rendered, perhaps, with too much freedom; but designing originally a translation of all that are extant on the subject, I endeavored to enliven their uniformity by sometimes indulging in the liberties of paraphrase.

<sup>1</sup> Found in Hephæstion (see Barnes, 95th), and reminds one somewhat of the following: —

Odi et amo; quare id faciam fortasse requiris;  
Nescio: sed fieri sentio, et excrucior. Carm. 53.

I love thee and hate thee, but if I can tell  
The cause of my love and my hate, may I die.

I can feel it, alas! I can feel it too well,  
That I love thee and hate thee, but cannot tell why.

<sup>2</sup> This is also in Hephæstion, and perhaps is a fragment of some poem, in which Anacreon had commemorated the fate of Sappho. It is the 123d of Barnes.

<sup>3</sup> Collected by Barnes, from Demetrius Phalareus and Eustathius, and subjoined in his edition to the epigrams attributed to our poet. And here is the last of those little scattered flowers, which I thought I might venture with any grace to transplant; — happy if it could be said of the garland which they form, Το δ' ὡς Ἀνακρέοντος.

<sup>4</sup> Antipater Sidonius, the author of this epigram, lived, according to Vossius, de Poetis Græcis, in the second year

ΑΝΤΙΠΑΤΡΟΥ ΣΙΔΩΝΙΟΥ, ΕΙΣ ΑΝΑΚΡΕΟΝΤΑ.

ΘΑΛΛΟΙ τετρακορμυβος, Ανακρεων, αμφι σε γισσος  
ἄβρα τε λειμωνων πορφυρεων πεταλιᾶ  
πηγαι δ' αργιουεντας αναβλιβοντο γαλακτος,  
ευωδες δ' απο γης ιδου χειντο μεθυ,  
οφρα κε τοι σποδη τε και οσπεα τερψιν αρηται,  
ει δε τις φθιμενοις χριμπτεται ευφροσυνη,  
ω το φιλον στερξας, φιλε, βουβιτον, ω συν αυδα  
παντα διαπλωσας και συν ερωτι βιον.

AROUND the tomb, O, bard divine!  
Where soft thy hallow'd brow reposes,  
Long may the deathless ivy twine,  
And summer spread her waste of roses!

And there shall many a fount distil,  
And many a rill refresh the flowers;  
But wine shall be each purple rill,  
And every fount be milky showers.

Thus, shade of him, whom Nature taught  
To tune his lyre and soul to pleasure,  
Who gave to love his tenderest thought,  
Who gave to love his fondest measure, —

Thus, after death, if shades can feel,  
Thou mayst, from odors round thee streaming,  
A pulse of past enjoyment steal,  
And live again in blissful dreaming! <sup>4</sup>

of the 169th Olympiad. He appears, from what Cicero and Quintilian have said of him, to have been a kind of improvisatore. See Institut. Orat. lib. x. cap. 7. There is nothing more known respecting this poet, except some particulars about his illness and death, which are mentioned as curious by Pliny and others; — and there remain of his works but a few epigrams in the Anthologia, among which are found these inscriptions upon Anacreon. These remains have been sometimes imputed to another poet\* of the same name, of whom Vossius gives us the following account: — “Antipater Thessalonicensis vixit tempore Augusti Cæsaris, ut qui saltantem viderit Pyladem, sicut constat ex quodam ejus epigrammate *Ανθολογίας*, lib. iv. tit. *εις ορχεστρίδας*. At eum ac Bathyllum primos fuisse pantomimos ac sub Augusto claruisse, satis notum ex Dione, &c. &c.”

The reader, who thinks it worth observing, may find a strange oversight in Hoffman's quotation of this article from Vossius, Lexic. Univers. By the omission of a sentence he has made Vossius assert that the poet Antipater was one of the first pantomime dancers in Rome.

Barnes, upon the epigram before us, mentions a version of it by Brodæus, which is not to be found in that commentator; but he more than once confounds Brodæus with another annotator on the Anthologia, Vincentius Obsopœus, who has given a translation of the epigram.

\* Pleraque tamen Thessalonicensi tribuenda videntur. — *Dr. meck's Lectiones et Emendat.*

ΤΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ, ΕΙΣ ΤΟΝ ΑΥΤΟΝ.

ΤΥΜΒΟΣ Ανακρείοντος. Ὁ Τηϊός ἐνθαυε κυκνος  
 Εἶδει, χή παιδῶν ζωφοτατη μαινη.  
 Ἀκμην λειροισεντι μελιζεται αμιφι Βαθυλλῶ  
 Ἰμερα και κισσου λευκος οδαυε λιθος.  
 Ουδ' Αἰδης σοι ερωτας ἀπεσβεσεν, εν δ' Ἀχεροντος  
 Ων, ὄλος ὠδινης Κυπριδι θεμιωτερη.

HERE sleeps Anacreon, in this ivied shade ;  
 Here mute in death the Teian swan is laid.<sup>1</sup>  
 Cold, cold that heart, which while on earth it  
 dwelt

All the sweet frenzy of love's passion felt.  
 And yet, O Bard ! thou art not mute in death,  
 Still do we catch thy lyre's luxurious breath ;<sup>2</sup>  
 And still thy songs of soft Bathylla bloom,  
 Green as the ivy round thy mouldering tomb.  
 Nor yet has death obscur'd thy fire of love,  
 For still it lights thee through the Elysian  
 grove ;

Where dreams are thine, that bless th' elect  
 alone,  
 And Venus calls thee even in death her own !

<sup>1</sup> ——— the Teian swan is laid.] Thus Horace of Pin-  
 dar : —

Multa Diræcum levat aura cycnum.

A swan was the hieroglyphical emblem of a poet. Anac-  
 reon has been called the swan of Teos by another of his  
 eulogists.

Ἐν τοῖς μελιχροῖς Ἰμεροισι συντροφῶν  
 Ἀναῖος Ἀνακρέοντα, Τηῖον κυκνοῖ,  
 Ἐσφῆλης ὕγην νεκταρος μεληδῶν.

Εὐγενεὺς, Ἀνθολογ.

God of the grape ! thou hast betray'd  
 In wine's bewildering dream,  
 The fairest swan that ever play'd  
 Along the Muse's stream ! —

The Teian, nurs'd with all those honey'd boys,  
 The young Desires, light Loves, and rose-lipp'd Joys !

<sup>2</sup> Still do we catch thy lyre's luxurious breath ;] Thus  
 Simonides, speaking of our poet : —

Μολπῆς δ' οὐ ληθη μελιτεροπος ἀλλ' ἐτι κεινο  
 Βαρβιτον οὐδέ θανων ενασεν εν αἰδη.

Σιμωνιδου, Ἀνθολογ.

Nor yet are all his numbers mute,  
 Though dark within the tomb he lies ;  
 But living still, his amorous lute  
 With sleepless animation sighs !

This is the famous Simonides, whom Plato styled "divine,"  
 though Le Fevre, in his Poëtes Grecs, supposes that the epi-  
 grams under his name are all falsely imputed. The most  
 considerable of his remains is a satirical poem upon women,  
 preserved by Stobæus, *Ψυχῆς γυναικῶν*.

We may judge from the lines I have just quoted, and the  
 import of the epigram before us, that the works of Anacreon  
 were perfect in the times of Simonides and Antipater. Ob-  
 sopoulos, the commentator here, appears to exult in their  
 destruction, and telling us they were burned by the bishops

ΤΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ, ΕΙΣ ΤΟΝ ΑΥΤΟΝ.

ΞΕΙΝΕ, ταφον παρα λιτον Ανακρείοντος αμειβων,  
 Ει τι τοι εκ βιβλων ηλθεν εμων οφελος,  
 Σπειςον εμη σποδιη, σπειςον γανως, οφρα κεν οινῶ  
 Οστω γιθισε ταμα νοτιζομετα,  
 Ως ὁ Διονυσου μεμελημενος ουασι κυμος,  
 Ὃς ὁ φιλακρητου συντροφος ἰσημυνης,  
 Μηδε καταθβιμενος Βακχου διχα τουτον ὑποισῶ  
 Τον γειη μεροπων χωρον οφειλομενοι.<sup>3</sup>

O STRANGER ! if Anacreon's shell  
 Has ever taught thy heart to swell<sup>4</sup>  
 With passion's throb or pleasure's sigh,  
 In pity turn, as wandering nigh,  
 And drop thy goblet's richest tear<sup>5</sup>  
 In tenderest libation here !

and patriarchs, he adds, "nec sane id necquicquam fecerunt," attributing to this outrage an effect which it could not possibly have produced.

<sup>3</sup> The spirit of Anacreon is supposed to utter these verses from the tomb, — somewhat "mutatus ab illo," at least in simplicity of expression.

<sup>4</sup> ——— if Anacreon's shell

Has ever taught thy heart to swell, &c.] We may guess from the words *εκ βιβλων εμων*, that Anacreon was not merely a writer of billets-doux, as some French critics have called him. Amongst these Mr. Le Fevre, with all his professed admiration, has given our poet a character by no means of an elevated cast : —

Aussi c'est pour cela que la postérité  
 L'a toujours justement d'age en age chanté  
 Comme un franc goguenard, ami de goinfrerie,  
 Ami de billets-doux et de badinerie

See the verses prefixed to his Poëtes Grecs. This is unlike the language of Theocritus, to whom Anacreon is indebted for the following simple eulogium : —

ΕΙΣ ΑΝΑΚΡΕΟΝΤΟΣ ΑΝΔΡΙΑΝΤΑ.

Θυσαι τον ανδριαντα τουτου, ω ξενε,  
 σπουδα, και λιγ', επαν ες οικον ενθης\*  
 Ανακρεοντος εικον' ειδον εν τῶ,υ  
 των προσθ' ει τι περιερον ὠδοποιων.  
 προσθεῖς δε χῶτι τοῖς νεοισιν ἄετο,  
 ερεῖς απρεκεις ὀλον τον ανδρα

UPON THE STATUE OF ANACREON.

Stranger ! who near this statue chance to roam,  
 Let it a while your studious eyes engage ;  
 That you may say, returning to your home,  
 "I've seen the image of the Teian sage,  
 Best of the bards who deck the Muse's page."  
 Then, if you add, "That striplings lov'd him well,"  
 You tell them all he was, and aptly tell.

I have endeavored to do justice to the simplicity of this inscription by rendering it as literally, I believe, as a verse translation will allow.

<sup>5</sup> And drop thy goblet's richest tear, &c.] Thus Simonides, in another of his epigrams on our poet : —

Και μιν αει τργαγι νοτερη δρυσος, ἡς δ γερατος  
 Λαροτερον μαλακων επνεεν εκ στοματων.



So shall my sleeping ashes thrill  
With visions of enjoyment still.  
Not even in death can I resign  
The festal joys that once were mine,  
When Harmony pursu'd my ways,  
And Bacchus wanton'd to my lays.<sup>1</sup>  
O, if delight could charm no more,  
If all the goblet's bliss were o'er,  
When fate had once our doom decreed,  
Then dying would be death indeed ;  
Nor could I think, unblest by wine,  
Divinity itself divine !

ΤΟΥ ΑΥΤΟΥ, ΕΙΣ ΤΟΝ ΑΥΤΟΝ.

ΕΥΔΕΙΞ εν φθιμενοισιν, Ανακρεον, εσθαλα ποιησας  
ειδαι δ' η γλυκερη νυκτιλαλος κιθαρα,  
ειδαι και Σμερδεις, το Ποθων εαρ, ο συ μελισδων,  
βαρβιτ', ανεκρουου νεκταρ ερωμοιοιο.  
ηιδεων γαρ Ερωτος εφης σκοπος· ες δε σε μουνον  
τοζα τε και σοκολιας ειχεν εκηθυλιας.

Let vines, in clustering beauty wreath'd,  
Drop all their treasures on his head,  
Whose lips a dew of sweetness breath'd  
Richer than vine hath ever shed !

<sup>1</sup> *And Bacchus wanton'd to my lays, &c.*] The original here is corrupted, the line *ως δ' Διονυσου*, &c. is unintelligible.

Bruck's emendation improves the sense, but I doubt if it can be commended for elegance. He reads the line thus : —

*ως δ' Διονυσου λελασμενος ουποτε κωμων.*

See Bruck, *Analecta Veter. Poet. Græc.* vol. ii.

<sup>2</sup> *Thy harp, that whisper'd through each lingering night, &c.*] In another of these poems, "the nightly-speaking lyre" of the bard is represented as not yet silent even after his death.

*ως δ' φιλακρητος τε και οινοβαρης φιλοκομος  
παννυχιος κρουσι\* την φιλοπαυδα χελυν.*

*Σιμωνιδου, εις Ανακρεοντα.*

To beauty's smile and wine's delight,  
To joys he lov'd on earth so well,  
Still shall his spirit, all the night,  
Attune the wild, aerial shell !

<sup>3</sup> *The purest nectar of its numbers, &c.*] Thus, says Bruck, in the prologue to the Satires of Persius : —

*Cantare credas Pegasusine lectar.*

"Melos" is the usual reading in this line, and Casaubon has defended it ; but "nectar" is, I think, much more spirited.

<sup>4</sup> *She, the young spring of thy desires, &c.*] The original, *το Ποθων εαρ*, is beautiful. We regret that such praise should be lavished so preposterously, and feel that the poet's mistress Eurypyle would have deserved it better. Her name has been told us by Meleager, as already quoted, and in another epigram by Antipater.

\* Bruck has *κρουων* ; but *κρουσι*, the common reading, better suits a detached quotation.

As length thy golden hours have wing'd their flight,

And drowsy death that eyelid steepeth ;  
Thy harp, that whisper'd through each lingering night,<sup>2</sup>

Now mutely in oblivion sleepeth !

She, too, for whom that harp profusely shed  
The purest nectar of its numbers,<sup>3</sup>  
She, the young spring of thy desires, hath fled,  
And with her blest Anacreon slumbers !<sup>4</sup>

Farewell ! thou hadst a pulse for every dart<sup>5</sup>  
That mighty Love could scatter from his quiver ;

And each new beauty found in thee a heart,  
Which thou, with all thy heart and soul,  
Didst give her !<sup>6</sup>

*δρα δε δερκομενοισιν εν ομμασιν ουλον αιειδουσ,  
αιθυσσων λιπαρης ανθος υπερβε κομης,  
ηε προς Ευρυπυλην τετραμμενος . . .*

Long may the nymph around thee play,  
Eurypyle, thy soul's desire,  
Basking her beauties in the ray  
That lights thine eyes' dissolving fire !

Sing of her smile's bewitching power,  
Her every grace that warms and blesses ;  
Sing of her brows' luxuriant flower,  
The beaming glory of her tresses.

The expression here, *ανθος κομης*, "the flower of the hair," is borrowed from Anacreon himself, as appears by a fragment of the poet preserved in Stobæus: *Απεκίρας δ' άπαλης αρομον ανθος*.

<sup>5</sup> *Farewell ! thou hadst a pulse for every dart, &c.*] *εφης σκοπος*, "scopus eras naturâ," not "speculator," as Barnes very falsely interprets it.

Vincencius Obscopæus, upon this passage, contrives to indulge us with a little astrological wisdom, and talks in a style of learned scandal about Venus, "male posita cum Marte in domo Saturni."

<sup>6</sup> *And each new beauty found in thee a heart, &c.*] This couplet is not otherwise warranted by the original, than as it dilates the thought which Antipater has figuratively expressed.

Critias, of Athens, pays a tribute to the legitimate gallantry of Anacreon, calling him, with elegant conciseness, *γυναικων ηπεροσπευμα*.

*Τον δε γυναικων μελων πλεζαντα ποτ' ωδης,  
'Ηδων Ανακρεοντα,\* Τεως εις 'Ελλαδ' αηγεν  
Συμποσιων ερεθισμα, γυναικων ηπεροσπευμα.*

Teos gave to Greece her treasure,  
Sage Anacreon, sage in loving ;  
Fondly weaving lays of pleasure  
For the maids who blush'd approving.

When in nightly banquets sporting,  
Where's the guest could ever fly him ?  
When with love's seduction courting,  
Where's the nymph could e'er deny him ?

\* Thus Scaliger, in his dedicatory verses to Ponsard : —  
Blandus, suaviloquus, dulcis Anacreon.



## POEMS RELATING TO AMERICA.

## PREFACE

## TO THE SECOND VOLUME.

THE Poems suggested to me by my visit to Bermuda, in the year 1803, as well as by the tour which I made subsequently, through some parts of North America, have been hitherto very injudiciously arranged; any distinctive character they may possess having been disturbed and confused by their being mixed up not only with trifles of a much earlier date, but also with some portions of a classical story, in the form of Letters, which I had made some progress in before my departure from England. In the present edition, this awkward jumble has been remedied; and all the Poems relating to my Transatlantic voyage will be found classed by themselves. As, in like manner, the line of route by which I proceeded through some parts of the States and the Canadas, has been left hitherto to be traced confusedly through a few detached notes, I have thought that, to future readers of these poems, some clearer account of the course of that journey might not be unacceptable, — together with such vestiges as may still linger in my memory of events now fast fading into the background of time.

For the precise date of my departure from England, in the *Phaeton* frigate, I am indebted to the Naval Recollections of Captain Scott, then a midshipman of that ship. "We were soon ready," says this gentleman, "for sea, and a few days saw Mr. Merry and suite embarked on board. Mr. Moore likewise took his passage with us on his way to Bermuda. We quitted Spithead on the 25th of September (1803), and in a short week lay becalmed under the lofty peak of Pico. In this situation, the *Phaeton* is depicted in the frontispiece of Moore's Poems."

During the voyage, I dined very frequently with the officers of the gunroom; and it was not a little gratifying to me to learn, from this gentleman's volume, that the cordial regard these social and open-hearted men inspired in me was not wholly unreturned, on their part. After mentioning our arrival at Norfolk, in Virginia, Captain Scott says, "Mr. and Mrs. Merry left the *Phaeton*, under the usual salute, accompanied by Mr. Moore;" — then, adding some

kind compliments on the score of talents, &c., he concludes with a sentence which it gave me tenfold more pleasure to read, — "The gunroom mess witnessed the day of his departure with genuine sorrow." From Norfolk, after a stay of about ten days, under the hospitable roof of the British Consul, Colonel Hamilton, I proceeded, in the *Driver* sloop of war, to Bermuda.

There was then on that station another youthful sailor, who has since earned for himself a distinguished name among English writers of travels, Captain Basil Hall, — then a midshipman on board the *Leander*. In his *Fragments of Voyages and Travels*, this writer has called up some agreeable reminiscences of that period; in perusing which, — so full of life and reality are his sketches, — I found all my own naval recollections brought freshly to my mind. The very names of the different ships, then so familiar to my ears, — the *Leander*, the *Boston*, the *Cambrian*, — transported me back to the season of youth and those Summer Isles once more.

The testimony borne by so competent a witness as Captain Hall to the truth of my sketches of the beautiful scenery of Bermuda is of far too much value to me, in my capacity of traveller, to be here omitted by me, however conscious I must feel of but ill deserving the praise he lavishes on me, as a poet. Not that I pretend to be at all indifferent to such kind tributes; — on the contrary, those are always the most alive to praise, who feel inwardly least confidence in the soundness of their own title to it. In the present instance, however, my vanity (for so this uneasy feeling is always called) seeks its food in a different direction. It is not as a poet I invoke the aid of Captain Hall's opinion but as a traveller and observer; it is not to invention I ask him to bear testimony, but my matter of fact.

"The most pleasing and most exact description which I know of Bermuda," says this gentleman, "is to be found in Moore's *Odes and Epistles*, a work published many years ago. The reason why his account excels in beauty as well as in precision that of other men probably is, that the scenes described lie so much beyond the scope of ordinary observation in colder cli-

mates, and the feelings which they excite in the beholder are so much higher than those produced by the scenery we have been accustomed to look at, that, unless the imagination be deeply drawn upon, and the diction sustained at a correspondent pitch, the words alone strike the ear, while the listener's fancy remains where it was. In Moore's account there is not only no exaggeration, but, on the contrary, a wonderful degree of temperance in the midst of a feast which, to his rich fancy, must have been peculiarly tempting. He has contrived, by a magic peculiarly his own, yet without departing from the truth, to sketch what was before him with a fervor which those who have never been on the spot might well be excused for setting down as the sport of the poet's invention."<sup>1</sup>

How truly politic it is in a poet to connect his verse with well-known and interesting localities, — to wed his song to scenes already invested with fame, and thus lend it a chance of sharing the charm which encircles them, — I have myself, in more than one instance, very agreeably experienced. Among the memorials of this description, which, as I learn with pleasure and pride, still keep me remembered in some of those beautiful regions of the West which I visited, I shall mention but one slight instance, as showing how potently the Genius of the Place may lend to song a life and imperishableness to which, in itself, it boasts no claim or pretension. The following lines, in one of my Bermudian Poems,

'Twas there, in the shade of the Calabash Tree,  
With a few who could feel and remember like me,

still live in memory, I am told, on those fairy shores, connecting my name with the picturesque spot they describe, and the noble old tree which I believe still adorns it.<sup>2</sup> One of the few treasures (of *any* kind) I possess, is a goblet formed of one of the fruit shells of this remarkable tree, which was brought from Bermuda, a few years since, by Mr. Dudley Costello, and which that gentleman, having had it tastefully mounted as a goblet, very kindly presented to me; the following words being part of the inscription which it bears: — "To Thomas Moore, Esq., this cup, formed of a calabash which grew on the tree that bears his name, near Walsingham, Bermuda, is inscribed by one who," &c. &c.

From Bermuda I proceeded in the Boston, with my friend Captain (now Admiral) J. E.

Douglas, to New York, from whence, after a short stay, we sailed for Norfolk, in Virginia; and about the beginning of June, 1804, I set out from that city on a tour through part of the States. At Washington, I passed some days with the English minister, Mr. Merry; and was, by him, presented at the levee of the President, Jefferson, whom I found sitting with General Dearborn and one or two other officers, and in the same homely costume, comprising slippers and Connemara stockings, in which Mr. Merry had been received by him — much to that formal minister's horror — when waiting upon him, in full dress, to deliver his credentials. My single interview with this remarkable person was of very short duration; but to have seen and spoken with the man who drew up the Declaration of American Independence was an event not to be forgotten.

At Philadelphia, the society I was chiefly made acquainted with, and to which (as the verses addressed to "Delaware's green banks"<sup>3</sup> sufficiently testify) I was indebted for some of my most agreeable recollections of the United States, consisted entirely of persons of the Federalist or Anti-Democratic party. Few and transient, too, as had been my opportunities, of judging for myself of the political or social state of the country, my mind was left open too much to the influence of the feelings and prejudices of those I chiefly consorted with; and, certainly, in no quarter was I so sure to find decided hostility, both to the men and the principles then dominant throughout the Union, as among officers of the British navy, and in the ranks of an angry Federalist opposition. For any bias, therefore, that, under such circumstances, my opinions and feelings may be thought to have received, full allowance, of course, is to be made in appraising the weight due to my authority on the subject. All I can answer for, is the perfect sincerity and earnestness of the actual impressions, whether true or erroneous, under which my Epistles from the United States were written; and so strong, at the time, I confess, were those impressions, that it was the only period of my past life during which I have found myself at all sceptical as to the soundness of that Liberal creed of politics, in the profession and advocacy of which I may be almost literally said to have begun life, and shall most probably end it.

lery, has been introduced in the vignette prefixed to this volume.

<sup>3</sup> See Epistle to Mr. W. R. Spencer, p. 153 of this edition

<sup>1</sup> Fragments of Voyages and Travels, vol. ii. chap. vi.

<sup>2</sup> A representation of this calabash, taken from a drawing of it made, on the spot, by Dr. Savage of the Royal Artillery,

Reaching, for the second time, New York, I set out from thence on the now familiar and easy enterprise of visiting the Falls of Niagara. It is but too true, of all grand objects, whether in nature or art, that facility of access to them much diminishes the feeling of reverence they ought to inspire. Of this fault, however, the route to Niagara, at that period — at least the portion of it which led through the Genesee country — could not justly be accused. The latter part of the journey, which lay chiefly through yet but half-cleared wood, we were obliged to perform on foot; and a slight accident I met with, in the course of our rugged walk, laid me up for some days at Buffalo. To the rapid growth, in that wonderful region, of, at least, the materials of civilization, — however ultimately they may be turned to account, — this flourishing town, which stands on Lake Erie, bears most ample testimony. Though little better, at the time when I visited it, than a mere village, consisting chiefly of huts and wigwams, it is now, by all accounts, a populous and splendid city, with five or six churches, town hall, theatre, and other such appurtenances of a capital.

In adverting to the comparatively rude state of Buffalo at that period, I should be ungrateful were I to omit mentioning, that, even then, on the shores of those far lakes, the title of "Poet," — however unworthily in that instance bestowed, — bespoke a kind and distinguishing welcome for its wearer; and that the Captain who commanded the packet in which I crossed Lake Ontario,<sup>1</sup> in addition to other marks of courtesy, begged, on parting with me, to be allowed to decline payment for my passage.

When we arrived, at length, at the inn, in the neighborhood of the Falls, it was too late to think of visiting them that evening; and I lay awake almost the whole night with the sound of the cataract in my ears. The day following I consider as a sort of era in my life; and the first glimpse I caught of that wonderful cataract gave me a feeling which nothing in this world can ever awaken again.<sup>2</sup> It was through an opening among the trees, as we approached the spot where the full view of the Falls was to burst upon us, that I caught this glimpse of the mighty mass of waters folding smoothly over the edge of the precipice; and so overwhelming

was the notion it gave me of the awful spectacle I was approaching, that, during the short interval that followed, imagination had far out-run the reality; and, vast and wonderful as was the scene that then opened upon me, my first feeling was that of disappointment. It would have been impossible, indeed, for any thing real to come up to the vision I had, in these few seconds, formed of it; and those awful scriptural words, "The fountains of the great deep were broken up," can alone give any notion of the vague wonders for which I was prepared.

But, in spite of the start thus got by imagination, the triumph of reality was, in the end, but the greater; for the gradual glory of the scene that opened upon me soon took possession of my whole mind; presenting, from day to day, some new beauty or wonder, and, like all that is most sublime in nature or art, awakening sad as well as elevating thoughts. I retain in my memory but one other dream — for such do events so long past appear — which can in any respect be associated with the grand vision I have just been describing; and, however different the nature of their appeals to the imagination, I should find it difficult to say on which occasion I felt most deeply affected, when looking on the Falls of Niagara, or when standing by moonlight among the ruins of the Coliseum.

Some changes, I understand, injurious to the beauty of the scene, have taken place in the shape of the Falls since the time of my visit to them; and among these is the total disappearance, by the gradual crumbling away of the rock, of the small leafy island which then stood near the edge of the Great Fall, and whose tranquillity and unapproachableness, in the midst of so much turmoil, lent it an interest which I thus tried to avail myself of, in a Song of the Spirit of that region:<sup>3</sup> —

There, amid the island sedge,  
Just above the cataract's edge,  
Where the foot of living man  
Never trod since time began,  
Lone I sit at close of day, &c. &c.

Another characteristic feature of the vicinity of the Falls, which, I understand, no longer exists, was the interesting settlement of the Tuscarora Indians. With the gallant Brock,<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Commodore of the Lakes, as he is styled.

<sup>2</sup> The two first sentences of the above paragraph, as well as a passage that occurs in a subsequent paragraph, stood originally as part of the Notes on one of the American Poems.

<sup>3</sup> Introduced in the Epistle to Lady Charlotte Rawdon. p. 155 of this edition.

<sup>4</sup> This brave and amiable officer was killed at Queenstown, in Upper Canada, soon after the commencement of the war

who then commanded at Fort George, I passed the greater part of my time during the few weeks I remained at Niagara; and a visit I paid to these Indians, in company with him and his brother officers, on his going to distribute among them the customary presents and prizes, was not the least curious of the many new scenes I witnessed. These people received us in all their ancient costume. The young men exhibited for our amusement in the race, the bat game, and other sports, while the old and the women sat in groups under the surrounding trees; and the whole scene was as picturesque and beautiful as it was new to me. It is said that West, the American painter, when he first saw the Apollo, at Rome, exclaimed instantly, "A young Indian warrior!" — and, however startling the association may appear, some of the graceful and agile forms which I saw that day among the Tuscaroras were such as would account for its arising in the young painter's mind.

After crossing "the fresh-water ocean" of Ontario, I passed down the St. Lawrence to Montreal and Quebec, staying for a short time at each of these places; and this part of my journey, as well as my voyage on from Quebec to Halifax, is sufficiently traceable through the few pieces of poetry that were suggested to me by scenes and events on the way. And here I must again venture to avail myself of the valuable testimony of Captain Hall to the truth of my descriptions of some of those scenes through which his more practised eye followed me; — taking the liberty to omit in my extracts, as far as may be done without injury to the style or context, some of that generous surplusage of praise in which friendly criticism delights to indulge.

In speaking of an excursion he had made up the River Ottawa, — "a stream," he adds, "which has a classical place in every one's imagination from Moore's Canadian Boat Song," Captain Hall proceeds as follows: — "While the poet above alluded to has retained all that is essentially characteristic and pleasing in these boat songs, and rejected all that is not so, he has contrived to borrow his inspiration from numerous surrounding circumstances, presenting not-

ing remarkable to the dull senses of ordinary travellers. Yet these highly poetical images, drawn in this way, as it were carelessly and from every hand, he has combined with such graphic — I had almost said geographical — truth, that the effect is great even upon those who have never, with their own eyes, seen the 'Utawa's tide,' nor 'flown down the Rapids,' nor heard the 'bell of St. Anne's toll its evening chime;' while the same lines give to distant regions, previously consecrated in our imagination, a vividness of interest, when viewed on the spot, of which it is difficult to say how much is due to the magic of the poetry, and how much to the beauty of the real scene."<sup>1</sup>

While on the subject of the Canadian Boat Song, an anecdote connected with that once popular ballad may, for my musical readers at least, possess some interest. A few years since, while staying in Dublin, I was presented, at his own request, to a gentleman who told me that his family had in their possession a curious relic of my youthful days, — being the first notation I had made, in pencilling, of the air and words of the Canadian Boat Song, while on my way down the St. Lawrence, — and that it was their wish I should add my signature to attest the authenticity of the autograph. I assured him with truth that I had wholly forgotten even the existence of such a memorandum; that it would be as much a curiosity to myself as it could be to any one else, and that I should feel thankful to be allowed to see it. In a day or two after, my request was complied with, and the following is the history of this musical "relic."

In my passage down the St. Lawrence, I had with me two travelling companions, one of whom, named Harkness, the son of a wealthy Dublin merchant, has been some years dead. To this young friend, on parting with him, at Quebec, I gave, as a keepsake, a volume I had been reading on the way, — Priestley's Lectures on History; and it was upon a flyleaf of this volume I found I had taken down, in pencilling, both the notes and a few of the words of the original song by which my own boat-pleasure had been suggested. The following is the

with America, in the year 1812. He was in the act of cheering on his men when he fell. The inscription on the monument raised to his memory, on Queenstown Heights, does but due honor to his manly character.

<sup>1</sup> "It is singularly gratifying," the author adds, "to discover that, to this hour, the Canadian *voyageurs* never omit

their offerings to the shrine of St. Anne, before engaging in any enterprise; and that, during its performance, they omit no opportunity of keeping up so propitious an intercourse. The flourishing village which surrounds the church on the 'Green Isle' in question owes its existence and support entirely to these pious contributions."



form of my memorandum of the original air:—



Then follows, as pencilled down at the same moment, the first verse of my Canadian Boat Song, with air and words as they are at present. From all this it will be perceived, that, in my own setting of the air, I departed in almost every respect but the time from the strain our *voyageurs* had sung to us, leaving the music of the glee nearly as much my own as the words. Yet, how strongly impressed I had become with the notion that this was the identical air sung by the boatmen, — how closely it linked itself in my imagination with the scenes and sounds amidst which it had occurred to me, — may be seen by reference to a note appended to the glee as first published, which will be found in the following pages.<sup>1</sup>

To the few desultory and, perhaps, valueless recollections I have thus called up, respecting the contents of our second volume, I have only to add, that the heavy storm of censure and criticism, — some of it, I fear, but too well deserved, — which, both in America and in England, the publication of my “Odes and Epistles” drew down upon me, was followed by results which have far more than compensated for any pain such attacks at the time may have inflicted. In the most formidable of all my censors, at that period, — the great master of the art of criticism, in our day, — I have found ever since one of the most cordial and highly valued of all my friends; while the good will I have experienced from more than one distinguished American sufficiently assures me that any injustice I may have done to that land of freemen, if not long since wholly forgotten, is now remembered only to be forgiven.

As some consolation to me for the onsets of criticism, I received, shortly after the appearance of my volume, a letter from Stockholm, addressed to “the author of Epistles, Odes, and other Poems,” and informing me that “the Princes, Nobles, and Gentlemen, who

composed the General Chapter of the most Illustrious, Equestrian, Secular, and Chaptal Order of St. Joachim,” had elected me as a Knight of this Order. Notwithstanding the grave and official style of the letter, I regarded it, I own, at first, as a mere ponderous piece of pleasantry; and even suspected that in the name of St. “Joachim” I could detect the low and irreverent pun of St. Jokehim.

On a little inquiry, however, I learned that there actually existed such an order of knight-hood; that the title, insignia, &c. conferred by it had, in the instances of Lord Nelson, the Duke of Bouillon, and Colonel Imhoff, who were all Knights of St. Joachim, been authorized by the British court; but that since then, this sanction of the order had been withdrawn. Of course, to the reduction thus caused in the value of the honor was owing its descent in the scale of distinction to “such small deer” of Parnassus as myself. I wrote a letter, however, full of grateful acknowledgment, to Monsieur Hansson, the Vice Chancellor of the Order, saying that I was unconscious of having entitled myself, by any public service, to a reward due only to the benefactors of mankind; and therefore begged leave most respectfully to decline it.

TO

FRANCIS, EARL OF MOIRA

GENERAL IN HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES, MASTER  
GENERAL OF THE ORDNANCE, CONSTABLE OF  
THE TOWER, ETC.

MY LORD:— It is impossible to think of addressing a Dedication to your Lordship without calling to mind the well-known reply of the Spartan to a rhetorician, who proposed to pronounce a eulogium on Hercules. “On Hercules!” said the honest Spartan, “who ever thought of blaming Hercules?” In a similar manner the concurrence of public opinion has left to the panegyrist of your Lordship a very superfluous task. I shall, therefore, be silent on the subject, and merely entreat your indulgence to the very humble tribute of gratitude which I have here the honor to present

I am, my Lord,

With every feeling of attachment  
and respect,

Your Lordship's very devoted Servant,  
THOMAS MOORE.

27, Bury Street, St. James's,  
April 10, 1806.

<sup>1</sup> Page 155 of this edition.

PREFACE.<sup>1</sup>

THE principal poems in the following collection were written during an absence of fourteen months from Europe. Though curiosity was certainly not the motive of my voyage to America, yet it happened that the gratification of curiosity was the only advantage which I derived from it. Finding myself in the country of a new people, whose infancy had promised so much, and whose progress to maturity has been an object of such interesting speculation, I determined to employ the short period of time, which my plan of return to Europe afforded me, in travelling through a few of the States, and acquiring some knowledge of the inhabitants.

The impression which my mind received from the character and manners of these republicans, suggested the Epistles which are written from the city of Washington and Lake Erie.<sup>2</sup> How far I was right, in thus assuming the tone of a satirist against a people whom I viewed but as a stranger and a visitor, is a doubt which my feelings did not allow me time to investigate. All I presume to answer for is the fidelity of the picture which I have given; and though prudence might have dictated gentler language, truth, I think, would have justified severer.

I went to America with prepossessions by no means unfavorable, and indeed rather indulged in many of those illusive ideas, with respect to the purity of the government and the primitive happiness of the people, which I had early imbibed in my native country, where, unfortunately, discontent at home enhances every distant temptation, and the western world has long been looked to as a retreat from real or imaginary oppression; as, in short, the elysian Atlantis, where persecuted patriots might find their visions realized, and be welcomed by kindred spirits to liberty and repose. In all these flattering expectations I found myself completely disappointed, and felt inclined to say to America, as Horace says to his mistress, "intentata nites." Brissot, in the preface to his travels, observes, that "freedom in that country is carried to so high a degree as to border upon a state of nature;" and there certainly is a close approximation to savage life, not only in the

liberty which they enjoy, but in the violence of party spirit and of private animosity which results from it. This illiberal zeal imbitters all social intercourse; and, though I scarcely could hesitate in selecting the party, whose views appeared to me the more pure and rational, yet I was sorry to observe that, in asserting their opinions, they both assume an equal share of intolerance; the Democrats, consistently with their principles, exhibiting a vulgarity of rancor, which the Federalists too often are so forgetful of their cause as to imitate.

The rude familiarity of the lower orders, and indeed the unpolished state of society in general, would neither surprise nor disgust if they seemed to flow from that simplicity of character, that honest ignorance of the gloss of refinement which may be looked for in a new and inexperienced people. But, when we find them arrived at maturity in most of the vices, and all the pride of civilization, while they are still so far removed from its higher and better characteristics, it is impossible not to feel that this youthful decay, this crude anticipation of the natural period of corruption, must repress every sanguine hope of the future energy and greatness of America.

I am conscious that, in venturing these few remarks, I have said just enough to offend, and by no means sufficient to convince; for the limits of a preface prevent me from entering into a justification of my opinions, and I am committed on the subject as effectually as if I had written volumes in their defence. My reader, however, is apprised of the very cursory observation upon which these opinions are founded, and can easily decide for himself upon the degree of attention or confidence which they merit.

With respect to the poems in general, which occupy the following pages, I know not in what manner to apologize to the public for intruding upon their notice such a mass of unconnected trifles, such a world of epicurean atoms as I have here brought in conflict together.<sup>3</sup> To say that I have been tempted by the liberal offers of my bookseller, is an excuse which can hope for but little indulgence from the critic; yet I own that, without this seasonable inducement, these poems very possibly would never have been submitted to the world. The glare of publication is too strong for such imperfect productions: they should be shown but to the eye of friendship, in that dim light of privacy which

<sup>1</sup> This Preface, as well as the Dedication which precedes it, were prefixed originally to the miscellaneous volume entitled "Odes and Epistles," of which, hitherto, the poems relating to my American tour have formed a part.

<sup>2</sup> Epistles VI. VII. and VIII.

<sup>3</sup> See the foregoing Note 1.



is as favorable to poetical as to female beauty, and serves as a veil for faults, while it enhances every charm which it displays. Besides, this is not a period for the idle occupations of poetry, and times like the present require talents more active and more useful. Few have now the leisure to read such trifles, and I most sincerely regret that I have had the leisure to write them.

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TO

LORD VISCOUNT STRANGFORD.

ABOARD THE PHAETON FRIGATE, OFF THE AZORES, BY MOON-LIGHT.

SWEET Moon! if, like Crotona's sage,<sup>1</sup>  
 By any spell my hand could dare  
 To make thy disk its ample page,  
 And write my thoughts, my wishes there;  
 How many a friend, whose careless eye  
 Now wanders o'er that starry sky,  
 Should smile, upon thy orb to meet  
 The recollection, kind and sweet,  
 The reveries of fond regret,  
 The promise, never to forget,  
 And all my heart and soul would send  
 To many a dear-lov'd, distant friend.

How little, when we parted last,  
 I thought those pleasant times were past,  
 Forever past, when brilliant joy  
 Was all my vacant heart's employ:  
 When, fresh from mirth to mirth again,  
 We thought the rapid hours too few;  
 Our only use for knowledge then  
 To gather bliss from all we knew.  
 Delicious days of whim and soul!  
 When, mingling lore and laugh together,  
 We lean'd the book on Pleasure's bowl,  
 And turn'd the leaf with Folly's feather.  
 Little I thought that all were fled,  
 That, ere that summer's bloom was shed,  
 My eye should see the sail unfurl'd  
 That wafts me to the western world.

<sup>1</sup> Pythagoras; who was supposed to have a power of writing upon the Moon by the means of a magic mirror. — See *Bayle*, art. *Pythag.*

<sup>2</sup> Alluding to these animated lines in the 44th *Carmen* of *Catullus*: —

Jam mens prætrepidans avet vagari,  
 Jam læti studio pedes vigescunt!

And yet, 'twas time; — in youth's sweet days,  
 To cool that season's glowing rays,  
 The heart a while, with wanton wing,  
 May dip and dive in Pleasure's spring;  
 But, if it wait for winter's breeze,  
 The spring will chill, the heart will freeze.  
 And then, that Hope, that fairy Hope, —  
 O, she awak'd such happy dreams,  
 And gave my soul such tempting scope  
 For all its dearest, fondest schemes,  
 That not Verona's child of song,  
 When flying from the Phrygian shore,  
 With lighter heart could bound along,  
 Or pant to be a wanderer more!<sup>2</sup>

Even now delusive hope will steal  
 Amid the dark regrets I feel,  
 Soothing, as yonder placid beam  
 Pursues the murmurers of the deep,  
 And lights them with consoling gleam,  
 And smiles them into tranquil sleep.  
 O, such a blessed night as this,  
 I often think, if friends were near,  
 How we should feel, and gaze with bliss  
 Upon the moon-bright scenery here!

The sea is like a silvery lake,  
 And, o'er its calm the vessel glides  
 Gently, as if it fear'd to wake  
 The slumber of the silent tides.  
 The only envious cloud that lowers  
 Hath hung its shade on Pico's height,<sup>3</sup>  
 Where dimly, 'mid the dusk, he towers,  
 And scowling at this heav'n of light,  
 Exults to see the infant storm  
 Cling darkly round his giant form!

Now, could I range those verdant isles,  
 Invisible, at this soft hour,  
 And see the looks, the beaming smiles,  
 That brighten many an orange bower;  
 And could I lift each pious veil,  
 And see the blushing cheek it shades, —  
 O, I should have full many a tale,  
 To tell of young Azorian maids.<sup>4</sup>

Yes, Strangford, at this hour, perhaps,  
 Some lover (not too idly blest,

<sup>3</sup> A very high mountain on one of the Azores, from which the island derives its name. It is said by some to be as high as the Peak of Teneriffe.

<sup>4</sup> I believe it is Guthrie who says, that the inhabitants of the Azores are much addicted to gallantry. This is an assertion in which even Guthrie may be credited.

Like those, who in their ladies' laps  
 May cradle every wish to rest,  
 Warbles, to touch his dear one's soul,  
 Those madrigals, of breath divine,  
 Which Camoens' harp from Rapture stole  
 And gave, all glowing warm, to thine.<sup>1</sup>  
 O, could the lover learn from thee,  
 And breathe them with thy graceful tone,  
 Such sweet, beguiling minstrelsy  
 Would make the coldest nymph his own.

But hark! - the boatswain's pipings tell  
 'Tis time to bid my dream farewell:  
 Eight bells: - the middle watch is set;  
 Good night, my Strangford! - ne'er forget  
 That, far beyond the western sea  
 Is one, whose heart remembers thee.

## STANZAS.

Θνμος δε ποτ' εμος

με προσφωνει ταδε.

Γενωσκε τανθρωπεια μη σιβειν αγαν.

ÆSCHYL. Fragment.

A BEAM of tranquillity smil'd in the west,  
 The storms of the morning pursued us no  
 more;  
 And the wave, while it welcom'd the moment  
 of rest,  
 Still heav'd, as remembering ills that were  
 o'er.

Serenely my heart took the hue of the hour,  
 Its passions were sleeping, were mute as the  
 dead;  
 And the spirit becalm'd but remember'd their  
 power,  
 As the billow the force of the gale that was  
 fled.

I thought of those days, when to pleasure alone  
 My heart ever granted a wish or a sigh;  
 When the saddest emotion my bosom had  
 known,  
 Was pity for those who were wiser than I.

I reflected, how soon in the cup of Desire  
 The pearl of the soul may be melted away;

<sup>1</sup> These islands belong to the Portuguese.

<sup>2</sup> It is the opinion of St. Austin upon Genesis, and I believe of nearly all the Fathers, that birds, like fish, were originally produced from the waters; in defence of which idea they have collected every fanciful circumstance which

How quickly, alas, the pure sparkle of fire  
 We inherit from heav'n, may be quench'd in  
 the clay;

And I pray'd of that Spirit who lighted the flame,  
 That Pleasure no more might its purity dim;  
 So that, sullied but little, or brightly the same,  
 I might give back the boon I had borrow'd  
 from Him.

How blest was the thought! it appear'd as if  
 Heaven

Had already an opening to Paradise shown;  
 As if, passion all chasten'd and error forgiven,  
 My heart then began to be purely its own.

I look'd to the west, and the beautiful sky  
 Which morning had clouded, was clouded no  
 more:

"O, thus," I exclaimed, "may a heavenly eye  
 Shed light on the soul that was darken'd  
 before."

TO

THE FLYING FISH.<sup>2</sup>

WHEN I have seen thy snow-white wing  
 From the blue wave at evening spring,  
 And show those scales of silvery white,  
 So gayly to the eye of light,  
 As if thy frame were form'd to rise,  
 And live amid the glorious skies;  
 O, it has made me proudly feel,  
 How like thy wing's impatient zeal  
 Is the pure soul, that rests not, pent  
 Within this world's gross element,  
 But takes the wing that God has given,  
 And rises into light and heaven!

But, when I see that wing, so bright,  
 Grow languid with a moment's flight,  
 Attempt the paths of air in vain,  
 And sink into the waves again;  
 Alas! the flattering pride is o'er;  
 Like thee, a while, the soul may soar,  
 But erring man must blush to think,  
 Like thee, again the soul may sink.

O Virtue! when thy clime I seek,  
 Let not my spirit's flight be weak:

can tend to prove a kindred similitude between them; *αναγεβαιαν τοις πετομενοις προς τα νεκτα*. With this thought in our minds, when we first see the Flying Fish, we could almost fancy, that we are present at the moment of creation, and witness the birth of the first bird from the waves

Let me not, like this feeble thing,  
 With brine still dropping from its wing,  
 Just sparkle in the solar glow  
 And plunge again to depths below ;  
 But, when I leave the grosser throng  
 With whom my soul hath dwelt so long,  
 Let me, in that aspiring day,  
 Cast every lingering stain away,  
 And, panting for thy purer air,  
 Fly up at once and fix me there.

TO

MISS MOORE.

FROM NORFOLK, IN VIRGINIA, NOVEMBER, 1803.

In days, my Kate, when life was new,  
 When, lull'd with innocence and you,  
 I heard, in home's beloved shade,  
 The din the world at distance made ;  
 When, every night my weary head  
 Sunk on its own unthorned bed,  
 And, mild as evening's matron hour,  
 Looks on the faintly shutting flower,  
 A mother saw our eyelids close,  
 And bless'd them into pure repose ;  
 Then, haply if a week, a day,  
 I linger'd from that home away,  
 How long the little absence seem'd !  
 How bright the look of welcome beam'd,  
 As mute you heard, with eager smile,  
 My tales of all that pass'd the while !

Yet now, my Kate, a gloomy sea  
 Rolls wide between that home and me ;  
 The moon may thrice be born and die,  
 Ere ev'n that seal can reach mine eye,  
 Which used so oft, so quick to come,  
 Still breathing all the breath of home, —  
 As if, still fresh, the cordial air  
 From lips belov'd were lingering there.  
 But now, alas, — far different fate !  
 It comes o'er ocean, slow and late,  
 When the dear hand that fill'd its fold  
 With words of sweetness may lie cold.

But hence that gloomy thought ! at last,  
 Belov'd Kate, the waves are past :  
 I tread on earth securely now,  
 And the green cedar's living bough

Breathes more refreshment to my eyes  
 Than could a Claude's divinest dyes.  
 At length I touch the happy sphere  
 To liberty and virtue dear,  
 Where man looks up, and, proud to claim  
 His rank within the social frame,  
 Sees a grand system round him roll,  
 Himself its centre, sun, and soul !  
 Far from the shocks of Europe — far  
 From every wild, elliptic star  
 That, shooting with a devious fire,  
 Kindled by heaven's avenging ire,  
 So oft hath into chaos hurl'd  
 The systems of the ancient world.

The warrior here, in arms no more,  
 Thinks of the toil, the conflict o'er,  
 And glorying in the freedom won  
 For hearth and shrine, for sire and son,  
 Smiles on the dusky webs that hide  
 His sleeping sword's remember'd pride.  
 While Peace, with sunny cheeks of toil,  
 Walks o'er the free, unlorded soil,  
 Effacing with her splendid share  
 The drops that war had sprinkled there.  
 Thrice happy land ! where he who flies  
 From the dark ills of other skies,  
 From scorn, or want's unnerving woes,  
 May shelter him in proud repose :  
 Hope sings along the yellow sand  
 His welcome to a patriot land ;  
 The mighty wood, with pomp, receives  
 The stranger in its world of leaves,  
 Which soon their barren glory yield  
 To the warm shed and cultur'd field ;  
 And he, who came, of all bereft,  
 To whom malignant fate had left  
 Nor home nor friends nor country dear,  
 Finds home and friends and country here.

Such is the picture, warmly such,  
 That Fancy long, with florid touch,  
 Had painted to my sanguine eye  
 Of man's new world of liberty.  
 O, ask me not, if Truth have yet  
 Her seal on Fancy's promise set ;  
 If ev'n a glimpse my eyes behold  
 Of that imagin'd age of gold ; —  
 Alas, not yet one gleaming trace !<sup>1</sup>  
 Never did youth, who lov'd a face

<sup>1</sup> Such romantic works as "The American Farmer's Letters," and the account of Kentucky by Inlay, would induce us into a belief, that innocence, peace, and freedom had deserted the rest of the world for Martha's Vineyard and the banks of the Ohio. The French travellers, too, al-

most all from revolutionary motives, have contributed their share to the diffusion of this flattering misconception. A visit to the country is, however, quite sufficient to correct even the most enthusiastic prepossession.

As sketch'd by some fond pencil's skill  
 And made by fancy lovelier still,  
 Shrink back with more of sad surprise,  
 When the live model met his eyes,  
 Than I have felt, in sorrow felt,  
 To find a dream on which I've dwelt  
 From boyhood's hour, thus fade and flee  
 At touch of stern reality!

But, courage, yet, my wavering heart!  
 Blame not the temple's meanest part,<sup>1</sup>  
 Till thou hast traced the fabric o'er:—  
 As yet, we have beheld no more  
 Than just the porch to Freedom's fane;  
 And, though a sable spot may stain  
 The vestibule, 'tis wrong, 'tis sin  
 To doubt the godhead reigns within!  
 So here I pause—and now, my Kate,  
 To you, and those dear friends, whose fate  
 Touches more near this homesick soul  
 Than all the Powers from pole to pole,  
 One word at parting,—in the tone  
 Most sweet to you, and most my own.  
 The simple strain I send you here,<sup>2</sup>  
 Wild though it be, would charm your ear,  
 Did you but know the trance of thought  
 In which my mind its numbers caught.  
 'Twas one of those half-waking dreams,  
 That haunt me oft, when music seems  
 To bear my soul in sound along,  
 And turn its feelings all to song.  
 I thought of home, the according lays  
 Came full of dreams of other days;  
 Freshly in each succeeding note  
 I found some young remembrance float,  
 Till following, as a clew, that strain,  
 I wander'd back to home again.

O, love the song, and let it oft  
 Live on your lip, in accents soft.  
 Say that it tells you, simply well,  
 All I have bid its wild notes tell,—  
 Of Memory's dream, of thoughts that yet  
 Glow with the light of joy that's set,  
 And all the fond heart keeps in store  
 Of friends and scenes beheld no more.  
 And now, adieu!—this artless air,  
 With a few rhymes, in transcript fair,

Are all the gifts I yet can boast  
 To send you from Columbia's coast;  
 But when the sun, with warmer smile,  
 Shall light me to my destin'd isle,<sup>3</sup>  
 You shall have many a cowslip bell  
 Where Ariel slept, and many a sholl,  
 In which that gentle spirit drew  
 From honey flowers the morning dew.

## A BALLAD.

## THE LAKE OF THE DISMAL SWAMP.

WRITTEN AT NORFOLK, IN VIRGINIA.

"They tell of a young man, who lost his mind upon the death of a girl he loved, and who, suddenly disappearing from his friends, was never afterwards heard of. As he had frequently said, in his ravings, that the girl was not dead, but gone to the Dismal Swamp, it is supposed he had wandered into that dreary wilderness, and had died of hunger, or been lost in some of its dreadful morasses."—*Arion*.

"La Poésie a ses monstres comme la nature."—D'ALEMBERT.

"THEY made her a grave, too cold and damp  
 "For a soul so warm and true;  
 "And she's gone to the Lake of the Dismal  
 Swamp,<sup>4</sup>  
 "Where, all night long, by a firefly lamp,  
 "She paddles her white canoe.  
 "And her firefly lamp I soon shall see,  
 "And her paddle I soon shall hear;  
 "Long and loving our life shall be,  
 "And I'll hide the maid in a cypress tree,  
 "When the footstep of death is near."

Away to the Dismal Swamp he speeds—  
 His path was rugged and sore,  
 Through tangled juniper, beds of reeds,  
 Through many a fen, where the serpent feeds,  
 And man never trod before.

And, when on the earth he sunk to sleep,  
 If slumber his eyelids knew,  
 He lay, where the deadly vine doth weep  
 Its venomous tear and nightly steep  
 The flesh with blistering dew!

<sup>1</sup> Norfolk, it must be owned, presents an unfavorable specimen of America. The characteristics of Virginia in general are not such as can delight either the politician or the moralist, and at Norfolk they are exhibited in their least attractive form. At the time when we arrived the yellow fever had not yet disappeared, and every odor that assailed us in the streets very strongly accounted for its visitation.

<sup>2</sup> A trifling attempt at musical composition accompanied this Epistle.

<sup>3</sup> Bermuda.

<sup>4</sup> The Great Dismal Swamp is ten or twelve miles distant from Norfolk, and the Lake in the middle of it (about seven miles long) is called Drummond's Pond.

And near him the she wolf stirr'd the brake,  
 And the copper snake breath'd in his ear,  
 Till he starting cried, from his dream awake,  
 "O, when shall I see the dusky Lake,  
 "And the white canoe of my dear?"

He saw the Lake, and a meteor bright  
 Quick over its surface play'd —  
 "Welcome," he said, "my dear one's light!"  
 And the dim shore echoed, for many a night,  
 The name of the death-cold maid.

Till he hollow'd a boat of the birchen bark,  
 Which carried him off from shore;  
 Far, far he follow'd the meteor spark,  
 The wind was high and the clouds were dark,  
 And the boat return'd no more.

But oft, from the Indian hunter's camp  
 This lover and maid so true  
 Are seen at the hour of midnight damp  
 To cross the Lake by a firefly lamp,  
 And paddle their white canoe!

—  
 TO THE

MARCHIONESS DOWAGER OF DONE-  
 GALL.

FROM BERMUDA, JANUARY, 1804.

LADY! where'er you roam, whatever land  
 Wooes the bright touches of that artist hand;  
 Whether you sketch the valley's golden meads,  
 Where mazy Linth his lingering current leads;<sup>1</sup>  
 Enamour'd catch the mellow hues that sleep,  
 At eve, on Meillerie's immortal steep;  
 Or musing o'er the Lake, at day's decline,  
 Mark the last shadow on that holy shrine,<sup>2</sup>  
 Where, many a night, the shade of Tell com-  
 plains

Of Gallia's triumph and Helvetia's chains;  
 O, lay the pencil for a moment by,  
 Turn from the canvas that creative eye,  
 And let its splendor, like the morning ray  
 Upon a shepherd's harp, illumine my lay.

<sup>1</sup> Lady Donegall, I had reason to suppose, was at this time still in Switzerland, where the well-known powers of her pencil must have been frequently awakened.

<sup>2</sup> The chapel of William Tell on the Lake of Lucerne.

<sup>3</sup> M. Gebelin says, in his *Monde Primitif*, "Lorsque Strabon crût que les anciens théologiens et poëtes plaçoient les champs élysées dans les isles de l'Océan Atlantique, il n'entendit rien à leur doctrine." M. Gebelin's supposition, I

Yet, Lady, no — for song so rude as mine,  
 Chase not the wonders of your art divine;  
 Still, radiant eye, upon the canvas dwell;  
 Still, magic finger, weave your potent spell;  
 And, while I sing the animated smiles  
 Of fairy nature in these sun-born isles,  
 O, might the song awake some bright design,  
 Inspire a touch, or prompt one happy line,  
 Proud were my soul, to see its humble thought  
 On painting's mirror so divinely caught;  
 While wondering Genius, as he lean'd to trace  
 The faint conception kindling into grace,  
 Might love my numbers for the spark they  
 threw,  
 And bless the lay that lent a charm to you.

Say, have you ne'er, in nightly vision, stray'd  
 To those pure isles of ever-blooming shade,  
 Which bards of old, with kindly fancy, plac'd  
 For happy spirits in th' Atlantic waste?<sup>3</sup>  
 There listening, while, from earth, each breeze  
 that came

Brought echoes of their own undying fame,  
 In eloquence of eye, and dreams of song,  
 They charm'd their lapse of nightless hours  
 along: —

Nor yet in song, that mortal ear might suit,  
 For every spirit was itself a lute,  
 Where Virtue waken'd, with elysian breeze,  
 Pure tones of thought and mental harmonies.

Believe me, Lady, when the zephyrs bland  
 Floated our bark to this enchanted land, —  
 These leafy isles upon the ocean thrown,  
 Like studs of emerald o'er a silver zone, —  
 Not all the charm, that ethnic fancy gave  
 To blessed arbors o'er the western wave,  
 Could wake a dream, more soothing or su-  
 blime,  
 Of bowers ethereal, and the Spirit's clime.

Bright rose the morning, every wave was  
 still,  
 When the first perfume of a cedar hill  
 Sweetly awak'd us, and, with smiling charms,  
 The fairy harbor woo'd us to its arms.<sup>4</sup>

have no doubt, is the more correct; but that of Strabo is, in the present instance, most to my purpose.

<sup>4</sup> Nothing can be more romantic than the little harbor of St. George's. The number of beautiful islets, the singular clearness of the water, and the animated play of the graceful little boats, gliding forever between the islands, and seeming to sail from one cedar grove into another, formed altogether as lovely a miniature of nature's beauties as can well be imagined.



Gently we stole, before the whispering wind,  
Through plainland shades, that round, like awn-  
ings, twin'd,  
And kiss'd on either side the wanton sails,  
Breathing our welcome to these vernal vales ;  
While, far reflected o'er the wave serene,  
Each wooded island shed so soft a green  
That the enamour'd keel, with whispering play,  
Through liquid herbage seem'd to steal its way.

Never did weary bark more gladly glide,  
Or rest its anchor in a lovelier tide !  
Along the margin, many a shining dome,  
White as the palace of a Lapland gnome,  
Brighten'd the wave ; — in every myrtle grove  
Secluded bashful, like a shrine of love,  
Some elfin mansion sparkled through the shade ;  
And, while the foliage interposing play'd,  
Lending the scene an ever-changing grace,  
Fancy would love, in glimpses vague, to trace  
The flowery capital, the shaft, the porch,<sup>1</sup>  
And dream of temples, till her kindling torch  
Lighted me back to all the glorious days  
Of Attic genius ; and I seem'd to gaze  
On marble, from the rich Pentelic mount,  
Gracing the umbrage of some Naiad's fount.

Then thought I, too, of thee, most sweet of all  
The spirit race that come at poet's call,  
Delicate Ariel ! who, in brighter hours,  
Liv'd on the perfume of these honeyed bowers,  
In velvet buds, at evening, lov'd to lie,  
And win with music every rose's sigh.  
Though weak the magic of my humble strain  
To charm your spirit from its orb again,  
Yet, O, for her, beneath whose smile I sing,  
For her (whose pencil, if your rainbow wing  
Were dimm'd or ruffled by a wintry sky,  
Could smooth its feather and relume its dye,)

<sup>1</sup> This is an illusion which, to the few who are fanciful enough to indulge in it, renders the scenery of Bermuda particularly interesting. In the short but beautiful twilight of their spring evenings, the white cottages, scattered over the islands, and but partially seen through the trees that surround them, assume after the appearance of little Grecian temples ; and a vivid fancy may embellish the poor fisherman's hut with columns such as the pencil of a Claude might imitate. I had one favorite object of this kind in my walks, which the hospitality of its owner robbed me of, by asking me to visit him. He was a plain good man, and received me well and warmly, but I could never turn his house into a Grecian temple again.

<sup>2</sup> This gentleman is attached to the British consulate at Norfolk. His talents are worthy of a much higher sphere ; but the excellent dispositions of the family with whom he resides, and the cordial repose he enjoys amongst some of the kindest hearts in the world, should be almost enough to atone to him for the worst caprices of fortune. The consul

Descend a moment from your starry sphere,  
And, if the lime-tree grove that once was dear,  
The sunny wave, the bower, the breezy hill,  
The sparkling grotto can delight you still,  
O cull their choicest tints, their softest light,  
Weave all these spells into one dream of  
night,  
And, while the lovely artist slumbering lies,  
Shed the warm picture o'er her mental eyes ;  
Take for the task her own creative spells,  
And brightly show what song but faintly tells

TO

GEORGE MORGAN, ESQ.

OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.<sup>2</sup>

FROM BERMUDA, JANUARY, 1804.

Κεινη δ' ημεροεσσα και ατροπος, οια θ' αλιπληξ,  
Αιδυτης και μαλλον επιδρομος ηπερ Ιπποις,  
Ποντω ενεστηρικται.

CALLIMACH. *Hymn*, in *Del.* v. II.

O, WHAT a sea of storm we've pass'd ! —  
High mountain waves and foamy showers,  
And battling winds whose savage blast  
But ill agrees with one whose hours  
Have passed in old Anacreon's bowers.  
Yet think not poesy's bright charm  
Forsook me in this rude alarm :<sup>3</sup> —  
When close they reef'd the timid sail,  
When, every plank complaining loud,  
We labor'd in the midnight gale,  
And ev'n our haughty mainmast bow'd,  
Even then, in that unlovely hour,  
The Muse still brought her soothing power,  
And, 'midst the war of waves and wind,  
In song's Elysium lapp'd my mind.

himself, Colonel Hamilton, is one among the very few instances of a man, ardently loyal to his king, and yet beloved by the Americans. His house is the very temple of hospitality, and I sincerely pity the heart of that stranger, who, warm from the welcome of such a board, could sit down to write a libel on his host, in the true spirit of a modern philosopher. See the *Travels of the Duke de la Rouchetoucaut Liancourt*, vol. ii.

<sup>3</sup> We were seven days on our passage from Norfolk to Bermuda, during three of which we were forced to lay-to in a gale of wind. The *Driver sloop* of war, in which I went, was built at Bermuda of cedar, and is accounted an excellent sea boat. She was then commanded by my very regretted friend Captain Compton, who in July last was killed aboard the *Lilly* in an action with a French privateer. Poor Compton ! he fell a victim to the strange impolicy of allowing such a miserable thing as the *Lilly* to remain in the service ; so small, crank, and unmanageable, that a well-manned merchantman was at any time a match for her



Nay, when no numbers of my own  
Responded to her wakening tone,  
She open'd, with her golden key,  
The casket where my memory lays,  
Those gems of classic poesy,  
Which time has sav'd from ancient days.

Take one of these, to *Lais* sung, —  
I wrote it while my hammock swung,  
As one might write a dissertation  
Upon "Suspended Animation!"

Sweet<sup>1</sup> is your kiss, my *Lais* dear,  
But, with that kiss I feel a tear  
Gush from your eyelids, such as start  
When those who've dearly lov'd must part.  
Sadly you lean your head to mine,  
And mute those arms around me twine,  
Your hair adown my bosom spread,  
All glittering with the tears you shed.  
In vain I've kissed those lids of snow,  
For still, like ceaseless founts they flow,  
Bathing our cheeks, when'er they meet.  
Why is it thus? do, tell me, sweet!  
Ah, *Lais*! are my bodings right?  
Am I to lose you? is to-night  
Our last — go, false to heaven and me!  
Your very tears are treachery.

Such, while in air I floating hung,  
Such was the strain, *Morgante mio*!  
The muse and I together sung,  
With *Boreas* to make out the trio.  
But, bless the little fairy isle!  
How sweetly after all our ills,  
We saw the sunny morning smile  
Serenely o'er its fragrant hills;

<sup>1</sup> This epigram is by Paul the Silentiary, and may be found in the *Analecta* of Bruck, vol. iii. p. 72. As the reading there is somewhat different from what I have followed in this translation, I shall give it as I had it in my memory at the time, and as it is in *Heinsius*, who, I believe, first produced the epigram. See his *Poemata*.

Ἦδὺ μὲν ἐστὶ φιλήμα τὸ Λαίδος ἦδὺ δὲ αὐτῶν  
Ἠτιδινητῶν ἄκρην χεῖρις βλεφαρῶν,  
Καὶ πολὺ κυχλιζούσα σοβίς ἐυθόστρουχον αἰγλήν,  
Ἡμετέρα κεφαλὴν ὄρηον εἰσαμμένη.  
Μυρομένη δ' ἐφίλησα· τὰ δ' ὡς ὄροσερῆς ἀπο πηγῆς,  
Ἄκρῳ μίγνυμενον πίπτει κατὰ στομάτων·  
Εἶπε δ' ἀνετρομένῳ, τίως ὄνεκα δάκρυα λείβεις;  
Δείδια μὴ με λιπῆς· ἐπεὶ γὰρ ὄρκαπαται.

<sup>2</sup> The water is so clear around the island, that the rocks are seen beneath to a very great depth; and, as we entered the harbor, they appeared to us so near the surface that it seemed impossible we should not strike on them. There is no necessity, of course, for heaving the lead; and the negro pilot, looking down at the rocks from the bow of the ship,

And felt the pure, delicious flow  
Of airs, that round this Eden blow  
Freshly as ev'n the gales that come  
O'er our own healthy hills at home

Could you but view the scenery fair,  
That now beneath my window lies,  
You'd think, that nature lavish'd there  
Her purest wave, her softest skies,  
To make a heaven for love to sigh in,  
For bards to live and saints to die in.  
Close to my wooded bank below,  
In glassy calm the waters sleep,  
And to the sunbeam proudly show  
The coral rocks they love to steep.<sup>3</sup>  
The fainting breeze of morning fails;  
The drowsy boat moves slowly past,  
And I can almost touch its sails  
As loose they flap around the mast.  
The noontide sun a splendor pours  
That lights up all these leafy shores;  
While his own heav'n, its clouds and  
beams,  
So pictured in the waters lie,  
That each small bark, in passing, seems  
To float along a burning sky.

O for the pinnace lent to thee,<sup>3</sup>  
Blest dreamer, who, in vision bright,  
Didst sail o'er heaven's solar sea  
And touch at all its isles of light.  
Sweet *Venus*, what a clime he found  
Within thy orb's ambrosial round!<sup>4</sup> —  
There spring the breezes, rich and warm,  
That sigh around thy vesper car;  
And angels dwell, so pure of form  
That each appears a living star.<sup>5</sup>

takes her through this difficult navigation, with a skill and confidence which seem to astonish some of the oldest sailors.

<sup>3</sup> In Kircher's "Ecstatic Journey to Heaven," *Cosmiel*, the genius of the world, gives Theodidactus a boat of asbestos, with which he embarks into the regions of the sun. "Vides (says *Cosmiel*) hanc asbestinam naviculam commoditatis tuae preparatam." — *Itinerar.* I. Dial. i. cap. 5. This work of Kircher abounds with strange fancies.

<sup>4</sup> When the Genius of the world and his fellow traveller arrive at the planet *Venus*, they find an island of loveliness, full of odors and intelligences, where angels preside, who shed the cosmetic influence of this planet over the earth; such being, according to astrologers, the "vis influxiva" of *Venus*. When they are in this part of the heavens, a casuistical question occurs to Theodidactus, and he asks, "Whether baptism may be performed with the waters of *Venus*?" — "An aquis globi *Veneris* baptismus institui possit?" to which the Genius answers, "Certainly."

<sup>5</sup> This idea is Father Kircher's. "Tot animatus solae dixisses." — *Itinerar.* I. Dial. i. cap. 5.

These are the sprites, celestial queen !  
 Thou sendest nightly to the bed  
 Of her I love, with touch unseen  
 Thy planet's brightening tints to shed ;  
 To lend that eye a light still clearer,  
 To give that cheek one rose blush more,  
 And bid that blushing lip be dearer,  
 Which had been all too dear before.

But, whither means the muse to roam ?  
 'Tis time to call the wanderer home.  
 Who could have thought the nymph would  
 perch her  
 Up in the clouds with Father Kircher ?  
 So, health and love to all your mansion !  
 Long may the bowl that pleasures bloom in,  
 The flow of heart, the soul's expansion,  
 Mirth and song, your board illumine.  
 At all your feasts, remember too,  
 When cups are sparkling to the brim,  
 That here is one who drinks to you,  
 And, O, as warmly drink to him.

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LINES,

WRITTEN IN A STORM AT SEA.

THAT sky of clouds is not the sky  
 To light a lover to the pillow  
 Of her he loves —  
 The swell of yonder foaming billow  
 Resembles not the happy sigh  
 That rapture moves.

Yet do I feel more tranquil far  
 Amid the gloomy wilds of ocean,  
 In this dark hour,  
 That when, in passion's young emotion,  
 I've stolen, beneath the evening star,  
 To Julia's bower.

O, there's a holy calm profound  
 In awe like this, that ne'er was given  
 To pleasure's thrill ;  
 'Tis as a solemn voice from heaven,  
 And the soul, listening to the sound,  
 Lies mute and still.

'Tis true, it talks of danger nigh,  
 Of slumbering with the dead to-morrow  
 In the cold deep,  
 Where pleasure's throb or tears of sorrow  
 No more shall wake the heart or eye,  
 But all must sleep.

Well! — there are some, thou stormy bed,  
 To whom thy sleep would be a treasure ;  
 O, most to him,  
 Whose lip hath drain'd life's cup of pleasure,  
 Nor left one honey drop to shed  
 Round sorrow's brim.

Yes — *he* can smile serene at death :  
 Kind heaven, do thou but chase the weeping  
 Of friends who love him ;  
 Tell them that he lies calmly sleeping  
 Where sorrow's sting or envy's breath  
 No more shall move him.

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ODES TO NEA ;

WRITTEN AT BERMUDA.

NEA *ἠραμένη*. EURIPID. *Medea*, v. 967.

NAY, tempt me not to love again,  
 There was a time when love was sweet ;  
 Dear Nea ! had I known thee then,  
 Our souls had not been slow to meet.  
 But, O, this weary heart hath run,  
 So many a time, the rounds of pain,  
 Not ev'n for thee, thou lovely one,  
 Would I endure such pangs again.

If there be climes, where never yet  
 The print of beauty's foot was set,  
 Where man may pass his loveless nights,  
 Unfever'd by her false delights,  
 Thither my wounded soul would fly,  
 Where rosy cheek or radiant eye  
 Should bring no more their bliss, or pain,  
 Nor fetter me to earth again.  
 Dear absent girl ! whose eyes of light,  
 Though little priz'd when all my own,  
 Now float before me, soft and bright  
 As when they first enamouring shone, —  
 What hours and days have I seen glide,  
 While fix'd, enchanted, by thy side,  
 Unmindful of the fleeting day,  
 I've let life's dream dissolve away.  
 O bloom of youth profusely shed !  
 O moments ! simply, vainly sped,  
 Yet sweetly too — for Love perfum'd  
 The flame which thus my life consum'd ;  
 And brilliant was the chain of flowers,  
 In which he led my victim hours.

Say, Nea, say, couldst thou, like her,  
 When warm to feel and quick to err.

Of loving fond, of roving fonder,  
 This thoughtless soul might wish to wander,—  
 Couldst thou, like her, the wish reclaim,  
 Endearing still, reproaching never,  
 Till ev'n this heart should burn with shame,  
 And be thy own more fix'd than ever?  
 No, no — on earth there's only one  
 Could bind such faithless folly fast;  
 And sure on earth but one alone  
 Could make such virtue false at last!

Nea, the heart which she forsook,  
 For thee were but a worthless shrine —  
 Go, lovely girl, that angel look  
 Must thrill a soul more pure than mine.  
 O, thou shalt be all else to me,  
 That heart can tell or tongue can feign;  
 I'll praise, admire, and worship thee,  
 But must not, dare not, love again.

— Tale iter omne cave.

PROPERT. lib. iv. eleg. 8.

I PRAY you, let us roam no more  
 Along that wild and lonely shore,  
 Where late we thoughtless stray'd;  
 'Twas not for us, whom heaven intends  
 To be no more than simple friends,  
 Such lonely walks were made.

That little Bay, where turning in  
 From ocean's rude and angry din,  
 As lovers steal to bliss,  
 The billows kiss the shore, and then  
 Flow back into the deep again,  
 As though they did not kiss.

Remember, o'er its circling flood  
 In what a dangerous dream we stood —  
 The silent sea before us,  
 Around us, all the gloom of grove,  
 That ever lent its shade to love,  
 No eye but heaven's o'er us!

I saw you blush, you felt me tremble,  
 In vain would formal art dissemble  
 All we then look'd and thought;  
 'Twas more than tongue could dare reveal,  
 'Twas ev'ry thing that young hearts feel,  
 By Love and Nature taught.

I stoop'd to cull, with faltering hand,  
 A shell that, on the golden sand,  
 Before us faintly gleam'd;

I trembling rais'd it, and when you  
 Had kiss'd the shell, I kiss'd it too —  
 How sweet, how wrong it seem'd!

O, trust me, 'twas a place, an hour,  
 The worst that e'er the tempter's power  
 Could tangle me or you in;  
 Sweet Nea, let us roam no more  
 Along that wild and lonely shore,  
 Such walks may be our ruin.

You read it in these spell-bound eyes,  
 And there alone should love be read;  
 You hear me say it all in sighs,  
 And thus alone should love be said.

Then dread no more; I will not speak;  
 Although my heart to anguish thrill,  
 I'll spare the burning of your cheek,  
 And look it all in silence still.

Heard you the wish I dar'd to name,  
 To murmur on that luckless night,  
 When passion broke the bonds of shame,  
 And love grew madness in your sight?

Divinely through the graceful dance,  
 You seem'd to float in silent song,  
 Bending to earth that sunny glance,  
 As if to light your steps along.

O, how could others dare to touch  
 That hallow'd form with hand so free,  
 When but to look was bliss too much,  
 Too rare for all but Love and me!

With smiling eyes, that little thought  
 How fatal were the beams they threw,  
 My trembling hands you lightly caught,  
 And round me, like a spirit, flew.

Heedless of all, but you alone, —  
 And *you*, at least, should not condemn,  
 If, when such eyes before me shone,  
 My soul forgot all eyes but them, —

I dar'd to whisper passion's vow, —  
 For love had ev'n of thought bereft me, —  
 Nay, half way bent to kiss that brow,  
 But, with a bound, you blushing left me.

Forget, forget that night's offence,  
 Forgive it, if, alas! you can;

'Twas love, 'twas passion — soul and sense —  
'Twas all that's best and worst in man.

That moment, did th' assembled eyes  
Of heaven and earth my madness view,  
I should have seen, through earth and skies,  
But you alone — but only you.

Did not a frown from you reprove,  
Myriads of eyes to me were none;  
Enough for me to win your love,  
And die upon the spot, when won.

### A DREAM OF ANTIQUITY.

I just had turn'd the classic page,  
And trac'd that happy period over,  
When blest alike were youth and age,  
And love inspired the wisest sage,  
And wisdom graced the tenderest lover.

Before I laid me down to sleep,  
A while I from the lattice gaz'd  
Upon that still and moonlight deep,  
With isles like floating gardens rais'd,  
For Ariel there his sports to keep;  
While, gliding 'twixt their leafy shores  
The lone night fisher plied his oars.

I felt, — so strongly fancy's power  
Came o'er me in that witching hour, —  
As if the whole bright scenery there  
Were lighted by a Grecian sky,  
And I then breath'd the blissful air  
That late had thrill'd to Sappho's sigh.

Thus, waking, dreamt I, — and when Sleep  
Came o'er my sense, the dream went on;  
Nor, through her curtain dim and deep,  
Hath ever lovelier vision shone.  
I thought that, all enrapt, I stray'd  
Through that serene, luxurious shade,<sup>1</sup>  
Where Epicurus taught the Loves  
To polish virtue's native brightness, —

As pearls, we're told, that fondling doves  
Have play'd with, wear a smoother white-  
ness.<sup>2</sup>

'Twas one of those delicious nights  
So common in the climes of Greece,  
When day withdraws but half its lights,  
And all is moonshine, balm, and peace.  
And thou wert there, my own belov'd,  
And by thy side I fondly rov'd  
Through many a temple's reverend gloom,  
And many a bower's seductive bloom,  
Where Beauty learn'd what Wisdom taught,  
And sages sigh'd and lovers thought;  
Where schoolmen conn'd no maxims stern,  
But all was form'd to soothe or move,  
To make the dullest love to learn,  
To make the coldest learn to love.

And now the fairy pathway seem'd  
To lead us through enchanted ground,  
Where all that bard has ever dream'd  
Of love or luxury bloom'd around.  
O, 'twas a bright, bewildering scene —  
Along the alley's deepening green  
Soft lamps, that hung like burning flowers,  
And scented and illum'd the bowers,  
Seem'd, as to him, who darkling roves  
Amid the lone Hercynian groves,  
Appear those countless birds of light,  
That sparkle in the leaves at night,  
And from their wings diffuse a ray  
Along the traveller's weary way.<sup>3</sup>  
'Twas light of that mysterious kind,  
Through which the soul perchance may  
roam,  
When it has left this world behind,  
And gone to seek its heavenly home.  
And, Nea, thou wert by my side,  
Through all this heav'nward path my guide.

But, lo, as wand'ring thus we rang'd  
That upward path, the vision chang'd;  
And now, methought, we stole along  
Through halls of more voluptuous glory  
Than ever liv'd in Teian song,  
Or wanton'd in Milesian story.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Gassendi thinks that the gardens, which Pausanias mentions, in his first book, were those of Epicurus; and Stuart says, in his *Antiquities of Athens*, "Near this convent (the convent of Hagios Asomatos) is the place called at present Kepot, or the Gardens; and Ampelos Kepos, or the Vineyard Garden: these were probably the gardens which Pausanias visited." Vol. i. chap. 2.

<sup>2</sup> This method of polishing pearls, by leaving them a while

to be played with by doves, is mentioned by the fanciful Car danus, *de Rerum Varietat.* lib. vii. cap. 34.

<sup>3</sup> In Hercynio Germaniæ saltu inusitata genera altum accepimus, quarum plumæ, ignium modo, colleceant nocti bus. — *Plin.* lib. x. cap. 47.

<sup>4</sup> The Milesiacs, or Milesian fables, had their origin in Miletus, a luxurious town of Ionia. Aristides was the most celebrated author of these licentious fictions. See *Plutarch* (in Crasso), who calls them ἀκολαστα βιβλία.

And nymphs were there, whose very eyes  
Seem'd soften'd o'er with breath of sighs ;  
Whose ev'ry ringlet, as it wreath'd,  
A mute appeal to passion breath'd.  
Some flew, with amber cups, around,  
Pouring the flowery wines of Crete ;<sup>1</sup>  
And, as they pass'd with youthful bound,  
The onyx shone beneath their feet.<sup>2</sup>  
While others, waving arms of snow  
Intwin'd by snakes of burnish'd gold,<sup>3</sup>  
And showing charms, as loath to show,  
Through many a thin Tarentian fold,<sup>4</sup>  
Glided among the festal throng  
Bearing rich urns of flowers along.  
Where roses lay, in languor breathing,  
And the young bee grape,<sup>5</sup> round them wreath-  
ing,  
Hung on their blushes warm and meek,  
Like curls upon a rosy cheek.

O, Nea ! why did morning break  
The spell that thus divinely bound me ?  
Why did I wake ? how *could* I wake  
With thee my own and heaven around me !

WELL — peace to thy heart, though another's  
it be,  
And health to that cheek, though it bloom not  
for me !  
To-morrow I sail for those cinnamon groves,<sup>6</sup>  
Where nightly the ghost of the Carribee roves,  
And, far from the light of those eyes, I may yet  
Their allurements forgive and their splendor  
forget.

Farewell to Bermuda,<sup>7</sup> and long may the bloom  
Of the lemon and myrtle its valleys perfume ;

<sup>1</sup> "Some of the Cretan wines, which Athenæus calls *κινος ανθοσμιας*, from their fragrancy resembling that of the finest flowers." — *Barry on Wines*, chap. vii.

<sup>2</sup> It appears that in very splendid mansions, the floor or pavement was frequently of onyx. Thus Martial : " *Calcasque tuo sub pede lucet onyx.*" Epig. 50, lib. xii.

<sup>3</sup> Bracelets of this shape were a favorite ornament among the women of antiquity. *Οι επικαρπιοι σφεις και αι χρυσαι τριβαι Θαιδος και Αρισταγορας και Λαιδος φαρμακα.* — *Philostat.* Epist. xl. Lucian, too, tells us of the *βραχιονισι δρακοντες*. See his *Amores*, where he describes the dressing room of a Grecian lady, and we find the "silver vase," the rouge, the tooth powder, and all the "mystic order" of a modern toilet.

<sup>4</sup> *Ταραντινιδιον, διαφανες ενδρυα, ωνομασμενον απο της Ταραντινων χρηστος και τρυφης.* — *Polluz.*

<sup>5</sup> *Arjana*, mentioned by Pliny, lib. xiv. and "now called the Muscatell (a *muscarum telis*)," says Pancirollus, book i. sect. I, chap. 17.

May spring to eternity hallow the shade,  
Where Ariel has warbled and Waller\* has  
stray'd.  
And thou — when, at dawn, thou shalt happen  
to roam  
Through the lime-cover'd alley that leads to thy  
home,  
Where oft, when the dance and the revel were  
done,  
And the stars were beginning to fade in the  
sun,  
I have led thee along, and have told by the  
way  
What my heart all the night had been burning  
to say —  
O, think of the past — give a sigh to those times,  
And a blessing for me to that alley of limes.

IF I were yonder wave, my dear,  
And thou the isle it clasps around,  
I would not let a foot come near  
My land of bliss, my fairy ground.

If I were yonder couch of gold,  
And thou the pearl within it plac'd,  
I would not let an eye behold  
The sacred gem my arms embrac'd.

If I were yonder orange tree,  
And thou the blossom blooming there,  
I would not yield a breath of thee  
To scent the most imploring air.

O, bend not o'er the water's brink,  
Give not the wave that odorous sigh,  
Nor let its burning mirror drink  
The soft reflection of thine eye.

<sup>6</sup> I had, at this time, some idea of paying a visit to the West Indies.

<sup>7</sup> The inhabitants pronounce the name as if it were written *Bermooda*. See the commentators on the words "still-vex'd Bermoothes," in the *Tempest*. — I wonder it did not occur to some of those all-reading gentlemen that, possibly, the discoverer of this "island of hogs and devils" might have been no less a personage than the great John Bermudez, who, about the same period (the beginning of the sixteenth century), was sent Patriarch of the Latin church to Ethiopia, and has left us most wonderful stories of the Amazons and the Griffins which he encountered. — *Travels of the Jesuits*, vol. i. I am afraid, however, it would take the Patriarch rather too much out of his way.

<sup>8</sup> Johnson does not think that Waller was ever at Bermuda ; but the "Account of the European settlements in America" affirms it confidently. (Vol. ii.) I mention this work, however, less for its authority than for the pleasure I feel in quoting an unacknowledged production of the great Edmund Burke



That glossy hair, that glowing cheek,  
So pictur'd in the waters seem,  
That I could gladly plunge to seek  
Thy image in the glassy stream.

Blest fate ! at once my chilly grave  
And nuptial bed that stream might be ;  
I'll wed thee in its mimic wave,  
And die upon the shade of thee.

Behold the leafy mangrove, bending  
O'er the waters blue and bright,  
Like Nea's silky lashes, lending  
Shadow to her eyes of light.

O, my belov'd ! where'er I turn,  
Some trace of thee enchants mine eyes ;  
In every star thy glances burn ;  
Thy blush on every flow'ret lies.

Nor find I in creation aught  
Of bright, or beautiful, or rare,  
Sweet to the sense, or pure to thought,  
But thou art found reflected there.

#### THE SNOW SPIRIT.

No, ne'er did the wave in its element steep  
An island of lovelier charms ;  
It blooms in the giant embrace of the deep,  
Like Hebe in Hercules' arms.  
The blush of your bowers is light to the eye,  
And their melody balm to the ear ;  
But the fiery planet of day is too nigh,  
And the Snow Spirit never comes here.

The down from his wing is as white as the pearl  
That shines through thy lips when they part,  
And it falls on the green earth as melting, my girl,  
As a murmur of thine on the heart.  
O, fly to the clime, where he pillows the death,  
As he cradles the birth of the year ;  
Bright are your bowers and balmy their breath,  
But the Snow Spirit cannot come here.

How sweet to behold him, when borne on the gale,  
And brightening the bosom of morn,  
He flings, like the priest of Diana, a veil  
O'er the brow of each virginal thorn.

Yet think not the veil he so chillingly casts  
Is the veil of a vestal severe :  
No, no, thou wilt see, what a moment it lasts,  
Should the Snow Spirit ever come here.

But fly to his region — lay open thy zone,  
And he'll weep all his brilliancy dim,  
To think that a bosom, as white as his own,  
Should not melt in the daybeam like him.  
O, lovely the print of those delicate feet  
O'er his luminous path will appear —  
Fly, my beloved ! this island is sweet,  
But the Snow Spirit cannot come here.

Ενταυθα δε καθωρισται ἡμιν. και ὁ, τι μεν ονομα τῆ  
νησο, ουκ αἰδα' χρυση δ' αν προς γε εμου ονομαζοιτο  
PHILOSTRAT. Icon. 17, lib. ii.

I STOLE along the flowery bank,  
While many a bending seagrape<sup>1</sup> drank  
The sprinkle of the feathery oar  
That wing'd me round this fairy shore.

'Twas noon : and every orange bud  
Hung languid o'er the crystal flood,  
Faint as the lids of maiden's eyes  
When love thoughts in her bosom rise.  
O, for a naiad's sparry bower,  
To shade me in that glowing hour !

A little dove, of milky hue,  
Before me from a plantain flew,  
And light along the water's brim,  
I steer'd my gentle bark by him ;  
For fancy told me, Love had sent  
This gentle bird with kind intent  
To lead my steps where I should meet —  
I knew not what, but something sweet.

And — bless the little pilot dove !  
He had indeed been sent by Love,  
To guide me to a scene so dear  
As fate allows but seldom here ;  
One of those rare and brilliant hours,  
That, like the aloe's<sup>2</sup> lingering flowers,  
May blossom to the eye of man  
But once in all his weary span.

Just where the margin's opening shade  
A vista from the waters made,

<sup>1</sup> The seaside or mangrove grape, a native of the West Indies.

<sup>2</sup> The Agave. This, I am aware, is an erroneous notion,

but it is quite true enough for poetry. Plato, I think, allows a poet to be "three removes from truth;" τριτατος απο της αληθειας.

My bird repos'd his silver plume  
 Upon a rich banana's bloom.  
 O vision bright ! O spirit fair !  
 What spell, what magic rais'd her there ?  
 'Twas Nea ! slumbering calm and mild,  
 And bloomy as the dimpled child,  
 Whose spirit in elysium keeps  
 Its playful sabbath, while he sleeps.

The broad banana's green embrace  
 Hung shadowy round each tranquil grace ;  
 One little beam alone could win  
 The leaves to let it wander in,  
 And, stealing over all her charms,  
 From lip to cheek, from neck to arms,  
 New lustre to each beauty lent, —  
 Itself all trembling as it went !

Dark lay her eyelid's jetty fringe  
 Upon that cheek whose roseate tinge  
 Mix'd with its shade, like evening's light  
 Just touching on the verge of night.  
 Her eyes, though thus in slumber hid,  
 Seem'd glowing through the ivory lid,  
 And, as I thought, a lustre threw  
 Upon her lip's reflecting dew, —  
 Such as a night lamp, left to shine  
 Alone on some secluded shrine,  
 May shed upon the votive wreath,  
 Which pious hands have hung beneath.

Was ever vision half so sweet !  
 Think, think how quick my heart pulse beat,  
 As o'er the rustling bank I stole ; —  
 O, ye, that know the lover's soul,  
 It is for you alone to guess,  
 That moment's trembling happiness.

#### A STUDY FROM THE ANTIQUE.

BEHOLD, my love, the curious gem  
 Within this simple ring of gold ;  
 'Tis hallow'd by the touch of them  
 Who liv'd in classic hours of old.

Some fair Athenian girl, perhaps,  
 Upon her hand this gem display'd,  
 Nor thought that time's succeeding lapse  
 Should see it grace a lovelier maid.

Look, dearest, what a sweet design !  
 The more we gaze, it charms the more .  
 Come — closer bring that cheek to mine,  
 And trace with me its beauties o'er.

Thou seest, it is a simple youth  
 By some enamour'd nymph embrac'd  
 Look, as she leans, and say in sooth  
 Is not that hand most fondly plac'd ?

Upon his curled head behind  
 It seems in careless play to lie,<sup>1</sup>  
 Yet presses gently, half inclin'd  
 To bring the truant's lip more nigh

O happy maid ! too happy boy !  
 The one so fond and little loath,  
 The other yielding slow to joy —  
 O rare, indeed, but blissful both.

Imagine, love, that I am he,  
 And just as warm as he is chilling,  
 Imagine, too, that thou art she,  
 But quite as coy as she is willing :

So may we try the graceful way  
 In which their gentle arms are twin'd,  
 And thus, like her, my hand I lay  
 Upon thy wreathed locks behind :

And thus I feel thee breathing sweet,  
 As slow to mine thy head I move ;  
 And thus our lips together meet,  
 And thus, — and thus, — I kiss thee, love.

— λιβανωτα εικασεν, οτι απολλυμενον ευφραινει.  
 ARISTOT. *Rhetor.* lib. iii. cap. 4.

THERE'S not a look, a word of thine,  
 My soul hath e'er forgot ;  
 Thou ne'er hast bid a ringlet shine,  
 Nor giv'n thy locks one graceful twine  
 Which I remember not.

There never yet a murmur fell  
 From that beguiling tongue,  
 Which did not, with a lingering spell,  
 Upon my charmed senses dwell,  
 Like songs from Eden sung.

<sup>1</sup> Somewhat like the symplegma of Cupid and Psyche at Florence, in which the position of Psyche's hand is finely and delicately expressive of affection. See the Museum

Florentinum, tom. ii. tab. 43, 44. There are few subjects or which poetry could be more interestingly employed than in illustrating some of these ancient statues and gems.

Ah! that I could, at once, forget  
 All, all that haunts me so —  
 And yet, thou witching girl, — and yet,  
 To die were sweeter than to let  
 The lov'd remembrance go.

No; if this slighted heart must see  
 Its faithful pulse decay,  
 O let it die, remembering thee,  
 And, like the burnt aroma, be  
 Consum'd in sweets away.

TO

JOSEPH ATKINSON, ESQ.

FROM BERMUDA.<sup>1</sup>

"THE daylight is gone — but before we depart,  
 "One cup shall go round to the friend of my  
 heart,  
 "The kindest, the dearest — O, judge by the  
 tear  
 "I now shed while I name him, how kind and  
 how dear."

'Twas thus in the shade of the Calabash Tree,  
 With a few, who could feel and remember like  
 me,  
 The charm that, to sweeten my goblet, I threw  
 Was a sigh to the past and a blessing on you.

<sup>1</sup> Pinkerton has said that "a good history and description of the Bermudas might afford a pleasing addition to the geographical library;" but there certainly are not materials for such a work. The island, since the time of its discovery, has experienced so very few vicissitudes, the people have been so indolent, and their trade so limited, that there is but little which the historian could amplify into importance; and, with respect to the natural productions of the country, the few which the inhabitants can be induced to cultivate are so common in the West Indies, that they have been described by every naturalist who has written any account of those islands.

It is often asserted by the transatlantic politicians that this little colony deserves more attention from the mother country than it receives, and it certainly possesses advantages of situation, to which we should not be long insensible, if it were once in the hands of an enemy. I was told by a celebrated friend of Washington, at New York, that they had formed a plan for its capture towards the conclusion of the American War; "with the intention (as he expressed himself) of making it a nest of hornets for the annoyance of British trade in that part of the world." And there is no doubt it lies so conveniently in the track to the West Indies, that an enemy might with ease convert it into a very harassing impediment.

The plan of Bishop Berkeley for a college at Bermuda, where American savages might be converted and educated,

O, say is it thus, in the mirth-bringing hour,  
 When friends are assembled, when wit, in full  
 flower,  
 Shoots forth from the lip, under Bacchus's dew,  
 In blossoms of thought, ever springing and  
 new —  
 Do you sometimes remember, and hallow the  
 brim  
 Of your cup with a sigh, as you crown it to him  
 Who is lonely and sad in these valleys so fair,  
 And would pine in elysium, if friends were not  
 there!

Last night, when we came from the Calabash  
 Tree,  
 When my limbs were at rest and my spirit was  
 free,  
 The glow of the grape and the dreams of the day  
 Set the magical springs of my fancy in play,  
 And O, — such a vision as haunted me then  
 I would slumber for ages to witness again.  
 The many I like, and the few I adore,  
 The friends who were dear and beloved before,  
 But never till now so beloved and dear,  
 At the call of my Fancy, surrounded me here;  
 And soon, — O, at once, did the light of their  
 smiles  
 To a paradise brighten this region of isles;  
 More lucid the wave, as they look'd on it, flow'd,  
 And brighter the rose, as they gather'd it,  
 • glow'd.

though concurred in by the government of the day, was a wild and useless speculation. Mr. Hamilton, who was governor of the island some years since, proposed, if I mistake not, the establishment of a marine academy for the instruction of those children of West Indians, who might be intended for any nautical employment. This was a more rational idea, and for something of this nature the island is admirably calculated. But the plan should be much more extensive, and embrace a general system of education; which would relieve the colonists from the alternative to which they are reduced at present, of either sending their sons to England for instruction, or intrusting them to colleges in the states of America, where ideas, by no means favorable to Great Britain, are very sedulously inculcated.

The women of Bermuda, though not generally handsome, have an affectionate languor in their look and manner, which is always interesting. What the French imply by their epithet *aimante* seems very much the character of the young Bermudian girls — that predisposition to loving, which, without being awakened by any particular object, diffuses itself through the general manner in a tone of tenderness that never fails to fascinate. The men of the island, I confess, are not very civilized; and the old philosopher, who imagined that, after this life, men would be changed into mules, and women into turtle doves, would find the metamorphosis in some degree anticipated at Bermuda.

Not the valleys Hærcæan (though water'd by  
rills  
Of the pearl-st flow, from those pastoral hills,<sup>1</sup>  
Where the Song of the Shepherd, primeval and  
wild,  
Was taught to the nymphs by their mystical  
child,)  
Could boast such a lustre o'er land and o'er  
wave  
As the magic of love to this paradise gave.

O :magic of love! unembellish'd by you,  
Hath the garden a blush or the landscape a hue?  
Or shines there a vista in nature or art,  
Like that which Love opens through the eye to  
the heart?

Alas, that a vision so happy should fade!  
That, when morning around me in brilliancy  
play'd,  
The rose and the stream I had thought of at  
night  
Should still be before me, unfadingly bright;  
While the friends, who had seem'd to hang over  
the stream,  
And to gather the roses, had fled with my dream.

But look, where, all ready, in sailing array,  
The bark that's to carry these pages away,<sup>2</sup>  
Impatiently flutters her wing to the wind,  
And will soon leave these islets of Ariel behind.  
What billows, what gales is she fated to prove,  
Ere she sleep in the lee of the land that I  
love!

Yet pleasant the swell of the billows would be,  
And the roar of those gales would be music to  
me.

Not the tranquillest air that the winds ever  
blew,

Not the sunniest tears of the summer eve dew,  
Were as sweet as the storm, or as bright as the  
foam

Of the surge, that would hurry your wanderer  
home.

<sup>1</sup> Mountains of Sicily, upon which Daphnis, the first inventor of bucolic poetry, was nursed by the nymphs. See the lively description of these mountains in Diodorus Siculus, lib. iv. 'Ἡραία γὰρ ὄρη κατὰ τὴν Σικελίαν ἐστίν, ἀφυσὶ καλλεῖ, κ. τ. λ.

<sup>2</sup> A ship, ready to sail for England.

<sup>3</sup> I left Bermuda in the Boston about the middle of April, in company with the Cambrian and Leander, aboard the latter of which was the Admiral, Sir Andrew Mitchell, who divides his year between Halifax and Bermuda, and is the very soul of society and good fellowship to both. We sep-

### THE STEERSMAN'S SONG,

WRITTEN ABOARD THE BOSTON FRIGATE  
28TH APRIL.<sup>3</sup>

WHEN freshly blows the northern gale,  
And under courses snug we fly;  
Or when light breezes swell the sail,  
And royals proudly sweep the sky;  
'Longside the wheel, unwearied still  
I stand, and, as my watchful eye  
Doth mark the needle's faithful thrill,  
I think of her I love, and cry,  
Port, my boy! port.

When calms delay, or breezes blow  
Right from the point we wish to steer;  
When by the wind close haul'd we go,  
And strive in vain the port to near;  
I think 'tis thus the fates defer  
My bliss with one that's far away,  
And while remembrance springs to her,  
I watch the sails and sighing say,  
Thus, my boy! thus.

But see the wind draws kindly aft,  
All hands are up the yards to square,  
And now the floating stun sails waft  
Our stately ship through waves and air.  
O, then I think that yet for me  
Some breeze of fortune thus may spring,  
Some breeze to waft me, love, to thee —  
And in that hope I smiling sing,  
Steady, boy! so.

TO

### THE FIREFLY.<sup>4</sup>

AT morning, when the earth and sky  
Are glowing with the light of spring,  
We see thee not, thou humble fly!  
Nor think upon thy gleaming wing.

arated in a few days, and the Boston after a short cruise proceeded to New York.

<sup>4</sup> The lively and varying illumination, with which these fireflies light up the woods at night, gives quite an idea of enchantment. "Puis ces mouches se developpant de l'obscurité de ces arbres et s'approchant de nous, nous les voyions sur les orangers voisins, qu'ils mettoient tout en feu, nous rendant la vue de leurs beaux fruits dorés que la nuit avoit ravie," &c. &c. — See *L'Histoire des Antilles*, art. 2, chap. 4, liv. I.

But when the skies have lost their hue,  
 And sunny lights no longer play,  
 O then we see and bless thee too  
 For sparkling o'er the dreary way.

Thus let me hope, when lost to me  
 The lights that now my life illumine,  
 Some milder joys may come, like thee,  
 To cheer, if not to warm, the gloom!

—  
 TO

THE LORD VISCOUNT FORBES.

FROM THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

If former times had never left a trace  
 Of human frailty in their onward race,  
 Nor o'er their pathway written, as they ran,  
 One dark memorial of the crimes of man ;  
 If every age, in new unconscious prime,  
 Rose, like a phoenix, from the fires of time,  
 To wing its way unguided and alone,  
 The future smiling and the past unknown ;  
 Then ardent man would to himself be new,  
 Earth at his foot and heaven within his view :  
 Well might the novice hope, the sanguine  
 scheme

Of full perfection prompt his daring dream,  
 Ere cold experience, with her veteran lore,  
 Could tell him, fools had dreamt as much be-  
 fore.

But, tracing as we do, through age and clime,  
 The plans of virtue 'midst the deeds of crime,  
 The thinking follies and the reasoning rage  
 Of man, at once the idiot and the sage ;  
 When still we see, through every varying frame  
 Of arts and polity, his course the same,  
 And know that ancient fools but died, to make  
 A space on earth for modern fools to take ;  
 'Tis strange, how quickly we the past forget ;  
 That Wisdom's self should not be tutor'd yet,  
 Nor tire of watching for the monstrous birth  
 Of pure perfection 'midst the sons of earth !

O, nothing but that soul which God has  
 given,  
 Could lead us thus to look on earth for heaven ;  
 O'er dross without to shed the light within,  
 And dream of virtue while we see but sin.

Even here, beside the proud Potowmac's  
 stream,

Might sages still pursue the flattering theme  
 Of days to come, when man shall conquer fate,  
 Rise o'er the level of his mortal state,  
 Belie the monuments of frailty past,  
 And plant perfection in this world at last !

"Here," might they say, "shall power's divided  
 reign

"Evince that patriots have not bled in vain.

"Here godlike liberty's herculean youth,

"Cradled in peace, and nurtur'd up by truth

"To full maturity of nerve and mind,

"Shall crush the giants that bestride mankind.<sup>1</sup>

"Here shall religion's pure and balmy draught

"In form no more from cups of state be quaff'd,

"But flow for all, through nation, rank, and sect,

"Free as that heaven its tranquil waves reflect.

"Around the columns of the public shrine

"Shall growing arts their gradual wreath in-  
 twine,

"Nor breathe corruption from the flowering  
 braid,

"Nor mine that fabric which they bloom to  
 shade.

"No longer here shall Justice bound her view,

"Or wrong the many, while she rights the few ;

"But take her range through all the social  
 frame,

"Pure and pervading as that vital flame

"Which warms at once our best and meanest  
 part,

"And thrills a hair while it expands a heart !"

O golden dream ! what soul that loves to  
 scan

The bright disk rather than the dark of man,  
 That owns the good, while smarting with the ill,  
 And loves the world with all its frailty still, —  
 What ardent bosom does not spring to meet  
 The generous hope, with all that heavenly  
 heat,

Which makes the soul unwilling to resign  
 The thoughts of growing, even on earth, divine !  
 Yes, dearest friend, I see thee glow to think  
 The chain of ages yet may boast a link  
 Of purer texture than the world has known,  
 And fit to bind us to a Godhead's throne.

But, is it thus? doth even the glorious dream  
 Borrow from truth that dim, uncertain gleam,

<sup>1</sup> Thus Morse. "Here the sciences and the arts of civilized life are to receive their highest improvements: here civil and religious liberty are to flourish, unchecked by the cruel hand of civil or ecclesiastical tyranny: here genius,

aided by all the improvements of former ages, is to be exerted in humanizing mankind, in expanding and enriching their minds with religious and philosophical knowledge." &c. &c. — P. 569.



Which tempts us still to give such fancies  
scope,

As shock not reason, while they nourish hope?  
No, no, believe me, 'tis not so — ev'n now,  
While yet upon Columbia's rising brow  
The showy smile of young presumption plays,  
Her bloom is poison'd and her heart decays.  
Even now, in dawn of life, her sickly breath  
Burns with the taint of empires near their  
death;

And, like the nymphs of her own withering  
clime,

She's old in youth, she's blasted in her prime.<sup>1</sup>

Already has the child of Gallia's school  
The foul Philosophy that sins by rule,  
With all her train of reasoning, damning arts,  
Begot by brilliant heads on worthless hearts,  
Like things that quicken after Nilus' flood,  
The venom'd birth of sunshine and of mud, —  
Already has she pour'd her poison here  
O'er every charm that makes existence dear;  
Already blighted, with her blackening trace,  
The opening bloom of every social grace,  
And all those courtesies, that love to shoot  
Round virtue's stem, the flow'rets of her fruit.

And, were these errors but the wanton tide  
Of young luxuriance or unchasten'd pride;  
The fervid follies and the faults of such  
As wrongly feel, because they feel too much;  
Then might experience make the fever less,  
Nay, graft a virtue on each warm excess.  
But no; 'tis heartless, speculative ill,  
All youth's transgression with all age's chill;  
The apathy of wrong, the bosom's ice,  
A slow and cold stagnation into vice.

Long has the love of gold, that meanest rage,  
And latest folly of man's sinking age,

1 "What will be the old age of this government, if it is thus early decrepit!" Such was the remark of Fauchet, the French minister at Philadelphia, in that famous despatch to his government, which was intercepted by one of our cruisers in the year 1794. This curious memorial may be found in Porcupine's Works, vol. i. p. 279. It remains a striking monument of republican intrigue on one side and republican profligacy on the other; and I would recommend the perusal of it to every honest politician, who may labor under a moment's delusion with respect to the purity of American patriotism.

2 "Nous voyons que, dans les pays où l'on n'est affecté que de l'esprit de commerce, on trafique de toutes les actions humaines et de toutes les vertus morales." — *Montesquieu, de l'Esprit des Loix*, liv. xx. chap. 2.

3 I trust I shall not be suspected of a wish to justify those arbitrary steps of the English government which the col-

Which, rarely venturing in the van of life,  
While nobler passions wage their heated strife,  
Comes skulking last, with selfishness and fear,  
And dies, collecting lumber in the rear, —  
Long has it palsied every grasping hand  
And greedy spirit through this bartering land;  
Turn'd life to traffic, set the demon gold  
So loose abroad that virtue's self is sold,  
And conscience, truth, and honesty are made  
To rise and fall, like other wares of trade.<sup>2</sup>

Already in this free, this virtuous state,  
Which, Frenchmen tell us, was ordain'd by  
fate,

To show the world, what high perfection springs  
From rabble senators, and merchant kings, —  
Even here already patriots learn to steal  
Their private perquisites from public weal,  
And, guardians of the country's sacred fire,  
Like Afric's priests, let out the flame for hire.  
Those vaunted demagogues, who nobly rose  
From England's debtors to be England's foes,<sup>3</sup>  
Who could their monarch in their purse forget,  
And break allegiance, but to cancel debt,<sup>4</sup>  
Have prov'd at length, the mineral's tempting  
hue,

Which makes a patriot, can unmake him too.<sup>5</sup>  
O, Freedom, Freedom, how I hate thy cant!  
Not Eastern bombast, not the savage rant  
Of purpled madmen, were they number'd all,  
From Roman Nero down to Russian Paul,  
Could grate upon my ear so mean, so base,  
As the rank jargon of that factious race,  
Who, poor of heart and prodigal of words,  
Form'd to be slaves, yet struggling to be lords,  
Strut forth, as patriots, from their negro marts,  
And shout for rights, with rapine in their hearts.

Who can, with patience, for a moment see  
The medley mass of pride and misery,

nies found it so necessary to resist; my only object here is to expose the selfish motives of some of the leading American demagogues.

4 The most persevering enemy to the interests of this country, amongst the politicians of the western world, has been a Virginian merchant, who, finding it easier to settle his conscience than his debts, was one of the first to raise the standard against Great Britain, and has ever since endeavored to revenge upon the whole country the obligations which he lies under to a few of its merchants.

5 See Porcupine's account of the Pennsylvania Insurrection in 1794. In short, see Porcupine's works throughout, for ample corroboration of every sentiment which I have ventured to express. In saying this, I refer less to the comments of that writer than to the occurrences which he has related and the documents which he has preserved. Opinion may be suspected of bias, but facts speak for themselves.

Of whips and charters, manacles and rights,  
 Of slaving blacks and democratic whites,<sup>1</sup>  
 And all the piebald polity that reigns  
 In free confusion o'er Columbia's plains?  
 To think that man, thou just and gentle God!  
 Should stand before thee with a tyrant's rod  
 O'er creatures like himself, with souls from thee,  
 Yet dare to boast of perfect liberty;  
 Away, away — I'd rather hold my neck  
 By doubtful tenure from a sultan's beck,  
 In climes, where liberty has scarce been nam'd,  
 Nor any right but that of ruling claim'd,  
 Than thus to live, where bastard Freedom waves  
 Her fustian flag in mockery over slaves;  
 Where — motley laws admitting no degree  
 Betwixt the vilely slav'd and madly free —  
 Alike the bondage and the license suit  
 The brute made ruler and the man made brute.

But, while I thus, my friend, in flowerless song,  
 So feebly paint, what yet I feel so strong,  
 The ills, the vices of the land, where first  
 Those rebel fiends, that rack the world, were  
 nurs'd,  
 Where treason's arm by royalty was nerv'd,  
 And Frenchmen learn'd to crush the throne  
 they serv'd —  
 Thou, calmly lull'd in dreams of classic thought,  
 By bards illumin'd and by sages taught,  
 Pant'st to be all, upon this mortal scene,  
 That bard hath fancied or that sage hath been.  
 Why should I wake thee? why severely chase  
 The lovely forms of virtue and of grace,  
 That dwell before thee, like the pictures spread  
 By Spartan matrons round the genial bed,  
 Moulding thy fancy, and with gradual art  
 Brightening the young conceptions of thy heart.

Forgive me, Forbes — and should the song  
 destroy  
 One generous hope, one throb of social joy,

<sup>1</sup> In Virginia the effects of this system begin to be felt rather seriously. While the master raves of liberty, the slave cannot but catch the contagion, and accordingly there seldom elapses a month without some alarm of insurrection amongst the negroes. The accession of Louisiana, it is feared, will increase this embarrassment; as the numerous emigrations, which are expected to take place, from the southern states to this newly-acquired territory, will considerably diminish the white population, and thus strengthen the proportion of negroes, to a degree which must ultimately be ruinous.

<sup>2</sup> The "black Aspasia" of the present \* \* \* \* \* of the United States, inter Avernales haud ignotissima nymphæ, has given rise to much pleasantry among the anti-democrat wits in America.

<sup>3</sup> "On the original location of the ground now allotted

One high pulsation of the zeal for man,  
 Which few can feel, and bless that few who  
 can, —

O, turn to him, beneath whose kindred eyes  
 Thy talents open and thy virtues rise,  
 Forget where nature has been dark or dim,  
 And proudly study all her lights in him.  
 Yes, yes, in him the erring world forget,  
 And feel that man *may* reach perfection yet.

TO

THOMAS HUME, ESQ. M. D.

FROM THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

Διηγησῆσαι διηγήματα ἰσως ἀπίστα. κοινῶνα ὧν πεπονηθᾶ  
 οὐκ ἐχθῶν. — ΞΕΝΟΦΩΝΤ. *Ephes. Ephesiæc.* lib. v.

'Tis evening now; beneath the western star  
 Soft sighs the lover through his sweet cigar,  
 And fills the ears of some consenting she  
 With puffs and vows, with smoke and constancy.  
 The patriot, fresh from Freedom's councils come,  
 Now pleas'd retires to lash his slaves at home;  
 Or woo, perhaps, some black Aspasia's charms,  
 And dream of freedom in his bondmaid's arms.<sup>2</sup>

In fancy now, beneath the twilight gloom,  
 Come, let me lead thee o'er this "second  
 Rome!"<sup>3</sup>

Where tribunes rule, where dusky Davi bow,  
 And what was Goose Creek once is Tiber now: —  
 This embryo capital, where Fancy sees  
 Squares in morasses, obelisks in trees;  
 Which second-sighted seers, ev'n now, adorn  
 With shrines unbuilt and heroes yet unborn,  
 Though nought but woods<sup>4</sup> and J——n they  
 see,  
 Where streets should run and sages *ought* to be.

for the seat of the Federal City (says Mr. Weld) the identical spot on which the capitol now stands was called Rome. This anecdote is related by many as a certain prognostic of the future magnificence of the city, which is to be, as it were, a second Rome." — *Weld's Travels*, letter iv.

<sup>4</sup> A little stream runs through the city, which, with intolerable affectation, they have styled the Tiber. It was originally called Goose Creek.

<sup>5</sup> "To be under the necessity of going through a deep wood for one or two miles, perhaps, in order to see a next door neighbor, and in the same city, is a curious and, I believe, a novel circumstance." — *Weld*, letter iv.

The Federal City (if it must be called a city) has not been much increased since Mr. Weld visited it. Most of the public buildings, which were then in some degree of forwardness, have been since utterly suspended. The hotel is al

And look, how calmly in yon radiant wave,  
The dying sun prepares his golden grave.  
O mighty river! O ye banks of shade!  
Ye matchless scenes, in nature's morning made,  
While still, in all th' exuberance of prime,  
She pour'd her wonders, lavishly sublime,  
Nor yet had learn'd to stoop, with humbler care,  
From grand to soft, from wonderful to fair; —  
Say, were your towering hills, your boundless  
floods,

Your rich savannas and majestic woods,  
Where bards should meditate and heroes rove,  
And woman charm, and man deserve her love, —  
O say, was world so bright, but born to grace  
Its own half-organized, half-minded race!<sup>1</sup>  
Of weak barbarians, swarming o'er its breast,  
Like vermin gender'd on the lion's crest?  
Were none but brutes to call that soil their home,  
Where none but demigods should dare to roam?  
Or, worse, thou wondrous world! O, doubly  
worse,

Did heaven design thy lordly land to nurse  
The motley dregs of every distant clime,  
Each blast of anarchy and taint of crime  
Which Europe shakes from her perturbed sphere,  
In full malignity to rankle here?

But hold, — observe yon little mount of pines,  
Where the breeze murmurs and the firely shires.  
There let thy fancy raise, in bold relief,  
The sculptur'd image of that veteran chief<sup>2</sup>  
Who lost the rebel's in the hero's name,  
And climb'd o'er prostrate loyalty to fame;  
Beneath whose sword Columbia's patriot train  
Cast off their monarch, that their mob might  
reign.

How shall we rank thee upon glory's page?  
Thou more than soldier and just less than sage!  
Of peace too fond to act the conqueror's part,  
Too long in camps to learn a statesman's art,

ready a ruin; a great part of its roof has fallen in, and the rooms are left to be occupied gratuitously by the miserable Scotch and Irish emigrants. The President's house, a very noble structure, is by no means suited to the philosophical humility of its present possessor, who inhabits but a corner of the mansion himself, and abandons the rest to a state of uncleanly desolation, which those who are not philosophers cannot look at without regret. This grand edifice is encircled by a very rude paling, through which a common rustic stile introduces the visitors of the first man in America. With respect to all that is within the house, I shall imitate the prudent forbearance of Herodotus, and say, *τα δὲ ἐν ἀπορρητοῖς*.

The private buildings exhibit the same characteristic display of arrogant speculation and premature ruin; and the few ranges of houses which were begun some years ago

Nature design'd thee for a hero's mould,  
But, ere she cast thee, let the stuf grow cold.

While loftier souls command, nay, make their  
fate,  
Thy fate made thee and forc'd thee to be great  
Yet Fortune, who so oft, so blindly sheds  
Her brightest halo round the weakest heads,  
Found thee undazzled, tranquil as before,  
Proud to be useful, scorning to be more,  
Less mov'd by glory's than by duty's claim,  
Renown the meed, but self-applause the aim;  
All that thou *wert* reflects less fame on thee,  
Far less, than all thou didst *forbear to be*.  
Nor yet the patriot of one land alone, —  
For, thine's a name all nations claim their own;  
And every shore, where breath'd the good and  
brave,  
Echo'd the plaudits thy own country gave.

Now look, my friend, where faint the moon-  
light falls  
On yonder dome, and, in those princely halls, —  
If thou canst hate, as sure that soul must hate,  
Which loves the virtuous, and reveres the  
great, —

If thou canst loathe and execrate with me  
The poisonous drug of French philosophy,  
That nauseous slaver of these frantic times,  
With which false liberty dilutes her crimes, —  
If thou hast got, within thy free-born breast,  
One pulse that beats more proudly than the rest,  
With honest scorn for that inglorious soul,  
Which creeps and winds beneath a mob's con-  
trol,

Which courts the rabble's smile, the rabble's nod,  
And makes, like Egypt, every beast its god,  
There, in those walls — but, burning tongue,  
forbear!

Rank must be reverence'd, even the rank that's  
there:

have remained so long waste and unfinished that they are now for the most part dilapidated.

<sup>1</sup> The picture which Buffon and De Pauw have drawn of the American Indian, though very humiliating, is, as far as I can judge, much more correct than the flattering representations which Mr. Jefferson has given us. See the Notes on Virginia, where this gentleman endeavors to disprove in general the opinion maintained so strongly by some philosophers that nature (as Mr. Jefferson expresses it) *belittles* her productions in the western world. M. de Pauw attributes the imperfection of animal life in America to the ravages of a very recent deluge, from whose effects upon its soil and atmosphere it has not yet sufficiently recovered. — *Recherches sur les Amériains*, part i. tom. i. p. 102.

<sup>2</sup> On a small hill near the capitol there is to be an equestrian statue of General Washington.

So here I pause — and now, dear Hume, we  
part :

But oft again, in frank exchange of heart,  
Thus let us meet, and mingle converse dear,  
By Thames at home, or by Potowmac here.  
O'er lake and marsh, through fevers and through  
fogs,

'Midst bears and yankees, democrats and frogs,  
Thy foot shall follow me, thy heart and eyes  
With me shall wonder, and with me despise.<sup>1</sup>  
While I, as oft, in fancy's dream shall rove,  
With thee conversing, through that land I  
love,

Where, like the air that fans her fields of green,  
Her freedom spreads, unfever'd and serene ;  
And sovereign man can condescend to see  
The throne and laws more sovereign still than he.

—  
LINES

WRITTEN ON LEAVING PHILADELPHIA.

— Τηνδε την πολιν φιλωσ

Ειπωσ' επαξια γαρ.

SOPHOCLE. (*Edip. Colon.* v. 758.)

ALONE by the Schuylkill a wanderer rov'd,  
And bright were its flowery banks to his eye ;  
But far, very far were the friends that he lov'd,  
And he gaz'd on its flowery banks with a sigh.

O Nature, though blessed and bright are thy  
rays,  
O'er the brow of creation enchantingly thrown,  
Yet faint are they all to the lustre that plays  
In a smile from the heart that is fondly our  
own.

Nor long did the soul of the stranger remain  
Unblest by the smile he had languish'd to  
meet ;  
Though scarce did he hope it would soothe him  
again,  
Till the threshold of home had been press'd  
by his feet.

<sup>1</sup> In the ferment which the French revolution excited among the democrats of America, and the licentious sympathy with which they shared in the wildest excesses of jacobinism, we may find one source of that vulgarity of vice, that hostility to all the graces of life, which distinguishes the present demagogues of the United States, and has become indeed too generally the characteristic of their countrymen. But there is another cause of the corruption of private morals, which, encouraged as it is by the government, and identified with the interests of the community, seems to threaten the decay of all honest principle in Amer-

But the lays of his boyhood had stol'n to their  
ear,

And they lov'd what they knew of so humble  
a name ;  
And they told him, with flattery welcome and  
dear,  
That they found in his heart something better  
than fame.

Nor did woman — O woman ! whose form and  
whose soul  
Are the spell and the light of each path we  
pursue ;  
Whether sunn'd in the tropics or chill'd at the  
pole,  
If woman be there, there is happiness too : —

Nor did she her enamouring magic deny, —  
That magic his heart had relinquish'd so  
long, —  
Like eyes he had lov'd was *her* eloquent eye,  
Like them did it soften and weep at his song.

O, blest be the tear, and in memory oft  
May its sparkle be shed o'er the wanderer's  
dream ;

Thrice blest be that eye, and may passion as soft,  
As free from a pang, ever mellow its beam !

The stranger is gone — but he will not forget,  
When at home he shall talk of the toils he  
has known,  
To tell, with a sigh, what endearments he met,  
As he stray'd by the wave of the Schuylkill  
alone.

—  
LINES

WRITTEN AT THE COHOS, OR FALLS OF THE  
MOHAWK RIVER.<sup>2</sup>

Gia era in loco ove s'udia 'l rimbombo

Dell'acqua ———.

DANTE

FROM rise of morn till set of sun  
I've seen the mighty Mohawk run ;

ica. I allude to those fraudulent violations of neutrality to which they are indebted for the most lucrative part of their commerce, and by which they have so long infringed and counteracted the maritime rights and advantages of this country. This unwarrantable trade is necessarily abetted by such a system of collusion, imposture, and perjury, as cannot fail to spread rapid contamination around it.

<sup>2</sup> There is a dreary and savage character in the country immediately about these Falls, which is much more in harmony with the wildness of such a scene than the cultivated lands in the neighborhood of Niagara. See the drawing of

And as I mark'd the woods of pine  
 Along his mirror darkly shine,  
 Like tall and gloomy forms that pass  
 Before the wizard's midnight glass ;  
 And as I view'd the hurrying pace  
 With which he ran his turbid race,  
 Rushing, alike untir'd and wild,  
 Through shades that frown'd and flowers  
 that smil'd,  
 Flying by every green recess  
 That woo'd him to its calm caress,  
 Yet sometimes turning with the wind  
 As if to leave one look behind, —  
 Oft have I thought, and thinking sigh'd,  
 How like to thee, thou restless tide,  
 May be the lot, the life of him  
 Who roams along thy water's brim ;  
 Through what alternate wastes of woe  
 And flowers of joy my path may go ;  
 How many a shelter'd, calm retreat  
 May woo the while my weary feet,  
 While still pursuing, still unblest,  
 I wander on, nor dare to rest ;  
 But, urgent as the doom that calls  
 Thy water to its destin'd falls,  
 I feel the world's bewildering force  
 Hurry my heart's devoted course  
 From lapse to lapse, till life be done,  
 And the spent current cease to run.

One only prayer I dare to make,  
 As onward thus my course I take ; —  
 O, be my falls as bright as thine !  
 May heaven's relenting rainbow shine  
 Upon the mist that circles me,  
 As soft as now it hangs o'er thee !

them in Mr. Weld's book. According to him, the perpendicular height of the Cohos Fall is fifty feet; but the Marquis de Chastellux makes it seventy-six.

The fine rainbow, which is continually forming and dissolving, as the spray rises into the light of the sun, is perhaps the most interesting beauty which these wonderful cataracts exhibit.

<sup>1</sup> The idea of this poem occurred to me in passing through the very dreary wilderness between Batavia, a new settlement in the midst of the woods, and the little village of Buffalo upon Lake Erie. This is the most fatiguing part of the route, in travelling through the Genesee country to Niagara.

<sup>2</sup> "The Five Confederated Nations (of Indians) were settled along the banks of the Susquehannah and the adjacent country, until the year 1779, when General Sullivan, with

## SONG OF THE EVIL SPIRIT OF THE WOODS.<sup>1</sup>

Qua via difficilis, quaque est via nulla.

OVID. *Metam.* lib. iii. v. 227

Now the vapor, hot and damp,  
 Shed by day's expiring lamp,  
 Through the misty ether spreads  
 Every ill the white man dreads ;  
 Fiery fever's thirsty thrill,  
 Fitful ague's shivering chill !

Hark ! I hear the traveller's song,  
 As he winds the woods along ; —  
 Christian, 'tis the song of fear ;  
 Wolves are round thee, night is near,  
 And the wild thou dar'st to roam —  
 Think, 'twas once the Indian's home !<sup>2</sup>

Hither, sprites, who love to harm,  
 Wheresoe'er you work your charm,  
 By the creeks, or by the brakes,  
 Where the pale witch feeds her snakes,  
 And the cayman<sup>3</sup> loves to creep,  
 Torpid, to his wintry sleep :  
 Where the bird of carrion flits,  
 And the shuddering murderer sits,<sup>4</sup>  
 Lone beneath a roof of blood ;  
 While upon his poison'd food,  
 From the corpse of him he slew  
 Drops the chill and gory dew.

Hither bend ye, turn ye hither,  
 Eyes that blast and wings that wither !  
 Cross the wandering Christian's way,  
 Lead him, ere the glimpse of day,  
 Many a mile of madd'ning error  
 Through the maze of night and terror,  
 Till the morn behold him lying  
 On the damp earth, pale and dying.

an army of 4000 men, drove them from their country to Niagara, where, being obliged to live on salted provisions, to which they were unaccustomed, great numbers of them died. Two hundred of them, it is said, were buried in one grave, where they had encamped."—*Morse's American Geography.*

<sup>2</sup> The alligator, who is supposed to lie in a torpid state all the winter, in the bank of some creek or pond, having previously swallowed a large number of pine knots, which are his only sustenance during the time.

<sup>4</sup> This was the mode of punishment for murder (as Charlevoix tells us) among the Hurons. "They laid the dead body upon poles at the top of a cabin, and the murderer was obliged to remain several days together, and to receive all that dropped from the carcass, not only on himself but on his food."







EVENING CHIMES.

Mock him, when his eager sight  
Seeks the cordial cottage light;  
Gleam then, like the lightning bug,  
Tempt him to the den that's dug  
For the foul and famish'd brood  
Of the she wolf, gaunt for blood;  
Or, unto the dangerous pass  
O'er the deep and dark morass,  
Where the trembling Indian brings  
Belts of porcelain, pipes, and rings,  
Tributes to be hung in air,  
To the Fiend presiding there!<sup>1</sup>

Then, when night's long labor past,  
Wild'er'd faint, he falls at last,  
Sinking where the causeway's edge  
Moulders in the slimy sedge,  
There let every noxious thing  
Trail its filth and fix its sting;  
Let the bull toad taint him over,  
Round him let mosquitoes hover,  
In his ears and eyeballs tingling,  
With his blood their poison mingling,  
Till, beneath the solar fires,  
Rankling all, the wretch expires!

—  
TO

THE HONORABLE W. R. SPENCER.

FROM BUFFALO, UPON LAKE ERIE.

Nec venit ad duros musa vocata Getas.

*Ovid. ex Ponto, lib. 1, ep. 5.*

Thou oft hast told me of the happy hours  
Enjoy'd by thee in fair Italia's bowers,  
Where, lingering yet, the ghost of ancient wit  
'Midst modern monks profanely dares to flit,  
And pagan spirits, by the Pope unlaid,  
Haunt every stream and sing through every  
shade;  
'There still the bard who (if his numbers be  
His tongue's light echo) must have talk'd like  
thee, —

<sup>1</sup> "We find also collars of porcelain, tobacco, ears of maize, skins, &c. by the side of difficult and dangerous ways, on rocks, or by the side of the falls; and these are so many offerings made to the spirits which preside in these places." — See *Charlevoix's Letter on the Traditions and the Religion of the Savages of Canada*.

Father Hennepin too mentions this ceremony; he also says, "We took notice of one barbarian, who made a kind of sacrifice upon an oak at the Cascade of St. Antony of Padua, upon the river Mississippi." — See *Hennepin's Voyage into North America*.

The courtly bard, from whom thy mind has  
caught  
Those playful, sunshine holy days of thought,  
In which the spirit baskingly reclines,  
Bright without effort, resting while it shines, —  
There still he roves, and laughing loves to see  
How modern priests with ancient rakes agree;  
How, 'neath the cowl, the festal garland shines,  
And Love still finds a niche in Christian shrines.

There still, too, roam those other souls of  
song,

With whom thy spirit hath commun'd so long,  
That, quick as light, their rarest gems of thought,  
By Memory's magic to thy lip are brought.  
But here, alas! by Erie's stormy lake,  
As, far from such bright haunts my course I  
take,  
No proud remembrance o'er the fancy plays,  
No classic dream, no star of other days  
Hath left that visionary light behind,  
That lingering radiance of immortal mind,  
Which gilds and hallows even the rudest scene,  
The humblest shed, where Genius once has  
been!

All that creation's varying mass assumes  
Of grand or lovely, here aspires and blooms;  
Bold rise the mountains, rich the gardens glow,  
Bright lakes expand, and conquering<sup>2</sup> rivers  
flow;

But mind, immortal mind, without whose ray,  
This world's a wilderness and man but clay,  
Mind, mind alone, in barren, still repose,  
Nor blooms, nor rises, nor expands, nor flows.  
Take Christians, Mohawks, democrats, and all  
From the rude wigwam to the congress hall,  
From man the savage, whether slav'd or free,  
To man the civiliz'd, less tame than he, —  
'Tis one dull chaos, one unfruitful strife  
Betwixt half-polish'd and half-barbarous life;  
Where every ill the ancient world could brew  
Is mix'd with every grossness of the new;  
Where all corrupts, though little can entice,  
And nought is known of luxury, but its vice!

<sup>2</sup> This epithet was suggested by Charlevoix's striking description of the confluence of the Missouri with the Mississippi. "I believe this is the finest confluence in the world. The two rivers are much of the same breadth, each about half a league; but the Missouri is by far the most rapid, and seems to enter the Mississippi like a conqueror, through which it carries its white waves to the opposite shore, without mixing them: afterwards it gives its color to the Mississippi, which it never loses again, but carries quite down to the sea." — Letter xxvii.

Is this the region then, is this the clime  
 For soaring fancies? for those dreams sublime,  
 Which all their miracles of light reveal  
 To heads that meditate and hearts that feel?  
 Alas! not so — the Muse of Nature lights  
 Her glories round; she scales the mountain  
 heights,  
 And roams the forests; every wondrous spot  
 Burns with her step, yet man regards it not.  
 She whispers round, her words are in the air,  
 But lost, unheard, they linger freezing there,<sup>1</sup>  
 Without one breath of soul, divinely strong,  
 One ray of mind to thaw them into song.

Yet, yet forgive me, O ye sacred few,  
 Whom late by Delaware's green banks I knew;  
 Whom, known and lov'd through many a social  
 eve,  
 'Twas bliss to live with, and 'twas pain to leave.<sup>2</sup>  
 Not with more joy the lonely exile scann'd  
 The writing trac'd upon the desert's sand,  
 Where his lone heart but little hop'd to find  
 One trace of life, one stamp of humankind,  
 Than did I hail the pure, th' enlighten'd zeal,  
 The strength to reason and the warmth to feel,  
 The manly polish and the illumin'd taste,  
 Which, — 'mid the melancholy, heartless waste  
 My foot has travers'd, — O you sacred few!  
 I found by Delaware's green banks with you.

Long may you loathe the Gallic dross that  
 runs  
 Through your fair country and corrupts its sons;  
 Long love the arts, the glories which adorn  
 Those fields of freedom, where your sires were  
 born.  
 O, if America can yet be great,  
 If neither chain'd by choice, nor doom'd by  
 fate  
 To the mob mania which imbrutes her now,  
 She yet can raise the crown'd, yet civic brow  
 Of single majesty, — can add the grace  
 Of Rank's rich capital to Freedom's base,  
 Nor fear the mighty shaft will feeble prove  
 For the fair ornament that flowers above; —  
 If yet releas'd from all that pedant throng,  
 So vain of error and so pledg'd to wrong,

<sup>1</sup> Alluding to the fanciful notion of "words congealed in northern air."

<sup>2</sup> In the society of Mr. Dennie and his friends, at Philadelphia, I passed the few agreeable moments which my tour through the states afforded me. Mr. Dennie has succeeded in diffusing through this cultivated little circle that love for good literature and sound politics, which he feels so zealously himself, and which is so very rarely the characteristic

Who hourly teach her, like themselves, to hide  
 Weakness in vaunt, and barrenness in pride,  
 She yet can rise, can wreath the Attic charms  
 Of soft refinement round the pomp of arms,  
 And see her poets flash the fires of song,  
 To light her warriors' thunderbolts along —  
 It is to you, to souls that favoring heaven  
 Has made like yours, the glorious task is given:  
 O, but for *such*, Columbia's days were done;  
 Rank without ripeness, quicken'd without sun,  
 Crude at the surface, rotten at the core,  
 Her fruits would fall, before her spring were  
 o'er.

Believe me, Spencer, while I wing'd the hours  
 Where Schuylkill winds his way through banks  
 of flowers,  
 Though few the days, the happy evenings few,  
 So warm with heart, so rich with mind they flow,  
 That my charm'd soul forgot its wish to roam  
 And rested there, as in a dream of home.  
 And looks I met, like looks I'd lov'd before,  
 And voices too, which, as they trembled o'er  
 The chord of memory, found full many a tone  
 Of kindness there in concord with their own.  
 Yes, — we had nights of that communion free,  
 That flow of heart, which I have known with  
 thee  
 So oft, so warmly; nights of mirth and mind,  
 Of whims that taught, and follies that refin'd.  
 When shall we both renew them? when, restor'd  
 To the gay feast and intellectual board,  
 Shall I once more enjoy with thee and thine  
 Those whims that teach, those follies that re-  
 fine?  
 Even now, as, wandering upon Erie's shore,  
 I hear Niagara's distant cataract roar,  
 I sigh for home, — alas! these weary feet  
 Have many a mile to journey, ere we meet.

Ω ΠΑΤΡΙΣ, ΩΣ ΣΟΥ ΚΑΡΤΑ ΝΥΝ ΜΝΕΙΑΝ ΕΞΩ  
 EURIPIDES.

#### BALLAD STANZAS.

I KNEW by the smoke, that so gracefully curl'd  
 Above the green elms, that a cottage was near,

of his countrymen. They will not, I trust, accuse me of illiberality for the picture which I have given of the ignorance and corruption that surround them. If I did not hate, as I ought, the rabble to which they are opposed, I could not value, as I do, the spirit with which they defy it; and in learning from them what Americans *can be*, I but see with the more indignation what Americans *are*.

And I said, "If there's peace to be found in the world,

"A heart that was humble might hope for it here!"

It was noon, and on flowers that languish'd around

In silence repos'd the voluptuous bee;

Every leaf was at rest, and I heard not a sound  
But the woodpecker tapping the hollow beech tree.

And, "Here in this lone little wood," I exclaim'd,

"With a maid who was lovely to soul and to eye,

"Who would blush when I prais'd her, and weep if I blam'd,

"How blest could I live, and how calm could I die!

"By the shade of yon sumach, whose red berry dips

"In the gush of the fountain, how sweet to recline,

"And to know that I sigh'd upon innocent lips,  
"Which had never been sigh'd on by any but mine!"

### A CANADIAN BOAT SONG.

WRITTEN ON THE RIVER ST. LAWRENCE.<sup>1</sup>

Et renigem cantus hortatur.

QUINTILIAN.

FAINTLY as tolls the evening chime  
Our voices keep tune and our oars keep time.

<sup>1</sup> I wrote these words to an air which our boatmen sung to us frequently. The wind was so unfavorable that they were obliged to row all the way, and we were five days in descending the river from Kingston to Montreal, exposed to an intense sun during the day, and at night forced to take shelter from the dews in any miserable hut upon the banks that would receive us. But the magnificent scenery of the St. Lawrence repays all such difficulties.

Our *voyageurs* had good voices, and sung perfectly in tune together. The original words of the air, to which I adapted these stanzas, appeared to be a long, incoherent story, of which I could understand but little, from the barbarous pronunciation of the Canadians. It begins

Dans mon chemin j'ai rencontré  
Deux cavaliers très-bien montés;

And the *refrain* to every verse was,

A l'ombre d'un bois je m'en vais jouer,  
A l'ombre d'un bois je m'en vais danser.

<sup>1</sup> ventured to harmonize this air, and have published it. Without that charm which association gives to every little

Soon as the woods on shore look dim,  
We'll sing at St. Ann's our parting hymn.<sup>2</sup>  
Row, brothers, row, the stream runs fast,  
The Rapids are near and the daylight's past.

Why should we yet our sail unfurl?  
There is not a breath the blue wave to curl.  
But, when the wind blows off the shore,  
O, sweetly we'll rest our weary oar.  
Blow, breezes, blow, the stream runs fast,  
The Rapids are near and the daylight's past.

Utawas' tide! this trembling moor.  
Shall see us float o'er thy surges soon.  
Saint of this green isle! hear our prayers,  
O, grant us cool heavens and favoring airs.  
Blow, breezes, blow, the stream runs fast,  
The Rapids are near and the daylight's past.

TO THE

LADY CHARLOTTE RAWDON.

FROM THE BANKS OF THE ST. LAWRENCE.

NOT many months have now been dream'd  
away  
Since yonder sun, beneath whose evening ray  
Our boat glides swiftly past these wooded  
shores,  
Saw me where Trent his mazy current pours,  
And Donington's old oaks, to every breeze,  
Whisper the tale of by-gone centuries; —  
Those oaks, to me as sacred as the groves,  
Beneath whose shade the pious Persian roves,

memorial of scenes or feelings that are past, the melody may, perhaps, be thought common and trifling; but I remember when we have entered, at sunset, upon one of those beautiful lakes, into which the St. Lawrence so grandly and unexpectedly opens, I have heard this simple air with a pleasure which the finest compositions of the first masters have never given me; and now there is not a note of it which does not recall to my memory the dip of our oars in the St. Lawrence, the flight of our boat down the Rapids, and all those new and fanciful impressions to which my heart was alive during the whole of this very interesting voyage.

The above stanzas are supposed to be sung by those *voyageurs* who go to the Grand Portage by the Utawas River. For an account of this wonderful undertaking, see Sir Alexander Mackenzie's General History of the Fur Trade, prefixed to his Journal.

<sup>2</sup> "At the Rapid of St. Ann they are obliged to take out part, if not the whole, of their lading. It is from this spot the Canadians consider they take their departure, as it possesses the last church on the island, which is dedicated to the tutelary saint of voyageurs." — Mackenzie, *General History of the Fur Trade*



And hears the spirit voice of sire, or chief,  
Or loved mistress, sigh in every leaf.<sup>1</sup>  
There, oft, dear Lady, while thy lip hath sung  
My own unpolish'd lays, how proud I've hung  
On every tuneful accent! proud to feel  
That notes like mine should have the fate to steal,

As o'er thy hallowing lip they sigh'd along,  
Such breath of passion and such soul of song.  
Yes, — I have wondered, like some peasant boy  
Who sings, on Sabbath eve, his strains of joy,  
And when he hears the wild, untutor'd note  
Back to his ear on softening echoes float,  
Believes it still some answering spirit's tone,  
And thinks it all too sweet to be his own!

I dreamt not then that, ere the rolling year  
Had fill'd its circle, I should wander here  
In musing awe; should tread this wondrous  
world,

See all its store of inland waters hurl'd  
In one vast volume down Niagara's steep,  
Or calm behold them, in transparent sleep,  
Where the blue hills of old Toronto shed  
Their evening shadows o'er Ontario's bed;  
Should trace the grand Cadaraqui, and glide  
Down the white rapids of his lordly tide  
Through massy woods, 'mid islets flowering fair,  
And blooming glades, where the first sinful pair  
For consolation might have weeping trod,  
When banish'd from the garden of their God.  
O, Lady! these are miracles, which man,  
Cag'd in the bounds of Europe's pygmy span,  
Can scarcely dream of, — which his eye must see

To know how wonderful this world can be!

But lo, — the last tints of the west decline,  
And night falls dewy o'er these banks of pine.

Among the reeds, in which our idle boat  
Is rock'd to rest, the wind's complaining note  
Dies like a half-breath'd whispering of flutes;  
Along the wave the gleaming porpoise floats,  
And I can trace him, like a watery star,<sup>2</sup>  
Down the steep current, till he fades afar  
Amid the foaming breakers' silvery light,  
Where yon rough rapids sparkle through the  
night.

Here, as along this shadowy bank I stray,  
And the smooth glass snake,<sup>3</sup> gliding o'er my  
way,  
Shows the dim moonlight through his sealy  
form,

Fancy, with all the scene's enchantment warm,  
Hears in the murmur of the nightly breeze  
Some Indian Spirit warble words like these: . . .

From the land beyond the sea,  
Whither happy spirits flee;  
Where, transform'd to sacred doves,<sup>4</sup>  
Many a blessed Indian roves  
Through the air on wing, as white  
As those wondrous stones of light,<sup>5</sup>  
Which the eye of morning counts  
On the Apalachian mounts, —  
Hither oft my flight I take  
Over Huron's lucid lake,  
Where the wave, as clear as dew,  
Sleeps beneath the light canoe,  
Which, reflected, floating there,  
Looks as if it hung in air.<sup>6</sup>

Then, when I have stray'd a while  
Through the Manataulin isle,<sup>7</sup>  
Breathing all its holy bloom,  
Swift I mount me on the plume  
Of my Wakon Bird,<sup>8</sup> and fly  
Where, beneath a burning sky,

one of the American lakes. "When it was calm," he says, "and the sun shone bright, I could sit in my canoe, where the depth was upwards of six fathoms, and plainly see huge piles of stone at the bottom, of different shapes, some of which appeared as if they had been hewn; the water was at this time as pure and transparent as air, and my canoe seemed as if it hung suspended in that element. It was impossible to look attentively through this limpid medium, at the rocks below, without finding, before many minutes were elapsed, your head swim and your eyes no longer able to behold the dazzling scene."<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Après avoir traversé plusieurs isles peu considérables, nous en trouvâmes le quatrième jour une fameuse nommée l'Isle de Manitoualin. — *Voyages du Baron de Lahontan*, tom. i. let. 15. Manataulin signifie une Place of Spirits, and this island in Lake Huron is held sacred by the Indians.

<sup>8</sup> "The Wakon Bird, which probably is of the same species with the bird of Paradise, receives its name from the

<sup>1</sup> "Avendo essi per costume di avere in venerazione gli alheri grandi et antichi, quasi che siano spesso ricettacoli di anime beate." — *Pietro della Valle*, part. second., lettera 16 da giardini di Sciraz.

<sup>2</sup> Anburey, in his *Travels*, has noticed this shooting illumination which porpoises diffuse at night through the river St. Lawrence. — Vol. i. p. 29.

<sup>3</sup> The glass snake is brittle and transparent.

<sup>4</sup> "The departed spirit goes into the Country of Souls, where, according to some, it is transformed into a dove." — *Charlevoix, upon the Traditions and the Religion of the Savages of Canada*. See the curious fable of the American Orpheus in Lafitau, tom. i. p. 402.

<sup>5</sup> "The mountains appeared to be sprinkled with white stones, which glistened in the sun, and were called by the Indians manetoe aseniah, or spirit stones." — *Mackenzie's Journal*.

<sup>6</sup> These lines were suggested by Carver's description of

O'er the bed of Erie's lake  
 Slumbers many a water snake,  
 Wrapp'd within the web of leaves,  
 Which the water lily weaves.<sup>1</sup>  
 Next I chas'd the flow'ret king  
 Through his rosy realm of spring;  
 See him now, while diamond hues  
 Soft his neck and wings suffuse,  
 In the leafy chalice sink,  
 Thirsting for his balmy drink;  
 Now behold him all on fire,  
 Lovely in his looks of ire,  
 Breaking every infant stem,  
 Scattering every velvet gem,  
 Where his little tyrant lip  
 Had not found enough to sip.

Then my playful hand I steep  
 Where the gold thread<sup>2</sup> loves to creep,  
 Cull from thence a tangled wreath,  
 Words of magic round it breathe,  
 And the sunny chaplet spread  
 O'er the sleeping flybird's head,<sup>3</sup>  
 Till, with dreams of honey blest,  
 Haunted, in his downy nest,  
 By the garden's fairest spells,  
 Dewy buds and fragrant bells,  
 Fancy all his soul embowers  
 In the flybird's heaven of flowers.

Oft, when hoar and silvery flakes  
 Melt along the ruffled lakes,  
 When the gray moose shed his horns,  
 When the track, at evening, warns  
 Weary hunters of the way  
 To the wigwam's cheering ray,  
 Then, aloft, through freezing air,  
 With the snow bird<sup>4</sup> soft and fair  
 As the fleece that heaven flings  
 O'er his little pearly wings,  
 Light above the rocks I play,  
 Where Niagara's starry spray,

ideas the Indians have of its superior excellence; the Wakon Bird being, in their language, the Bird of the Great Spirit." — *Morse*.

<sup>1</sup> The islands of Lake Erie are surrounded to a considerable distance by the large pond lily, whose leaves spread thickly over the surface of the lake, and form a kind of bed for the water snakes in summer.

<sup>2</sup> "The gold thread is of the vine kind, and grows in swamps. The roots spread themselves just under the surface of the morasses, and are easily drawn out by handfuls. They resemble a large entangled skein of silk, and are of a bright yellow." — *Morse*.

<sup>3</sup> "L'oiseau mouche, gros comme un hanneton, est de toutes couleurs, vives et changeantes: il tire sa subsistence des fleurs comme les abeilles; son nid est fait d'un cotton

Frozen on the cliff, appears  
 Like a giant's starting tears.  
 There, amid the island sedge,  
 Just upon the cataract's edge,  
 Where the foot of living man  
 Never trod since time began,  
 Lone I sit, at close of day,  
 While, beneath the golden ray,  
 Icy columns gleam below,  
 Feather'd round with falling snow,  
 And an arch of glory springs,  
 Sparkling as the chain of rings  
 Round the neck of virgins hung, —  
 Virgins,<sup>5</sup> who have wander'd young  
 O'er the waters of the west  
 To the land where spirits rest!

Thus have I charm'd, with visionary lay,  
 The lonely moments of the night away;  
 And now, fresh daylight o'er the water beams!  
 Once more, embark'd upon the glittering  
 streams,  
 Our boat flies light along the leafy shore,  
 Shooting the falls, without a dip of oar  
 Or breath of zephyr, like the mystic bark  
 The poet saw, in dreams divinely dark,  
 Borne, without sails, along the dusky flood,<sup>6</sup>  
 While on its deck a pilot angel stood,  
 And, with his wings of living light unfurl'd,  
 Coasted the dim shores of another world!

Yet, O, believe me, 'mid this mingled maze  
 Of nature's beauties, where the fancy strays  
 From charm to charm, where every flow'ret's  
 hue  
 Hath something strange, and every leaf is new, —  
 I never feel a joy so pure and still,  
 So inly felt, as when some brook or hill,  
 Or veteran oak, like those remember'd well,  
 Some mountain echo or some wild-flower's smell,  
 (For, who can say by what small fairy ties  
 The mem'ry clings to pleasure as it flies?)

très-fin suspendu à une branche d'arbre." — *Voyages aux Indes Occidentales, par M. Bossu, seconde part, lett. xx.*

<sup>4</sup> *Emberiza hyemalis*. — See *Imlay's Kentucky*, p. 280.

<sup>5</sup> Lafitau supposes that there was an order of vestals established among the Iroquois Indians. — *Mœurs des Sauvages Américains, &c. tom. i. p. 173.*

<sup>6</sup> Vedi che sdegna gli argomenti umani;  
 Sì che remo non vuol, né altro velo,  
 Che l' ale suo tra liti si lontani.

Vedi come l' ha dritte verso 'l cielo  
 Trattando l' aere con l' eterne penne;  
 Che non si mutan, come mortal pelo.

DANTE, *Purgator. cant. ii*

Reminds my heart of many a sy van dream  
I once indulg'd by Trent's inspiring stream;  
Of all my sunny morns and moonlight nights  
On Donington's green lawns and breezy heights.

Whether I trace the tranquil moments o'er  
When I have seen thee cull the fruits of lore,  
With him, the polish'd warrior, by thy side,  
A sister's idol and a nation's pride!  
When thou hast read of heroes, trophied high  
In ancient fame, and I have seen thine eye  
Turn to the living hero, while it read,  
For pure and brightening comments on the  
dead;—

Or whether memory to my mind recalls  
The festal grandeur of those lordly halls,  
When guests have met around the sparkling  
board,

And welcome warm'd the cup that luxury  
pour'd;

When the bright future Star of England's throne,  
With magic smile, hath o'er the banquet shone,  
Winning respect, nor claiming what he won,  
But tempering greatness, like an evening sun  
Whose light the eye can tranquilly admire,  
Radiant, but mild, all softness, yet all fire;—  
Whatever hue my recollections take,  
Even the regret, the very pain they wake  
Is mix'd with happiness;—but, ah! no more—  
Lady! adieu—my heart has linger'd o'er  
Those vanish'd times, till all that round me lies,  
Stream, banks, and bowers have faded on my  
eyes!

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### IMPROMPTU

AFTER A VISIT TO MRS. —, OF MONTREAL.

'Twas but for a moment—and yet in that  
time

She crowded th' impressions of many an  
hour:

Her eye had a glow, like the sun of her clime,  
Which wak'd every feeling at once into flower.

O, could we have borrow'd from Time but a day,  
To renew such impressions again and again,

<sup>1</sup> This is one of the Magdalen Islands, and, singularly enough, is the property of Sir Isaac Coffin. The above lines were suggested by a superstition very common among sailors, who call this ghost ship, I think, "the flying Dutchman."

We were thirteen days on our passage from Quebec to Halifax, and I had been so spoiled by the truly splendid hos-

The things we should look and imagine and say  
Would be worth all the life we had wasted  
till then.

What we had not the leisure or language to speak,  
We should find some more spiritual mode of  
revealing,

And, between us, should feel just as much in a  
week

As others would take a millennium in feeling.

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WRITTEN

### ON PASSING DEADMAN'S ISLAND,<sup>1</sup>

IN THE

GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE,

LATE IN THE EVENING, SEPTEMBER, 1804.

SEE you, beneath yon cloud so dark,  
Fast gliding along a gloomy bark?  
Her sails are full, — though the wind is still,  
And there blows not a breath her sails to fill!

Say, what doth that vessel of darkness bear?  
The silent calm of the grave is there,  
Save now and again a death knell rung,  
And the flap of the sails with night fog hung.

There lieth a wreck on the dismal shore  
Of cold and pitiless Labrador;  
Where, under the moon, upon mounts of frost  
Full many a mariner's bones are toss'd.

Yon shadowy bark hath been to that wreck,  
And the dim blue fire, that lights her deck,  
Doth play on as pale and livid a crew  
As ever yet drank the churchyard dew.

To Deadman's Isle, in the eye of the blast,  
To Deadman's Isle, she speeds her fast;  
By skeleton shapes her sails are furl'd,  
And the hand that steers is not of this world!

O, hurry thee on — O, hurry thee on,  
Thou terrible bark, ere the night be gone,  
Nor let morning look on so foul a sight  
As would blanch forever her rosy light!

pitality of my friends of the Phaeton and Boston, that I was but ill prepared for the miseries of a Canadian vessel. The weather, however, was pleasant, and the scenery along the river delightful. Our passage through the Gut of Canso, with a bright sky and a fair wind, was particularly striking and romantic.

TO THE BOSTON FRIGATE,<sup>1</sup>

ON LEAVING HALIFAX FOR ENGLAND,

OCTOBER, 1804.

*Νοστος προφασις γλυκερου.*PINDAR. *Pyth.* 4.

WITH triumph this morning, O Boston ! I hail  
The stir of thy deck and the spread of thy sail,  
For they tell me I soon shall be wafted, in thee,  
To the flourishing isle of the brave and the free,  
And that chill Nova Scotia's unpromising strand<sup>2</sup>  
Is the last I shall tread of American land.

Well — peace to the land ! may her sons know,  
at length,

That in high-minded honor lies liberty's strength,  
That though man be as free as the fetterless wind,  
As the wantonest air that the north can unbind,  
Yet, if health do not temper and sweeten the  
blast,

If no harvest of mind ever sprung where it  
pass'd,

Then unblest is such freedom, and baleful its  
might, —

Free only to ruin, and strong but to blight !

Farewell to the few I have left with regret ;  
May they sometimes recall, what I cannot forget,  
The delight of those evenings, — too brief a del-  
ight !

When in converse and song we have stol'n on  
the night ;

When they've asked me the manners, the mind,  
or the mien

Of some bard I had known or some chief I had  
seen,

Whose glory, though distant, they long had  
ador'd,

Whose name had oft hallow'd the wine cup they  
pour'd,

And still as, with sympathy humble but true,  
I have told of each bright son of fame all I knew,  
They have listen'd, and sigh'd that the powerful  
stream

Of America's empire, should pass, like a dream,

Without leaving one relic of genius, to say  
How sublime was the tide which had vanish'd  
away !

Farewell to the few — though we never may meet  
On this planet again, it is soothing and sweet  
To think that, whenever my song or my name  
Shall recur to their ear, they'll recall me the  
same

I have been to them now, young, unthoughtful,  
and blest,

Ere hope had deceived me or sorrow depress'd.

But, Douglas ! while thus I recall to my mind  
The elect of the land we shall soon leave behind  
I can read in the weather-wise glance of thine eye,  
As it follows the rack flitting over the sky,

That the faint coming breeze will be fair for our  
flight,

And shall steal us away, ere the falling of night.

Dear Douglas ! thou knowest, with thee by my  
side,

With thy friendship to soothe me, thy courage  
to guide,

There is not a bleak isle in those summerless seas,  
Where the day comes in darkness, or shines but  
to freeze,

Not a tract of the line, not a barbarous shore,  
That I could not with patience, with pleasure  
explore !

O think then how gladly I follow thee now,  
When Hope smooths the billowy path of our  
prow,

And each prosperous sigh of the west-springing  
wind

Takes me nearer the home where my heart is  
enshrin'd ;

Where the smile of a father shall meet me again,  
And the tears of a mother turn bliss into pain ;

Where the kind voice of sisters shall steal to  
my heart,

And ask it, in sighs, how we ever could part ? —

But see ! — the bent topsails are ready to  
swell —

To the boat — I am with thee — Columbia,  
farewell !

<sup>1</sup> Commanded by Captain J. E. Douglas, with whom I returned to England, and to whom I am indebted for many, many kindnesses. In truth, I should but offend the delicacy of my friend Douglas, and, at the same time, do injustice to my own feelings of gratitude, did I attempt to say how much I owe to him.

<sup>2</sup> Sir John Wentworth, the Governor of Nova Scotia, very kindly allowed me to accompany him on his visit to the College, which they have lately established at Windsor,

about forty miles from Halifax, and I was indeed most pleasantly surprised by the beauty and fertility of the country which opened upon us after the bleak and rocky wilderness by which Halifax is surrounded. — I was told that, in travelling onwards, we should find the soil and the scenery improve, and it gave me much pleasure to know that the worthy Governor has by no means such an "inamiable regnum" as I was, at first sight, inclined to believe.

## CORRUPTION, AND INTOLERANCE.

## TWO POEMS.

ADDRESSED TO AN ENGLISHMAN BY AN IRISHMAN.

## PREFACE

## TO THE THIRD VOLUME.

THE three satirical Poems with which this Volume commences, were published originally without the author's name; "Corruption" and "Intolerance" in the year 1808, and "The Sceptic" in the year following. The political opinions adopted in the first of these Satires — the poem on Corruption — was chiefly caught up, as is intimated in the original Preface, from the writings of Bolingbroke, Sir William Wyndham, and other statesmen of that factious period, when the same sort of alliance took place between Toryism and what is now called Radicalism, which is always likely to ensue on the ejection of the Tory party from power.<sup>1</sup> In this somewhat rash effusion, it will be seen that neither of the two great English parties is handled with much respect; and I remember being taken to task, by one of the few of my Whig acquaintances that ever looked into the poem, for the following allusion to the silencing effects of official station on certain orators: —

As bees, on flowers alighting, cease their hum,  
So, settling upon places, Whigs grow dumb.

But these attempts of mine in the stately Juvenalian style of satire, met with but little success, — never having attained, I believe, even the honors of a second edition; and I found that lighter form of weapon, to which I afterwards betook myself, not only more easy to wield, but, from its very lightness, perhaps, more sure to reach its mark.

It would almost seem, too, as if the same unimbittered spirit, the same freedom from all real malice with which, in most instances, this sort of squib warfare has been waged by me, was felt, in some degree, even by those who were themselves the objects of it; — so generously forgiving have I, in most instances, found

them. Even the high Personage against whom the earliest and perhaps most successful of my lighter missiles were launched, could refer to and quote them, as I learn from an incident mentioned in the Life of Sir Walter Scott,<sup>2</sup> with a degree of good humor and playfulness which was creditable alike to his temper and good sense. At a memorable dinner given by the Regent to Sir Walter in the year 1815, Scott, among other stories with which his royal host was much amused, told of a sentence passed by an old friend of his, the Lord Justice Clerk Braxfield, attended by circumstances in which the cruelty of this waggish judge was even more conspicuous than his humor. "The Regent laughed heartily," says the biographer, "at this specimen of Braxfield's brutal humor; and 'I faith, Walter,' said he, 'this old big wig seems to have taken things as coolly as my tyrannical self. Don't you remember Tom Moore's description of me at breakfast? —

'The table spread with tea and toast,  
Death warrants, and the Morning Post.'"

In reference to this, and other less exalted instances, of the good-humored spirit in which my "innocui sales" have in general been taken, I shall venture to cite here a few flattering sentences which, coming as they did from a political adversary and a stranger, touched me far more by their generosity than even by their praise. In speaking of the pension which had just then been conferred upon me, and expressing, in warm terms, his approval of the grant, the editor of a leading Tory journal<sup>3</sup> thus liberally expresses himself: — "We know that some will blame us for our prejudice — if it be prejudice, in favor of Mr. Moore; but we cannot help it. As he tells us himself,

'Wit a diamond brings  
That cuts its bright way through'

the most obdurate political antipathies. \* \* \*  
We do not believe that any one was ever hurt

<sup>1</sup> Bolingbroke himself acknowledges that "both parties were become factious, in the strict sense of the word."

<sup>2</sup> Vol. iii. p. 342.

<sup>3</sup> The Standard, August 24, 1835.



by libels so witty as those of Mr. Moore:— great privilege of wit, which renders it impossible even for those whose enemies wits are, to hate them !”

To return to the period of the Regency:— In the numerous attacks from the government press, which my volleys of small shot against the Court used to draw down upon me, it was constantly alleged, as an aggravation of my misdeeds, that I had been indebted to the Royal personage thus assailed by me for many kind and substantial services. Luckily, the list of the benefits showered upon me from that high quarter may be despatched in a few sentences. At the request of Lord Moira, one of my earliest and best friends, his Royal Highness graciously permitted me to dedicate to him my Translation of the Odes of Anacreon. I was twice, I think, admitted to the honor of dining at Carlton House; and when the Prince, on his being made Regent in 1811, gave his memorable fête, I was one of the crowd—about 1500, I believe, in number—who enjoyed the privilege of being his guests on the occasion.

There occur some allusions, indeed, in the Twopenny Post Bag, to the absurd taste displayed in the ornaments of the Royal supper table at that fête;<sup>1</sup> and this violation—for such, to a certain extent, I allow it to have been—of the reverence due to the rites of the Hospitable Jove,<sup>2</sup> which, whether administered by prince or peasant, ought to be sacred from such exposure, I am by no means disposed to defend. But, whatever may be thought of the taste or prudence of some of these satires, there exists no longer, I apprehend, much difference of opinion respecting the character of the Royal personage against whom they were aimed. Already, indeed, has the stern verdict which the voice of History cannot but pronounce upon

him, been in some degree anticipated,<sup>3</sup> in a sketch of the domestic events of his reign, supposed to have proceeded from the pen of one who was himself an actor in some of its most painful scenes, and who, from his professional position, commanded a near insight into the character of that exalted individual, both as husband and father. To the same high authority I must refer for an account of the mysterious “Book,”<sup>4</sup> to which allusion is more than once made in the following pages.

One of the first and most successful of the numerous trifles I wrote at that period, was the Parody on the Regent’s celebrated Letter, announcing to the world that he “had no predilections,” &c. This very opportune squib was, at first, circulated privately; my friend, Mr. Perry, having for some time hesitated to publish it. He got some copies of it, however, printed off for me, which I sent round to several members of the Whig party; and, having to meet a number of them at dinner immediately after, found it no easy matter to keep my countenance while they were discussing among them the merits of the Parody. One of the party, I recollect, having quoted to me the following description of the state of both King and Regent, at that moment,—

“A straight waistcoat on *him*, and restrictions on *me*,  
A more limited monarchy could not well be,”

grew rather provoked with me for not enjoying the fun of the parody as much as himself.

While thus the excitement of party feeling lent to the political trifles contained in this volume a relish and pungency not their own, an effect has been attributed to two squibs, wholly unconnected with politics—the Letters from the Dowager Countess of Cork, and from Messrs. Lackington and Co.<sup>5</sup>—of which I myself had

<sup>1</sup> The same *fauteuils* and *girandoles*—

The same gold asses, pretty souls,  
That, in this rich and classic dome,  
Appear so perfectly at home;  
The same bright river, ’mong the dishes,  
But not—ah! not the same dear fishes.  
Late hours and claret kill’d the old ones;—  
So, stead of silver and of gold ones,  
(It being rather hard to raise  
Fish of that *specie* nowadays)  
Some sprats have been, by Y—rn—h’s wish,  
Promoted into silver fish,  
And gudgeons (so V—ns—tt—t told  
The Reg—t) are as good as gold.

*Twopenny Post Bag*, p. 137.

<sup>2</sup> *Ante fores stabat Jovis Hospitis ara.* OVID.

<sup>3</sup> Edinburgh Review, No. cxxxv., *George the Fourth and Queen Caroline*.—“When the Prince entered upon public life he was found to have exhausted the resources of a career of pleasure; to have gained followers without making friends; to have acquired much envy and some admiration among the unthinking multitude of polished society; but not to command in any quarter either respect or esteem. \* \* \* The portrait which we have painted of him is undoubtedly one of the darkest shade, and most repulsive form.”

<sup>4</sup> “There is no doubt whatever that *The Book*, written by Mr. Perceval, and privately printed at his house, under Lord Eldon’s superintendance and his own, was prepared in concert with the King, and was intended to sound the alarm against Carlton House and the Whigs.”—*Ed. Review*, *ib.*

<sup>5</sup> *Twopenny Post Bag*, p. 128. I avail myself of the men-

not the slightest notion till I found it thus alluded to in Mr. Lockhart's Life of Sir Walter Scott. In speaking of the causes which were supposed to have contributed to the comparative failure of the Poem of "Rokeby," the biographer says, "It is fair to add that, among the London circles, at least, some sarcastic flings, in Mr. Moore's Twopenny Post Bag, must have had an unfavorable influence on this occasion."<sup>1</sup>

Among the translations that have appeared on the Continent, of the greater part of my poetical works, there has been no attempt, as far as I can learn, to give a version of any of my satirical writings, — with the single exception of a squib contained in this volume, entitled "Little Man and Little Soul,"<sup>2</sup> of which there is a translation into German verse, by the late distinguished oriental scholar, Professor von Bohlen.<sup>3</sup> Though unskilled, myself, in German, I can yet perceive — sufficiently to marvel at it — the dexterity and ease with which the Old Ballad metre of the original is adopted and managed in the translation. As this trifle may be considered curious, not only in itself, but still more as connected with so learned a name, I shall here present it to my readers, premising that the same eminent Professor has left a version also of one of my very early *facétie*, "The Rabbinical Origin of Woman."

"THERE WAS A LITTLE MAN."

(Translated by Professor von Bohlen.)

Es war ein kleiner Mann  
Und der hatt 'n kleinen Geist  
Und er sprach : kleiner Geist sehn wir zu, zu, zu,  
Ob uns möglich wohl wird seyn  
So ein kleines Redelein  
Das wir halten, kleiner ich und kleiner du, du, du,  
Das wir halten, kleiner ich und kleiner du.  
Und der kleine Geist, der brach  
Aus dem Loche nun und sprach :  
Ich behaupte, kleiner Mann, du bist keck, keck, keck,

tion here of this latter squib, to recant a correction which I too hastily made in the two following lines of it : —

And, though statesmen may glory in being unbought,  
In an author, we think, sir, that's rather a fault.

Forgetting that Pope's ear was satisfied with the sort of rhyme here used, I foolishly altered (and spoiled) the whole couplet to get rid of it.

<sup>1</sup> "See, for instance," says Mr. Lockhart, "the Epistle of Lady Cork ; or that of Messrs. Lackington, booksellers, to one of their dandy authors : —

<sup>2</sup> Should you feel any touch of poetical glow,  
We've a scheme to suggest : — Mr. Sc—t, you must know,  
(Who, we're sorry to say it, now works for the Row,\*)

\* Paternoster Row.

Nimm nicht übel meine Zweifel,  
Aber sage mir, zum Teufel,  
Hat die kleine kleine Red' einen zweck, zweck, zweck,  
Hat die kleine lteine Red' einen zweck ?  
Der kleine Mann darauf  
Bless die Backen mächtig auf,  
Und er sprach : kle'ner Geist sey gescheut, scheut, scheut ;  
Kleiner ich und kleiner du  
Sind berufen ja dazu  
Zu verdammen und bekehren alle Leut', Leut', Leut',  
Zu verdammen und bekehren alle Leut'.  
Und sie fingen beide an  
Der kleine Geist und kleine Mann,  
Paukten ab ihre Rede so klein, klein, klein :  
Und die ganze Welt für wahr  
Meint, das aufgeblas'ne Paar  
Musst ein winziges Pfäffelein nur seyn, seyn, seyn,  
Musst ein winziges Pfäffelein, nur seyn.

Having thus brought together, as well from the records of other, as from my own recollection, whatever incidental lights could be thrown from those sources, on some of the satirical effusions contained in these pages, I shall now reserve all such reminiscences and notices as relate to the Irish Melodies for our next volume.

It is right my readers should here be apprised, that the plan of classing my poetical works according to the order of their first publication, is pursued no further than the Second Volume of this Collection ; and that, therefore, the arrangement of the contents of the succeeding Volumes, though not, in a general way, departing much from this rule, is not to be depended upon as observing it.

PREFACE.

THE practice which has been lately introduced into literature, of writing very long notes upon very indifferent verses, appears to me rather a happy invention ; as it supplies us with a mode

Having quitted the Borders, to seek new renown,  
Is coming, by long Quarto stages, to Town ;  
And beginning with Rokeby (the job's sure to pay)  
Means to do all the Gentlemen's Seats on the way.  
Now, the scheme is (though none of our hackneys can beat him)

To start a fresh Poet through Highgate to meet him ;  
Who, by means of quick proofs — no revises — long coaches —  
May do a few villas, before Sc—t approaches.  
Indeed, if our Pegasus be not curst shabby,  
He'll reach, without found'ring, at least Woburn Abbey.\*

<sup>2</sup> Alluding to a speech delivered in the year 1813 by the Right Hon. Charles Abbot (then Speaker) against Mr. Grantan's motion for a Committee on the claims of the Catholics.

<sup>3</sup> Author of "The Ancient Indian."

of turning dull poetry to account; and as horses too heavy for the saddle may yet serve well enough to draw lumber, so Poems of this kind make excellent beasts of burden, and will bear notes, though they may not bear reading. Besides, the comments in such cases are so little under the necessity of paying any servile deference to the text, that they may even adopt that Socratic dogma, "Quod supra nos nihil ad nos."

In the first of the two following Poems, I have ventured to speak of the Revolution of 1688, in language which has sometimes been employed by Tory writers, and which is therefore neither very new nor popular. But however an Englishman might be reproached with ingratitude, for depreciating the merits and results of a measure, which he is taught to regard as the source of his liberties — however ungrateful it might appear in Alderman B—rch to question for a moment the purity of that glorious era, to which he is indebted for the seasoning of so many orations — yet an Irishman, who has none of these obligations to acknowledge; to whose country the Revolution brought nothing but injury and insult, and who recollects that the book of Molyneux was burned, by order of William's Whig Parliament, for daring to extend to unfortunate Ireland those principles on which the Revolution was professedly founded — an Irishman *may* be allowed to criticize freely the measures of that period, without exposing himself either to the imputation of ingratitude, or to the suspicion of being influenced by any Popish remains of Jacobitism. No nation, it is true, was ever blessed with a more golden opportunity of establishing and securing its liberties forever than the conjuncture of Eighty-eight presented to the people of Great Britain. But the disgraceful reigns of Charles and James had weakened and degraded the national character. The bold notions of popular right, which had arisen out of the struggles between Charles the First and his Parliament, were gradually supplanted by those slavish doctrines for which Lord H—kes—ry eulogizes the churchmen of that period; and as the Reformation had happened too soon for the purity of religion, so the Revolution came too late for the spirit of liberty. Its advantages accordingly were for the most part specious and transitory, while the evils which it entailed are still felt and still increasing. By rendering unnecessary the frequent exercise of Prerogative, — that unwieldy power which cannot move a step without alarm, — it diminished the

only interference of the Crown, which is singly and independently exposed before the people, and whose abuses therefore are obvious to their senses and capacities. Like the myrtle over a celebrated statue in Minerva's temple at Athens, it skilfully veiled from the public eye the only obtrusive feature of royalty. At the same time, however, that the Revolution abridged this unpopular attribute, it amply compensated by the substitution of a new power, as much more potent in its effect as it is more secret in its operations. In the disposal of an immense revenue and the extensive patronage annexed to it, the first foundations of this power of the Crown were laid; the innovation of a standing army at once increased and strengthened it, and the few slight barriers which the Act of Settlement opposed to its progress have all been gradually removed during the whiggish reigns that succeeded; till at length this spirit of influence has become the vital principle of the state, — an agency, subtle and unseen, which pervades every part of the Constitution, lurks under all its forms and regulates all its movements, and, like the invisible sylph or grace which presides over the motions of beauty,

"Illam, quicquid agit, quoquo vestigia flectit,  
Composit furtim subsequiturque."

The cause of Liberty and the Revolution are so habitually associated in the minds of Englishmen, that probably in objecting to the latter I may be thought hostile or indifferent to the former. But assuredly nothing could be more unjust than such a suspicion. The very object, indeed, which my humble animadversions would attain is, that in the crisis to which I think England is now hastening, and between which and foreign subjugation she may soon be compelled to choose, the errors and omissions of 1688 should be remedied; and, as it was then her fate to experience a Revolution without Reform, so she may now endeavor to accomplish a Reform without Revolution.

In speaking of the parties which have so long agitated England, it will be observed that I lean as little to the Whigs as to their adversaries. Both factions have been equally cruel to Ireland, and perhaps equally insincere in their efforts for the liberties of England. There is one name, indeed, connected with whiggism, of which I can never think but with veneration and tenderness. As justly, however, might the light of the sun be claimed by any particular nation, as the sanction of that name be monopolized by any party whatsoever. Mr. Fox be-

longed to mankind, and they have lost in him their ablest friend.

With respect to the few lines upon Intolerance, which I have subjoined, they are but the imperfect beginning of a long series of Essays, with which I here menace my readers, upon the same important subject. I shall look to no higher merit in the task, than that of giving a new form to claims and remonstrances, which have often been much more eloquently urged, and which would long ere now have produced their effect, but that the minds of some of our statesmen, like the pupil of the human eye, contract themselves the more, the stronger light there is shed upon them.

## CORRUPTION,

### AN EPISTLE.

Νυν δ' ἀπανάδ' ὥσπερ ἐξ ἀγορας ἐκπεπραται ταυτα ἀντεισηκται δε ἀντι τούτων, ἢφ' ὧν ἀπολώλε και νενοσηκεν ἡ Ἑλλας. Ταυτα δ' ἐστι τι; ζήλος, εἰ τις εἰληφε τι γελως ἀν ἡμολογη συγγνωμη τοῖς ἐλεγχόμενοις μισος, ἀν τούτοις τις ἐπιτιμα· ταλλα παντα, ὅσα ἐκ του ὀυροδοκεῖν πρηται.

DEMOSTH. *Philipp.* iii.

BOAST on, my friend — though stripp'd of all beside,  
Thy struggling nation still retains her pride: <sup>1</sup>  
That pride, which once in genuine glory woke  
When Marlborough fought, and brilliant St.  
John spoke;  
That pride which still, by time and shame unstung,  
Outlives even Wh—tel—cke's sword and H—  
wk—sb'ry's tongue!

<sup>1</sup> Angli suos ac sua omnia impense mirantur; cæteras nationes despectui habent. — *Barclay* (as quoted in one of Dryden's prefaces).

<sup>2</sup> England began very early to feel the effects of cruelty towards her dependencies. "The severity of her government (says Macpherson) contributed more to deprive her of the continental dominions of the family of Plantagenet than the arms of France." — See his *History*, vol. i.

<sup>3</sup> "By the total reduction of the kingdom of Ireland in 1691 (says Burke), the ruin of the native Irish, and in a great measure, too, of the first races of the English, was completely accomplished. The new English interest was settled with as solid a stability as any thing in human affairs can look for. All the penal laws of that unparalleled code of oppression, which were made after the last event, were manifestly the effects of national hatred and scorn towards a conquered people, whom the victors delighted to trample upon, and were not at all afraid to provoke." Yet this is the era to which the wise Common Council of Dublin refer us for "invaluable blessings," &c.

<sup>4</sup> It never seems to occur to those orators and addressers

Boast on, my friend, while in this humbled isle <sup>1</sup>  
Where Honor mourns and Freedom fears to smile,

Where the bright light of England's fame is known

But by the shadow o'er our fortunes thrown;  
Where doom'd ourselves to nought but wrongs and slights,<sup>3</sup>

We hear you boast of Britain's glorious rights,  
As wretched slaves, that under hatches lie,  
Hear those on deck extol the sun and sky!  
Boast on, while wandering through my native haunts,

I coldly listen to thy patriot vaunts;  
And feel, though close our wedded countries twine,

More sorrow for my own than pride from thine.

Yet pause a moment — and if truths severe  
Can find an inlet to that courtly ear,  
Which hears no news but W—rd's gazetted lies,  
And loves no politics in rhyme but Pye's, —  
If aught can please thee but the good old saws  
Of "Church and State," and "William's  
matchless laws,"  
And "Acts and Rights of glorious Eighty-eight," —

Things, which though now a century out of date,  
Still serve to ballast, with convenient words,  
A few crank arguments for speaking lords,<sup>4</sup> —  
Turn, while I tell how England's freedom found,  
Where most she look'd for life, her deadliest wound;

How brave she struggled, while her foe was seen,  
How faint since Influence lent that foe a screen;  
How strong o'er James and Popery she prevail'd,  
How weakly fell, when Whigs and gold assail'd.<sup>5</sup>

who round off so many sentences and paragraphs with the Bill of Rights, the Act of Settlement, &c., that most of the provisions which these Acts contained for the preservation of parliamentary independence have been long laid aside as romantic and troublesome. I never meet, I confess, with a politician who quotes seriously the Declaration of Rights, &c., to prove the actual existence of English liberty, that I do not think of that marquis, whom Montesquieu mentions,<sup>6</sup> who set about looking for mines in the Pyrenees, on the strength of authorities which he had read in some ancient authors. The poor marquis toiled and searched in vain. He quoted his authorities to the last, but found no mines after all.

<sup>5</sup> The chief, perhaps the only advantage which has resulted from the system of influence, is that tranquil course of uninterrupted action which it has given to the administration of government. If kings *must* be paramount in the state (and their ministers for the time being always think so), the country is indebted to the Revolution for enabling



While kings were poor, and all those schemes  
 unknown  
 Which drain the people, to enrich the throne ;  
 Ere yet a yielding Commons had supplied  
 Those chains of gold by which themselves are  
 tied ;  
 Then proud Prerogative, untaught to creep  
 With bribery's silent foot on Freedom's sleep,  
 Frankly avow'd his bold enslaving plan,  
 And claim'd a right from God to trample man !  
 But Luther's schism had too much rous'd man-  
 kind  
 For Hampden's truths to linger long behind ;  
 Nor then, when king-like popes had fallen so low,  
 Could pope-like kings<sup>1</sup> escape the levelling  
 blow,  
 That ponderous sceptre (in whose place we bow  
 To the light talisman of influence now),  
 Too gross, too visible, to work the spell  
 Which modern power performs, in fragments fell ;  
 In fragments lay, till, patch'd and painted o'er  
 With fleurs-de-lis, it shone and scourged once  
 more.

'Twas then, my friend, thy kneeling nation  
 quaff'd  
 Long, long and deep, the churchman's opiate  
 draught

them to become so quietly, and for removing skilfully the danger of those shocks and collisions which the alarming efforts of prerogative never failed to produce.

Instead of vain and disturbing efforts to establish that speculative balance of the constitution, which, perhaps, has never existed but in the pages of Montesquieu and De Lolme, a preponderance is now silently yielded to one of the three estates, which carries the other two almost insensibly, but still effectually, along with it ; and even though the path may lead eventually to destruction, yet its specious and gilded smoothness almost atones for the danger ; and, like Milton's bridge over Chaos, it may be said to lead,

“ Smooth, easy, inoffensive, down to ——.”

<sup>1</sup> The drivelling correspondence between James I. and his “ dog Steenie ” (the Duke of Buckingham), which we find among the Hardwicke Papers, sufficiently shows, if we wanted any such illustration, into what doting, idiotic brains the plan of arbitrary power may enter.

<sup>2</sup> Tacitus has expressed his opinion, in a passage very frequently quoted, that such a distribution of power as the theory of the British constitution exhibits is merely a subject of bright speculation, “ a system more easily praised than practised, and which, even could it happen to exist, would certainly not prove permanent ;” and, in truth, a review of England's annals would dispose us to agree with the great historian's remark. For we find that at no period whatever has this balance of the three estates existed ; that the nobles predominated till the policy of Henry VII. and his successor reduced their weight by breaking up the feudal system of property ; that the power of the Crown became

Of passive, prone obedience — then took flight  
 All sense of man's true dignity and right ;  
 And Britons slept so sluggish in their chain,  
 That Freedom's watch voice call'd almost in  
 vain.

O England ! England ! what a chance was  
 thine,

When the last tyrant of that ill-starr'd line  
 Flew from his sullied crown, and left thee free  
 To found thy own eternal liberty !

How nobly high, in that propitious hour,  
 Might patriot hands have rais'd the triple  
 tower<sup>2</sup>

Of British freedom, on a rock divine  
 Which neither force could storm nor treachery  
 mine !

But no — the luminous, the lofty plan,  
 Like mighty Babel, seem'd too bold for man ;  
 The curse of jarring tongues again was given  
 To thwart a work which raised men nearer  
 heaven.

While Tories marr'd what Whigs had scarce  
 begun,

While Whigs undid what Whigs themselves  
 had done,<sup>3</sup>

The hour was lost, and William, with a smile,  
 Saw Freedom weeping o'er the unfinish'd  
 pile !

then supreme and absolute, till the bold encroachments of the Commons subverted the fabric altogether ; that the alternate ascendancy of prerogative and privilege distracted the period which followed the Restoration ; and that, lastly, the Acts of 1688, by laying the foundation of an unbounded court influence, have secured a preponderance to the Throne, which every succeeding year increases. So that the vaunted British constitution has never perhaps existed but in mere theory.

<sup>3</sup> The monarchs of Great Britain can never be sufficiently grateful for that accommodating spirit which led the Revolutionary Whigs to give away the crown, without imposing any of those restraints or stipulations which other men might have taken advantage of so favorable a moment to enforce, and in the framing of which they had so good a model to follow as the limitations proposed by the Lords Essex and Halifax, in the debate upon the Exclusion Bill. They not only condescended, however, to accept of places, but took care that these dignities should be no impediment to their “ voice potential ” in affairs of legislation ; and although an Act was after many years suffered to pass, which by one of its articles disqualified placemen from serving as members of the House of Commons, it was yet not allowed to interfere with the influence of the reigning monarch, nor with that of his successor Anne. The purifying clause, indeed, was not to take effect till after the decease of the latter sovereign, and she very considerably repealed it altogether. So that, as representation has continued ever since, if the king were simple enough to send to foreign courts ambassadors who were most of them in the pay of those courts, he would be just as honestly and faithfully represented as are



Hence all the ills you suffer, — hence remain  
Such galling fragments of that feudal chain,<sup>1</sup>  
Whose links around you by the Norman flung,  
Though loosed and broke so often, still have  
    clung.  
Hence sly Prerogative, like Jove of old,  
Has turn'd his thunder into showers of gold,

Whose silent courtship wins securer joys,<sup>2</sup>  
Taints by degrees, and ruins without noise.  
While parliaments, no more those sacred things,  
Which make and rule the destiny of kings,  
Like loaded dice by ministers are thrown,  
And each new set of sharpers cog their  
    own.

his people. It would be endless to enumerate all the favors which were conferred upon William by those "apostate Whigs." They complimented him with the first suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act which had been hazarded since the confirmation of that privilege; and this example of our Deliverer's reign has not been lost upon any of his successors. They promoted the establishment of a standing army, and circulated in its defence the celebrated "Balancing Letter," in which it is insinuated that England, even then, in her boasted hour of regeneration, was arrived at such a pitch of faction and corruption, that nothing could keep her in order but a Whig ministry and a standing army. They refused, as long as they could, to shorten the duration of parliaments; and though, in the Declaration of Rights, the necessity of such a reform was acknowledged, they were able, by arts not unknown to modern ministers, to brand those as traitors and republicans who urged it.\* But the grand and distinguishing trait of their measures was the power they bestowed on the Crown of almost annihilating the freedom of elections, — of turning from its course, and forever defiling that great stream of Representation, which had, even in the most agitated periods, reflected some features of the people, but which, from thenceforth, become the Pactolus, the "aurifer amnis," of the court, and served as a mirror of the national will and popular feeling no longer. We need but consult the writings of that time, to understand the astonishment then excited by measures, which the practice of a century has rendered not only familiar but necessary. See a pamphlet called "The Danger of mercenary Parliaments," 1798; State Tracts, Will. III. vol. ii.; see also "Some Paradoxes presented as a New Year's Gift." (*State Poems*, vol. iii.)

<sup>1</sup> The last great wound given to the feudal system was the Act of the 12th of Charles II., which abolished the tenure of knight's service *in capite*, and which Blackstone compares, for its salutary influence upon property, to the boasted provisions of Magna Charta itself. Yet even in this Act we see the effects of that counteracting spirit which has contrived to weaken every effort of the English nation towards liberty. The exclusion of copyholders from their share of elective rights was permitted to remain as a brand of feudal servitude, and as an obstacle to the rise of that strong counterbalance which an equal representation of property would oppose to the weight of the Crown. If the managers of the Revolution had been sincere in their wishes for reform, they would not only have taken this fetter off the rights of election but would have renewed the mode adopted in Cromwell's time of increasing the number of knights of the shire, to the exclusion of those rotten insignificant boroughs, which have tainted the whole mass of the constitution. Lord Clarendon calls this measure of Cromwell's "an alteration fit

to be more warrantable made, and in a better time." It formed part of Mr. Pitt's plan in 1783; but Pitt's plan of reform was a kind of announced dramatic piece, about as likely to be ever acted as Mr. Sheridan's "Foresters."

— fore enim tutum iter et patens  
    Converso in pretium Deo.  
Aurum per medios ire satellites, &c.

*Horat.*

It would be a task not uninteresting to trace the history of Prerogative from the date of its strength under the Tudor princes, when Henry VII. and his successors "taught the people (as Nathaniel Bacon says) \* to dance to the tune of Allegiance," to the period of the Revolution, when the Throne, in its attacks upon liberty, began to exchange the noisy explosions of Prerogative for the silent and effectual air gun of Influence. In following its course, too, since that memorable era, we shall find that, while the royal power has been abridged in branches where it might be made conducive to the interests of the people, it has been left in full and unshackled vigor against almost every point where the integrity of the constitution is vulnerable. For instance, the power of chartering boroughs, to whose capricious abuse in the hands of the Stuarts we are indebted for most of the present anomalies of representation, might, if suffered to remain, have in some degree atoned for its mischief, by restoring the old unchartered boroughs to their rights, and widening more equally the basis of the legislature. But, by the Act of Union with Scotland, this part of the prerogative was removed, lest Freedom should have a chance of being healed, even by the rust of the spear which had formerly wounded her. The dangerous power, however, of creating peers, which has been so often exercised for the government *against* the constitution, is still left in free and unqualified activity; notwithstanding the example of that celebrated Bill for the limitation of this ever-budding branch of prerogative, which was proposed in the reign of George I. under the peculiar sanction and recommendation of the Crown, but which the Whigs thought right to reject, with all that characteristic delicacy, which, in general, prevents them when enjoying the sweets of office themselves, from taking any uncourtly advantage of the Throne. It will be recollected, however, that the creation of the twelve peers by the Tories in Anne's reign (a measure which Swift, like a true party man, defends) gave these upright Whigs all possible alarm for their liberties.

With regard to the generous fit about his prerogative which seized so unroyally the good king George I., historians have hunted that the paroxysm originated far more in hatred to his son than in love to the constitution.† This of course, however, is a calumny: no loyal person, acquainted with the annals of the three Georges, could possibly suspect any one of those gracious monarchs either of ill will to his heir, or indifference for the constitution.

\* See a pamphlet published in 1633, upon the King's refusing to sign the Triennial Bill, called "A Discourse between a Yeoman of Kent and a Knight of a Shire."—"Hereupon (says the Yeoman) the gentleman grew angry, and said that I talked like a base commons-wealth man."

\* *Historic. and Politic. Discourse*, &c. part ii. p. 114.

† Coxe says that this Bill was projected by Sunderland.

Hence the rich oil, that from the Treasury steals,  
 Drips smooth o'er all the Constitution's wheels,  
 Giving the old machine such pliant play,<sup>1</sup>  
 That Court and Commons jog one joltless way,  
 While Wisdom trembles for the crazy car,  
 'Till gilt, so rotten, carrying fools so far;  
 As the duped people, hourly doom'd to pay  
 The sum what bribe their liberties away,<sup>2</sup>—  
 Like a young eagle, who has lent his plume  
 To fledge the shaft by which he meets his  
 doom,—

See their own feathers pluck'd to wing the dart  
 Which rank corruption destines for their heart!  
 But soft! methinks I hear thee proudly say,  
 "What! shall I listen to the impious lay,  
 "That dares, with Tory license, to profane  
 "The bright bequests of William's glorious  
 reign?  
 "Shall the great wisdom of our patriot sires,  
 "Whom H—wks—b—y quotes and savory  
 B—rch admires,

<sup>1</sup> "They drove so fast (says Welwood of the ministers of Charles I., that it was no wonder that the wheels and chariot broke." (*Memoirs*, p. 35.)—But this fatal accident, if we may judge from experience, is to be imputed far less to the folly and impetuosity of the drivers, than to the want of that suppling oil from the Treasury which has been found so necessary to make a government like that of England run smoothly. Had Charles been as well provided with this article as his successors have been since the happy Revolution, his Commons would never have merited from him the harsh appellation of "seditious vipers;" but would have been (as they now are, and I trust always will be) "dutiful Commons," "loyal Commons," &c. &c., and would have given him ship money, or any other sort of money he might have fancied.

<sup>2</sup> Among those auxiliaries which the Revolution of 1688 marshalled on the side of the Throne, the bugbear of Popery has not been the least convenient and serviceable. Those unskilful tyrants, Charles and James, instead of profiting by that useful subserviency which has always distinguished the ministers of our religious establishment, were so infatuated as to plan the ruin of this best bulwark of their power, and, moreover, connected their designs upon the Church so undisguisedly with their attacks upon the Constitution, that they identified in the minds of the people the interests of their religion and their liberties. During those times, therefore, "No Popery" was the watchword of freedom, and served to keep the public spirit awake against the invasions of bigotry and prerogative. The Revolution, however, by removing this object of jealousy, has produced a reliance on the orthodoxy of the Throne, of which the Throne has not failed to take advantage; and the cry of "No Popery" having thus lost its power of alarming the people against the inroads of the Crown, has served ever since the very different purpose of strengthening the Crown against the pretensions and struggles of the people. The danger of the Church from Papists and Pretenders was the chief pretext for the repeal of the Triennial Bill, for the adoption of a standing army, for the numerous suspensions of the Habeas Corpus Act, and in short for all those spirited infractions of the

"Be slander'd thus? shall honest St—le agree  
 "With virtuous R—se to call us pure and free,  
 "Yet fail to prove it? Shall our patent pair  
 "Of wise state poets waste their words in air,  
 "And P—e unheeded breathe his prosperous  
 strain,  
 "And C—nn—ng take the people's sense in  
 vain?"<sup>3</sup>

The people!—ah, that Freedom's form  
 should stay

Where Freedom's spirit long hath pass'd away!  
 That a false smile should play around the dead,  
 And flush the features when the soul hath fled!<sup>4</sup>  
 When Rome had lost her virtue with her rights,  
 When her foul tyrant sat on Capree's heights<sup>5</sup>  
 Amid his ruffian spies, and doom'd to death  
 Each noble name they blasted with their  
 breath,—  
 Even then, (in mockery of that golden time,  
 When the Republic rose revered, sublime,

constitution by which the reigns of the last century were so eminently distinguished. We have seen very lately, too, how the Throne has been enabled, by the same scarecrow sort of alarm, to select its ministers from among men, whose servility is their only claim to elevation, and who are pledged (if such an alternative could arise) to take part with the scruples of the King against the salvation of the empire.

<sup>3</sup> Somebody has said, "Quand tous les poètes seraient noyés, ce ne serait pas grand dommage;" but I am aware that this is not fit language to be held at a time when our birth-day odes and state papers are written by such pretty poets as Mr. P—e and Mr. C—nn—ng. All I wish is, that the latter gentleman would change places with his brother P—e, by which means we should have somewhat less prose in our odes, and certainly less poetry in our politics.

<sup>4</sup> "It is a scandal (said Sir Charles Sedley in William's reign) that a government so sick at heart as ours is should look so well in the face;" and Edmund Burke has said, in the present reign, "When the people conceive that laws and tribunals, and even popular assemblies, are perverted from the ends of their institution, they find in these names of degenerated establishments only new motives to discontent. Those bodies which, when full of life and beauty, lay in their arms and were their joy and comfort, when dead and putrid become more loathsome from remembrance of former endearments."—*Thoughts on the present Discontents*, 1770.

—Tutor haberi

Principis, Augustâ Caprearum in rupe sedentis  
 Cum grege Chaldæo. *Jænot. Sat. x. v. 32.*

The senate still continued, during the reign of Tiberius, to manage all the business of the public; the money was then and long after coined by their authority, and every other public affair received their sanction.

We are told by Tacitus of a certain race of men, who made themselves particularly useful to the Roman emperors, and were therefore called "instrumenta regni," or "court tools." From this, it appears that my Lords M—, C— &c. &c. are v no means things of modern invention

And her proud sons, diffused from zone to zone,  
Gave kings to every nation but their own,  
Even then the senate and the tribunes stood,  
Insulting marks, to show how high the flood  
Of Freedom flow'd, in glory's by-gone day,  
And how it ebb'd — forever ebb'd away!<sup>1</sup>

Look but around — though yet a tyrant's sword  
Nor haunts our sleep nor glitters o'er our board,  
Though blood be better drawn, by modern quacks,  
With Treasury leeches than with sword or axe;  
Yet say, could even a prostrate tribune's power,  
Or a mock senate, in Rome's servile hour,  
Insult so much the claims, the rights of man,  
As doth that fetter'd mob, that free divan,  
Of noble tools and honorable knaves,  
Of pension'd patriots and privileged slaves; —  
That party-colored mass, which nought can warm  
But rank corruption's heat — whose quicken'd swarm  
Spread their light wings in Bribery's golden sky,  
Buzz for a period, lay their eggs, and die; —  
That greedy vampire, which from Freedom's tomb  
Comes forth, with all the mimicry of bloom  
Upon its lifeless cheek, and sucks and drains  
A people's blood to feed its putrid veins!

Thou start'st, my friend, at picture drawn so dark —  
"Is there no light?" thou ask'st — "no lingering spark  
"Of ancient fire to warm us? Lives there none,  
"To act a Marvell's part?"<sup>2</sup> — alas! not one.

<sup>1</sup> There is something very touching in what Tacitus tells us of the hopes that revived in a few patriot bosoms, when the death of Augustus was near approaching, and the fond expectation with which they already began "bona libertatis incassum disserere."

According to Ferguson, Cæsar's interference with the rights of election "made the subversion of the republic more felt than any of the former acts of his power." — *Roman Republic*, book v. chap. i.

<sup>2</sup> Andrew Marvell, the honest opposer of the court during the reign of Charles the Second, and the last member of parliament who, according to the ancient mode, took wages from his constituents. The Commons have, since then, much changed their paymasters. — See the *State Poems* for some rude but spirited effusions of Andrew Marvell.

<sup>3</sup> The following artless speech of Sir Francis Winington, in the reign of Charles the Second, will amuse those who

To place and power all public spirit tends,  
In place and power all public spirit ends;<sup>3</sup>  
Like hardy plants, that love the air and sky,  
When out, 'twill thrive — but taken in, 'twill die

Not bolder truths of sacred Freedom hung  
From Sidney's pen or burn'd on Fox's tongue  
Than upstart Whigs produce each market night,  
While yet their conscience, as their purse, is light;

While debts at home excite their care for those  
Which, dire to tell, their much-lov'd country owes,

And loud and upright, till their prize be known,  
They thwart the King's supplies to raise their own.

But bees, on flowers alighting, cease their hum —  
So, settling upon places, Whigs grow dumb.  
And, though most base is he, who, 'neath the shade

Of Freedom's ensign plies corruption's trade,  
And makes the sacred flag he dares to show  
His passport to the market of her foe,  
Yet, yet, I own so venerably dear  
Are Freedom's grave old anthems to my ear,  
That I enjoy them, though by traitors sung,  
And reverence Scripture even from Satan's tongue.

Nay, when the constitution has expired,  
I'll have such men, like Irish weavers, hired  
To chant old "Habeas Corpus" by its side,  
And ask, in purchas'd ditties, why it died?

See yon smooth lord, whom nature's plastic pains  
Would seem to've fashioned for those Eastern reigns  
When eunuchs flourish'd, and such nerveless things  
As men rejected were the chosen of kings;<sup>4</sup> —

are fully aware of the perfection we have since attained in that system of government whose humble beginnings so much astonished the worthy baronet. "I did observe (says he) that all those who had pensions, and most of those who had offices, voted all of a side, as they were directed by some great officer, exactly as if their business in this House had been to preserve their pensions and offices, and not to make laws for the good of them who sent them here." — He alludes to that parliament which was called, *par excellence*, the Pensionary Parliament.

<sup>4</sup> According to Xenophon, the chief circumstance which recommended these creatures to the service of Eastern princes was the ignominious station they held in society, and the probability of their being, upon this account, more devoted to the will and caprice of a master, from whose notice alone they derived consideration, and in whose favor they might seek refuge from the general contempt of man-

Even *he*, forsooth, (O fraud, of all the worst!)  
Dared to assume the patriot's name at first —  
Thus Pitt began, and thus begin his apes;  
Thus devils, when *first* raised, take pleasing  
shapes.

But O, poor Ireland! if revenge be sweet  
For centuries of wrong, for dark deceit  
And withering insult — for the Union thrown  
Into thy bitter cup,<sup>1</sup> when that alone  
Of slavery's draught was wanting<sup>2</sup> — if for  
this

Revenge be sweet, thou *hast* that demon's bliss;  
For sure, 'tis more than hell's revenge to see  
That England trusts the men who've ruin'd  
thee; —

That, in these awful days, when every hour  
Creates some new or blasts some ancient power,  
When proud Napoleon, like th' enchanted  
shield<sup>3</sup>

Whose light compell'd each wondering foe to  
yield,

With baleful lustre blinds the brave and free,  
And dazzles Europe into slavery, —  
That, in this hour, when patriot zeal should  
guide,

When Mind should rule, and — Fox should *not*  
have died,

All that devoted England can oppose  
To enemies made fiends and friends made foes,

*kind.* — Αἰῶροι οὐτὲς ὁ ἐνοουχοὶ παρα τοῖς ἀλλοῖς ἀνθρώποις καὶ διὰ τοῦτο δεσποτῶ ἐπικουρῶ προσεισονται. — But I doubt whether even an Eastern prince would have chosen an entire administration upon this principle.

1 “And in the cup a *Union* shall be thrown.”

*Hamlet.*

<sup>2</sup> Among the many measures, which, since the Revolution, have contributed to increase the influence of the Throne, and to feed up this “Aaron's serpent” of the constitution to its present healthy and respectable magnitude, there have been few more nutritive than the Scotch and Irish Unions. Sir John Packer said, in a debate upon the former question, that “he would submit it to the House, whether men who had basely betrayed their trust, by giving up their independent constitution, were fit to be admitted into the English House of Commons.” But Sir John would have known, if he had not been out of place at the time, that the pliancy of such materials was not among the least of their recommendations. Indeed, the promoters of the Scotch Union were by no means disappointed in the leading object of their measure, for the triumphant majorities of the court party in parliament may be dated from the admission of the 45 and the 16. Once or twice, upon the alteration of their law of treason and the imposition of the malt tax (measures which were in direct violation of the Act of Union), these worthy North Britons arrayed themselves in opposition to the court; but finding this effort for their country unavailing, they prudently determined to think thenceforward of themselves, and few men have ever kept to a laudable resolution more firmly. The effect of

Is the rank refuse, the despised remains  
Of that un pitying power, whose whips and  
chains

Drove Ireland first to turn, with harlot glance,  
Towards other shores, and woo th' embrace of  
France; —

Those hack'd and tainted tools, so foully fit  
For the grand artisan of mischief, P—tt,  
So useless ever but in vile employ,  
So weak to save, so vigorous to destroy —  
Such are the men that guard thy threaten'd  
shore,

O England! sinking England! <sup>4</sup> boast no more

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## INTOLERANCE,

A SATIRE.

“This clamor, which pretends to be raised for the safety of religion, has almost worn out the very appearance of it, and rendered us not only the most divided but the most immoral people upon the face of the earth.”

ADDISON, *Freeholder*, No. 37.

START not, my friend, nor think the Muse will  
stain

Her classic fingers with the dust profane

Irish representation on the liberties of England will be no less perceptible and permanent.

— Οὐδ' ὕγε Ταυρῶ

Λειπεταὶ ἀντελλόντος.\*

The infusion of such cheap and useful ingredients as my Lord L., Mr. D. B., &c. &c. into the legislature, cannot but act as a powerful alterative on the constitution, and clear it by degess of all troublesome humors of honesty.

<sup>3</sup> The magician's shield in Ariosto: —

E tolto per virtù dello splendore

La libertate a loro.

*Cant. 2.*

We are told that Cæsar's code of morality was contained in the following lines of Euripides, which that great man frequently repeated: —

Ἐπειρ γὰρ ἀδικεῖν χρηρ τυραννίδος περι

Καλλίστον ἀδικεῖν τ' ἀλλὰ δ' εὐσεβεῖν χρεῶν.

This is also, as it appears, the moral code of Napoleon.

<sup>4</sup> The following prophetic remarks occur in a letter written by Sir Robert Talbot, who attended the Duke of Bedford to Paris in 1762. Talking of states which have grown powerful in commerce, he says, “According to the nature and common course of things, there is a confederacy against them, and consequently in the same proportion as they increase in riches, they approach to destruction. The address

\* From Aratus (v. 715) a poet who wrote upon astronomy though, as Cicero assures us, he knew nothing whatever about the subject: just as the great Harvey wrote, “De Generatione,” though he had as little to do with the matter as my Lord Viscount C.



Of Bulls, Decrees, and all those thundering scrolls,  
Which took such freedom once with royal souls,<sup>1</sup>  
When heaven was yet the pope's exclusive trade,  
And kings were *damn'd* as fast as now they're *made*.  
No, no — let D—gen—n search the papal chair<sup>2</sup>  
For fragrant treasures long forgotten there ;  
And as the witch of sunless Lapland thinks  
That little swarthy gnomes delight in stinks,  
Let sallow P—rc—v—l snuff up the gale  
Which wizard D—gen—n's gather'd sweets ex-  
hale.  
Enough for me, whose heart has learn'd to scorn  
Bigots alike in Rome or England born,  
Who loathe the venom, whencesoe'er it springs,  
From popes or lawyers,<sup>3</sup> pastry cooks or kings,  
Enough for me to laugh and weep by turns,  
As mirth provokes, or indignation burns,

As C—nn—ng vapors, or as France succeeds,  
As H—wk—sb'ry proses, or as Ireland bleeds !

And thou, my friend, if in these headlong days,  
When bigot Zeal her drunken antics plays  
So near a precipice, that men the while  
Look breathless on and shudder while they smile —  
If, in such fearful days, thou'lt dare to look  
To hapless Ireland, to this rankling nook  
Which Heaven hath freed from poisonous things  
in vain,  
While G—ff—rd's tongue and M—sgr—ve's per-  
remain —  
If thou hast yet no golden blinkers got  
To shade thine eyes from this devoted spot,  
Whose wrongs, though blazon'd o'er the world  
they be,  
Placemen alone are privileged *not* to see —

of our King William, in making all Europe take the alarm at France, has brought that country before us near that inevitable period. We must necessarily have our turn, and Great Britain will attain it as soon as France shall have a declaimer with organs as proper for that political purpose as were those of our William the Third. . . . .  
Without doubt, my Lord, Great Britain must lower her flight. Europe will remind us of the balance of commerce, as she has reminded France of the balance of power. The address of our statesmen will immortalize them by contriving for us a descent which shall not be a fall, by making us rather resemble Holland than Carthage and Venice" — *Letters on the French Nation*.

<sup>1</sup> The king-deposing doctrine, notwithstanding its many mischievous absurdities, was of no little service to the cause of political liberty, by inculcating the right of resistance to tyrants, and asserting the will of the people to be the only true fountain of power. Bellarmine, the most violent of the advocates for papal authority, was one of the first to maintain (*De Pontif.* lib. i. cap. 7), "that kings have not their authority or office immediately from God nor his law, but only from the law of nations;" and in King James's "Defence of the Rights of Kings against Cardinal Perron," we find his Majesty expressing strong indignation against the Cardinal for having asserted "that to the deposing of a king the consent of the people must be obtained" — "for by these words (says James) the people are exalted above the king, and made the judges of the king's deposing," p. 421. — Even in Mariana's celebrated book, where the nonsense of bigotry does not interfere, there may be found many liberal and enlightened views of the principles of government, of the restraints which should be imposed upon royal power, of the subordination of the Throne to the interests of the people, &c. &c. (*De Rege et Regis Institutione*. See particularly lib. i. cap. 6, 8, and 9.) — It is rather remarkable, too, that England should be indebted to another Jesuit for the earliest defence of that principle upon which the Revolution was founded, namely, the right of the people to change the succession. — (See Doleman's "Conferences," written in support of the title of the Infanta of Spain against that of James I.) — When Englishmen, therefore, say that Popery

is the religion of slavery, they should not only recollect that their own boasted constitution is the work and bequest of Popish ancestors; they should not only remember the laws of Edward III., "under whom (says Bolingbroke) the constitution of our parliaments, and the whole form of our government, became reduced into better form;" but they should know that even the errors charged on Popery have leaned to the cause of liberty, and that Papists were the first promulgators of the doctrines which led to the Revolution. — In general, however, the political principles of the Roman Catholics have been described as happened to suit the temporary convenience of their oppressors, and have been represented alternately as slavish or refractory, according as a pretext for tormenting them was wanting. The same inconsistency has marked every other imputation against them. They are charged with laxity in the observance of oaths, though an oath has been found sufficient to shut them out from all worldly advantages. If they reject certain decisions of their church, they are said to be sceptics and bad Christians; if they admit those very decisions, they are branded as bigots and bad subjects. We are told that confidence and kindness will make them enemies to the government, though we know that exclusion and injuries have hardly prevented them from being its friends. In short, nothing can better illustrate the misery of those shifts and evasions by which a long course of cowardly injustice must be supported, than the whole history of Great Britain's conduct towards the Catholic part of her empire.

<sup>2</sup> The "*Sella Stercoraria*" of the popes. — The Right Honorable and learned Doctor will find an engraving of this chair in Spanheim's "*Disquisitio Historica de Papâ Fœminiâ*" (p. 118); and I recommend it as a model for the fashion of that seat which the Doctor is about to take in the privy council of Ireland.

<sup>3</sup> When Innocent X. was entreated to decide the controversy between the Jesuits and the Jansenists, he answered, that "he had been bred a lawyer, and had therefore nothing to do with divinity." — It were to be wished that some of our English pettifoggers knew their own fit element as well as Pope Innocent X.



O, turn a while, and, though the shamrock wreathes

My homely harp, yet shall the song it breathes  
Of Ireland's slavery, and of Ireland's woes,  
Live, when the memory of her tyrant foes  
Shall but exist, all future knaves to warn,  
Embalm'd in hate and canonized by scorn.  
When C—stl—r—gh, in sleep still more pro-  
found

Than his own opiate tongue now deals around,  
Shall wait th' impeachment of that awful day  
Which even *his* practised hand can't bribe away.

Yes, my dear friend, wert thou but near me  
now,

To see how Spring lights up on Erin's brow  
Smiles that shine out, unconquerably fair,  
Even through the blood marks left by C—m-  
d—n<sup>1</sup> there, —

Couldst thou but see what verdure paints the  
sod

Which none but tyrants and their slaves have  
trod,

And didst thou know the spirit, kind and brave,  
That warms the soul of each insulted slave,  
Who, tired with struggling, sinks beneath his  
lot,

And seems by all but watchful France forgot?<sup>2</sup>—  
Thy heart would burn — yes, even thy Pittite  
heart

Would burn, to think that such a blooming part  
Of the world's garden, rich in nature's charms,  
And fill'd with social souls and vigorous arms,  
Should be the victim of that canting crew,  
So smooth, so godly, — yet so devilish too;  
Who, arm'd at once with Prayer books and with  
whips,<sup>3</sup>

Blood on their hands, and Scripture on their lips,

themselves justified in dissenting, — while so much liberty of retraction is allowed to Protestants upon their own declared and subscribed Articles of religion, is it not strange that a similar indulgence should be so obstinately refused to the Catholics, upon tenets which their church has uniformly resisted and condemned, in every country where it has independently flourished? When the Catholics say, "The Decree of the Council of Lateran, which you object to us, has no claim whatever upon either our faith or our reason; it did not even profess to contain any doctrinal decision, but was merely a judicial proceeding of that assembly; and it would be as fair for us to impute a *wife-killing* doctrine to the Protestants, because their first pope, Henry VIII, was sanctioned in an indulgence of that propensity, as for you to conclude that we have inherited a king-deposing taste from the acts of the Council of Lateran, or the secular pretensions of our popes. With respect, too, to the Decree of the Council of Constance, upon the strength of which you accuse us of breaking faith with heretics, we do not hesitate to pronounce that Decree a calumnious forgery, a forgery, too, so obvious and ill fabricated, that none but our enemies have ever ventured to give it the slightest credit for authenticity." — When the Catholics make these declarations (and they are almost weary with making them), when they show, too, by their conduct, that these declarations are sincere, and that their faith and morals are no more regulated by the absurd decrees of old councils and popes, than their science is influenced by the papal anathema against that Irishman\* who first found out the Antipodes, — is it not strange that so many still wilfully distrust what every good man is so much interested in believing? That so many should prefer the dark lantern of the 13th century to the sunshine of intellect which has since overspread the world, and that every dabbler in theology, from Mr. Le Mesurier down to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, should dare to oppose the rubbish of Constance and Lateran to the bright and triumphant progress of justice, generosity, and truth?

\* Virgilius, surnamed Solivagus, a native of Ireland, who maintained, in the 8th century, the doctrine of the Antipodes, and was anathematized accordingly by the Pope. John Scotus Erigena another Irishman, was the first that ever wrote against transubstantiation.

<sup>1</sup> Not the C—md—n who speaks thus of Ireland: —

"To wind up all, whether we regard the fruitfulness of the soil, the advantage of the sea, with so many commodious havens, or the natives themselves, who are warlike, ingenious, handsome, and well complexioned, soft skinned and very nimble, by reason of the plianthness of their muscles, this Island is in many respects so happy, that Giraldus might very well say, 'Nature had regarded with more favorable eyes than ordinary this Kingdom of Zephyr.'"

<sup>2</sup> The example of toleration, which Bonaparte has held forth, will, I fear, produce no other effect than that of determining the British government to persist, from the very spirit of opposition, in their own old system of intolerance and injustice; just as the Siamese blacken their teeth, "because," as they say, "the devil has white ones."\*

<sup>3</sup> One of the unhappy results of the controversy between Protestants and Catholics, is the mutual exposure which their criminations and recriminations have produced. In vain do the Protestants charge the Papists with closing the door of salvation upon others, while many of their own writings and articles breathe the same uncharitable spirit. No canon of Constance or Lateran ever damned heretics more effectually than the eighth of the Thirty-nine Articles consigns to perdition every single member of the Greek church; and I doubt whether a more sweeping clause of damnation was ever proposed in the most bigoted council, than that which the Calvinistic theory of predestination in the seventeenth of these Articles exhibits. It is true that no liberal Protestant avows such exclusive opinions; that every honest clergyman must feel a pang while he subscribes to them; that some even assert the Athanasian Creed to be the forgery of one Vigilinus Tapensis, in the beginning of the sixth century, and that eminent divines, like Jortin, have not hesitated to say, "There are propositions contained in our Liturgy and Articles, which no man of common sense amongst us believes."† But while all this is freely conceded to Protestants; while nobody doubts their sincerity, when they declare that their articles are not essentials of faith, but a collection of opinions which have been promulgated by fallible men, and from many of which they feel

\* See l'Histoire Naturelle et Polit. du Royaume de Siam, &c.

† Strictures on the Articles, Subscriptions, &c.

Tyrants by creed, and torturers by text,  
 Make *this* life hell, in honor of the *next* !  
 Your R—desd—les, P—re—v—ls, — great, glo-  
 rious Heaven,  
 If I'm presumptuous, be my tongue forgiven,  
 When here I swear, by my soul's hope of rest,  
 I'd rather have been born, ere man was blest  
 With the pure dawn of Revelation's light,  
 Yes, — rather plunge me back in Pagan night,  
 And take my chance with Socrates for bliss,<sup>1</sup>  
 Than be the Christian of a faith like this,  
 Which builds on heavenly cant its earthly sway,  
 And in a convert mourns to lose a prey ;

<sup>1</sup> In a singular work, written by one Franciscus Collius, "upon the Souls of the Pagans," the author discusses, with much coolness and erudition, all the probable chances of salvation upon which a heathen philosopher might calculate. Consigning to perdition without much difficulty Plato, Socrates, &c. the only sage at whose fate he seems to hesitate is Pythagoras, in consideration of his golden thigh, and the many miracles which he performed. But, having balanced a little his claims, and finding reason to father all these miracles on the devil, he at length, in the twenty-fifth chapter, decides upon damning him also. (*De Animabus Paganorum*, lib. iv. cap. 20 and 25.) — The poet Dante compromises the matter with the Pagans, and gives them a neutral territory or limbo of their own, where their employment, it must be owned, is not very enviable. — "Senza speme vivemo in desio." — Cant. iv. — Among the numerous errors imputed to Origen, he is accused of having denied the eternity of future punishment; and, if he never advanced a more irrational doctrine, we may venture, I think, to forgive him. He went so far, however, as to include the devil himself in the general hell-delivery which he supposed would one day or other take place, and in this St. Augustin thinks him rather too merciful — "Miserecordior profecto fuit Origenes, qui et ipsum diabolum," &c. (*De Civitate Dei*, lib. xxi. cap. 17.) — According to St. Jerome, it was Origen's opinion, that "the devil himself, after a certain time, will be as well off as the angel Gabriel" — "Id ipsum fore Gabrielem quod diabolum." (See his *Epistle to Pammachius*.) But Halloix, in his *Defence of Origen*, denies strongly that this learned father had any such misplaced tenderness for the devil.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Fox, in his Speech on the Repeal of the Test Act (1790), thus condemns the intermixture of religion with the political constitution of a state : — "What purpose (he asks) can it serve, except the baleful purpose of communicating and receiving contamination? Under such an alliance, corruption must alight upon the one, and slavery overwhelm the other.

Locke, too, says of the connection between church and state, "The boundaries on both sides are fixed and immovable. He jumbles heaven and earth together, the things most remote and opposite, who mixes these two societies, which are in their original, end, business, and in every thing, perfectly distinct and infinitely different from each other." — *First Letter on Toleration*.

The corruptions introduced into Christianity may be dated from the period of its establishment under Constantine, nor could all the splendor which it then acquired atone for the peace and purity which it lost.

<sup>3</sup> There has been, after all, quite as much intolerance

Which, grasping human hearts with double hold, —  
 Like Danaë's lover mixing god and gold,<sup>2</sup> —  
 Corrupts both state and church, and makes an oath  
 The knave and atheist's passport into both ;  
 Which, while it dooms dissenting souls to know  
 Nor bli's above nor liberty below,  
 Adds the slave's suffering to the sinner's fear,  
 And, lest he 'scape hereafter, racks him here !<sup>3</sup>  
 But no — far other faith, far milder beams  
 Of heavenly justice warm the Christian's  
 dreams ;

among Protestants as among Papists. According to the hackneyed quotation —

Iliacos intra muros peccatur et extra.

Even the great champion of the Reformation, Melancthon, whom Jortin calls "a divine of much mildness and good nature," thus expresses his approbation of the burning of Servetus : "Legi (he says to Bullinger) quæ de Serveti blasphemii respondistis, et pietatem ac judicia vestra probò. Judico etiam senatum Genevensem rectè fecisse, quod hominem pertinacem et non omisurum blasphemias sustulit; ac miratus sum esse qui severitatem illam improbet." — I have great pleasure in contrasting with these "mild and good-natured" sentiments the following words of the Papist Baluze, in addressing his friend Conringius : "Interim amemus, in Conringi, et tametsi diversas opiniones tuemur in causâ religionis, moribus tamen diversi non simus, qui eadem literarum studia sectamur." — *Herman. Conring. Epistol. part. secund. p. 56*.

Hume tells us that the Commons, in the beginning of Charles the First's reign, "attacked Montague, one of the King's chaplains, on account of a moderate book which he had lately composed, and which, to their great disgust, saved virtuous Catholics, as well as other Christians, from eternal torments." — In the same manner a complaint was lodged before the Lords of the Council against that excellent writer Hooker, for having, in a Sermon against Popery, attempted to save many of his Popish ancestors for *ignorance*. — To these examples of Protestant toleration I shall beg leave to oppose the following extract from a letter of old Roger Ascham (the tutor of Queen Elizabeth), which is preserved among the Harrington Papers, and was written in 1566, to the Earl of Leicester, complaining of the Archbishop Young, who had taken away his prebend in the church of York : "Master Bourne\* did never grieve me half so moche in offering me wrong, as Mr. Dudley and the Bishopp of York doe, in taking away my right. No byshopp in Q. Mary's time would have so dealt with me; not Mr. Bourne himself, when Winchester lived, durst have so dealt with me. For suche good estimation in those dayes even the learnedst and wysest men, as Gardener and Cardinal Poole, made of my poore service, that although they knewe perfectly that in religion, both by open wrytinge and pryvie talke, I was contrarye unto them; yea, when Sir Francis Englefield by name did note me speciallye at the councill board, Gardener would not suffer me to be called thither, nor touched ellswheare, saingie suchie words of me in a lettre, as though lettres cannot, I blushe to write them to

\* Sir John Bourne, Principal Secretary of State to Queen Mary

His creed is writ on Mercy's page above,  
By the pure hands of all-atoning Love;  
He weeps to see abused Religion twine  
Round Tyranny's coarse brow her wreath di-  
vine;  
And he, while round him sects and nations raise  
To the one God their varying notes of praise,  
Blesses each voice, whate'er its tone may be,  
That serves to swell the general harmony.<sup>1</sup>

Such was the spirit, gently, grandly bright,  
That fill'd, O Fox! thy peaceful soul with  
light;  
While free and spacious as that ambient air  
Which folds our planet in its circling care,  
The mighty sphere of thy transparent mind  
Embraced the world, and breathed for all man-  
kind.  
Last of the great, farewell! — yet *not* the last —  
Though Britain's sunshine hour with thee be  
past,  
Ierne still one ray of glory gives,  
And feels but half thy loss while Grattan lives.

## APPENDIX.

To the foregoing Poem, as first published, were subjoined, in the shape of a Note, or Appendix, the following remarks on the History and Music of Ireland. This fragment was originally intended to form part of a Preface to the Irish Melodies; but afterwards, for some reason which I do not now recollect, was thrown aside.

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Our history, for many centuries past, is creditable neither to our neighbors nor ourselves, and ought not to be read by any Irishman who wishes either to love England or to feel proud

your lordship. Winchester's good will stode not in speaking faire and wishing well, but he did in deede that for me,\* whereby my wife and children shall live the better when I am gone." (See *Nugæ Antiquæ*, vol. i. pp. 98, 99.) — If men who acted thus were bigots, what shall we call Mr. P—rc—v—1?

In Sutcliffe's "Survey of Popery" there occurs the following assertion: — "Papists, that positively hold the heretical and false doctrines of the modern church of Rome, cannot possibly be saved." — As a contrast to this and other specimens of Protestant liberality, which it would be much more easy than pleasant to collect, I refer my reader to the Declaration of Le Père Courayer; — doubting not that, while he reads the sentiments of this pious man upon toler-

\* By Gardener's favor Ascham long held his fellowship, though not resident.

of Ireland. The loss of independence very early debased our character; and our feuds and rebellions, though frequent and ferocious, but seldom displayed that generous spirit of enterprise with which the pride of an independent monarchy so long dignified the struggles of Scotland. It is true this island has given birth to heroes who, under more favorable circumstances, might have left in the hearts of their countrymen recollections as dear as those of a Bruce or a Wallace; but success was wanting to consecrate resistance, their cause was branded with the disheartening name of treason, and their oppressed country was such a blank among nations, that, like the adventures of those woods which Rinaldo wished to explore, the fame of their actions was lost in the obscurity of the place where they achieved them.

— Errando in quelli boschi  
Trovar potria strane avventure e molte,  
Ma come i luoghi i fatti ancor son foschi,  
Che non se'n ha notizia le più volte.<sup>2</sup>

Hence is it that the annals of Ireland, through a lapse of six hundred years, exhibit not one of those shining names, not one of those themes of national pride, from which poetry borrows her noblest inspiration; and that history, which ought to be the richest garden of the Muse, yields no growth to her in this hapless island but cypress and weeds. In truth, the poet who would embellish his song with allusions to Irish names and events, must be contented to seek them in those early periods when our character was yet unalloyed and original, before the impolitic craft of our conquerors had divided, weakened, and disgraced us. The sole traits of heroism, indeed, which he can venture at this day to commemorate, either with safety to himself, or honor to his country, are to be looked for in those ancient times when the na-

tion, he will feel inclined to exclaim with Belsham, "Blush, ye Protestant bigots! and be confounded at the comparison of your own wretched and malignant prejudices with the generous and enlarged ideas, the noble and animated language of this Popish priest." — *Essays*, xxvii. p. 86.

<sup>1</sup> "La tolérance est la chose du monde la plus propre à ramener le siècle d'or, et à faire un concert et une harmonie de plusieurs voix et instruments de différens tons et notes, aussi agréable pour le moins que l'uniformité d'une seule voix." Bayle, *Commentaire Philosophique*, &c. part ii. chap. vi. — Both Bayle and Locke would have treated the subject of Toleration in a manner much more worthy of themselves and of the cause, if they had written in an age less distracted by religious prejudices.

<sup>2</sup> Ariosto, canto iv.

tive monarchs of Ireland displayed and fostered virtues worthy of a better age; when our Malachies wore around their necks collars of gold which they had won in single combat from the invader,<sup>1</sup> and our Briens deserved and won the warm affections of a people by exhibiting all the most estimable qualities of a king. It may be said that the magic of tradition has shed a charm over this remote period, to which it is in reality but little entitled, and that most of the pictures, which we dwell on so fondly, of days when this island was distinguished amidst the gloom of Europe, by the sanctity of her morals, the spirit of her knighthood, and the polish of her schools, are little more than the inventions of national partiality, — that bright but spurious offspring which vanity engenders upon ignorance, and with which the first records of every people abound. But the sceptic is scarcely to be envied who would pause for stronger proofs than we already possess of the early glories of Ireland; and were even the veracity of all these proofs surrendered, yet who would not fly to such flattering fictions from the sad degrading truths which the history of later times presents to us?

The language of sorrow, however, is, in general, best suited to our Music, and with themes of this nature the poet may be amply supplied. There is scarcely a page of our annals that will not furnish him a subject; and, while the national Muse of other countries adorns her temple proudly with trophies of the past, in Ireland her melancholy altar, like the shrine of Pity at Athens, is to be known only by the tears that are shed upon it: "*lachrymis altaria sudant.*"<sup>2</sup>

There is a well-known story, related of the Antiochians under the reign of Theodosius,

which is not only honorable to the powers of music in general, but which applies so peculiarly to the mournful melodies of Ireland, that I cannot resist the temptation of introducing it here. The piety of Theodosius would have been admirable, had it not been stained with intolerance; but under his reign was, I believe, first set the example of a disqualifying penal code enacted by Christians against Christians.<sup>3</sup> Whether his interference with the religion of the Antiochians had any share in the alienation of their loyalty is not expressly ascertained by historians; but severe edicts, heavy taxation, and the rapacity and insolence of the men whom he sent to govern them, sufficiently account for the discontents of a warm and susceptible people. Repentance soon followed the crimes into which their impatience had hurried them; but the vengeance of the Emperor was implacable, and punishments of the most dreadful nature hung over the city of Antioch, whose devoted inhabitants, totally resigned to despondence, wandered through the streets and public assemblies, giving utterance to their grief in dirges of the most touching lamentation.<sup>4</sup> At length, Flavianus, their bishop, whom they had sent to intercede with Theodosius, finding all his entreaties coldly rejected, adopted the expedient of teaching these songs of sorrow, which he had heard from the lips of his unfortunate countrymen, to the minstrels who performed for the Emperor at table. The heart of Theodosius could not resist this appeal; tears fell fast into his cup while he listened, and the Antiochians were forgiven. Surely, if music ever spoke the misfortunes of a people, or could ever conciliate forgiveness for their errors, the music of Ireland ought to possess those powers.

<sup>1</sup> See Warner's History of Ireland, vol. i. book ix.

<sup>2</sup> Statius, Thebaid. lib. xii.

<sup>3</sup> "A sort of civil excommunication (says Gibbon), which separated them from their fellow-citizens by a peculiar brand of infamy; and this declaration of the supreme magistrate tended to justify, or at least to excuse, the insults of a fanatic populace. The sectaries were gradually disqualified for the possession of honorable or lucrative employments, and Theodosius was satisfied with his own justice when he decreed, that, as the Eunomians distinguished the nature of the Son from that of the Father, they should be incapable of making their wills, or of receiving any advantage from testamentary donations."

<sup>4</sup> Μέλη τινα ολοφύρμον πληρη και συμπαιθειας ανθημενοι ταις μελωδαις επηδον. — Nicetophor. lib. xii. cap. 43. This story is told also in Sozomen, lib. vii. cap. 23; but unfortunately Chrysostom says nothing whatever about it, and he not only had the best opportunities of information, but was too fond of music, as appears by his praises of psalmody (Exposit. in Psalm. xli.), to omit such a flattering illustration of its powers. He imputes their reconciliation to the interference of the Antiochian solitaries, while Zozimus attributes it to the remonstrances of the sophist Libanius. — Gibbon, I think, does not even allude to this story of the musicians.



## THE SCEPTIC; A PHILOSOPHICAL SATIRE.

Νομον παντων βασιλευα.

PINDAR. *ap. Herodot. lib. iii.*

### PREFACE.

THE Sceptical Philosophy of the Ancients has been no less misrepresented than the Epicurean. Pyrrho may perhaps have carried it to rather an irrational excess; but we must not believe, with Beattie, all the absurdities imputed to this philosopher; and it appears to me that the doctrines of the school, as explained by Sextus Empiricus,<sup>1</sup> are far more suited to the wants and infirmities of human reason, as well as more conducive to the mild virtues of humility and patience, than any of those systems of philosophy which preceded the introduction of Christianity. The Sceptics may be said to have held a middle path between the Dogmatists and Academicians; the former of whom boasted that they had attained the truth, while the latter denied that any attainable truth existed. The Sceptics, however, without either asserting or denying its existence, professed to be modestly and anxiously in search of it; or, as St. Augustine expresses it, in his liberal tract against the Manichæans, “*nemo nostrum dicat jam se inuenisse veritatem; sic eam quæramus quasi ab utrisque nesciatur.*”<sup>2</sup> From this habit of impartial investigation, and the necessity which it imposed upon them, of studying not only every system of philosophy, but every art and science, which professed to lay its basis in truth, they necessarily took a wider range of erudition, and were far more travelled in the regions of philosophy than those whom conviction or bigotry had domesticated in any particular system. It required all the learning of dogmatism to overthrow the dogmatism of learning; and the Sceptics may be said to resemble, in this respect, that ancient incendiary, who

stole from the altar the fire with which he destroyed the temple. This advantage over all the other sects is allowed to them even by Lipsius, whose treatise on the miracles of the Virgo Hallensis will sufficiently save him from all suspicion of scepticism. “*Labore, ingenio, memoria,*” he says, “*supra omnes pene philosophos fuisse. — Quid nonne omnia aliorum secta tenere debuerunt et inquirere, si poterunt refellere? res dicit. Nonne orationes varias, raras, subtiles inveniri ad tam receptas, claras, certas (ut videbatur) sententias evertendas?*” &c. &c.<sup>3</sup> — *Manuduct. ad Philosoph. Stoic. Dissert. 4.*

Between the scepticism of the ancients and the moderns the great difference is, that the former doubted for the purpose of investigating, as may be exemplified by the third book of Aristotle’s *Metaphysics*,<sup>4</sup> while the latter investigate for the purpose of doubting, as may be seen through most of the philosophical works of Hume.<sup>5</sup> Indeed, the Pyrrhonism of latter days is not only more subtle than that of antiquity, but, it must be confessed, more dangerous in its tendency. The happiness of a Christian depends so essentially upon his belief, that it is but natural he should feel alarm at the progress of doubt, lest it should steal by degrees into that region from which he is most interested in excluding it, and poison at last the very spring of his consolation and hope. Still, however, the abuses of doubting ought not to deter a philosophical mind from indulging mildly and rationally in its use; and there is nothing, surely, more consistent with the meek spirit of Christianity, than that humble scepticism which professes not to extend its distrust beyond the circle of human pursuits, and the pretensions of human knowledge. A follower of

<sup>1</sup> Pyrrh. Hypoth. — The reader may find a tolerably clear abstract of this work of Sextus Empiricus in *La Vérité des Sciences*, by Mersenne, liv. i. chap. ii. &c.

<sup>2</sup> Lib. contra Epist. Manichæi quam vocant *Fundamenti*, Op. Paris. tom. vi.

<sup>3</sup> See Martin. Schoockius de *Scepticismo*, who endeavors, — weakly, I think — to refute this opinion of Lipsius.

<sup>4</sup> *Ἐστὶ δὲ τοῖσις ὑπόρησαι βουλομένοις προὔργειν τὸ διαπορησαι καλῶς.* — *Metaphys. lib. iii. cap. I.*

<sup>5</sup> Neither Hume, however, nor Berkeley, are to be judged by the misrepresentations of Beattie, whose book, however amiably intended, puts forth a most unphilosophical appeal to popular feelings and prejudices, and is a continued *petitio principii* throughout.



this school may be among the readiest to admit the claims of a superintending Intelligence upon his faith and adoration: it is only to the wisdom of this weak world that he refuses, or at least delays, his assent; it is only in passing through the shadow of earth that his mind undergoes the eclipse of scepticism. No follower of Pyrrho has ever spoken more strongly against the dogmatists than St. Paul himself, in the First Epistle to the Corinthians; and there are passages in Ecclesiastes and other parts of Scripture, which justify our utmost diffidence in all that human reason originates. Even the Sceptics of antiquity refrained carefully from the mysteries of theology, and, in entering the temples of religion, laid aside their philosophy at the porch. Sextus Empiricus thus declares the acquiescence of his sect in the general belief of a divine and foreknowing Power:—*Τῷ μὲν Βίῳ κατακολουθούντες ἀδοξαστῶς φάμεν εἶναι θεούς καὶ σεβόμεν θεούς καὶ προνοεῖν αὐτούς φάμεν.*<sup>1</sup> In short, it appears to me, that this rational and well-regulated scepticism is the only daughter of the Schools that can safely be selected as a handmaid for Piety. He who distrusts the light of reason, will be the first to follow a more luminous guide; and if, with an ardent love for truth, he has sought her in vain through the ways of this life, he will but turn with the more hope to that better world, where all is simple, true, and everlasting: for, there is no parallax at the zenith; it is only near our troubled horizon that objects deceive us into vague and erroneous calculations.

<sup>1</sup> Lib. iii. cap. I.

<sup>2</sup> "The particular bulk, number, figure, and motion of the parts of fire or snow are really in them, whether any one perceive them or not, and therefore they may be called real qualities, because they really exist in those bodies; but light, heat, whiteness, or coldness, are no more really in them than sickness or pain is in manna. Take away the sensation of them; let not the eye see light or colors, nor the ears hear sounds; let the palate not taste, nor the nose smell, and all colors, tastes, odors, and sounds, as they are such particular ideas, vanish and cease."—*Locke*, book ii. chap. 8.

Bishop Berkeley, it is well known, extended this doctrine even to primary qualities, and supposed that matter itself has but an ideal existence. But, how are we to apply his theory to that period which preceded the formation of man, when our system of sensible things was produced, and the sun shone, and the waters flowed, without any sentient being to witness them? The spectator, whom Whiston supplies, will scarcely solve the difficulty: "To speak my mind freely," says he, "I believe that the Messias was there actually present."—*See Whiston, of the Mosaic Creation.*

<sup>3</sup> Boetius employs this argument of the Sceptics among his consolatory reflections upon the emptiness of fame.

## THE SCEPTIC.

As the gay tint that decks the vernal rose,<sup>2</sup>  
Not in the flower, but in our vision glows;  
As the ripe flavor of Falernian tides,  
Not in the wine, but in our taste resides;  
So when, with heartfelt tribute, we declare  
That Marco's honest and that Susan's fair,  
'Tis in our minds, and not in Susan's eyes  
Or Marco's life, the worth or beauty lies:  
For she, in flat-nos'd China, would appear  
As plain a thing as Lady Anne is here;  
And one light joke at rich Loretto's dome  
Would rank good Marco with the damn'd at  
Rome.

There's no deformity so vile, so base,  
That 'tis not somewhere thought a charm, a  
grace;  
No foul reproach, that may not steal a beam  
From other suns, to bleach it to esteem.<sup>3</sup>  
Ask, who is wise? you'll find the selfsame  
man  
A sage in France, a madman in Japan;  
And *here* some head beneath a mitre swells,  
Which *there* had tingled to a cap and bells:  
Nay, there may yet some monstrous region  
be,  
Unknown to Cook, and from Napoleon free,  
Where C—stl—r—gh would for a patriot  
pass,  
And mouthing M—ve scarce be deem'd an  
ass!

"Quid quod diversarum gentium mores inter se atque instituta discordant, ut quod apud alios laude, apud alios suspicio dignum iudicetur?"—*Lib. ii. prosa 7.* Many amusing instances of diversity in the tastes, manners, and morals of different nations, may be found throughout the works of that amusing Sceptic Le Mothe le Vayer.—*See his Opusculum Scepticum, his Treatise "De la Secte Sceptique,"* and, above all, those Dialogues, not to be found in his works, which he published under the name of Horatius Tullero.—The chief objection to these writings of Le Vayer (and it is a blemish which may be felt also in the *Esprit des Loix*), is the suspicious obscurity of the sources from whence he frequently draws his instances, and the indiscriminate use made by him of the lowest populace of the library,—those lying travellers and wonder mongers, of whom Shaftesbury, in his *Advice to an Author*, complains, as having tended in his own time to the diffusion of a very shallow and vicious sort of scepticism.—*Vol. i. p. 352.* The Pyrrhonism of Le Vayer, however, is of the most innocent and playful kind; and Villemandy, the author of *Scepticismus Debellatus*, empts him specially in the declaration of war which he denounces against the other armed neutrals of the sect, in consideration of the orthodox limits within which he confines his incredulity.

"List not to reason (Epicurus cries),  
 "But trust the senses, *there* conviction lies:"<sup>1</sup> —  
 Alas! *they* judge not by a purer light,  
 Nor keep their fountains more untinged and  
 bright:

Habit so mars them, that the Russian swain  
 Will sigh for train oil, while he sips Champagne:  
 And health so rules them, that a fever's heat  
 Would make even Sh—r—d—n think water  
 sweet.

Just as the mind the erring sense<sup>2</sup> believes,  
 The erring mind, in turn, the sense deceives;  
 And cold disgust can find but wrinkles there,  
 Where passion fancies all that's smooth and  
 fair.

P \* \* \* \*, who sees, upon his pillow laid,  
 A face for which ten thousand pounds were paid,  
 Can tell, how quick before a jury flies  
 The spell that mock'd the warm seducer's eyes.

Self is the medium through which Judg-  
 ment's ray  
 Can seldom pass without being turn'd astray.  
 The smith of Ephesus<sup>3</sup> thought Diana's shrine,  
 By which his craft most thrive, the most divine;  
 And ev'n the *true* faith seems not half so true,  
 When link'd with *one* good living as with *two*.  
 Had W—lc—t first been pension'd by the throne,  
 Kings would have suffer'd by his praise alone;

<sup>1</sup> This was the creed also of those modern Epicureans, whom Ninon de l'Enclos collected around her in the Rue des Tournelles, and whose object seems to have been to deny the faculty of reason, as tending only to embarrass our wholesome use of pleasures, without enabling us, in any degree, to avoid their abuse. Madame des Houlières, the fair pupil of Des Barreaux in the arts of poetry and gallantry, has devoted most of her verses to this laudable purpose, and is even such a determined foe to reason, that, in one of her pastorals, she congratulates her sheep on the want of it. St. Evremont speaks thus upon the subject:—

"Un mélange incertain d'esprit et de matière  
 Nous fait vivre avec trop ou trop peu de lumière.

Nature, élève-nous à la clarté des anges,  
 Ou nous abaisse au sens des simples animaux."

Which may be thus paraphrased:—

Had man been made, at nature's birth,  
 Of only flame or only earth,  
 Had he been form'd a perfect whole  
 Of purely *that*, or grossly *this*,  
 Then sense would ne'er have clouded soul,  
 Nor soul restrain'd the sense's bliss.  
 O happy, had his light been strong,  
 Or had he never shared a light,  
 Which shines enough to show he's wrong,  
 But not enough to lead him right.

<sup>2</sup> See, among the fragments of Petronius, those verses be-

And P—ine perhaps, for something snug per  
 am.,  
 Had laugh'd like W—ll—sley, at all Rights of  
 Man.

But 'tis not only individual minds, —  
 Whole nations, too, the same delusion blinds.  
 Thus England, hot from Denmark's smoking  
 meads,

Turns up her eyes at Gallia's guilty deeds;  
 Thus, self-pleas'd still, the same dishonoring  
 chain

She binds in Ireland, she would break in Spain;  
 While prais'd at distance, but at home forbid,  
 Rebels in Cork are patriots at Madrid.

If Grotius be thy guide, shut, shut the book,  
 In force alone for Laws of Nations look.  
 Let shipless Danes and whining Yankees dwell  
 On naval rights, with Grotius and Vattel,  
 While C—bb—t's pirate code alone appears  
 Sound moral sense to England and Algiers.

Woe to the Sceptic, in these party days,  
 Who wafts to neither shrine his puffs of praise!  
 For him no pension pours its annual fruits,  
 No fertile sinecure spontaneous shoots;  
 Not *his* the meed that crown'd Don H—kh—  
 —m's rhyme,  
 Nor sees he e'er, in dreams of future time,

ginning "Fallunt nos oculi," &c. The most sceptical of the ancient poets was Euripides; and it would, I think, puzzle the whole school of Pyrrho to produce a doubt more startling than the following:—

Τίς δ' οἶδεν εἰ ζῆν τοῦθ' ὁ κεκλήται θανεῖν,  
 Το ζῆν δὲ θῆρακεῖν ἐστῖ.

See Laert. in Pyrrh.

Socrates and Plato were the grand sources of ancient scepticism. According to Cicero (de Orator. lib. iii.), they supplied Arcesilas with the doctrines of the Middle Academy; and how closely these resembled the tenets of the Sceptics, may be seen even in Sextus Empiricus (lib. i. cap. 33), who, with all his distinctions, can scarcely prove any difference. It appears strange that Epicurus should have been a dogmatist; and his natural temper would most probably have led him to the repose of scepticism, had not the Stoics, by their violent opposition to his doctrines, compelled him to be as obstinate as themselves. Plutarch, indeed, in reporting some of his opinions, represents him as having delivered them with considerable hesitation.—*Ἐπικουρὸς οὐδὲν ἀπογινώσκει τούτων, ἐχόμενος τοῦ ἐνδοχρονίου.*—*De Placit. Philosoph.* lib. ii. cap. 13. See also the 21st and 23d chapters. But that the leading characteristics of the sect were self-sufficiency and dogmatism, appears from what Cicero says of Velleius, *De Natur. Deor.*—"Tum Velleius, fidenter sanè, ut solent isti, nihil tam verens quam ne dubitaret aliquà de re videretur."

<sup>3</sup> *Acts*, chap. xix. "For a certain man named Demetrius

Those shadowy forms of sleek reversions rise,  
So dear to Scotchmen's second-sighted eyes.  
Yet who, that looks to History's damning leaf,  
Where Whig and Tory, thief opposed to thief,  
On either side in lofty shame are seen,<sup>1</sup>  
While Freedom's form hangs crucified between.  
Who, B—rd—t, who such rival rogues can see,  
But flies from *both* to Honesty and thee ?

If, weary of the world's bewildering maze,<sup>2</sup>  
Hopeless of finding, through its weedy ways,  
One flower of truth, the busy crowd we shun,  
And to the shades of tranquil learning run,  
How many a doubt pursues !<sup>3</sup> how oft we sigh,  
When histories charm, to think that histories lie !  
That all are grave romances, at the best,  
And M—sgr—ve's<sup>4</sup> but more clumsy than the  
rest.

By Tory Hume's seductive page beguiled,  
We fancy Charles was just and Strafford mild ;<sup>5</sup>  
And Fox himself, with party pencil, draws  
Monmouth a hero, "for the good old cause !"<sup>6</sup>  
Then, rights are wrongs, and victories are de-  
fects,  
As French or English pride the tale repeats ;

a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen."

<sup>1</sup> "Those two thieves," says Ralph, "between whom the nation is crucified."—*Use and Abuse of Parliaments*.

<sup>2</sup> The agitation of the ship is one of the chief difficulties which impede the discovery of the longitude at sea ; and the tumult and hurry of life are equally unfavorable to that calm level of mind which is necessary to an inquirer after truth.

In the mean time, our modest Sceptic, in the absence of truth, contents himself with probabilities, resembling in this respect those suitors of Penelope, who, on finding that they could not possess the mistress herself, very wisely resolved to put up with her maids : *τη Πηλελοπη πλησιαζειν μη δυναμενοι, ταις ταυτης εμιγνυντο δεραταιαις*.—*Plutarch, Περὶ Παιδων Αγωγης*.

<sup>3</sup> See a curious work, entitled "Reflections upon Learning," written on the plan of Agrippa's "De Vanitate Scientiarum," but much more honestly and skilfully executed.

<sup>4</sup> This historian of the Irish rebellions has outrun even his predecessor in the same task, Sir John Temple, for whose character with respect to veracity the reader may consult Carte's Collection of Ormond's Original Papers, p. 207. See also Dr. Nelson's account of him, in the introduction to the second volume of his *Historic*. Collect.

<sup>5</sup> He defends Strafford's conduct as "innocent and even laudable." In the same spirit, speaking of the arbitrary sentences of the Star Chamber, he says,—"The severity of the Star Chamber, which was generally ascribed to Laud's passionate disposition, was perhaps, in itself, somewhat blamable."

<sup>6</sup> That flexibility of temper and opinion, which the habits of scepticism are so calculated to produce, are thus pleaded for by Mr. Fox, in the very sketch of Monmouth to which I allude ; and this part of the picture the historian may be

And, when they tell Corunna's story o'er,  
They'll disagree in all, but honoring Moore :  
Nay, future pens, to flatter future courts,  
May cite perhaps the Park-guns' gay reports,  
To prove that England triumph'd on the morn  
Which found her Junot's jest and Europe's  
scorn.

In science, too — how many a system, raised  
Like Neva's icy domes, a while hath blazed  
With lights of fancy and with forms of pride,  
Then, melting, mingled with the oblivious tide !  
Now Earth usurps the centre of the sky,  
Now Newton puts the paltry planet by ;  
Now whims revive beneath Descartes' <sup>7</sup> pen,  
Which now, assail'd by Locke's, expire again.  
And when, perhaps, in pride of chemic powers,  
We think the keys of Nature's kingdom ours,  
Some Davy's magic touch the dream unsettles,  
And turns at once our alkalis to metals.  
Or, should we roam, in metaphysic maze,  
Through fair-built theories of former days,  
Some Dr—mm—d<sup>8</sup> from the north, more ably  
skill'd,  
Like other Goths, to ruin than to build,

thought to have drawn from himself. "One of the most conspicuous features in his character seems to have been a remarkable, and, as some think, a culpable degree of flexibility. That such a disposition is preferable to its opposite extreme will be admitted by all, who think that modesty, even in excess, is more nearly allied to wisdom than conceit and self-sufficiency. He who has attentively considered the political, or indeed the general concerns of life, may possibly go still further, and may rank a willingness to be convinced, or, in some cases, even without conviction, to concede our own opinion to that of other men, among the principal ingredients in the composition of practical wisdom."—It is right to observe, however, that the Sceptic's readiness of concession arises rather from uncertainty than conviction ; more from a suspicion that his own opinion may be wrong, than from any persuasion that the opinion of his adversary is right. "It may be so," was the courteous and sceptical formula with which the Dutch were accustomed to reply to the statements of ambassadors. See *Lloyd's State Worthies*, art. Sir Thomas Wyat.

<sup>7</sup> Descartes, who is considered as the parent of modern scepticism, says, that there is nothing in the whole range of philosophy which does not admit of two opposite opinions, and which is not involved in doubt and uncertainty. "In Philosophia nihil adhuc reperiri, de quo non in utramque partem disputatur, hoc est, quod non sit incertum et dubium." Gassendi is likewise to be added to the list of modern Sceptics : and Wedderkopff, in his Dissertation "De Scepticismo profano et sacro" (Argentorat, 1666), has denounced Erasmus also as a follower of Pyrrho, for his opinions upon the Trinity, and some other subjects. To these if we add the names of Bayle, Mallebranche, Dryden, Locke, &c. &c., I think there is no one who need be ashamed of doubting in such company.

<sup>8</sup> See this gentleman's Academic Questions.

Tramples triumphant through our fanes o'er-  
thrown.

Nor leaves one grace, one glory of his own.

O Learning, whatsoever thy pomp and boast,  
Unletter'd minds have taught and charm'd men  
most.

The rude, unread Columbus was our guide  
To worlds, which learn'd Lactantius had de-  
nied;

And one wild Shakspeare, following Nature's  
lights,

Is worth whole planets, fill'd with Stagirites.

See grave Theology, when once she strays  
From Revelation's path, what tricks she plays;  
What various heav'ns, — all fit for bards to  
sing, —

Have churchmen dream'd, from Papias<sup>1</sup> down  
to King!<sup>2</sup>

While hell itself, in India nought but smoke,<sup>3</sup>  
In Spain's a furnace, and in France — a joke.

<sup>1</sup> Papias lived about the time of the apostles, and is supposed to have given birth to the heresy of the Chiliaste, whose heaven was by no means of a spiritual nature, but rather an anticipation of the Prophet of Hera's elysium. See Eusebius, Hist. Ecclesiast. lib. iii. cap. 33, and Hieronym. de Scriptor. Ecclesiast. — From all I can find in these authors concerning Papias, it seems hardly fair to impute to him those gross imaginations in which the believers of the sensual millennium indulged.

<sup>2</sup> King, in his Morsels of Criticism, vol. 1., supposes the sun to be the receptacle of blessed spirits.

Hail, modest Ignorance, thou goal and prize,  
Thou last, best knowledge of the simply wise!  
Hail, humble Doubt, when error's waves are past,  
How sweet to reach thy shelter'd port<sup>4</sup> at last,  
And, there, by changing skies nor lured nor  
awed,

Smile at the battling winds that roar abroad.  
There gentle Charity, who knows how frail  
The bark of Virtue, even in summer's gale,  
Sits by the nightly fire, whose beacon glows  
For all who wander, whether friends or foes.  
There Faith retires, and keeps her white sail  
furl'd,

Till call'd to spread it for a better world;  
While Patience, watching on the weedy shore,  
And, mutely waiting till the storm be o'er,  
Oft turns to Hope, who still directs her eye  
To some blue spot, just breaking in the sky!

Such are the mild, the blest associates given  
To him who doubts, — and trusts in nought but  
Heaven!

<sup>3</sup> The Indians call hell "the House of Smoke." See Piccart upon the Religion of the Banians. The reader who is curious about infernal matters may be edified by consulting Rusca de Inferno, particularly lib. ii. cap. 7, 8, where he will find the precise sort of fire ascertained in which wicked spirits are to be burned hereafter.

<sup>4</sup> "Chère Sceptique, douce pâture de mon ame, et l'unique port de salut à un esprit qui aime le repos!" — *La Mothe le Vayer*.

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years would elapse, without my giving the least signs of life upon the subject of this important promise? Who could have imagined that a volume of doggerel, after all, would be the first offering that Gratitude would lay upon the shrine of Friendship?

If you continue, however, to be as much interested about me and my pursuits as formerly, you will be happy to hear that doggerel is not my *only* occupation; but that I am preparing to



throw my name to the Swans of the Temple of Immortality,<sup>1</sup> leaving it, of course, to the said Swans to determine, whether they ever will take the trouble of picking it from the stream.

In the mean time, my dear Woolriche, like an orthodox Lutheran, you must judge of me rather by my *faith* than my *works*; and, however trifling the tribute which I here offer, never doubt the fidelity with which I am, and always shall be,

Your sincere and  
attached friend,

THE AUTHOR.

March 4, 1813.

### PREFACE.

THE Bag, from which the following Letters are selected, was dropped by a Twopenny Postman about two months since, and picked up by an emissary of the Society for the Suppression of Vice, who, supposing it might materially assist the private researches of that Institution, immediately took it to his employers, and was rewarded handsomely for his trouble. Such a treasury of secrets was worth a whole host of informers; and, accordingly, like the Cupids of the poet (if I may use so profane a simile) who "fell at odds about the sweet bag of a bee,"<sup>2</sup> those venerable Suppressors almost fought with each other for the honor and delight of first ransacking the Post Bag. Unluckily, however, it turned out, upon examination, that the discoveries of profligacy which it enabled them to make, lay chiefly in those upper regions of society, which their well-bred regulations forbid them to molest or meddle with.—In consequence, they gained but very few victims by their prize, and, after lying for a week or two under Mr. Hatchard's counter, the Bag, with its violated contents, was sold for a trifle to a friend of mine.

It happened that I had been just then seized with an ambition (having never tried the strength of my wing but in a Newspaper) to publish something or other in the shape of a Book; and it occurred to me that, the present being such a letter-writing era, a few of these Twopenny Post Epistles, turned into easy verse, would be as light and popular a task as I could possibly se-

lect for a commencement. I did not, however, think it prudent to give too many Letters at first, and, accordingly, have been obliged (in order to eke out a sufficient number of pages) to reprint some of those trifles, which had already appeared in the public journals. As in the battles of ancient times, the shades of the departed were sometimes seen among the combatants, so I thought I might manage to remedy the thinness of my ranks, by conjuring up a few dead and forgotten ephemerals to fill them.

Such are the motives and accidents that led to the present publication; and as this is the first time my Muse has ever ventured out of the go-cart of a Newspaper, though I feel all a parent's delight at seeing Little Miss go alone, I am also not without a parent's anxiety, lest an unlucky fall should be the consequence of the experiment; and I need not point out how many living instances might be found, of Muses that have suffered very severely in their heads, from taking rather too early and rashly to their feet. Besides, a Book is so very different a thing from a Newspaper!—in the former, your doggerel, without either company or shelter, must stand shivering in the middle of a bleak page by itself; whereas, in the latter, it is comfortably backed by advertisements, and has sometimes even a Speech of Mr. St—ph—n's, or something equally warm, for a *chauffe-pied*—so that, in general, the very reverse of "laudatur et alget" is its destiny.

Ambition, however, must run some risks, and I shall be very well satisfied if the reception of these few Letters, should have the effect of sending me to the Post Bag for more.

### PREFACE

TO THE FOURTEENTH EDITION.

BY A FRIEND OF THE AUTHOR.

In the absence of Mr. Brown, who is at present on a tour through ———, I feel myself called upon, as his friend, to notice certain misconceptions and misrepresentations, to which this little volume of Trifles has given rise.

In the first place, it is not true that Mr. Brown has had any accomplices in the work. A note, indeed, which has hitherto accompanied his Preface, may very naturally have been the origin of such a supposition; but that note, which was merely the coquetry of an author, I

<sup>1</sup> Ariosto, canto 35.

<sup>2</sup> Herrick.



have, in the present edition, taken upon myself to remove, and Mr. Brown must therefore be considered (like the mother of that unique production, the Centaur, *μουα και μουον*<sup>1</sup>) as alone responsible for the whole contents of the volume.

In the next place it has been said, that in consequence of this graceless little book, a certain distinguished Personage prevailed upon another distinguished Personage to withdraw from the author that notice and kindness with which he had so long and so liberally honored him. In this story there is not one syllable of truth. For the magnanimity of the *former* of these persons I would, indeed, in no case answer too rashly: but of the conduct of the *latter* towards my friend, I have a proud gratification in declaring, that it has never ceased to be such as he must remember with indelible gratitude; — a gratitude the more cheerfully and warmly paid, from its not being a debt incurred solely on his own account, but for kindness shared with those nearest and dearest to him.

To the charge of being an Irishman, poor Mr. Brown pleads guilty; and I believe it must also be acknowledged that he comes of a Roman Catholic family: an avowal which I am aware is decisive of his utter reprobation, in the eyes of those exclusive patentees of Christianity, so worthy to have been the followers of a certain enlightened Bishop Donatus,<sup>2</sup> who held “that God is in Africa and not elsewhere.” But from all this it does not necessarily follow that Mr. Brown is a Papist; and, indeed, I have the strongest reasons for suspecting that they, who say so, are somewhat mistaken. Not that I presume to have ascertained his opinions upon such subjects. All I profess to know of his orthodoxy is, that he has a Protestant wife and two or three little Protestant children, and that he has been seen at church every Sunday, for a whole year together, listening to the sermons of his truly reverend and amiable friend, Dr. ———, and behaving there as well and as orderly as most people.

There are yet a few other mistakes and falsehoods about Mr. Brown, to which I had intended, with all becoming gravity, to advert; but I begin to think the task is quite as useless

as it is tiresome. Misrepresentations and calumnies of this sort are, like the arguments and statements of Dr. Duigenan, — not at all the less vivacious or less serviceable to their fabricators, for having been refuted and disproved a thousand times over. They are brought forward again, as good as new, whenever malice or stupidity may be in want of them; and are quite as useful as the old broken lantern, in Fielding’s Amelia, which the watchman always keeps ready by him, to produce, in proof of riotous conduct, against his victims. I shall therefore give up the fruitless toil of vindication, and would even draw my pen over what I have already written, had I not promised to furnish my publisher with a Preface, and know not how else I could contrive to eke it out.

I have added two or three more trifles to this edition, which I found in the Morning Chronicle, and knew to be from the pen of my friend. The rest of the volume remains<sup>3</sup> in its original state.

April 20, 1814.

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## INTERCEPTED LETTERS, &c.

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### LETTER I.

FROM THE PR—NC—SS CH—RL—E OF W—L—S  
TO THE LADY B—RB—A ASHL—Y.<sup>4</sup>

My dear Lady Bab, you’ll be shock’d, I’m afraid, When you hear the sad rumpus your Ponies have made; Since the time of horse consuls (now long out of date), No nags ever made such a stir in the state. Lord Eld—n first heard — and as instantly pray’d he To “God and his King” — that a Popish young Lady (For though you’ve bright eyes and twelve thousand a year, It is still but too true you’re a Papist, my dear,)

<sup>1</sup> Pindar, Pyth. 2. — My friend certainly cannot add *οὐτ’ ἐν ἀνδρασι γερρασφόρον*.

<sup>2</sup> Bishop of Casæ Nigræ, in the fourth century.

<sup>3</sup> A new reading has been suggested in the original of the Ode of Horace, freely translated by Lord Eld—n, page 189. In the line “Sive per Syrtis iter æstuosas,” it is proposed, by a very trifling alteration, to read “*Surtces*,” instead of

“*Syrteis*,” which brings the Ode, it is said, more home to the noble translator, and gives a peculiar force and aptness to the epithet “*æstuosas*.” I merely throw out this emendation for the learned, being unable myself to decide upon its merits.

<sup>4</sup> This young Lady, who is a Roman Catholic, had lately made a present of some beautiful Ponies to the Pr—nc—ss.

Had insidiously sent, by a tall Irish groom,  
Two priest-ridden Ponies, just landed from Rome,  
And so full, little rogues, of pontifical tricks,  
That the dome of St. Paul's was scarce safe  
from their kicks.

Off at once to Papa, in a flurry he flies —  
For Papa always does what these statesmen  
advise,

On condition that they'll be, in turn, so polite  
As in no case whate'er to advise him *too right* —  
"Pretty doings are here, Sir (he angrily cries,  
While by dint of dark eyebrows he strives to  
look wise) —

"'Tis a scheme of the Romanists, so help me  
God !

"To ride over your *most* Royal Highness rough-  
shod —

"Excuse, Sir, my tears — they're from loyalty's  
source —

"Bad enough 'twas for Troy to be sack'd by a  
*Horse*,

"But for us to be ruin'd by *Ponies* still worse !"  
Quick a Council is call'd — the whole Cabinet  
sits —

The Archbishops declare, frighten'd out of their  
wits,

That if once Popish Ponies should eat at my  
manger,

From that awful moment the Church is in  
danger !

As, give them but stabling, and shortly no stalls  
Will suit their proud stomachs but those at St.  
Paul's.

The Doctor,<sup>1</sup> and he, the devout man of  
Leather,<sup>2</sup>

V—ns—tt—t, now laying their Saint heads to-  
gether,

Declare that these skittish young *a*-bominations  
Are clearly foretold in Chap. vi. Revelations —  
Nay, they verily think they could point out  
the one

Which the Doctor's friend Death was to canter  
upon.

Lord H—rr—by, hoping that no one imputes  
To the Court any fancy to persecute brutes,  
Protests, on the word of himself and his cronies,  
That had these s<sup>d</sup> creatures been Asses, not  
Ponies,

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Addington, so nicknamed.

<sup>2</sup> Alluding to a tax lately laid upon leather.

<sup>3</sup> The question whether a Veto was to be allowed to the

The Court would have started no sort of ob-  
jection,  
As Asses were, *there*, always sure of protection.

"If the Pr—nc—ss *will* keep them (says Lord  
C—stl—r—gh),

"To make them quite harmless, the only true  
way

"Is (as certain Chief Justices do with their  
wives)

"To flog them within half an inch of their lives.

"If they've any bad Irish blood lurking about,

"This (he knew by experience) would soon  
draw it out."

Should this be thought cruel, his Lordship pro-  
poses

"The new *Veto* snaffle<sup>3</sup> to bind down their  
noses —

"A pretty contrivance, made out of old chains,  
"Which appears to indulge, while it doubly  
restrains ;

"Which, however high mettled, their game-  
someness checks

("Adds his Lordship humanely,) or else breaks  
their necks !"

This proposal receiv'd pretty general applause  
From the Statesmen around — and the neck-  
breaking clause

Had a vigor about it, which soon reconcil'd

Even Eld—n himself to a measure so mild.

So the snaffles, my dear, were agreed to *nem.*  
*con.*,

And my Lord C—stl—r—gh, having so often  
shone

In the *fettering* line, is to buckle them on.

I shall drive to your door in these *Vetoes* some  
day,

But, at present, adieu ! — I must hurry away  
To go see my Mamma, as I'm suffer'd to meet her  
For just half an hour by the Qu—n's best re-  
peater.

CH—RL—TTE.

## LETTER II.

FROM COLONEL M'M—H—N TO G—LD  
FR—NC—S L—CKIE, ESQ.

DEAR Sir, I've just had time to look  
Into your very learned Book,<sup>4</sup>

Crown in the appointment of Irish Catholic Bishops was, at  
this time, very generally and actively agitated.

<sup>4</sup> For an account of this extraordinary work of Mr. Leckie  
see the Edinburgh Review, vol. xx.

Wherein — as plain as man can speak,  
Whose English is half modern Greek —  
You prove that we can ne'er intrench  
Our happy isles against the French,  
Till Royalty in England's March  
A much more independent trade ; —  
In short, until the House of Guelph  
Lays Lords and Commons on the shelf,  
And boldly sets up for itself.

All that can well be understood  
In this said Book, is vastly good ;  
And, as to what's incomprehensible,  
I dare be sworn 'tis full as sensible.

But, to your work's immortal credit,  
The Pr—n—e, good Sir, the Pr—n—e has  
read it,  
(The only Book, himself remarks,  
Which he has read since Mrs. Clarke's).  
Last levee morn he look'd it through,  
During that awful hour or two  
Of grave tonsorial preparation,  
Which, to a fond, admiring nation,  
Sends forth, announce'd by trump and drum,  
The best-wigg'd Pr—n—e in Christendom.

He thinks with you, th' imagination  
Of *partnership* in legislation  
Could only enter in the noddles  
Of dull and leger-keeping twaddles,  
Whose heads on *firms* are running so,  
They ev'n must have a King and Co.,  
And hence, most eloquently show forth  
On *checks and balances*, and so forth.

But now, he trusts, we're coming near a  
Far more royal, loyal era ;  
When England's monarch need but say,  
'Whip me those scoundrels, C—stl—r—gh !'  
Or, "Hang me up those Papists, Eld—n,"  
And 'twill be done — ay, faith, and well done.

With view to which, I've his command  
To beg, Sir, from your travell'd hand,  
(Round which the foreign graces swarm<sup>1</sup>).  
A Plan of radical Reform ;

Compil'd and chos'n as best you can,  
In Turkey or at Ispahan,  
And quite upturning, branch and root,  
Lords, Commons, and Burdett to boot.

But, pray, whate'er you may impart, write  
Somewhat more brief than Major C—rtwr—ght :  
Else, though the Pr—e be long in rigging,  
'Twould take, at least, a fortnight's wiggling, —  
Two wigs to every paragraph —  
Before he well could get through half.

You'll send it also speedily —  
As, truth to say, 'twixt you and me,  
His Highness, heated by your work,  
Already thinks himself Grand Turk !  
And you'd have laugh'd, had you seen how  
He scar'd the Ch—nc—ll—r just now,  
When (on his Lordship's entering puff'd) he  
Slapp'd his back and call'd him "Mufti !"

The tailors too have got commands,  
To put directly into hands  
All sorts of Dulimans and Pouches,  
With Sashes, Turbans, and Paboutches,  
(While Y—rm—th's sketching out a plan  
Of new *Moustaches à l'Ottomane*)  
And all things fitting and expedient  
To *turkify* our gracious R—g—nt !

You, therefore, have no time to waste —  
So, send your System. —  
Yours, in haste.

#### POSTSCRIPT.

BEFORE I send this scrawl away,  
I seize a moment, just to say,  
There's some parts of the Turkish system  
So vulgar, 'twere as well you miss'd em.  
For instance — in *Seraglio* matters —  
Your Turk, whom girlish fondness flatters,  
Would fill his Harem (tasteless fool !)  
With tittering, red-cheek'd things from school.  
But *here* (as in that fairyland,  
Where Love and Age went hand in hand ;<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> "The truth indeed seems to be, that having lived so long abroad as evidently to have lost, in a great degree, the use of his native language, Mr. Leckie has gradually come not only to speak, but to feel, like a foreigner." — *Edinburgh Review*.

<sup>2</sup> The learned Colonel must allude here to a description of the Mysterious Isle, in the history of Abdalla, Son of Hanif,

where such inversions of the order of nature are said to have taken place. — "A score of old women and the same number of old men played here and there in the court, some at chuck-farthing, others at tip cat or at cockles." — And again, "There is nothing, believe me, more engaging than those lovely wrinkles," &c. &c. — See *Tales of the East*, vol. iii. pp. 607, 608.

Where lips, till sixty, shed no honey,  
 And Grandams were worth any money,)
 *Our* Sultan has much riper notions —  
 So, let your list of *she*-promotions  
 Include those only, plump and sage,  
 Who've reach'd the *regulation*-age;  
 That is, (as near as one can fix  
 From Peerage dates) full fifty-six.

This rule's for *fav'rites* — nothing more —  
 For, as to *wives*, a Grand Signor,  
 Though not decidedly *without* them,  
 Need never care one curse about them.

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 LETTER III.

FROM G—GE PR—CE R—G—T TO THE  
 E— OF Y—TH.<sup>1</sup>

WE miss'd you last night at the "hoary old  
 sinner's,"

Who gave us, as usual, the cream of good din-  
 ners;

His soups scientific — his fishes quite *prime* —

His pâtés superb — and his cutlets sublime!

In short, 'twas the snug sort of dinner to stir a

Stomachic orgasm in my Lord El—b—gh,

Who *set to*, to be sure, with miraculous force,

And exclaim'd between mouthfuls, "a *He-Cook*,  
 of course! —

"While you live — (what's there under that  
 cover? pray, look) —

"While you live — (I'll just taste it) — ne'er  
 keep a *She-Cook*.

"'Tis a sound *Salic Law* — (a small bit of that  
 toast) —

"Which ordains that a female shall ne'er rule  
 the roast;

"For *Cookery's* a secret — (this turtle's uncom-  
 mon) —

"Like *Masonry*, never found out by a woman!"

The dinner, you know, was in gay celebration  
 Of *my* brilliant triumph and H—nt's condem-  
 nation;

A compliment, too, to his Lordship the Judge  
 For his Speech to the Jury — and zounds! who  
 would grudge

Turtle soup, though it came to five guineas a  
 bowl,

To reward such a loyal and complaisant soul?

<sup>1</sup> This letter, as the reader will perceive, was written the  
 day after a dinner given by the M—rq—s of H—d—t.

We were all in high gig — Roman Punch and  
 Tokay

Travell'd round, till our heads travell'd just the  
 same way;

And we car'd not for Juries or Libels — no  
 damme! nor

Ev'n for the threats of last Sunday's Examiner!

More good things were eaten than said — but  
 Tom T—rrh—t

In quoting Joe Miller, you know, has some  
 merit;

And, hearing the sturdy Justiciary Chief

Say—sated with turtle — "I'll now try the  
 beef" —

Tommy whisper'd him (giving his Lordship a  
 sly hit)

"I fear 'twill be *hung-beef*, my Lord, if you  
 try it!"

And C—md—n was there, who, that morn-  
 ing, had gone

To fit his new Marquis's coronet on;

And the dish set before him — O dish well de-  
 vis'd! —

Was, what old Mother Glasse calls, "a calf's  
 head surpris'd!"

The *brains* were near Sh—ry, and *once* had been  
 fine,

But, of late they had lain so long soaking in  
 wine,

That, though we, from courtesy, still chose to  
 call

These brains very fine, they were no brains at  
 all.

When the dinner was over, we drank, every  
 one

In a bumper, "The venial delights of *Crim.*  
*Con.*;"

At which H—df—t with warm reminiscences  
 gloated,

And E—b'r—h chuckled to hear himself quoted.

Our next round of toasts was a fancy quite  
 new,

For we drank — and you'll own 'twas benevo-  
 lent too —

To those well-meaning husbands, cits, parsons,  
 or peers,

Whom we've, any time, honor'd by courting  
 their dears:

This museum of wittols was comical rather;

Old H—df—t gave M—ss—y, and *I* gave you  
 f—th—r.

In, sànt, not a soul till this morning would  
 Lidge —  
 We were all fun and frolic,—and even the  
 J—e  
 Laid aside, for the time, his juridical fashion,  
 And through the whole night wasn't once in a  
 passion!

I write this in bed, while my whiskers are  
 airing,  
 And M—c<sup>1</sup> has a sly dose of jalap preparing  
 For poor T—mmy T—rr—t at breakfast to  
 quaff—  
 As I feel I want something to give me a laugh,  
 And there's nothing so good as old T—mmy,  
 kept close  
 To his Cornwall accounts, after taking a dose.

## LETTER IV.

FROM THE RIGHT HON. P—TR—CK D—GEN—N  
 TO THE RIGHT HON. SIR J—HN N—CH—L.

Dublin.<sup>2</sup>

Last week, dear N—ch—l, making merry  
 At dinner with our Secretary,  
 When all were drunk, or pretty near  
 (The time for doing business here),  
 Says he to me, "Sweet Bully Bottom!  
 "These Papist dogs—hiccup—'od rot 'em!—  
 "Deserve to be bespatter'd—hiccup—  
 "With all the dirt ev'n you can pick up.  
 "But, as the Pr—ce (here's to him—fill—  
 "Hip, hip, hurra!)—is trying still  
 "To humbug them with kind professions,  
 "And, as you deal in strong expressions—  
 "Rogue"—"traitor"—hiccup—and all that—  
 "You must be muzzled, Doctor Pat!—  
 "You must indeed—hiccup—that's flat."—

Yes—"muzzled" was the word, Sir John—  
 These fools have clapp'd a muzzle on  
 The boldest mouth that e'er ran o'er  
 With slaver of the times of yore!<sup>3</sup>—  
 Was it for this that back I went  
 As far as Latcran and Trent,

<sup>1</sup> Colonel M'Mahon.

<sup>2</sup> This letter, which contained some very heavy enclosures, seems to have been sent to London by a private hand, and then put into the Twopenny Post Office, to save trouble. See the Appendix, p. 141.

<sup>3</sup> In sending this sheet to the press, however, I learn that the "muzzle" has been taken off, and the Right Hon. Doctor again let loose!

To prove that they, who damn'd us then,  
 Ought now, in turn, be damn'd again?—  
 The silent victim still to sit  
 Of Gr—tt—n's fire and C—nn—g's wit,  
 To hear ev'n noisy M—th—w gabble on,  
 Nor mention once the W—e of Babylon!  
 O, 'tis too much—who now will be  
 The Nightman of No-Popery?  
 What Courtier, Saint, or even Bishop,  
 Such learned filth will ever fish up?  
 If there among our ranks be onc  
 To take my place, 'tis thou, Sir John;  
 Thou, who, like me, art dubb'd Right Hon.  
 Like me too, art a Lawyer Civil  
 That wishes Papists at the devil.

To whom then but to thee, my friend,  
 Should Patrick ' his Portfolio send?  
 Take it—'tis thine—his learn'd Portfolio,  
 With all its theologic olio  
 Of Bulls, half Irish and half Roman—  
 Of Doctrines, now believ'd by no man—  
 Of Councils, held for men's salvation,  
 Yet always ending in damnation—  
 (Which shows that, since the world's crea  
 tion,  
 Your Priests, whate'er their gentle shamming,  
 Have always had a taste for damning,)  
 And many more such pious scraps,  
 To prove (what *we've* long prov'd, perhaps,)  
 That, mad as Christians us'd to be  
 About the Thirteenth Century,  
 There still are Christians to be had  
 In this, the Nineteenth, just as mad!

Farewell—I send with this, dear N—ch—l,  
 A rod or two I've had in pickle  
 Wherewith to trim old Gr—tt—n's jacket.—  
 The rest shall go by Monday's packet.

P. D.

Among the Enclosures in the foregoing Letter was  
 the following "Unanswerable Argument against  
 the Papists."

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WE'RE told the ancient Roman nation  
 Made use of spittle in lustration;<sup>5</sup>

<sup>4</sup> A bad name for poetry; but D—gen—n is still worse.—  
 As Prudentius says upon a very different subject—

Torquetur Apollo  
 Nomine percussus.

<sup>5</sup> ——— Lustralibus antè salivis  
 Expiat. PERS. SAT. 2.



(*Vide* Lactantium ap. Gallæum<sup>1</sup> —  
*i. e.* you need not *read* but *see* 'em ;)  
 Now, Irish Papists, fact surprising,  
 Make use of spittle in baptizing ;  
 Which proves them all, O'Finns, O'Fagans,  
 Connors, and Tooles, all downright Pagans.  
 This fact's enough ; — let no one tell us  
 To free such sad, *salivous* fellows. —  
 No, no — the man, baptiz'd with spittle,  
 Hath no truth in him — not a tittle !

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### LETTER V.

FROM THE COUNTESS DOWAGER OF C—RK  
 TO LADY ———.

My dear Lady ——— ! I've been just sending  
 out

About five hundred cards for a snug little Rout —  
 (By the by, you've seen Rokeby ? — this mo-  
 ment got mine —

The Mail Coach Edition<sup>2</sup> — prodigiously fine !)  
 But I can't conceive how, in this very cold  
 weather,

I'm ever to bring my five hundred together ;  
 As, unless the thermometer's near boiling heat,  
 One can never get half of one's hundreds to meet.  
 (Apropos — you'd have laugh'd to see Townsend  
 last night,

Escort to their chairs, with his staff, so polite,  
 The "three maiden Miseries," all in a fright ;  
 Poor Townsend, like Mercury, filling two posts,  
 Supervisor of *thieves*, and chief usher of *ghosts* !)

But, my dear Lady ———, can't you hit on  
 some notion,

At least for one night to set London in motion ? —  
 As to having the R—g—nt, *that* show is gone  
 by —

Besides, I've remark'd that (between you and I)  
 The Marchesa and he, inconvenient in more  
 ways,

Have taken much lately to whispering in door-  
 ways ;

Which — consid'ring, you know, dear, the *size*  
 of the two —

Makes a block that one's company *cannot* get  
 through ;

And a house such as mine is, with doorways so  
 small,

Has no room for such cumbersome love work  
 at all. —

(Apropos, though, of love work — you've heard  
 it, I hope,

That Napoleon's old mother's to marry the  
 Pope, —

What a comical pair !) — but, to stick to my  
 Rout,

'Twill be hard if some novelty can't be struck out.  
 Is there no Algerine, no Kamchatkan arriv'd ?

No Plenipo Pacha, three-tail'd and ten-wiv'd ?

No Russian, whose dissonant consonant name

Almost rattles to fragments the trumpet of fame ?

I remember the time, three or four winters  
 back,

When — provided their wigs were but decently  
 black —

A few Patriot monsters, from Spain, were a sight  
 That would people one's house for one, night  
 after night.

But — whether the Ministers *paw'd* them too  
 much —

(And you know how they spoil whatsoever they  
 touch)

Or, whether Lord G—rge (the young man about  
 town)

Has, by dint of bad poetry, written them down  
 One has certainly lost one's *Peninsular* rage ;  
 And the only stray Patriot seen for an age  
 Has been at such places (think, how the fit  
 cools !)

As old Mrs. V—gh—n's or Lord L—v—rp—l's.

But, in short, my dear, names like Wintzschit-  
 stopschinzoudhoff

Are the only things now make an evening go  
 smooth off :

So, get me a Russian — till death I'm your  
 debtor —

If he brings the whole Alphabet, so much the  
 better.

And — Lord ! if he would but, *in character*, sup  
 Off his fish oil and candles, he'd quite set me up !

*Au revoir*, my sweet girl — I must leave you  
 in haste —

Little Gunter has brought me the Liqueurs to  
 taste.

<sup>1</sup> I have taken the trouble of examining the Doctor's refer-  
 ence here, and find him for once correct. The following are  
 the words of his indignant referee Gallæus — "Asserere  
 non veremur sacrum baptismum a Papistis profanari, et

sputi usum in peccatorum expiatione a Paganis non a Chris-  
 tianis manasse."

<sup>2</sup> See Mr. Murray's Advertisement about the Mail Coach  
 copies of Rokeby.

## POSTSCRIPT.

By the by, have you found any friend that can construe

That Latin account, t'other day, of a Monster ?<sup>1</sup>  
If we can't get a Russian, and *that thing* in Latin  
Be not *too* improper, I think I'll bring that in.

## LETTER VI.

FROM ABDALLAH,<sup>2</sup> IN LONDON, TO MOHASSAN, IN  
ISPAHAN.

WHILST thou, Mohassan, (happy thou !)  
Dost daily bend thy loyal brow  
Before our King — our Asia's treasure !  
Nutmeg of Comfort ; Rose of Pleasure ! —  
And bear'st as many kicks and bruises  
As the said Rose and Nutmeg chooses ;  
Thy head still near the bowstring's borders,  
And but left on till further orders —  
Through London streets, with turban fair,  
And caftan, floating to the air,  
I saunter on, the admiration  
Of this short-coated population —  
This sew'd-up race — this button'd nation —  
Who, while they boast their laws so free,  
Leave not one limb at liberty,  
But live, with all their lordly speeches,  
The slaves of buttons and tight breeches.

Yet, though they thus their kneepans fetter,  
(They're Christians, and they know no better<sup>3</sup>)  
In *some* things they're a thinking nation ;  
And, on Religious Toleration,  
I own I like their notions *quite*,  
They are so Persian and so right !  
You know our Sunnites,<sup>4</sup> — hateful dogs !  
Whom every pious Shiite flogs,

Or longs to flog<sup>5</sup> — 'tis true, they pray  
To God, but in an ill-bred way ;  
With neither arms, nor legs, nor faces  
Stuck in their right, canonic places.<sup>6</sup>  
'Tis true, they worship Ali's name<sup>7</sup> —  
*Their* Heav'n and *ours* are just the same —  
(A Persian's Heav'n is eas'ly made,  
'Tis but black eyes and lemonade.)  
Yet, though we've tried for centuries back —  
We can't persuade this stubborn pack,  
By bastinadoes, screws, or nippers,  
To wear th' establish'd pea-green slippers.<sup>8</sup>  
Then, only think, the libertines !  
They wash their toes — they comb their chins,<sup>9</sup>  
With many more such deadly sins ;  
And what's the worst, (though last I rank it)  
Believe the Chapter of the Blanket !

Yet spite of tenets so flagitious,  
(Which *must*, at bottom, be seditious ;  
Since no man living would refuse  
Green slippers, but from treasonous views ;  
Nor wash his toes, but with intent  
To overturn the government.) —  
Such is our mild and tolerant way,  
We only curse them twice a day  
(According to a Form that's set),  
And, far from torturing, only let  
All orthodox believers beat 'em,  
And twitch their beards, where'er they meet  
'em.

As to the rest, they're free to do  
Whate'er their fancy prompts them to,  
Provided they make nothing of it  
Towards rank or honor, power or profit ;  
Which things, we nat'rally expect,  
Belong to us, the Establish'd sect,  
Who disbelieve (the Lord be thanked !)  
Th' aforesaid Chapter of the Blanket.

<sup>1</sup> Alluding, I suppose, to the Latin Advertisement of a *Lusus Nature* in the newspapers lately.

<sup>2</sup> I have made many inquiries about this Persian gentleman, but cannot satisfactorily ascertain who he is. From his notions of Religious Liberty, however, I conclude that he is an importation of Ministers ; and he has arrived just in time to assist the P — e and Mr. L — ck — e in their new Oriental Plan of Reform. — See the second of these Letters. How Abdallah's epistle to Ispahan found its way into the Twopenny Post Bag is more than I can pretend to account for.

<sup>3</sup> "C'est un honnête homme," said a Turkish governor of De Ruyter ; "c'est grand dommage qu'il soit Chrétien."

<sup>4</sup> *Sunnites* and *Shiites* are the two leading sects into which the Mahometan world is divided ; and they have gone on cursing and persecuting each other, without any intermission, for about eleven hundred years. The *Sunni* is the established sect in Turkey, and the *Shia* in Persia ; and the

differences between them turn chiefly upon those important points, which our pious friend Abdallah, in the true spirit of Shiite Ascendency, reprobates in this Letter.

<sup>5</sup> "Les Sunnites, qui étoient comme les Catholiques de Musulmanisme." — *D'Herbelot*.

<sup>6</sup> "In contradistinction to the Sounis, who in their prayers cross their hands on the lower part of the breast, the Schiahs drop their arms in straight lines ; and as the Sounis, at certain periods of the prayer, press their foreheads on the ground or carpet, the Schiahs," &c. &c. — *Forster's Voyage*.

<sup>7</sup> "Les Turcs ne détestent pas Ali réciproquement ; au contraire, ils le reconnoissent," &c. &c. — *Chardin*.

<sup>8</sup> "The Shiites wear green slippers, which the Sunnites consider as a great abomination." — *Mariti*.

<sup>9</sup> For these points of difference, as well as for the Chapter of the Blanket, I must refer the reader (not having the book by me) to Picart's Account of the Mahometan Sects

The same mild views of Toleration  
Inspire, I find, this button'd nation,  
Whose Papists (full as giv'n to rogue,  
And only Sunnites with a brogue)  
Fare just as well, with all their fuss,  
As rascal Sunnites do with us.

The tender Gazel I enclose  
Is for my love, my Syrian Rose —  
Take it when night begins to fall,  
And throw it o'er her mother's wall.

## GAZEL.

REMEMBEREST thou the hour we pass'd, —  
That hour the happiest and the last?  
O, not so sweet the Siha thorn  
To summer bees, at break of morn,  
Not half so sweet, through dale and dell,  
To Camels' ears the tinkling bell,  
As is the soothing memory  
Of that one precious hour to me.

How can we live so far apart?  
O, why not rather, heart to heart,  
United live and die —  
Like those sweet birds, that fly together,  
With feather always touching feather,  
Link'd by a hook and eye!<sup>1</sup>

## LETTER VII.

FROM MESSRS. L—CK—GT—N AND CO.  
TO ———, ESQ.<sup>2</sup>

PER Post, Sir, we send your MS. — look'd it  
through —  
Very sorry — but can't undertake — 'twouldn't  
do.  
Clever work, Sir! — would *get up* prodigiously  
well —  
Its only defect is — it never would sell.  
And though *Statesmen* may glory in being *un-*  
*bought*,  
In an *Author* 'tis not so desirable thought.

<sup>1</sup> This will appear strange to an English reader, but it is literally translated from Abdallah's Persian, and the curious bird to which he alludes is the *Juftak*, of which I find the following account in Richardson: — "A sort of bird, that is said to have but one wing; on the opposite side to which the male has a hook and the female a ring, so that, when they fly, they are fastened together."

<sup>2</sup> From motives of delicacy, and, indeed, of *fellow-feeling*, I suppress the name of the Author, whose rejected manu-

Hard times, Sir, — most books are too dear  
to be read —  
Though the *gold* of Good Sense and Wit's *small*  
*change* are fled,  
Yet the *paper* we Publishers pass, in their stead,  
Rises higher each day, and ('tis frightful to  
think it)  
Not even such names as F—t—z—g—r—d's can  
sink it!

However, Sir — if you're for trying again,  
And at somewhat that's vendible — we are your  
men.

Since the Chevalier C—rr<sup>3</sup> took to marrying  
lately,  
The Trade is in want of a *Traveller* greatly —  
No job, Sir, more easy — your *Country* once  
plann'd,  
A month aboard ship and a fortnight on land  
Puts your Quarto of Travels, Sir, clean out of  
hand.

An East India pamphlet's a thing that would  
tell —  
And a lick at the Papists is *sure* to sell well.  
Or — supposing you've nothing *original* in  
you —  
Write Parodies, Sir, and such fame it will win  
you,  
You'll get to the Blue-stocking Routs of Al-  
binia!<sup>4</sup>  
(Mind — *not* to her dinners — a *second-hand* Muse  
Mussn't think of aspiring to *mess* with the *Blues*.)  
Or — in case nothing else in this world you can  
do —

The deuse is in't, Sir, if you cannot *review*!

Should you feel any touch of *poetical* glow,  
We've a scheme to suggest: — Mr. Sc—tt, you  
must know,  
(Who, we're sorry to say it, now works for *the*  
*Row*,<sup>5</sup>)  
Having quitted the Borders, to seek new re-  
nown,  
Is coming, by long Quarto stages, to Town;

script was enclosed in this letter. — See the Appendix, p 144.

<sup>3</sup> Sir John Carr, the author of "Tours in Ireland, Holland, Sweden," &c. &c.

<sup>4</sup> This alludes, I believe, to a curious correspondence, which is said to have passed lately between Aib—n—a Countess of B—ck—gh—ms—e, and a certain ingenious Parodist.

<sup>5</sup> Paternoster Row.

And beginning with Rokeby (the job's sure to pay)

Means to do all the Gentlemen's Seats on the way.

Now, the scheme is (though none of our hackneys can beat him)

To start a fresh Poet through Highgate to meet him ;

Who, by means of quick proofs — no revises — long coaches —

May do a few Villas, before Sc—tt approaches.

Indeed, if our Pegasus be not curst shabby, He'll reach, without found'ring, at least Woburn Abbey.

Such, Sir, is our plan — if you're up to the freak,

'Tis a match! and we'll put you *in training* next week.

At present, no more — in reply to this letter, a Line will oblige very much

Yours, et cetera.

*Temple of the Muses.*

### LETTER VIII.

FROM COLONEL TH—M—S TO ———  
SK—FF—NGT—N, ESQ.

COME to our Fête,<sup>1</sup> and bring with thee Thy newest, best embroidery.  
Come to our Fête, and show again That pea-green coat, thou pink of men,  
Which charm'd all eyes, that last survey'd it ;  
When Br—mm—l's self inquir'd " who made it ? " —

When Cits came wond'ring, from the East,  
And thought thee Poet Pye *at least* !

O, come, (if haply 'tis thy week  
For looking pale,) with paly cheek ;  
Though more we love thy roseate days,  
When the rich rouge pot pours its blaze  
Full o'er thy face, and, amply spread,  
Tips e'en thy whisker tops with red —

<sup>1</sup> This Letter enclosed a Card for the Grand Fête on the 5th of February.

<sup>2</sup> An amateur actor of much risible renown.

<sup>3</sup> Quem tu, Melpomene, semel  
Nascentem placido lumine, videris, &c. HORAT.

The Man, upon whom thou hast deign'd to look funny,  
O Tragedy's Muse ! at the hour of his birth —  
Let them say what they will, that's the Man for *my* money,  
Give others thy tears, but let *me* have thy mirth !

<sup>4</sup> The *crest* of Mr C—tes, the very amusing amateur tra-

Like the last tints of dying Day  
That o'er some darkling grove delay.

Bring thy best lace, thou gay Philander,  
(That lace, like H—rry Al—x—nd—r,  
Too precious to be wash'd,) — thy rings,  
Thy seals — in short, thy prettiest things !  
Put all thy wardrobe's glories on,  
And yield in frogs and fringe, to none  
But the great R—g—t's self alone ;  
Who — by particular desire —  
*For that night only*, means to hire  
A dress from Romeo C—tes, Esquire.<sup>2</sup>  
Hail, first of Actors !<sup>3</sup> best of R—g—ts !  
Born for each other's fond allegiance !  
*Both* gay Lotharios — both good dressers —  
Of serious Farce *both* learn'd Professors  
*Both* circled round, for use or show,  
With cock's combs, wheresoe'er they go !<sup>4</sup>

Thou know'st the time, thou man of lore !  
It takes to chalk a ball-room floor —  
Thou know'st the time, too, welladay !  
It takes to dance that chalk away.<sup>5</sup>  
The ball room opens — far and nigh  
Comets and suns beneath us lie ;  
O'er snow-white moons and stars we walk,  
And the floor seems one sky of chalk !  
But soon shall fade that bright deceit,  
When many a maid, with busy feet  
That sparkle in the lustre's ray,  
O'er the white path shall bound and play  
Like Nymphs along the Milky Way : —  
With every step a star hath fled,  
And suns grow dim beneath their tread !  
So passeth life — (thus Sc—tt would write,  
And spinsters read him with delight,) —  
Hours are not feet, yet hours trip on,  
Time is not chalk, yet time's soon gone !<sup>6</sup>

But, hang this long digressive flight ! —  
I meant to say, thou'lt see, that night,  
What falsehood rankles in their hearts,  
Who say the Pr—e neglects the arts —

gedian here alluded to, was a cock ; and most profusely wore his liveries, harness, &c., covered with this ornament.

<sup>5</sup> To those, who neither go to balls nor read the Morning Post, it may be necessary to mention, that the floors of ball rooms, in general, are chalked, for safety and for ornament, with various fanciful devices.

<sup>6</sup> Hearts are not flint, yet flints are rent,  
Hearts are not steel, yet steel is bent.

After all, however, Mr. Sc—tt may well say to the Colonel, (and, indeed, to much better wags than the Colonel,) *βασίλειον μωροισθαι η μηροισθαι*.

Neglects the arts? no, Str—hl—g,<sup>1</sup> no;  
 Thy Cupids answer "tis not so;"  
 And every floor, that night, shall tell  
 How quick thou daubest, and how well.  
 Shine as thou mayst in French vermilion,  
 Thou'rt *best* beneath a French cotillon;  
 And still com'st off, whate'er thy faults,  
 With *flying colors* in a Waltz.  
 Nor need'st thou mourn the transient date  
 To thy best works assign'd by fate.  
 While *some* chef-d'œuvres live to weary one,  
*Thine* boast a short life and a merry one;  
 Their hour of glory past and gone  
 With "Molly put the kettle on!"<sup>2</sup>

But, bless my soul! I've scarce a leaf  
 Of paper left — so, must be brief.

This festive Fête, in fact, will be  
 The former Fête's *fac-simile*;<sup>3</sup>  
 The same long Masquerade of Rooms,  
 All trick'd up in such odd costumes,  
 (These, P—rt—r,<sup>4</sup> are thy glorious works!)  
 You'd swear Egyptians, Moors, and Turks,  
 Bearing Good Taste some deadly malice,  
 Had clubb'd to raise a Picnic Palace;  
 And each to make the olio pleasant  
 Had sent a State Room as a present.  
 The same *fauteuils* and girandoles —  
 The same gold Asses,<sup>5</sup> pretty souls!  
 That, in this rich and classic dome,  
 Appear so perfectly at home;  
 The same bright river 'mong the dishes,  
 But *not* — ah! not the same dear fishes: —  
 Late hours and claret kill'd the old ones —  
 So, 'stead of silver and of gold ones,  
 (It being rather hard to raise  
 Fish of that *specie* nowadays)  
 Some sprats have been, by Y—rm—th's wish,  
 Promoted into *Silver* Fish,  
 And Gudgeons (so V—ns—tt—t told  
 The R—g—t) are as good as *Gold*!

So, prithee, come — our Fête will be  
 Eat half a Fête if wanting thee.

<sup>1</sup> A foreign artist much patronized by the Prince Regent.

<sup>2</sup> The name of a popular country dance.

<sup>3</sup> "C—rl—t—n H—e will exhibit a complete *fac-simile*, in respect to interior ornament, to what it did at the last Fête. The same splendid draperies," &c. &c. — *Morning Post*.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. Walsh Porter, to whose taste was left the furnishing of the rooms of Carlton House.

## APPENDIX.

## LETTER IV. PAGE 185.

AMONG the papers, enclosed in Dr. D—g—n—n's Letter, was found an Heroic Epistle in Latin verse, from Pope Joan to her Lover, of which, as it is rather a curious document, I shall venture to give some account. This female Pontiff was a native of England, (or, according to others, of Germany,) who, at an early age, disguised herself in male attire, and followed her lover, a young ecclesiastic, to Athens, where she studied with such effect, that upon her arrival at Rome, she was thought worthy of being raised to the Pontificate. This Epistle is addressed to her Lover (whom she had elevated to the dignity of Cardinal), soon after the fatal *accouchement*, by which her Fallibility was betrayed.

She begins by reminding him tenderly of the time, when they were together at Athens — when, as she says,

— "by Ilissus' stream  
 "We whispering walk'd along, and learn'd to  
 speak  
 "The tenderest feelings in the purest Greek; —  
 "Ah, then how little did we think or hope,  
 "Dearest of men, that I should e'er be Pope!<sup>6</sup>  
 "That I, the humble Joan, whose housewife  
 art  
 "Seem'd just enough to keep thy house and  
 heart,  
 ("And those, alas, at sixes and at sevens,)  
 "Should soon keep all the keys of all the heav-  
 ens!"

Still less (she continues to say) could they have foreseen, that such a catastrophe as had happened in Council would befall them — that she

"Should thus surprise the Conclave's grave de-  
 corum,  
 "And let a *little Pope* pop out before 'em —  
 "Pope *Innocent*! alas, the only one  
 "That name could e'er be justly fix'd upon."

<sup>5</sup> The saltcellars on the Pr—e's *own* table were in the form of an Ass with panniers.

<sup>6</sup> Spanheim attributes the unanimity, with which Joan was elected, to that innate and irresistible charm, by which her sex, though latent, operated upon the instinct of the Cardinals — "Non vi aliqua, sed concorditer, omnium in se converso desiderio, quæ sunt blandientis sexus artes, latentem in hac quanquam!"



She then very pathetically laments the downfall of her greatness, and enumerates the various treasures to which she is doomed to bid farewell forever : —

“But O, more dear, more precious ten times over —

“Farewell my Lord, my Cardinal, my Lover!

“I made *thee* Cardinal — thou mad'st *me* — ah!

“Thou mad'st the Papa of the world Mamma!”

I have not time at present to translate any more of this Epistle; but I presume the argument which the Right Hon. Doctor and his friends mean to deduce from it, is (in their usual convincing strain) that Romanists must be unworthy of Emancipation *now*, because they had a Petticoat Pope in the Ninth Century. Nothing can be more logically clear, and I find that Horace had exactly the same views upon the subject : —

*Romanus* (elieu posteri negabitis?)

*Emancipatus* FEMINÆ

Fert vallum!

LETTER VII. PAGE 188.

THE Manuscript, found enclosed in the Book-sellers' Letter, turns out to be a Melodrama, in two Acts, entitled “The Book,”<sup>1</sup> of which the Theatres, of course, had had the refusal, before it was presented to Messrs. L—ck—ng—t—n and Co. This rejected Drama, however, possesses considerable merit, and I shall take the liberty of laying a sketch of it before my Readers.

The first Act opens in a very awful manner — *Time*, three o'clock in the morning — *Scene*, the Bourbon Chamber<sup>2</sup> in C—rl—t—n House — Enter the P—e R—g—t solus — After a few broken sentences, he thus exclaims : —

Away — Away —

Thou haunt'st my fancy so, thou devilish Book, I meet thee — trace thee, whoresoe'er I look.

<sup>1</sup> There was, in like manner, a mysterious Book, in the 16th century, which employed all the anxious curiosity of the learned of that time. Every one spoke of it; many wrote against it though it does not appear that any body had ever seen it; and Grotius is of opinion that no such Book ever existed. It was entitled “*Liber de tribus impostoribus.*” (See Morhof. Cap. de Libris damnatis.) — Our more modern mystery of “the Book” resembles this in many particulars; and, if the number of Lawyers employed in drawing it up be stated correctly, a slight alteration of

I see thy damned *ink* in Eld—n's brows —  
I see thy *foolscap* on my H—rtf—d's Spouse —  
V—ns—tt—t's head recalls thy *leathern* case,  
And all thy *blank leaves* stare from R—d—r's face!

While, turning here (*laying his hand on his heart*), I find, ah wretched elf!

Thy *List of dire Errata* in myself.

(*Walks the stage in considerable agitation.*)

O Roman Punch! O potent Curaçoa!

O Mareschino! Mareschino O!

Delicious drams! why have you not the art

To kill this gnawing *Bookworm* in my heart?

He is here interrupted in his Soliloquy by perceiving on the ground some scribbled fragments of paper, which he instantly collects, and “by the light of two magnificent candelabras” discovers the following unconnected words, “*Wife neglected*” — “*the Book*” — “*Wrong Measures*” — “*the Queen*” — “*Mr. Lambert*” — “*the R—g—t.*”

Ha! treason in my house! Cursed words, that wither

My princely soul, (*shaking the papers violently*) what Demon brought you hither?

“My Wife;” — “the Book” too! — stay — a nearer look —

(*holding the fragments closer to the candelabras*)

Alas! too plain, B, double O, K, Book —

Death and destruction!

He here rings all the bells, and a whole legion of valets enter. A scene of cursing and swearing (very much in the German style) ensues, in the course of which messengers are despatched, in different directions, for the L—rd Ch—nc—ll—r, the D—e of C—b—l—d, &c. &c. The intermediate time is filled up by another Soliloquy, at the conclusion of which the aforesaid Personages rush on alarmed; the D—ke with his stays only half laced, and the Ch—nc—ll—r with his wig thrown hastily over an old red nightcap, “to maintain the becoming splendor of his office.”<sup>3</sup> The R—-

the title into “*d tribus impostoribus*” would produce a coincidence altogether very remarkable.

<sup>2</sup> The same chamber, doubtless, that was prepared for the reception of the Bourbons at the first Grand Fête, and which was ornamented (all “for the Deliverance of Europe”) with *fleurs de lis*.

<sup>3</sup> “To enable the individual, who holds the office of Chancellor, to maintain it in becoming splendor.” (*A loud laugh.*) — LORD CASTLEREAGH'S *Speech upon the Vice Chancellor's Bill.*

g—t produces the appalling fragments, upon which the Ch—nc—ll—r breaks out into exclamations of loyalty and tenderness, and relates the following portentous dream :—

'Tis scarcely two hours since I had a fearful dream of thee, my P——e! — Methought I heard thee, 'midst a courtly crowd, Say from thy throne of gold, in mandate loud, "Worship my whiskers!"— (*weeps*) not a knee was there

But bent and worshipp'd the Illustrious Pair, Which curl'd in conscious majesty! (*pulls out his handkerchief*)— while cries Of "Whiskers, whiskers!" shook the echoing skies. —

Just in that glorious hour, methought, there came,

With looks of injur'd pride, a Princely Dame, And a young maiden, clinging by her side, As if she fear'd some tyrant would divide Two hearts that nature and affection tied! The Matron came— within her *right* hand glow'd

A radiant torch; while from her *left* a load Of Papers hung— (*wipes his eyes*) collected in her veil—

The venal evidence, the slanderous tale, The wounding hint, the current lies that pass From *Post* to *Courier*, form'd the motley mass; Which, with disdain, before the Throne she throws, And lights the Pile beneath thy princely nose.

(*Weeps.*) Heav'n's, how it blaz'd! I'd ask no livelier fire, (*With animation*) To roast a Papist by, my gracious sire!—

But ah! the Evidence— (*weeps again*) I mourn'd to see—

Cast, as it burn'd, a deadly light on thee: And Tales and Hints their random sparkles flung,

And hiss'd and crackled, like an old maid's tongue;

While *Post* and *Courier*, faithful to their fame, Made up in stink for what they lack'd in flame.

When, lo, ye Gods! the fire ascending brisker, Now sings *one*, now lights the *other* whisker. Ah! where was then the Sylphid, that unfurls Her fairy standard in defence of curls?

Throne, Whiskers, Wig, soon vanish'd into smoke,

The watchman cried "Past One," and—I awoke.

Here his Lordship weeps more profusely than ever, and the R—g—t (who has been very much agitated during the recital of the Dream) by a movement as characteristic as that of Charles XII. when he was shot, claps his hands to his whiskers to feel if all be really safe. A Privy Council is held— all the Servants, &c. are examined, and it appears that a Tailor, who had come to measure the R—g—t for a Dress (which takes three whole pages of the best superfine *cliquant* in describing), was the only person who had been in the Bourbon Chamber during the day. It is, accordingly, determined to seize the Tailor, and the Council breaks up with a unanimous resolution to be vigorous.

The commencement of the Second Act turns chiefly upon the Trial and Imprisonment of two Brothers<sup>1</sup>— but as this forms the *under* plot of the Drama, I shall content myself with extracting from it the following speech, which is addressed to the two Brothers, as they "exeunt severally" to Prison:—

Go to your prisons— though the air of Spring No mountain coolness to your cheeks shall bring;

Though Summer flowers shall pass unseen away, And all your portion of the glorious day *May* be some solitary beam that falls, At morn or eve, upon your dreary walls— Some beam that enters, trembling as if aw'd, To tell how gay the young world laughs abroad! Yet go— for thoughts as blessed as the air Of Spring or Summer flowers await you there;

Thoughts, such as He, who feasts his courtly crew

In rich conservatories, *never* knew; Pure self-esteem— the smiles that light within, The Zeal, whose circling charities begin With the few lov'd ones Heaven has plac'd it near,

And spread, till all Mankind are in its sphere; The Pride, that suffers without vaunt or plea, And the fresh Spirit that can warble free, Through prison bars, its hymn to Liberty!

The Scene next changes to a Tailor's Workshop, and a fancifully-arranged group of these Artists is discovered upon the Shopboard— Their task evidently of a *royal* nature, from the profusion of gold lace, frogs, &c. that lie about— They all rise and come forward, while one of

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Leigh Hunt and his brother.

them sings the following Stanzas to the tune of  
"Derry Down."

My brave brother Tailors, come, straighten your  
knees,  
For a moment, like gentlemen, stand up at ease,  
While I sing of our P—e (and a fig for his  
railers)  
The Shopboard's delight! the Mæcenas of  
Tailors!  
Derry down, down, down derry down.

Some monarchs take roundabout ways into note,  
While *His* short cut to fame is — the cut of his  
coat ;  
Philip's Son thought the World was too small  
for his Soul,  
But our R—g—t's finds room in a lac'd button  
hole.

Derry down, &c

Look through all Europe's Kings — those, at  
least, who go loose —  
Not a King of them all's such a friend to the  
Goose.  
So, God keep him increasing in size and re-  
nown,  
Still the fattest and best fitted P—e about  
town!

Derry down, &c.

During the "Derry down" of this last verse,  
a messenger from the S—c—t—y of S—e's  
Office rushes on, and the singer (who, luckily  
the effect of the scene, is the very Tailor sus-

pected of the mysterious fragments) is inter-  
rupted in the midst of his laudatory exertions,  
and hurried away, to the no small surprise and  
consternation of his comrades. The Plot now  
hastens rapidly in its development — the man-  
agement of the Tailor's examination is highly  
skilful, and the alarm, which he is made to be-  
tray, is natural without being ludicrous. The  
explanation, too, which he finally gives is not  
more simple than satisfactory. It appears that  
the said fragments formed part of a self-excul-  
patory note, which he had intended to send to  
Colonel M—M—n upon subjects purely profes-  
sional, and the corresponding bits (which still  
lie luckily in his pocket) being produced, and  
skilfully laid beside the others, the following  
billet-doux is the satisfactory result of their  
juxtaposition.

Honor'd Colonel — my Wife, who's the Queen  
of all slatterns,  
Neglected to put up the Book of new Patterns.  
She sent the wrong Measures too — shamefully  
wrong —  
They're the same us'd for poor Mr. Lambert,  
when young ;  
But, bless you! they wouldn't go half round  
the R—g—t—  
So, hope you'll excuse yours till death, most  
obedient.

This fully explains the whole mystery — the  
R—g—t resumes his wonted smiles, and the  
Drama terminates as usual, to the satisfaction  
of all parties.

## SATIRICAL AND HUMOROUS POEMS.

ΞΝΟΑΑΖΟΝΤΟΣ ΑΞΝΟΑΙΑ.

### THE INSURRECTION OF THE PAPERS.

A DREAM.

"It would be impossible for his Royal Highness to disen-  
gage his person from the accumulating pile of papers that  
encompassed it." — LORD CASTLEREAGH'S *Speech upon Colo-  
nel M. Mahon's Appointment*, April 14, 1812.

LAST night I toss'd and turn'd in bed,  
But could not sleep — at length I said,

"I'll think of Viscount C—stl—r—gh,  
"And of his speeches — that's the way."  
And so it was, for instantly  
I slept as sound as sound could be.  
And then I dreamt — so dream'd a dream '  
Fuseli has no such theme ;  
Lewis never wrote or borrow'd  
Any horror, half so horrid !

Methought the Pr—e, in whisker'd state,  
 Before me at his breakfast sate ;  
 On one side lay unread Petitions,  
 On t'other, Hints from five Physicians ;  
*Here* tradesmen's bills, — official papers,  
 Notes from my Lady, drams for vapors —  
*There* plans of saddles, tea and toast,  
 Death warrants and the Morning Post.

When lo ! the Papers, one and all,  
 As if at some magician's call,  
 Began to flutter of themselves  
 From desk and table, floor and shelves ;  
 And, cutting each some different capers,  
 Advanc'd, O jacobinic papers !  
 As though they said, " Our sole design is  
 " To suffocate his Royal Highness ! "  
 The Leader of this vile sedition  
 Was a huge Catholic Petition,  
 With grievances so full and heavy,  
 It threaten'd worst of all the bevy.  
 Then Common Hall Addresses came  
 In swaggering sheets and took their aim  
 Right at the R—g—t's well-dress'd head,  
 As if *determin'd* to be read.  
 Next Tradesmen's Bills began to fly,  
 And Tradesmen's Bills, we know, mount  
 high ;  
 Nay ev'n Death warrants thought they'd  
 best  
 Be lively too, and join the rest.

But, O the basest of defections !  
 His Letter about " predilections " —  
 His own dear Letter, void of grace,  
 Now flew up in its parent's face !  
 Shock'd with this breach of filial duty,  
 He just could murmur " *et Tu Brute ?* "  
 Then sunk, subdued upon the floor  
 At Fox's bust, to rise no more !

I wak'd — and pray'd, with lifted hand,  
 " O, never may this Dream prove true ;  
 " Though paper overwhelms the land,  
 " Let it not crush the Sovereign too ! "

<sup>1</sup> Letter from his Royal Highness the Prince Regent to the Duke of York, Feb. 13, 1812.

<sup>2</sup> " I think it hardly necessary to call your recollection to the recent circumstances under which I assumed the authority delegated to me by Parliament." — *Prince's Letter*.

## PARODY

OF A CELEBRATED LETTER.<sup>1</sup>

At length, dearest Freddy, the moment is nigh,  
 When, with P—rc—v—l's leave, I may throw  
 my chains by ;  
 And, as time now is precious, the first thing  
 I do,  
 Is to sit down and write a wise letter to you.

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I meant before now to have sent you this Letter,  
 But Y—rm—th and I thought perhaps 'twould  
 be better

To wait till the Irish affairs were decided —  
 (That is, till both Houses had prosed and di-  
 vided,

With all due appearance of thought and diges-  
 tion) —

For, though H—rtf—rd House had long settled  
 the question,

I thought it but decent, between me and you,  
 That the two *other* Houses should settle it too.

I need not remind you how cursedly bad  
 Our affairs were all looking, when Father went  
 mad ;<sup>2</sup>

A strait waistcoat on him and restrictions on me,  
 A more *limited* Monarchy could not well be.

I was call'd upon then, in that moment of puzzle,  
 To choose my own Minister — just as they muzzle  
 A playful young bear, and then mock his disaster,  
 By bidding him choose out his own dancing  
 master.

I thought the best way, as a dutiful son,  
 Was to do as Old Royalty's self would have  
 done.<sup>3</sup>

So I sent word to say, I would keep the whole  
 batch in,

The same chest of tools, without cleansing or  
 patching ;

For tools of this kind, like Martinus's sconce,<sup>4</sup>  
 Would lose all their beauty, if purified once ;

<sup>3</sup> " My sense of duty to our Royal father solely decided that choice." — *Prince's Letter*.

<sup>4</sup> The antique shield of Martinus Scriblerus, which, upon scouring, turned out to be only an old sconce.

And think — only think — if our Father should find,

Upon graciously coming again to his mind,<sup>1</sup>  
That improvement had spoil'd any favorite adviser —

That R—se was grown honest, or W—stm—rel—nd wiser —

That R—d—r was, ev'n by one twinkle, the brighter —

Or L—v—rp—l's speeches but half a pound lighter —

What a shock to his old royal heart it would be !  
No ! — far were such dreams of improvement from me :

And it pleased me to find, at the House, where, you know,<sup>2</sup>

There's such good mutton cutlets, and strong curaçoa,<sup>3</sup>

That the Marchioness call'd me a duteous old boy.

And my Y—rm—th's red whiskers grew redder for joy.

You know, my dear Freddy, how oft, if I would,

By the law of last Sessions I *might* have done good.

I *might* have withheld these political noodles  
From knocking their heads against hot Yankee Doodles ;

I *might* have told Ireland I pitied her lot,  
Might have sooth'd her with hope — but you know I did not.

And my wish is, in truth, that the best of old fellows

Should not, on recovering, have cause to be jealous,

But find that, while he has been laid on the shelf,  
We've been all of us nearly as mad as himself.

You smile at my hopes — but the Doctors and I,  
Are the last that can think the K—ng *ever* will die.<sup>4</sup>

A new era's arriv'd<sup>5</sup> — though you'd hardly believe it —

And all things, of course, must be new to receive it.

<sup>1</sup> "I waved any personal gratification, in order that his Majesty might resume, on his restoration to health, every power and prerogative," &c. — *Prince's Letter*.

<sup>2</sup> "And I have the satisfaction of knowing that such was the opinion of persons for whose judgment," &c. &c. — *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> The letter-writer's favorite luncheon.

New villas, new fêtes (which ev'n Waithman attends) —

New saddles, new helmets, and — why not *new friends* ?

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I repeat it, "New Friends" — for I cannot describe

The delight I am in with this P—rc—v—l tribe.  
Such capering ! — Such vapping ! — Such rigor !  
— Such vigor !

North, South, East, and West, they have cut such a figure,

That soon they will bring the whole world round our ears,

And leave us no friends — but Old Nick and Algiers.

When I think of the glory they've beam'd on my chains,

'Tis enough quite to turn my illustrious brains.  
It is true we are bankrupts in commerce and riches,

But think how we find our Allies in new breeches !

We've lost the warm hearts of the Irish, 'tis granted,

But then we've got Java, an island much wanted,  
To put the last lingering few who remain,  
Of the Walcheren warriors, out of their pain.  
Then how Wellington fights ! and how squabbles his brother !

For Papists the one, and *with* Papists the other ;  
One crushing Napoleon by taking a City,  
While t'other lays waste a whole Cath'lic Committee.

O deeds of renown ? — shall I boggle or flinch,  
With such prospects before me ? by Jove, not an inch.

No — let *England's* affairs go to rack, if they will,  
We'll look after th' affairs of the *Continent* still ;  
And, with nothing at home but starvation and riot,

Find Lisbon in bread, and keep Sicily quiet.

I am proud to declare I have no predilections,<sup>6</sup>  
My heart is a sieve, where some scatter'd affections

<sup>4</sup> "I certainly am the last person in the kingdom to whom it can be permitted to despair of our royal father's recovery." — *Prince's Letter*.

<sup>5</sup> "A new era is now arrived, and I cannot but reflect with satisfaction," &c. — *Ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> "I have no predilections to indulge, — no resentments to gratify." — *Ibid.*



Are just danc'd about for a moment or two,  
And the *finer* they are, the more sure to run  
through :

Neither feel I resentments, nor wish there  
should come ill

To mortal — except (now I think on't) Beau  
Br—mm—l,

Who threaten'd last year, in a superfine passion,  
To cut *me*, and bring the old K—ng into fashion.

This is all I can lay to my conscience at present ;  
When such is my temper, so neutral, so pleasant,

So royally free from all troublesome feelings,  
So little encumber'd by faith in my dealings,

(And that I'm consistent the world will allow,  
What I was at Newmarket the same I am now).

When such are my merits (you know I hate  
cracking),

I hope, like the Vender of Best Patent Blacking,  
"To meet with the gen'rous and kind approbation

"Of a candid, enlighten'd, and liberal nation."

By the by, ere I close this magnificent Letter,  
(No man, except Pole, could have writ you a  
better),

'Twould please me if those, whom I've hum-  
bugg'd so long<sup>1</sup>

With the notion (good men !) that I knew right  
from wrong,

Would a few of them join me — mind, only a  
few —

To let *too* much light in on me never would do ;  
But even Grey's brightness shan't make me  
afraid,

While I've C—md—n and Eld—n to fly to for  
shade ;

Nor will Holland's clear intellect do us much  
harm,

While there's W—stm—rel—nd near him to  
weaken the charm.

As for Moira's high spirit, if aught can subdue it,  
Sure joining with H—rtf—rd and Y—rm—th  
will do it !

Between R—d—r and Wh—rt—n let Sheridan  
sit,

And the fogs will soon quench even Sheridan's  
wit :

And against all the pure public feeling that glows  
Ev'n in Whitbread himself we've a Host in  
G—rge R—se !

<sup>1</sup> "I cannot conclude without expressing the gratification I should feel if some of those persons with whom the early habits of my public life were formed would strengthen my hands, and constitute a part of my government." — *Prince's Letter*.

<sup>2</sup> "You are authorized to communicate these sentiments

So, in short, if they wish to have Places, they  
may,

And I'll thank you to tell all these matters to  
Grey,<sup>2</sup>

Who, I doubt not, will write (as there's no time  
to lose)

By the twopenny post to tell Grenville the news ;  
And now, dearest Fred (though I've no predi-  
lection),

Believe me yours always with truest affection.

P. S. A copy of this is to P—rc—l going<sup>3</sup> —  
Good Lord, how St. Stephen's will ring with  
his crowing !

### ANACREONTIC

TO A PLUMASSIER.

FINE and feathery artisan,  
Best of Plumists (if you can  
With your art so far presume)  
Make for me a Pr—ce's Plume —  
Feathers soft and feathers rare,  
Such as suits a Pr—ce to wear.

First, thou downiest of men,  
Seek me out a fine Pea-hen ;  
Such a Hen, so tall and grand,  
As by Juno's side might stand,  
If there were no cocks at hand.  
Seek her feathers, soft as down,  
Fit to shine on Pr—ce's crown ;  
If thou canst not find them, stupid !  
Ask the way of Prior's Cupid.<sup>4</sup>

Ranging these in order due,  
Pluck me next an old Cuckoo ;  
Emblem of the happy fates  
Of easy, kind, cornuted mates.  
Pluck him well — be sure you do —  
*Who* wouldn't be an old Cuckoo,  
Thus to have his plumage blest,  
Beaming on a R—y—l crest ?

Bravo, Plumist ! — now what bird  
Shall we find for Plume the third ?  
You must get a learned Owl,  
Bleakest of black-letter fowl —

to Lord Grey, who, I have no doubt, will make them known to Lord Grenville." — *Ibid*.

<sup>3</sup> "I shall send a copy of this letter immediately to Mr Perceval." — *Ibid*.

<sup>4</sup> See Prior's poem, entitled "The Dove"

Bigot bird, that hates the light,<sup>1</sup>  
 Foe to all that's fair and bright.  
 Seize his quills, (so form'd to pen  
 Books,<sup>2</sup> that shun the search of men ;  
 Books, that, far from every eye,  
 In "swelter'd venom sleeping" lie,)  
 Stick them in between the two,  
 Proud Pea-hen and Old Cuckoo.  
 Now you have the triple feather,  
 Bind the kindred stems together,  
 With a silken tie, whose hue  
 Once was brilliant Buff and Blue ;  
 Sullied now — alas, how much !  
 Only fit for Y—rm—th's touch.

There — enough — thy task is done ;  
 Present, worthy G—ge's Son ;  
 Now, beneath, in letters neat,  
 Write "I SERVE," and all's complete.

## EXTRACTS

FROM THE DIARY OF A POLITICIAN.

Wednesday.

THROUGH M—nch—st—r Square took a canter  
 just now —  
 Met the *old yellow chariot*,<sup>3</sup> and made a low  
 bow.  
 This I did, of course, thinking 'twas loyal and  
 civil,  
 But got such a look — O 'twas black as the  
 devil !  
 How unlucky ! — *incog.* he was trav'ling  
 about,  
 And I, like a noodle, must go find him out.

*Mem.* — when next by the old yellow chariot I  
 ride,  
 To remember there *is* nothing princely inside.

Thursday.

At Levee to-day made another sad blunder —  
 What *can* be come over me lately, I wonder ?

<sup>1</sup> P—rc—v—l.<sup>2</sup> In allusion to "the Book" which created such a sensation at that period.<sup>3</sup> The *incog.* vehicle of the Pr—ce.<sup>4</sup> Baron Geramb, the rival of his R. H. in whiskers.<sup>5</sup> England is not the only country where merit of this kind is noticed and rewarded. "I remember," says Tavernier, "to have seen one of the King of Persia's porters, whose mustaches were so long that he could tie them behind his neck, for which reason he had a double pension."

The Pr—ce was as cheerful, as if, all his life,  
 He had never been troubled with Friends or a  
 Wife —  
 "Fine weather," says he — to which I, who *must*  
 prate,  
 Answered, "Yes, Sir, but *changeable* rather, of  
 late."  
 He took it, I fear, for he look'd somewhat gruff,  
 And handled his new pair of whiskers so rough,  
 That before all the courtiers I fear'd they'd  
 come off,  
 And then, Lord, how Geramb<sup>4</sup> would triumph-  
 antly scoff !

*Mem.* — to buy for son Dicky some unguent or  
 lotion  
 To nourish his whiskers — sure road to pro-  
 motion ;<sup>5</sup>

Saturday.

Last night a Concert — vastly gay —  
 Given by Lady C—stl—r—gh.  
 My Lord loves music, and, we know,  
 Has "two strings always to his bow."<sup>6</sup>  
 In choosing songs, the R—g—t nam'd  
 "Had I a heart for falsehood fram'd," —  
 While gentle H—rtf—d begg'd and pray'd  
 For "Young I am, and sore afraid."

## EPIGRAM.

WHAT news to-day? — "O, worse and worse —  
 "Mac" is the Pr—ce's Privy Purse ! " —  
 The Pr—ce's *Purse* ! no, no, you fool,  
 You mean the Pr—ce's *Ridicule*.

KING CRACK<sup>6</sup> AND HIS IDOLS.

WRITTEN AFTER THE LATE NEGOTIATION FOR A  
 NEW M—N—STRY.

KING CRACK was the best of all possible Kings,  
 (At least, so his Courtiers would swear to you  
 gladly,)

<sup>6</sup> A rhetorical figure used by Lord C—stl—r—gh, in one of his speeches.<sup>7</sup> Colonel M—cm—h—n.<sup>8</sup> One of those antediluvian Princes, with whom Manetho and Whiston seem so intimately acquainted. If we had the Memoirs of Thoth, from which Manetho compiled his History, we should find, I dare say, that Crack was only a Regent, and that he, perhaps, succeeded Typhon, who (as Whiston says) was the last King of the Antediluvian Dynasty.

But Crack now and then would do het'rodox things,  
And, at last, took to worshipping *Images* sadly.

Some broken-down Idols, that long had been plac'd

In his father's old *Cabinet*, pleas'd him so much,  
That he knelt down and worshipp'd, though—  
such was his taste!—

They were monstrous to look at, and rotten to touch.

And these were the beautiful Gods of King Crack!—

But his People, disdainng to worship such things,

Cried aloud, one and all, "Come, your Godships must pack—

"You'll not do for *us*, though you *may* do for *Kings*."

Then, trampling these images under their feet,  
They sent Crack a petition, beginning "Great Cæsar!

"We're willing to worship; but only entreat  
"That you'll find us some *decenter* Godheads  
than these are."

"I'll try," says King Crack—so they furnish'd him models

Of better shap'd Gods, but he sent them all back;

Some were chisell'd too fine, some had heads 'stead of noddles,

In short, they were all *much* too godlike for Crack.

So he took to his darling old Idols again,

And, just mending their legs and new bronz-  
ing their faces,

In open defiance of Gods and of man,

Set the monsters up grinning once more in their places.

#### WHAT'S MY THOUGHT LIKE?

*Quest.* Why is a Pump like V—sc—nt C—stl—  
r—gh?

<sup>1</sup> Edward Byrne, the head of the Delegates of the Irish Catholics.

<sup>2</sup> The ancients, in like manner, crowned their Lares, or Household Gods. See Juvenal, Sat. 9, v. 133. — Plutarch,

*Ansiv.* Because it is a slender thing of wood,  
That up and down its awkward arm doth sway,  
And coolly spout and spout and spout away,  
In one weak, washy, everlasting flood!

#### EPIGRAM.

DIALOGUE BETWEEN A CATHOLIC DELEGATE AND HIS R—Y—L H—GHN—SS THE D—É OF C—B—L—D.

SAID his Highness to Ned,<sup>1</sup> with that grim face of his,

"Why refuse us the *Veto*, dear Catholic Neddy?"

"Because, Sir," said Ned, looking full in his phiz,

"You're *forbidding* enough, in all conscience, already!"

#### WREATHS FOR THE MINISTERS.

AN ANACREONTIC.

HITHER, Flora, Queen of Flowers!  
Haste thee from Old Brompton's bowers—  
Or, (if sweeter that abode)  
From the King's well-odor'd Road,  
Where each little nursery bud  
Breathes the dust and quaffs the mud.  
Hither come and gayly twine  
Brightest herbs and flowers of thine  
Into wreaths for those, who rule us,  
Those, who rule and (some say) fool us—  
Flora, sure, will love to please  
England's Household Deities!<sup>2</sup>

First you must then, willy-nilly,  
Fetch me many an orange lily—  
Orange of the darkest dye  
Irish G—ff—rd can supply;—  
Choose me out the longest sprig,  
And stick it in old Eld—n's wig.

Find me next a Poppy posy,  
Type of his harangues so dozy,  
Garland gaudy, dull and cool,  
To crown the head of L—v—rp—l,  
"Twill console his brilliant brows  
For that loss of laurel boughs,

too, tells us that Household Gods were then, as they are now, "much given to War and Penal Statutes"—*εὐκνητοὶ θεοὶ καὶ ποινιμῶς δαίμονες*.

Which they suffer'd (what a pity!)  
On the road to Paris City.

Next, our C—stl—r—gh to crown,  
Bring me from the County Down,  
Wither'd Shamrocks, which have been  
Gilded o'er, to hide the green —  
(Such as H—df—t brought away  
From Pall Mall last Patrick's Day!)  
Stitch the garland through and through  
With shabby threads of every hue; —  
And as, Goddess! — *entre nous* —  
His Lordship loves (though best of men)  
A little *torture*, now and then,  
Crimp the leaves, thou first of Sirens,  
Crimp them with thy curling irons.

That's enough — away, away —  
Had I leisure, I could say  
How the *oldest rose* that grows  
Must be pluck'd to deck Old Rose —  
How the Doctor's <sup>2</sup> brow should smile  
Crown'd with wreaths of camomile.  
But time presses — to thy taste  
I leave the rest, so, prithee, haste!

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EPIGRAM.

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DIALOGUE BETWEEN A DOWAGER AND HER MAID  
ON THE NIGHT OF LORD Y—RM—TH'S FÊTE.

"I WANT the Court Guide," said my lady, "to  
look  
"If the House, Seymour Place, be at 30, or  
20." —  
"We've lost the *Court Guide*, Ma'am, but here's  
*the Red Book*,  
"Where you'll find, I dare say, Seymour  
Places in plenty!"

—  
Certain tinsel imitations of the Shamrock which are  
distributed by the Servants of C———n House every  
Patrick's Day.

<sup>2</sup> The *s briguet* given to Lord Sidmouth.

<sup>3</sup> This and the following are extracted from a Work,  
which may, some time or other, meet the eye of the Public  
— entitled "Odes of Horace, done into English by several  
Persons of Fashion."

4  
Quid bell'icosus Cantaber, et Scythes,  
Hirpine Quincti, cogitet, Hadria  
Divisus objecto, remittas  
Querere.

HORACE, ODE XI. LIB. II.

—  
FREELY TRANSLATED BY THE PR—CE R—G—T.<sup>3</sup>

4 COME, Y—rm—th, my boy, never trouble  
your brains,  
About what your old crony,  
The Emperor Boney,  
Is doing or brewing on Muscovy's plains;

5 Nor tremble, my lad, at the state of our gran-  
aries:  
Should there come famine,  
Still plenty to cram in  
You always shall have, my dear Lord of the  
Stannaries.

Brisk let us revel, while revel we may;  
6 For the gay bloom of fifty soon passes away  
And then people get fat,  
And infirm, and — all that,  
7 And a wig (I confess it) so clumsily sits,  
That it frightens the little Loves out of their  
wits;

8 Thy whiskers, too, Y—rm—th! — alas, even  
they,  
Though so rosy they burn,  
Too quickly must turn  
(What a heart-breaking change for thy whis-  
kers!) to Grey.

9 Then why, my Lord Warden, O, why should  
you fidget  
Your mind about matters you don't under-  
stand?  
Or why should you write yourself down for  
an idiot,  
Because "you," forsooth, "*have the pen in  
your hand!*"

Think, think how much better  
Than scribbling a letter,

5 Nec trepides in usum  
Poscentis ævi pauca.

6 Fugit retro  
Levis juvenas et decor.

7 Pellente lascivis amoris  
Canitie.

8 Neque uno Luna rubens nitet  
Vultu.

9 Quid æternis minorum  
Consillii animum fatigas?

(Which both you and I  
Should avoid by the by,) :  
How much pleasanter 'tis to sit under the bust  
Of old Charley,<sup>2</sup> my friend here, and drink  
like a new one ;

While Charley looks sulky, and frowns at me,  
just

As the Ghost in the Pantomime frowns at  
Don Juan.

<sup>3</sup> To crown us, Lord Warden,  
In C—mb—rl—nd's garden  
Grows plenty of *monk's hood* in venomous  
sprigs :

While Otto of Roses  
Refreshing all noses  
Shall sweetly exhale from our whiskers and  
wigs.

<sup>4</sup> What youth of the Household will cool our  
Noyau

In that streamlet delicious,  
That down 'midst the dishes,  
All full of gold fishes,  
Romantic doth flow ? —

<sup>5</sup> Or who will repair  
Unto M—ch—r Sq—e,  
And see if the gentle *Marchesa* be there ?

Go — bid her haste hither,

<sup>6</sup> And let her bring with her

<sup>1</sup> Cur non sub alta vel platano, vel hac  
Pinu jacentes sic temere.

<sup>2</sup> Charles Fox.

<sup>3</sup> Rosâ  
Canos odorati capillos,  
Dum licet, Assyriaque nardo  
Potamus uncti.

<sup>4</sup> Quis puer ocus  
Rextinguet ardentis Falerni  
Pocula *pratercunte lymphæ* ?

<sup>5</sup> Quis ..... eliciet domo  
Lyden ?

<sup>6</sup> Eburna, dic age, cum lyra (qu. *liar-a*)  
Maturet.

<sup>7</sup> Incomtam Lacænæ  
More coniam religata nodo.

<sup>8</sup> Integer vitæ scelerisque purus.

<sup>9</sup> Non eget Mauri jaculis, neque arcu,  
Nec venienatis gravida sagittis,  
Fusce, pharetra.

<sup>10</sup> Sive per Syrtes iter æstuosas,  
Sive facturus per inhospitalem  
Caucasum, vel quæ loca fabulosus  
Lambit Hydaspes.

The newest No-Popery Sermon that's going —  
<sup>7</sup> O, let her come, with her dark tresses flowing,  
All gentle and juvenile, curly and gay,  
In the manner of — Ackermann's Dresses for  
May !

HORACE, ODE XXII. LIB. I.

FREELY TRANSLATED BY LORD ELD—N.

<sup>6</sup> THE man who keeps a conscience pure,  
(If not his own, at least his Prince's,)  
Through toil and danger walks secure,  
Looks big and black, and never winces.

<sup>8</sup> No want has he of sword or dagger,  
Cock'd hat or ringlets of Geramb ;  
Though Peers may laugh, and Papists swagger,  
He doesn't care one single d-mn.

<sup>10</sup> Whether midst Irish chairmen going,  
Or through St. Giles's alleys dim,  
'Mid drunken Sheelahs, blasting, blowing,  
No matter, 'tis all one to him.

<sup>11</sup> For instance, I, one evening late,  
Upon a gay vacation sally,  
Singing the praise of Church and State,  
Got (God knows how) to Cranbourne Alley,

When lo ! an Irish Papist darted  
Across my path, gaunt, grim, and big —

The Noble Translator had, at first, laid the scene of these  
imagined dangers of his Man of Conscience among the Pa-  
pists of Spain, and had translated the words "*quæ loca fabu-  
losus lambit Hydaspes*" thus — "*The fabling Spaniard licks  
the French ;*" but, recollecting that it is our interest just  
now to be respectful to *Spanish Catholics* (though there is  
certainly no earthly reason for our being even commonly  
civil to *Irish ones*), he altered the passage as it stands at  
present.

<sup>11</sup> Namque me silvâ lupus in Sabinâ,  
Dum meam canto Lalagen, et ultra  
Terminum curis vagor expeditis,  
Fugit inermem.

I cannot help calling the reader's attention to the peculiar  
ingenuity with which these lines are paraphrased. Not to  
mention the happy conversion of the Wolf into a Papist,  
(seeing that Romulus was suckled by a wolf, that Rome  
was founded by Romulus, and that the Pope has always  
reigned at Rome,) there is something particularly neat in  
supposing "*ultra terminum*" to mean vacation time ; and  
then the modest consciousness with which the Noble and  
Learned Translator has avoided touching upon the words  
"*curis expeditis*," (or, as it has been otherwise read, "*causâ  
expeditis*,") and the felicitous idea of his being "*inermis*"  
when "*without his wig*," are altogether the most delectable  
specimens of paraphrase in our language.



I did but frown, and off he started,  
Scar'd at me, even without my wig.

1 Yet a more fierce and raw-bon'd dog  
Goes not to Mass in Dublin city,  
Nor shakes his brogue o'er Allen's Bog,  
Nor spouts in Catholic Committee.

2 O, place me midst O'Rourkes, O'Tooles,  
The ragged royal blood of Tara;  
Or place me where Dick M—rt—n rules  
The houseless wilds of Connemara;

3 Of Church and State I'll warble still,  
Though ev'n Dick M—rt—n's self should  
gramble;

Sweet Church and State, like Jack and Jill,

4 So lovingly upon a hill —  
Ah! ne'er like Jack and Jill to tumble!

## THE

## NEW COSTUME OF THE MINISTERS.

— Nova monstra creavit.

Ovid. *Metamorph.* l. i. v. 437.

HAVING sent off the troops of brave Major  
Camac,

With a swinging horsetail at each valorous back,  
And such helmets, God bless us! as never  
deck'd any

Male creature before, except Signor Giovanni —  
"Let's see," said the R—g—t, (like Titus, per-  
plexed

With the duties of empire,) "whom *shall* I  
dress next?"

1 Quale portentum neque militaris  
Daunias latis alit æsculetis,  
Nec Jubbæ tellus generat leonum  
Arida nutrit.

2 Pone me pigris ubi nulla campis  
Arbor æstiva recreatur aura:  
Quod latus mundi, nebulae, malusque  
Jupiter urget.

I must here remark, that the said Dick M—rt—n being a  
very good fellow, it was not at all fair to make a "malus  
Jupiter" of him

3 Dulce ridentem Lalagen amabo,  
Dulce loquentem.

4 There cannot be imagined a more happy illustration of  
the inseparability of Church and State, and their (what is  
called) "standing and falling together," than this ancient

He looks in the glass — but perfection is there,  
Wig, whiskers, and chin tufts all right to a  
hair;<sup>5</sup>

Not a single *ex-curl* on his forehead he traces —  
For curls are like Ministers, strange as the  
case is,

The *falsers* they are, the more firm in their places.  
His coat he next views — but the coat who  
could doubt?

For his Y—rm—th's own Frenchified hand cut  
it out;

Every pucker and seam were made matters of  
state,

And a Grand Household Council was held on  
each plait.

Then whom shall he dress? shall he new rig  
his brother,

Great C—mb—rl—d's Duke, with some kick-  
shaw or other?

And kindly invent him more Christian-like  
shapes

For his feather-bed neckcloths and pillory capes.  
Ah! no — here his ardor would meet with  
delays,

For the Duke had been lately pack'd up in new  
Stays,

So complete for the winter, he saw very plain  
'Twould be devilish hard work to *unpack* him  
again.

So, what's to be done? — there's the Minis-  
ters, bless 'em! —

As he *made* the puppets, why should't he *dress*  
'em?

"An excellent thought! — call the tailors —  
be nimble —

"Let Cum bring his spyglass, and H—rtf—d  
her thimble;

apologue of Jack and Jill. Jack, of course, represents the  
State in this ingenious little Allegory.

Jack fell down,  
And broke his *Crown*,  
And Jill came tumbling after

5 That model of Princes, the Emperor Commodus, was  
particularly luxurious in the dressing and ornamenting of  
his hair. His conscience, however, would not suffer him  
to trust himself with a barber, and he used, accordingly, to  
burn off his beard — "timore tonsoris," says Lampridius.  
(*Hist. August. Scriptor.*) The dissolute *Elius Verus*, too,  
was equally attentive to the decoration of his wig. (See  
*Jul. Capitolin.*) — Indeed, this was not the *only* princely  
trait in the character of *Verus*, as he had likewise a most  
hearty and dignified contempt for his Wife. — See his in-  
sulting answer to her in *Spartianus*.

While Y—rm—th shall give us, in spite of  
all quizzers,  
“The last Paris cut with his true Gallic scis-  
sors.”

So saying, he calls C—stl—r—gh, and the rest  
Of his heaven-born statesmen, to come and be  
dress'd.

While Y—rm—th, with snip-like and brisk ex-  
pedition,

Cuts up, all at once, a large Cath'lic Petition  
In long tailors' measures, (the P—e crying  
“Well done!”)

And first *puts in hand* my Lord Chancellor  
Eld—n.

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### CORRESPONDENCE

BETWEEN A LADY AND GENTLEMAN,

UPON THE ADVANTAGE OF (WHAT IS CALLED)  
“HAVING LAW<sup>1</sup> ON ONE'S SIDE.”

*The Gentleman's Proposal.*

“Legge aurea,  
S'ei piace, ei lice.”

Come, fly to these arms, nor let beauties so  
bloomy

To one frigid owner be tied;  
Your prudes may revile, and your old ones look  
gloomy,

But, dearest, we've *Law* on our side.

O, think the delight of two lovers congenial,  
Whom no dull decorums divide;

Their error how sweet, and their raptures how  
*venial*,

When once they've got *Law* on their side.

'Tis a thing, that in every King's reign has been  
done, too:

Then why should it now be decried?  
If the Father has done it, why shouldn't the  
Son, too?

For so argues *Law* on our side.

And, ev'n should our sweet violation of duty  
By cold-blooded jurors be tried,

They can *but* bring it in “a misfortune,” my  
beauty,

As long as we've *Law* on our side.

<sup>1</sup> In allusion to Lord Ell—nb—gh.

### *The Lady's Answer.*

HOLD, hold, my good Sir, go a little more slowly;  
For, grant me so faithless a bride,  
Such sinners as we, are a little too *lowly*,  
To hope to have *Law* on our side.

Had you been a great Prince, to whose star  
shining o'er 'em

The People should look for their guide,  
Then your Highness (and welcome!) might kick  
down decorum—

You'd always have *Law* on your side.

Were you ev'n an old Marquis, in mischief  
grown hoary,

Whose heart, though it long ago died  
To the *pleasures* of vice, is alive to its *glory*—  
You still would have *Law* on your side.

But for *you*, Sir, Crim. Con. is a path full of  
troubles;

By *my* advice therefore abide,  
And leave the pursuit to those Princes and  
Nobles

Who have *such a Law* on their side.

### OCCASIONAL ADDRESS

FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW THEATRE  
OF ST. ST—PH—N,

INTENDED TO HAVE BEEN SPOKEN BY THE PRO-  
PRIETOR IN FULL COSTUME, ON THE 24TH OF  
NOVEMBER, 1812.

THIS day a New House, for your edification,  
We open, most thinking and right-headed  
nation!

Excuse the materials—though rotten and bad,  
They're the best that for money just now could  
be had;

And, if *echo* the charm of such houses should be,  
You will find it shall echo my speech to a T.

As for actors, we've got the old Company yet,  
The same motley, odd, tragi-comical set;  
And consid'ring they all were but clerks t'other  
day,

It is truly surprising how well they can play.  
Our Manager,<sup>2</sup> (he, who in Ulster was nurs'd  
And sung *Erin go Brah* for the galleries first.

<sup>2</sup> Lord C—stl—r—gh.

But, on finding *Pitt*-interest a much better thing,  
Chang'd his note of a sudden, to *God save the King*.)

Still wise as he's blooming, and fat as he's clever,  
Himself and his speeches as *lengthy* as ever,  
Here offers you still the full use of his breath,  
Your devoted and long-winded proser till death.

You remember last season, when things went  
perverse on,

We had to engage (as a block to rehearse on)  
One Mr. V—ns—tt—t, a good sort of person,  
Who's also employ'd for this season to play,  
In "Raising the Wind," and "the Devil to  
Pay."<sup>1</sup>

We expect too — at least we've been plotting  
and planning —

To get that great actor from Liverpool, C—n—  
n—g ;

And, as at the Circus there's nothing attracts  
Like a good *single combat* brought in 'twixt the  
acts,

If the Manager should, with the help of Sir  
P—ph—m,

Get up new *diversions*, and C—nn—g should  
stop 'em,

Who knows but we'll have to announce in the  
papers,

"Grand fight — second time — with additional  
capers."

Be your taste for the ludicrous, humdrum, or  
sad,

There is plenty of each in this House to be had.  
Where our Manager ruleth, there weeping will  
be,

For a *dead hand at tragedy* always was he ;  
And there never was dealer in dagger and cup,

Who so *smilingly* got all his tragedies up.  
His powers poor Ireland will never forget,

And the widows of Walcheren weep o'er them  
yet.

So much for the actors ; — for secret ma-  
chinery,

'Traps, and deceptions, and shifting of scenery,  
Y—rm—th and Cum are the best we can find,

To transact all that trickery business behind.  
The former's employ'd too to teach us French

jigs,

Keep the whiskers in curl, and look after the  
wigs.

In taking my leave now, I've only to say,  
A few *Seats in the House*, not as yet sold away,  
May be had of the Manager, Pat C—stl—r—ph.

### THE SALE OF THE TOOLS.

Instrumenta regni. — TACITUS.

HERE's a choice set of Tools for you, Ge'mmen  
and Ladies,

They'll fit you quite handy, whatever your  
trade is ;

(Except it be *Cabinet making* ; — no doubt,  
In that delicate service they're rather worn out ;  
Though their owner, bright youth ! if he'd had  
his own will,  
Would have bungled away with them joyously  
still.)

You can see they've been pretty well *hack'd* —  
and alack !

What tool is there job after job will not hack ?  
Their edge is but dullish, it must be confess'd,  
And their temper, like E—nb'r—h's, none  
of the best ;

But you'll find them good hard-working Tools,  
upon trying,

Wer't but for their *brass*, they are well worth  
the buying ;

They're famous for making *blinds*, *sliders*, and  
*screens*,

And are, some of them, excellent *turning* ma-  
chines.

The first Tool I'll put up (they call it a *Chan-  
cellor*)

Heavy concern to both purchaser *and* seller.  
Though made of pig iron, yet worthy of note 'tis,

'Tis ready to *melt* at a half minute's notice.<sup>2</sup>  
Who bids ? Gentle buyer ! 'twill turn as thou  
shapest ;

'Twill make a good thumbscrew to torture a  
Papist ;

Or else a crampiron, to stick in the wall  
Of some church that old women are fearful will  
fall ;

Or better, perhaps, (for I'm guessing at ran-  
dom,)

A heavy *drag chain* for some Lawyer's old *Tun-  
dem*.

Will nobody bid ? It is cheap, I am sure, Sir,  
Once, twice, — going, going, — thrice, gone ! —  
it is yours, Sir.

<sup>1</sup> He had recently been appointed Chancellor of the Ex-  
chequer

<sup>2</sup> An allusion to Lord Eld—n's lachrymose tendencies

To pay ready money you sha'n't be distress'd,  
As a *bill at long date* suits the Chancellor best.

Come, where's the next Tool? — O, 'tis here  
in a trice —

This implement, Ge'mmen, at first was a *Vice*;  
(A tenacious and close sort of tool, that will let  
Nothing out of its grasp it once happens to get;) But it since has received a new coating of *Tin*,  
Bright enough for a Prince to behold himself in.  
Come, what shall we say for it? briskly! bid on,  
We'll the sooner get rid of it — going — quite  
gone.

God be with it, such tools, if not quickly knock'd  
down,  
Might at last cost their owner — how much?  
why, a *Crown*!

The next Tool I'll set up has hardly had hand-  
sel or

Trial as yet, and is *also* a Chancellor —  
Such dull things as these should be sold by the  
gross;

Yet, dull as it is, 'twill be found to *shave close*,  
And like *other* close shavers, some courage to  
gather,

This *blade* first began by a flourish on *leather*.<sup>1</sup>  
You shall have it for nothing — then, marvel  
with me

At the terrible *tinkering* work there must be,  
Where a Tool such as this is (I'll leave you to  
judge it)

Is placed by ill luck at the top of the *Budget*!

### LITTLE MAN AND LITTLE SOUL.

#### A BALLAD.

To the tune of "There was a little man, and he woo'd a little  
maid."

DEDICATED TO THE RT. HON. CH—RL—S ABB—T.

Arcades ambo  
Et cant-are pares.

1813.

THERE was a little Man, and he had a little Soul,  
And he said, "Little Soul, let us try, try, try,

"Whether it's within our reach

"To make up a little Speech,

"Just between little you and little I, I, I,

"Just between little you and little I!"

<sup>1</sup> "Of the taxes proposed by Mr. Vansittart, that principally opposed in Parliament was the additional duty on leather" — *Ann. Register*.

Then said his little Soul,  
Peeping from her little hole,

"I protest, little Man, you are stout, stout, stout,

"But, if it's not uncivil,

"Pray tell me what the devil

"Must our little, little speech be about, I out,  
bout,

"Must our little, little speech be about?"

The little Man look'd big,

With the assistance of his wig,

And he call'd his little Soul to order, order, order,

Till she fear'd he'd make her jog in

To jail, like Thomas Croggan,

(As she wasn't Duke or Earl) to reward her,

ward her, ward her,

As she wasn't Duke or Earl, to reward her.

The little Man then spoke,

"Little Soul, it is no joke,

"For as sure as J—cky F—ll—r loves a sup,  
sup, sup,

"I will tell the Prince and People

"What I think of Church and Steeple,

"And my little patent plan to prop them up,  
up, up,

"And my little patent plan to prop them up."

Away then, cheek by jowl,

Little Man and little Soul

Went and spoke their little speech to a tittle,  
tittle, tittle,

And the world all declare

That this priggish little pair

Never yet in all their lives look'd so little, little,  
little,

Never yet in all their lives look'd so little!

### REINFORCEMENTS FOR LORD WELLINGTON.

Suosque tibi commendat Troja Penates  
Hos cape fatorum comites.

VIRGIL.

1813.

As recruits in these times are not easily got,  
And the Marshal *must* have them — pray, why  
should we not,

As the last, and, I grant it, the worst of our loans  
to him,

Ship off the Ministry, body and bones to him?  
There's not in all England, I'd venture to swear,  
Any men we could half so conveniently spare;

And, though they've been helping the French  
for years past,  
We may thus make them useful to England at  
last.  
C—stl—r—gh in our sieges might save some  
disgraces,  
Being us'd to the *taking* and *keeping* of *places* ;  
And Volunteer C—nn—g, still ready for joining,  
Might show off his talent for sly *undermining*.  
Could the Household but spare us its glory and  
pride,  
Old H—df—t at *horn works* again might be tried,  
And the Ch—f J—st—e make a *bold charge* at  
his side :  
While V—ns—tt—t could victual the troops  
*upon tick*,  
And the Doctor look after the baggage and sick.

Nay, I do not see why the great R—g—t  
himself  
Should, in times such as these, stay at home on  
the shelf ;  
Though through narrow defiles he's not fitted  
to pass,  
Yet who could resist, if he bore down *en masse* ?  
And though oft, of an evening, perhaps he might  
provc,  
Like our Spanish confed'rates, "unable to  
move,"<sup>1</sup>  
Yet there's *one* thing in war of advantage un-  
bounded,  
Which is, that he could not with ease be *sur-  
rounded*.

In my next I shall sing of their arms and  
equipment ;  
At present no more, but — good luck to the  
shipment !

## HORACE, ODE I. LIB. III.

## A FRAGMENT.

Odi profanum vulgus et arceo ;  
Favete linguis : carmina non prius  
Audita Musarum sacerdos  
Virginibus puerisque canto.  
Regum timendorum in propriis greges,  
Reges in ipsos imperium est Jovis.

<sup>1</sup> The character given to the Spanish soldier, in Sir John Murray's memorable despatch.

<sup>2</sup> The literal closeness of the version here cannot but be admired. The Translator has added a long, erudite, and flowery note upon *Roses*, of which I can merely give a specimen at present. In the first place, he ransacks the *Rosarium Politicum* of the Persian poet Sadi, with the hope of

1813.

I HATE thee, O, Mob, as my Lady hates self ;  
To Sir Francis I'll give up thy claps and thy  
hisses,  
Leave old Magna Charta to shift for itself,  
And, like G—dw—n, write books for young  
masters and misses.  
O, it is not high rank that can make the heart  
merry,  
Even monarchs themselves are not free from  
mishap :  
Though the Lords of Westphalia must quake  
before Jerry,  
Poor Jerry himself has to quake before Nap.

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## HORACE, ODE XXXVIII. LIB. I.

## A FRAGMENT.

Persicos odi, puer, adparatus ;  
Displicent nexæ philyra coronæ ;  
*Mitte sectari, Rosa quo locorum  
Sera noetur.*

TRANSLATED BY A TREASURY CLERK, WHILE WAIT-  
ING DINNER FOR THE RIGHT HON. G—RGE R—SE.

Boy, tell the Cook that I hate all knickknack-  
eries,  
Fricassees, vol au vents, puffs, and gimcrack-  
eries —  
Six by the Horse Guards ! — old Georgy is  
late —  
But come — lay the tablecloth — zounds ! do  
not wait,  
Nor stop to inquire, while the dinner is staying,  
At which of his places Old R—e is delaying !<sup>2</sup>

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## IMPROMPTU.

UPON BEING OBLIGED TO LEAVE A PLEASANT  
PARTY, FROM THE WANT OF A PAIR OF BREECHES  
TO DRESS FOR DINNER IN.

1810.

BETWEEN Adam and me the great difference is,  
Though a paradise each has been forc'd to  
resign,

finding some *Political Roses*, to match the gentleman in the  
text — but in vain : he then tells us that Cicero accused  
Verres of reposing upon a cushion "*Melitensi rosâ fartum*,"  
which, from the odd mixture of words, he supposes to be  
a kind of *Irish Bed of Roses*, like Lord Castlereagh's. The  
learned Clerk next favors us with some remarks upon a  
well known punning epitaph on fair Rosamond, and ex-



That he never wore breeches, till turn'd out  
of his,  
While, for want of my breeches, I'm banish'd  
from mine.

LORD WELLINGTON AND THE  
MINISTERS.

1813.

So gently in peace Alcibiades smil'd,  
While in battle he shone forth so terribly  
grand,

presses a most loyal hope, that, if "Rosa munda" mean  
"a Rose with clean hands," it may be found applicable to  
the Right Honorable Rose in question. He then dwells at  
some length upon the "Rosa aurea," which, though descrip-  
tive, in one sense, of the old Treasury Statesman, yet, as  
being consecrated and worn by the Pope, must, of course,

That the emblem they grav'd on his seal, was  
a child  
With a thunderbolt plac'd in its innocent  
hand.

O Wellington, long as such Ministers wield  
Your magnificent arm, the same emblem  
will do;  
For while *they're* in the Council and *you* in the  
Field,  
We've the *babies* in *them*, and the *thunder* in  
*you*!

not be brought into the same atmosphere with him. Lastly,  
in reference to the words "old Rose," he winds up with the  
pathetic lamentation of the Poet "consensuisse Rosas."  
The whole note indeed shows a knowledge of Roses, that  
is quite edifying.

IRISH MELODIES.

DEDICATION.

TO THE MARCHIONESS DOWAGER OF  
DONEGAL.

It is now many years since, in a Letter pre-  
fixed to the Third Number of the Irish Melo-  
dies, I had the pleasure of inscribing the Poems  
of that work to your Ladyship, as to one whose  
character reflected honor on the country to  
which they relate, and whose friendship had  
long been the pride and happiness of their  
Author. With the same feelings of affection  
and respect, confirmed if not increased by the  
experience of every succeeding year, I now  
place those Poems in their present new form  
under your protection, and am,

With perfect sincerity,

Your Ladyship's ever attached friend,  
THOMAS MOORE.

PREFACE.

THOUGH an edition of the Poetry of the Irish  
Melodies, separate from the Music, has long  
been called for, yet, having, for many reasons,  
a strong objection to this sort of divorce, I  
should with difficulty have consented to a dis-

union of the words from the airs, had it de-  
pended solely upon me to keep them quietly  
and indissolubly together. But, besides the  
various shapes in which these, as well as my  
other lyrical writings, have been published  
throughout America, they are included, of  
course, in all the editions of my works printed  
on the Continent, and have also appeared, in a  
volume full of typographical errors, in Dublin.  
I have therefore readily acceded to the wish  
expressed by the Proprietor of the Irish Melo-  
dies, for a revised and complete edition of the  
poetry of the Work, though well aware that  
my verses must lose even more than the  
"*animæ dimidium*" in being detached from the  
beautiful airs to which it was their good fortune  
to be associated.

The Advertisements which were prefixed to  
the different numbers, the Prefatory Letter  
upon Music, &c. will be found in an Appendix  
at the end of the Volume.

GO WHERE GLORY WAITS THEE.

Go where glory waits thee;  
But, while fame elates thee,

O, still remember me.  
 When the praise thou meetest  
 To thine ear is sweetest,  
 O, then remember me.  
 Other arms may press thee,  
 Dearer friends caress thee,  
 All the joys that bless thee,  
 Sweeter far may be ;  
 But when friends are nearest,  
 And when joys are dearest,  
 O, then remember me !

When, at eve, thou rovest  
 By the star thou lovest,  
 O, then remember me.  
 Think, when home returning,  
 Bright we've seen it burning,  
 O, thus remember me.  
 Oft as summer closes,  
 When thine eye reposes  
 On its ling'ring roses,  
 Once so lov'd by thee,  
 Think of her who wove them,  
 Her who made thee love them,  
 O, then remember me.

When, around thee dying,  
 Autumn leaves are lying,  
 O, then remember me.  
 And, at night, when gazing  
 On the gay hearth blazing,  
 O, still remember me.  
 Then should music, stealing  
 All the soul of feeling,  
 To thy heart appealing,  
 Draw one tear from thee ;  
 Then let memory bring thee  
 Strains I us'd to sing thee, —  
 O, then remember me.

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#### WAR SONG.

#### REMEMBER THE GLORIES OF BRIEN THE BRAVE.<sup>1</sup>

REMEMBER the glories of Brien the brave,  
 Though the days of the hero are o'er ;

<sup>1</sup> Brien Boromhe, the great monarch of Ireland, who was killed at the battle of Clontarf, in the beginning of the 11th century, after having defeated the Danes in twenty-five engagements.

<sup>2</sup> Munster.

<sup>3</sup> The palace of Brien.

<sup>4</sup> This alludes to an interesting circumstance related of the Dalgais, the favorite troops of Brien, when they were interrupted in their return from the battle of Clontarf, by

Though lost to Mononia<sup>2</sup> and cold in the grave,  
 He returns to Kinkora<sup>3</sup> no more.  
 That star of the field, which so often hath pour'd  
 Its beam on the battle, is set ;  
 But enough of its glory remains on each sword,  
 To light us to victory yet.

Mononia ! when Nature embellish'd the tint  
 Of thy fields, and thy mountains so fair,  
 Did she ever intend that a tyrant should print  
 The footstep of slavery there ?  
 No ! Freedom, whose smile we shall never resign,  
 Go, tell our invaders, the Danes,  
 That 'tis sweeter to bleed for an age at thy shrine,  
 Than to sleep but a moment in chains.

Forget not our wounded companions, who stood<sup>4</sup>  
 In the day of distress by our side ;  
 While the moss of the valley grew red with their  
 blood,  
 They stirr'd not, but conquer'd and died.  
 That sun which now blesses our arms with his  
 light,  
 Saw them fall upon Ossory's plain ; —  
 O, let him not blush, when he leaves us to-night,  
 To find that they fell there in vain.

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#### ERIN ! THE TEAR AND THE SMILE IN THINE EYES.

ERIN, the tear and the smile in thine eyes,  
 Blend like the rainbow that hangs in thy skies !  
 Shining through sorrow's stream,  
 Saddening through pleasure's beam,  
 Thy suns with doubtful gleam,  
 Weep while they rise.

Erin, thy silent tear never shall cease,  
 Erin, thy languid smile ne'er shall increase,  
 Till, like the rainbow's light,  
 Thy various tints unite,  
 And form in heaven's sight  
 One arch of peace !

Fitzpatrick, prince of Ossory. The wounded men entreated that they might be allowed to fight with the rest. — "Let stokers (they said) be stuck in the ground, and suffer each of us, tied to and supported by one of these stakes, to be placed in his rank by the side of a sound man." "Between seven and eight hundred wounded men (adds O'Halloran) pale, emaciated, and supported in this manner, appeared mixed with the foremost of the troops ; — never was such another sight exhibited." — *History of Ireland*, book xii. chap. i.

O, BREATHE NOT HIS NAME.

O, BREATHE not his name, let it sleep in the shade,

Where cold and unhonor'd his relics are laid :  
Sad, silent, and dark, be the tears that we shed,  
As the night dew that falls on the grass o'er his head.

But the night dew that falls, though in silence it weeps,

Shall brighten with verdure the grave where he sleeps ;

And the tear that we shed, though in secret it rolls,

Shall long keep his memory green in our souls.

WHEN HE, WHO ADORES THEE.

WHEN he, who adores thee, has left but the name

Of his fault and his sorrows behind,  
O, say, wilt thou weep when they darken the fame

Of a life that for thee was resign'd ?  
Yes, weep, and however my foes may condemn,  
Thy tears shall efface their decree ;  
For Heaven can witness, though guilty to them,  
I have been but too faithful to thee.

With thee were the dreams of my earliest love ;  
Every thought of my reason was thine ;

In my last humble prayer to the Spirit above,  
Thy name shall be mingled with mine.

O, blest are the lovers and friends who shall live

The days of thy glory to see ;  
But the next dearest blessing that Heaven can give

Is the pride of thus dying for thee.

THE HARP THAT ONCE THROUGH TARA'S HALLS.

THE harp that once through Tara's halls  
The soul of music shed,

Now hangs as mute on Tara's walls,  
As if that soul were fled. —

So sleeps the pride of former days,  
So glory's thrill is o'er,

And hearts, that once beat high for praise,  
Now feel that pulse no more.

No more to chiefs and ladies bright  
The harp of Tara swells ;  
The chord alone, that breaks at night,  
Its tale of ruin tells.

Thus Freedom now so seldom wakes,  
The only throb she gives,  
Is when some heart indignant breaks,  
To show that still she lives.

FLY NOT YET.

FLY not yet, 'tis just the hour  
When pleasure, like the midnight flower  
That scorns the eye of vulgar light,  
Begins to bloom for sons of night,  
And maids who love the moon.

'Twas but to bless these hours of shade  
That beauty and the moon were made ;

'Tis then their soft attractions glowing  
Set the tides and goblets flowing.

O, stay, — O, stay, —  
Joy so seldom weaves a chain  
Like this to-night, that, O, 'tis pain  
To break its links so soon.

Fly not yet, the fount that play'd  
In times of old through Ammon's shade,<sup>1</sup>  
Though icy cold by day it ran,  
Yet still, like souls of mirth, began  
To burn when night was near.

And thus, should woman's heart and looks  
At noon be cold as winter brooks,  
Nor kindle till the night, returning,  
Brings their genial hour for burning.

O, stay, — O, stay, —  
When did morning ever break,  
And find such beaming eyes awake  
As those that sparkle here ?

O, THINK NOT MY SPIRITS ARE ALWAYS AS LIGHT.

O, THINK not my spirits are always as light,  
And as free from a pang as they seem to you now ;

Nor expect that the heart-beaming smile of to-night

Will return with to-morrow to brighten my brow.

No : — life is a waste of wearisome hours,  
Which seldom the rose of enjoyment adorns ;

<sup>1</sup> Solis Fons, near the Temple of Ammon

And the heart that is soonest awake to the  
flowers,

Is always the first to be touch'd by the thorns.  
But send round the bowl, and be happy a while;

May we never meet worse in our pilgrimage  
here,

Than the tear that enjoyment may gild with a  
smile,

And the smile that compassion can turn to a  
tear.

The thread of our life would be dark, Heaven  
knows!

If it were not with friendship and love in-  
tertwind'd;

And I care not how soon I may sink to repose,  
When these blessings shall cease to be dear  
to my mind.

But they who have lov'd the fondest, the purest,  
Too often have wept o'er the dream they be-  
liev'd;

And the heart that has slumber'd in friendship  
securest,

Is happy indeed if 'twas never deceiv'd.

But send round the bowl; while a relic of truth  
Is in man or in woman, this prayer shall be  
mine, —

That the sunshine of love may illumine our  
youth,

And the moonlight of friendship console our  
decline.

#### THOUGH THE LAST GLIMPSE OF ERIN WITH SORROW I SEE.

THOUGH the last glimpse of Erin with sorrow I  
see,

Yet wherever thou art shall seem Erin to me;

In exile thy bosom shall still be my home,

And thine eyes make my climate wherever we  
roam.

<sup>1</sup> "In the twenty-eighth year of the reign of Henry VIII. an Act was made respecting the habits, and dress in general, of the Irish, whereby all persons were restrained from being shorn or shaven above the ears, or from wearing Glibbes, or *Coullins* (long locks), on their heads, or hair on their upper lip, called Crommeal. On this occasion a song was written by one of our bards, in which an Irish virgin is made to give the preference to her dear *Coulin* (or the youth with the flowing locks) to all strangers (by which the English were meant), or those who wore their habits. Of this song, the air alone has reached us, and is universally admired." — *Walker's Historical Memoirs of Irish Bards*, p. 134. Mr. Walker informs us also, that, about the same period, there were some harsh measures taken against the Irish Minstrels.

To the gloom of some desert or cold rocky  
shore,

Where the eye of the stranger can haunt us no  
more,

I will fly with my Coulin, and think the rough  
wind

Less rude than the foes we leave frowning be-  
hind.

And I'll gaze on thy gold hair as graceful it  
wreathes,

And hang o'er thy soft harp, as wildly it  
breathes;

Nor dread that the cold-hearted Saxon will tear  
One chord from that harp, or one lock from that  
hair.<sup>1</sup>

#### RICH AND RARE WERE THE GEMS SHE WORE.<sup>2</sup>

RICH and rare were the gems she wore,  
And a bright gold ring on her wand she bore;

But O, her beauty was far beyond  
Her sparkling gems, or snow-white wand

"Lady! dost thou not fear to stray,

"So lone and lovely through this bleak way?

"Are Erin's sons so good or so cold,

"As not to be tempted by woman or gold?"

"Sir Knight! I feel not the least alarm,

"No son of Erin will offer me harm: —

"For though they love woman and golden  
store,

"Sir Knight! they love honor and virtue more!"

On she went, and her maiden smile

In safety lighted her round the green isle;

And blest forever is she who relied

Upon Erin's honor and Erin's pride.

<sup>2</sup> This ballad is founded upon the following anecdote: —  
"The people were inspired with such a spirit of honor, vir-  
tue, and religion, by the great example of Brian, and by his  
excellent administration, that, as a proof of it, we are in-  
formed that a young lady of great beauty, adorned with jew-  
els and a costly dress, undertook a journey alone, from one  
end of the kingdom to the other, with a wand only in her  
hand, at the top of which was a ring of exceeding great  
value; and such an impression had the laws and govern-  
ment of this Monarch made on the minds of all the people  
that no attempt was made upon her honor, nor was she  
robbed of her clothes or jewels." — *Warner's History of Ire-  
land*, vol. i. book x

AS A BEAM O'ER THE FACE OF THE  
WATERS MAY GLOW.

As a beam o'er the face of the waters may glow  
While the tide runs in darkness and coldness  
below,  
So the cheek may be ting'd with a warm sunny  
smile,  
Though the cold heart to ruin runs darkly the  
while.

One fatal remembrance, one sorrow that throws  
Its bleak shade alike o'er our joys and our woes,  
To which life nothing darker or brighter can  
bring,  
For which joy has no balm and affliction no  
sting—

O, this thought in the midst of enjoyment will  
stay,  
Like a dead, leafless branch in the summer's  
bright ray;  
The beams of the warm sun play around it in vain,  
It may smile in his light, but it blooms not again.

THE MEETING OF THE WATERS.<sup>1</sup>

THERE is not in the wide world a valley so sweet  
As that vale in whose bosom the bright waters  
meet;<sup>2</sup>  
O, the last rays of feeling and life must depart,  
Ere the bloom of that valley shall fade from my  
heart.

Yet it *was* not that nature had shed o'er the scene  
Her purest of crystal and brightest of green;  
'Twas *not* her soft magic of streamlet or hill,  
O, no, it was something more exquisite still.

'Twas that friends, the belov'd of my bosom,  
were near,  
Who made every dear scene of enchantment  
more dear,  
And who felt how the best charms of nature  
improve,  
When we see them reflected from looks that we  
love.

Sweet vale of Avoca! how calm could I rest  
In thy bosom of shade, with the friends I love  
best,

<sup>1</sup> "The Meeting of the Waters" forms a part of that beautiful scenery which lies between Rathdrum and Arklow, in the county of Wicklow, and these lines were sug-

Where the storms that we feel in this cold world  
should cease,  
And our hearts, like thy waters, be mingled in  
peace.

HOW DEAR TO ME THE HOUR.

How dear to me the hour when daylight dies,  
And sunbeams melt along the silent sea;  
For then sweet dreams of other days arise,  
And memory breathes her vesper sigh to  
thee.

And, as I watch the line of light, that plays  
Along the smooth wave toward the burning  
west,  
I long to tread that golden path of rays,  
And think 'twould lead to some bright isle  
of rest.

TAKE BACK THE VIRGIN PAGE.

WRITTEN ON RETURNING A BLANK BOOK.

TAKE back the virgin page,  
White and unwritten still;  
Some hand, more calm and sage,  
The leaf must fill.  
Thoughts come, as pure as light,  
Pure as even *you* require;  
But, O, each word I write  
Love turns to fire.

Yet let me keep the book:  
Oft shall my heart renew,  
When on its leaves I look,  
Dear thoughts of you.  
Like you, 'tis fair and bright;  
Like you, too bright and fair  
To let wild passion write  
One wrong wish there.

Haply, when from those eyes  
Far, far away I roam,  
Should calmer thoughts arise  
Towards you and home;  
Fancy may trace some line,  
Worthy those eyes to meet,  
Thoughts that not burn, but shine,  
Pure, calm, and sweet.

gested by a visit to this romantic spot, in the summer of the year 1807.

<sup>2</sup> The rivers Avon and Avoca.



And as, o'er ocean far,  
 Scamen their records keep,  
 Led by some hidden star  
 Through the cold deep ;  
 So may the words I write  
 Tell through what storms I stray —  
 You still the unseen light,  
 Guiding my way.

J —

THE LEGACY.

WHEN in death I shall calmly recline,  
 O, bear my heart to my mistress dear ;  
 Tell her it liv'd upon smiles and wine  
 Of the brightest hue, while it linger'd here.  
 Bid her not shed one tear of sorrow  
 To sully a heart so brilliant and light ;  
 But balmy drops of the red grape borrow,  
 To bathe the relic from morn till night.

When the light of my song is o'er,  
 Then take my harp to your ancient hall ;  
 Hang it up at that friendly door,  
 Where weary travellers love to call.<sup>1</sup>  
 Then if some bard, who roams forsaken,  
 Revive its soft note in passing along,  
 O, let one thought of its master waken  
 Your warmest smile for the child of song.

Keep this cup, which is now o'erflowing,  
 To grace your revel, when I'm at rest ;  
 Never, O, never its balm bestowing  
 On lips that beauty hath seldom blest.  
 But when some warm devoted lover  
 To her he adores shall bathe its brim,  
 Then, then my spirit around shall hover,  
 And hallow each drop that foams for him.

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HOW OFT HAS THE BENSHEE CRIED.

How oft has the Benshee cried,  
 How oft has death untied  
 Bright links that Glory wove,  
 Sweet bonds entwin'd by Love !

<sup>1</sup> "In every house was one or two harps, free to all travellers, who were the more caressed, the more they excelled in music." — *O'Halloran*.

<sup>2</sup> I have endeavored here, without losing that Irish character, which it is my object to preserve throughout this work, to allude to the sad and ominous fatality, by which England has been deprived of so many great and good men, at a moment when she most requires all the aids of talent and integrity.

Peace to each manly soul that sleepeth ;  
 Rest to each faithful eye that weepeth ;  
 Long may the fair and brave  
 Sigh o'er the hero's grave.

We're fall'n upon gloomy days !<sup>2</sup>  
 Star after star decays,  
 Every bright name, that shed  
 Light o'er the land, is fled.  
 Dark falls the tear of him who mourneth  
 Lost joy, or hope that ne'er returneth ;  
 But brightly flows the tear,  
 Wept o'er a hero's bier.

Quench'd are our beacon lights —  
 Thou of the Hundred Fights !<sup>3</sup>  
 Thou, on whose burning tongue  
 Truth, peace, and freedom hung !<sup>4</sup>  
 Both mute, — but long as valor shineth,  
 Or mercy's soul at war repineth,  
 So long shall Erin's pride  
 Tell how they liv'd and died.

J —

WE MAY ROAM THROUGH THIS  
 WORLD.

WE may roam through this world, like a child  
 at a feast,  
 Who but sips of a sweet, and then flies to the  
 rest ;  
 And, when pleasure begins to grow dull in the  
 east,  
 We may order our wings and be off to the  
 west ;  
 But if hearts that feel, and eyes that smile,  
 Are the dearest gifts that heaven supplies,  
 We never need leave our own green isle,  
 For sensitive hearts, and for sun-bright eyes.  
 Then remember, wherever your goblet is  
 crown'd,  
 Through this world, whether eastward or  
 westward you roam,  
 When a cup to the smile of dear woman goes  
 round,  
 O, remember the smile which adorns her at  
 home.

<sup>3</sup> This designation, which has been before applied to Lord Nelson, is the title given to a celebrated Irish Hero, in a Poem by O'Guive, the bard of O'Neil, which is quoted in the "Philosophical Survey of the South of Ireland," page 433. "Con, of the Hundred Fights, sleep in thy grass-grown tomb, and upbraid not our defeats with thy victories"

<sup>4</sup> Fox, "Romanorum ultimus."

In England the garden of Beauty is kept  
By a dragon of prudery placed within call ;  
But so oft this unamiable dragon has slept,  
That the garden's but carelessly watch'd after  
all.

O, they want the wild sweet-briery fence,  
Which round the flowers of Erin dwells ;  
Which warns the touch, while winning the  
sense,

Nor charms us least when it most repels.  
Then remember, wherever your goblet is  
crown'd,

Through this world, whether eastward or  
westward you roam,

When a cup to the smile of dear woman goes  
round,

O, remember the smile that adorns her at  
home.

In France, when the heart of a woman sets sail,  
On the ocean of wedlock its fortune to try,  
Love seldom goes far in a vessel so frail,  
But just pilots her off, and then bids her  
good by.

While the daughters of Erin keep the boy,  
Ever smiling beside his faithful oar,  
Through billows of woe, and beams of joy,  
The same as he look'd when he left the shore,  
Then remember, wherever your goblet is  
crown'd,

Through this world, whether eastward or  
westward you roam,

When a cup to the smile of dear woman goes  
round,

O, remember the smile that adorns her at  
home.

#### EVELEEN'S BOWER.

O, WEEP for the hour,  
When to Eveleen's bower

The Lord of the Valley with false vows came ;  
The moon hid her light

From the heavens that night,

And wept behind her clouds o'er the maiden's  
shame.

<sup>1</sup> "This brought on an encounter between Malachi (the monarch of Ireland in the tenth century) and the Danes, in which Malachi defeated two of their champions, whom he encountered successively, hand to hand, taking a collar of gold from the neck of one, and carrying off the sword of the other, as trophies of his victory." — *Warner's History of Ireland*, vol. i. book ix.

<sup>2</sup> "Military orders of knights were very early established in Ireland : long before the birth of Christ we find an heredi-

The clouds pass'd soon  
From the chaste cold moon,  
And heaven smil'd again with her vestal flame ;  
But none will see the day,  
When the clouds shall pass away,  
Which that dark hour left upon Eveleen's  
fame.

The white snow lay  
On the narrow pathway,  
When the Lord of the Valley cross'd over the  
moor ;

And many a deep print  
On the white snow's tint  
Show'd the track of his footsteps to Eveleen's  
door.

The next sun's ray  
Soon melted away  
Every trace on the path where the false Lord  
came ;  
But there's a light above,  
Which alone can remove  
That stain upon the snow of fair Eveleen's fame.

#### LET ERIN REMEMBER THE DAYS OF OLD.

LET Erin remember the days of old,  
Ere her faithless sons betray'd her ;  
When Malachi wore the collar of gold,<sup>1</sup>  
Which he won from her proud invader,  
When her kings, with standard of green un-  
fur'd,  
Led the Red-Branch Knights to danger ;<sup>2</sup>—  
Ere the emerald gem of the western world  
Was set in the crown of a stranger.

On Lough Neagh's bank as the fisherman  
strays,

When the clear cold eve's declining,  
He sees the round towers of other days

In the wave beneath him shining ;  
Thus shall memory often, in dreams sublime,  
Catch a glimpse of the days that are over ;

itary order of Chivalry in Ulster, called *Curaidhe na Craioibhe ruadh*, or the Knights of the Red Branch, from their chief seat in Emania, adjoining to the palace of the Ulster kings, called *Teagh na Craioibhe ruadh*, or the Academy of the Red Branch ; and contiguous to which was a large hospital, founded for the sick knights and soldiers, called *Bronn-hearg*, or the House of the Sorrowful Soldier." — *O'Halloran's Introduction*, &c., part i. chap. 5.

Thus, sighing, look through the waves of time  
For the long-faded glories they cover.<sup>1</sup>

THE SONG OF FIONNUALA.\*

SILENT, O Moyle, be the roar of thy water,  
Break not, ye breezes, your chain of repose,  
While, murmuring mournfully, Lir's lonely  
daughter

Tells to the night star her tale of woes.  
When shall the swan, her death note singing,  
Sleep, with wings in darkness furl'd?  
When will heaven, its sweet bell ringing,  
Call my spirit from this stormy world?

Sadly, O Moyle, to thy winter wave weeping,  
Fate bids me languish long ages away;  
Yet still in her darkness doth Erin lie sleeping,  
Still doth the pure light its dawning delay.  
When will that daystar, mildly springing,  
Warm our isle with peace and love?  
When will heaven, its sweet bell ringing,  
Call my spirit to the fields above?

COME, SEND ROUND THE WINE.

COME, send round the wine, and leave points of  
belief

To simpleton sages, and reasoning fools;  
This moment's a flower too fair and brief,  
To be wither'd and stain'd by the dust of the  
schools.

Your glass may be purple, and mine may be  
blue,

But, while they are fill'd from the same bright  
bowl,

The fool who would quarrel for difference of hue,  
Deserves not the comfort they shed o'er the  
soul.

Shall I ask the brave soldier, who fights by my  
side

In the cause of mankind, if our creeds agree?

Shall I give up the friend I have valued and tried  
If he kneel not before the same altar with me?  
From the heretic girl of my soul should I fly,  
To seek somewhere else a more orthodox kiss?  
No! perish the hearts, and the laws that try  
Truth, valor, or love, by a standard like this!

SUBLIME WAS THE WARNING.

SUBLIME was the warning that Liberty spoke,  
And grand was the moment when Spaniards  
awoke

Into life and revenge from the conqueror's  
chain.

O, Liberty! let not this spirit have rest,  
Till it move, like a breeze, o'er the waves of the  
west—

Give the light of your look to each sorrowing  
spot,

Nor, O, be the Shamrock of Erin forgot  
While you add to your garland the Olive of  
Spain!

If the fame of our fathers, bequeath'd with their  
rights,

Give to country its charm, and to home its  
delights,

If deceit be a wound, and suspicion a stain,  
Then, ye men of Iberia, our cause is the  
same!

And O, may his tomb want a tear and a name,  
Who would ask for a nobler, a holier death,  
Than to turn his last sigh into victory's breath,  
For the Shamrock of Erin and Olive of Spain!

Ye Blakes and O'Donnels, whose fathers resign'd  
The green hills of their youth, among strangers  
to find

That repose which, at home, they had sigh'd  
for in vain,

Join, join in our hope that the flame, which you  
light,

May be felt yet in Erin, as calm, and as bright,

<sup>1</sup> It was an old tradition, in the time of Giraldus, that Lough Neagh had been originally a fountain, by whose sudden overflowing the country was inundated, and a whole region, like the Atlantis of Plato, overwhelmed. He says that the fishermen, in clear weather, used to point out to strangers the tall ecclesiastical towers under the water. *Piscatores aquæ illius turres ecclesiasticas, quæ more patriæ arcis sunt et ultra, necnon et rotundæ, sub undis manifeste sereno tempore conspiciunt, et extraneis transeuntibus, reique causas admirantibus, frequenter ostendunt.*—Topogr. Hib. dist. 2, c. 9.

<sup>2</sup> To make this story intelligible in a song would require a

much greater number of verses than any one is authorized to inflict upon an audience at once; the reader must therefore be content to learn, in a note, that Fionnuala, the daughter of Lir, was, by some supernatural power, transformed into a swan, and condemned to wander, for many hundred years, over certain lakes and rivers in Ireland, till the coming of Christianity, when the first sound of the mass bell was to be the signal of her release.—I found this fanciful fiction among some manuscript translations from the Irish, which were begun under the direction of that enlightened friend of Ireland, the late Countess of Moira.

And forgive even Albion while blushing she  
draws,  
Like a truant, her sword, in the long-slighted  
cause  
Of the Shamrock of Erin and Olive of Spain !

God prosper the cause ! — O, it cannot but thrive,  
While the pulse of one patriot heart is alive,  
Its devotion to feel, and its rights to maintain ;  
Then, how sainted by sorrow, its martyrs will  
die !

The finger of Glory shall point where they lie ;  
While, far from the footstep of coward or slave,  
The young spirit of Freedom shall shelter their  
grave  
Beneath Shamrocks of Erin and Olives of  
Spain !

BELIEVE ME, IF ALL THOSE ENDEAR-  
ING YOUNG CHARMS.

BELIEVE me, if all those endearing young charms,  
Which I gaze on so fondly to-day,  
Were to change by to-morrow, and fleet in my  
arms,

Like fairy gifts fading away,  
Thou wouldst still be ador'd, as this moment  
thou art,

Let thy loveliness fade as it will,  
And around the dear ruin each wish of my heart  
Would intertwine itself verdantly still.

It is not while beauty and youth are thine own,  
And thy cheeks unprofan'd by a tear,  
That the fervor and faith of a soul can be known,  
To which time will but make thee more dear ;  
No, the heart that has truly lov'd never forgets,  
But as truly loves on to the close,  
As the sunflower turns on her god, when he sets,  
The same look which she turn'd when he rose.

ERIN, O ERIN.

LIKE the bright lamp, that shone in Kildare's  
holy fane,<sup>1</sup>  
And burn'd through long ages of darkness  
and storm,

<sup>1</sup> The inextinguishable fire of St. Bridget, at Kildare which Giraldus mentions: — "Apud Kildariam occurrit Ignis Sanctæ, Brigidæ, quem inextinguibilem vocant; non quod extingui non possit, sed quod tam solícite moniales et sanctæ mulieres igne n, suppetente materia, fovent et nutri-

Is the heart that sorrows have frown'd on in vain,  
Whose spirit outlives them, unfading and  
warm.

Erin, O Erin, thus bright through the tears  
Of a long night of bondage, thy spirit appears.

The nations have fallen, and thou still art young,  
Thy sun is but rising, when others are set ;  
And though slavery's cloud o'er thy morning  
hath hung,

The full noon of freedom shall beam round  
thee yet.

Erin, O Erin, though long in the shade,  
Thy star will shine out when the proudest shall  
fade.

Unchill'd by the rain, and unwak'd by the wind,  
The lily lies sleeping through winter's cold  
hour,

Till Spring's light touch her fetters unbind,  
And daylight and liberty bless the young  
flower.<sup>2</sup>

Thus Erin, O Erin, *thy* winter is past,  
And the hope that liv'd through it shall blos-  
som at last.

DRINK TO HER.

DRINK to her, who long  
Hath waked the poet's sigh,  
The girl, who gave to song  
What gold could never buy.  
O, woman's heart was made  
For minstrel hands alone ;  
By other fingers play'd,  
It yields not half the tone.  
Then here's to her, who long  
Hath wak'd the poet's sigh,  
The girl who gave to song  
What gold could never buy.

At Beauty's door of glass,  
When Wealth and Wit once stood,  
They ask'd her, "*which* might pass?"  
She answer'd, "he, who could."  
With golden key Wealth thought  
To pass — but 'twould not do :  
While Wit a diamond brought,  
Which cut his bright way through.

unt, ut a tempore virginis per tot annorum curricula semper mansit inextinctus." — *Girald. Camb. de Mirabil. Hibern. dist. 2, c. 34.*

<sup>2</sup> Mrs. H. Tighe, in her exquisite lines on the Lily, has applied this image to a still more important object.

So here's to her, who long  
Hath wak'd the poet's sigh,  
The girl, who gave to song  
What gold could never buy.

The love that seeks a home  
Where wealth or grandeur shines,  
Is like the gloomy gnome,  
That dwells in dark gold mines.  
But O, the poet's love  
Can boast a brighter sphere ;  
Its native home's above,  
Though woman keeps it here.  
Then drink to her, who long  
Hath wak'd the poet's sigh,  
The girl, who gave to song  
What gold could never buy.

### O, BLAME NOT THE BARD.<sup>1</sup>

O, BLAME not the bard, if he fly to the bowers,  
Where Pleasure lies, carelessly smiling at  
Fame ;  
He was born for much more, and in happier  
hours  
His soul might have burn'd with a holier  
flame.  
The string, that now languishes loose o'er the  
lyre,  
Might have bent a proud bow to the warrior's  
dart ;<sup>2</sup>  
And the lip, which now breathes but the song  
of desire,  
Might have pour'd the full tide of a patriot's  
heart.  
But alas for his country ! — her pride is gone  
by,  
And that spirit is broken, which never would  
bend ;  
O'er the ruin her children in secret must sigh,  
For 'tis treason to love her, and death to de-  
fend.

<sup>1</sup> We may suppose this apology to have been uttered by one of those wandering bards, whom Spenser so severely, and, perhaps, truly, describes in his *State of Ireland*, and whose poems, he tells us, "were sprinkled with some pretty flowers of their natural device, which have good grace and comeliness unto them, the which it is great pity to see abused to the gracing of wickedness and vice, which, with good usage, would serve to adorn and beautify virtue."

<sup>2</sup> It is conjectured by Wormius, that the name of Ireland

Unpriz'd are her sons, till they've learned to  
betray ;  
Undistinguish'd they live, if they shame not  
their sires ;  
And the torch, that would light them through  
dignity's way,  
Must be caught from the pile, where their  
country expires.  
Then blame not the bard, if in pleasure's soft  
dream,  
He should try to forget, what he never can  
heal :  
O, give but a hope — let a vista but gleam  
Through the gloom of his country, and mark  
how he'll feel !  
That instant, his heart at her shrine would lay  
down  
Every passion it nurs'd, every bliss it ador'd ;  
While the myrtle, now idly intwin'd with his  
crown,  
Like the wreath of Harmodius, should cover  
his sword.<sup>3</sup>

But though glory be gone, and though hope  
fade away,  
Thy name, loved Erin, shall live in his songs ;  
Not ev'n in the hour, when his heart is most  
gay,  
Will he lose the remembrance of thee and thy  
wrongs.  
The stranger shall hear thy lament on his plains ;  
The sigh of thy harp shall be sent o'er the  
deep,  
Till thy masters themselves, as they rivet thy  
chains,  
Shall pause at the song of their captive, and  
weep !

### WHILE GAZING ON THE MOON'S LIGHT.

WHILE gazing on the moon's light,  
A moment from her smile I turn'd,  
To look at orbs, that, more bright,  
In lone and distant glory burn'd.

is derived from *Yr*, the Runic for a *bow*, in the use of which weapon the Irish were once very expert. This derivation is certainly more creditable to us than the following: "So that Ireland, called the land of *Ire*, from the constant broils therein for 400 years, was now become the land of concord." *Lloyd's State Worthies*, art. *The Lord Grandison*.

<sup>3</sup> See the Hymn, attributed to Alcæus, *Ἐν μυρτῶν κλαδί το ξίφος φορησῶ* — "I will carry my sword, hidden in myrtles, like Harmodius, and Aristogiton," &c.



But too far  
 Each proud star,  
 For me to feel its warming flame ;  
 Much more dear  
 That mild sphere,  
 Which near our planet smiling came ;<sup>1</sup>  
 Thus, Mary, be but thou my own ;  
 While brighter eyes unheeded play,  
 I'll love those moonlight looks alone,  
 That bless my home and guide my way.

The day had sunk in dim showers,  
 But midnight now, with lustre meet,  
 Illumin'd all the pale flowers,  
 Like hope upon a mourner's cheek.  
 I said (while  
 The moon's smile  
 Play'd o'er a stream, in dimpling bliss,)  
 "The moon looks  
 "On many brooks,  
 "The brook can see no moon but this ;"<sup>2</sup>  
 And thus, I thought, our fortunes run,  
 For many a lover looks to thee,  
 While O, I feel there is but *one*,  
*One* Mary in the world for me.

#### ILL OMENS.

WHEN daylight was yet sleeping under the bil-  
 low,  
 And stars in the heavens still lingering shone,  
 Young Kitty, all blushing, rose up from her  
 pillow,  
 The last time she e'er was to press it alone.  
 For the youth whom she treasured her heart  
 and her soul in,  
 Had promised to link the last tie before noon ;  
 And when once the young heart of a maiden is  
 stolen,  
 The maiden herself will steal after it soon.  
 As she look'd in the glass, which a woman ne'er  
 misses,  
 Nor ever wants time for a sly glance or two,  
 A butterfly,<sup>3</sup> fresh from the night-flower's kisses,  
 Flew over the mirror and shaded her view.

<sup>1</sup> "Of such celestial bodies as are visible, the sun excepted, the single moon, as despicable as it is in comparison to most of the others, is much more beneficial than they all put together." — *Whiston's Theory, &c.*

In the *Entretiens d'Ariste*, among other ingenious emblems, we find a starry sky without a moon, with these words, *Non mille, quod absens.*

Enrag'd with the insect for hiding her graces,  
 She brush'd him — he fell, alas ! never to rise :  
 "Ah ! such," said the girl, "is the pride of our  
 faces,  
 "For which the soul's innocence too often dies."

While she stole through the garden, where  
 heartsease was growing,  
 She cull'd some, and kiss'd off its night-fall-  
 en dew ;  
 And a rose, farther on, looked so tempting and  
 glowing,  
 That, spite of her haste, she must gather it  
 too :  
 But while o'er the roses too carelessly leaning,  
 Her zone flew in two, and the heartsease was  
 lost :  
 "Ah ! this means," said the girl (and she sigh'd  
 at its meaning,)  
 "That love is scarce worth the repose it will  
 cost !"

#### BEFORE THE BATTLE.

By the hope within us springing,  
 Herald of to-morrow's strife ;  
 By that sun, whose light is bringing  
 Chains or freedom, death or life —  
 O, remember life can be  
 No charm for him, who lives not free :  
 Like the daystar in the wave,  
 Sinks a hero in his grave,  
 Midst the dewfall of a nation's tears.  
 Happy is he o'er whose decline  
 The smiles of home may soothing shine  
 And light him down the steep of years : —  
 But O, how blest they sink to rest,  
 Who close their eyes on victory's breast !

O'er his watchfire's fading embers  
 Now the foeman's cheek turns white,  
 When his heart that field remembers,  
 Where he tamed his tyrant night.  
 Never let him bind again  
 A chain, like that we broke from then.

<sup>2</sup> This image was suggested by the following thought, which occurs somewhere in Sir William Jones's works

"The moon looks upon many night flowers, the night flower sees but one moon."

<sup>3</sup> An emblem of the soul.

Hark ! the horn of combat calls—  
Ere the golden evening falls,  
May we pledge that horn in triumph round !<sup>1</sup>

Many a heart that now beats high,  
In slumber cold at night shall lie,  
Nor waken even at victory's sound :—  
But O, how blest that hero's sleep,  
O'er whom a wond'ring world shall weep !

## AFTER THE BATTLE.

NIGHT clos'd around the conqueror's way,  
And lightnings show'd the distant hill,  
Where those who lost that dreadful day,  
Stood few and faint, but fearless still.  
The soldier's hope, the patriot's zeal,  
Forever dimm'd, forever cross'd—  
O, who shall say what heroes feel,  
When all but life and honor's lost ?

The last sad hour of freedom's dream,  
And valor's task, moved slowly by,  
While mute they watch'd, till morning's beam  
Should rise and give them light to die.  
There's yet a world, where souls are free,  
Where tyrants taint not nature's bliss ;—  
If death that world's bright opening be,  
O, who would live a slave in this ?

## 'TIS SWEET TO THINK.

'Tis sweet to think, that, where'er we rove,  
We are sure to find something blissful and  
dear,  
And that, when we're far from the lips we love,  
We've but to make love to the lips we are  
near.<sup>2</sup>  
The heart, like a tendril, accustom'd to cling,  
Let it grow where it will, cannot flourish alone,  
But will lean to the nearest, and loveliest thing,  
It can twine with itself, and make closely its  
own.  
Then O, what pleasure, where'er we rove,  
To be sure to find something, still, that is dear,

And to know, when far from the lips we love,  
We've but to make love to the lips we are near

'Twere a shame, when flowers around us rise,  
To make light of the rest, if the rose isn't  
there ;  
And the world's so rich in resplendent eyes,  
'Twere a pity to limit one's love to a pair.  
Love's wing and the peacock's are nearly alike,  
They are both of them bright, but they're  
changeable too,  
And, wherever a new beam of beauty can strike,  
It will tincture Love's plume with a different  
hue.  
Then O, what pleasure, where'er we rove,  
To be sure to find something, still, that is dear,  
And to know, when far from the lips we love,  
We've but to make love to the lips we are  
near.

THE IRISH PEASANT TO HIS MISTRESS.<sup>3</sup>

THROUGH grief and through danger thy smile  
hath cheer'd my way,  
Till hope seem'd to bud from each thorn that  
round me lay ;  
The darker our fortune, the brighter our pure  
love burn'd,  
Till shame into glory, till fear into zeal was  
turn'd ;  
Yes, slave as I was, in thy arms my spirit felt  
free,  
And bless'd even the sorrows that made me  
more dear to thee.

Thy rival was honor'd, while thou wert wrong'd  
and scorn'd,  
Thy crown was of briers, while gold her brows  
adorn'd ;  
She woo'd me to temples, while thou lay'st hid  
in caves,  
Her friends were all masters, while thine, alas !  
were slaves ;  
Yet cold in the earth, at thy feet, I would  
rather be,  
Than wed what I lov'd not, or turn one thought  
from thee.

<sup>1</sup> "The Irish Corn was not entirely devoted to martial purposes. In the heroic ages, our ancestors quaffed Meadh out of them, as the Danish hunters do their beverage at this day."—Walker.

<sup>2</sup> I believe it is Marmontel who says, "*Quand on n'a pas ce que l'on aime, il faut aimer ce que l'on a.*"—There are so many matter-of-fact people, who take such *jeux d'esprit* as this defence of inconstancy, to be the actual and genuine

sentiments of him who writes them, that they compel one, in self-defence, to be as matter-of-fact as themselves, and to remind them, that Democritus was not the worse physiologist, for having playfully contended that snow was black; nor Erasmus. in any degree, the less wise, for having written an ingenious encomium of folly.

<sup>3</sup> Meaning, allegorically, the ancient Church of Ireland

They slander thee sorely, who say thy vows are frail —  
 Hadst thou been a false one, thy cheek had look'd less pale.  
 They say, too, so long thou hast worn those lingering chains,  
 That deep in thy heart they have printed their servile stains —  
 O, foul is the slander, — no chain could that soul subdue —  
 Where shineth *thy* spirit, there liberty shineth too!<sup>1</sup>

## ON MUSIC.

WHEN through life unblest we rove,  
 Losing all that made life dear,  
 Should some notes we used to love,  
 In days of boyhood, meet our ear,  
 O, how welcome breathes the strain!  
 Wakening thoughts that long have slept;  
 Kindling former smiles again  
 In faded eyes that long have wept.

Like the gale, that sighs along  
 Beds of oriental flowers,  
 Is the grateful breath of song,  
 That once was heard in happier hours;  
 Fill'd with balm, the gale sighs on,  
 Though the flowers have sunk in death;  
 So, when pleasure's dream is gone,  
 Its memory lives in Music's breath.

Music, O how faint, how weak,  
 Language fades before thy spell!  
 Why should Feeling ever speak,  
 When thou canst breathe her soul so well?  
 Friendship's balmy words may feign,  
 Love's are ev'n more false than they;  
 O, 'tis only music's strain  
 Can sweetly soothe, and not betray.

IT IS NOT THE TEAR AT THIS MOMENT SHED.<sup>2</sup>

It is not the tear at this moment shed,  
 When the cold turf has just been laid o'er him,  
 That can tell how belov'd was the friend that's fled,  
 Or how deep in our hearts we deplore him.

'Tis the tear, through many a long day wept,  
 'Tis life's whole path o'ershaded;  
 'Tis the one remembrance, fondly kept,  
 When all lighter griefs have faded.

Thus his memory, like some holy light,  
 Kept alive in our hearts, will improve them,  
 For worth shall look fairer, and truth more bright,  
 When we think how he liv'd but to love them.  
 And, as fresher flowers the sod perfume  
 Where buried saints are lying,  
 So our hearts shall borrow a sweet'ning bloom  
 From the image he left there in dying!

## THE ORIGIN OF THE HARP.

'Tis believ'd that this Harp, which I wake now for thee,  
 Was a Siren of old, who sung under the sea;  
 And who often, at eve, through the bright waters rov'd,  
 To meet, on the green shore, a youth whom she lov'd.

But she lov'd him in vain, for he left her to weep,  
 And in tears, all the night, her gold tresses to steep;  
 Till heav'n look'd with pity on true Love so warm,  
 And chang'd to this soft Harp the sea-maiden's form.

Still her bosom rose fair — still her cheeks smil'd the same —  
 While her sea beauties gracefully form'd the light frame;  
 And her hair, as, let loose, o'er her white arm it fell,  
 Was chang'd to bright chords ut'ring melody's spell.

Hence it came, that this soft Harp so long hath been known  
 To mingle lov's language with sorrow's sad tone;  
 Till *thou* didst divide them, and teach the fond lay  
 To speak love when I'm near thee, and grief when away.

<sup>1</sup> "Where's the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." — St. Paul, 2 Corin thians, iii. 17.

<sup>2</sup> These lines were occasioned by the loss of a very near and dear relative, who had died lately at Madeira.

## LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM.

O, THE days are gone, when Beauty bright  
 My heart's chain wove ;  
 When my dream of life, from morn till night,  
 Was love, still love.  
 New hope may bloom,  
 And days may come,  
 Of milder, calmer beam,  
 But there's nothing half so sweet in life  
 As love's young dream :  
 No, there's nothing half so sweet in life  
 As love's young dream.

Though the bard to purer fame may soar,  
 When wild youth's past ;  
 Though he win the wise, who frown'd before,  
 To smile at last ;  
 He'll never meet  
 A joy so sweet,  
 In all his noon of fame,  
 As when first he sung to woman's ear  
 His soul-felt flame,  
 And, at every close, she blush'd to hear  
 The one lov'd name.

No, — that hallow'd form is ne'er forgot  
 Which first love trac'd :  
 Still it lingering haunts the greenest spot  
 On memory's waste.  
 'Twas odor fled  
 As soon as shed ;  
 'Twas morning's winged dream ;  
 'Twas a light, that ne'er can shine again  
 On life's dull stream :  
 O, 'twas light that ne'er can shine again  
 On life's dull stream.

THE PRINCE'S DAY.<sup>1</sup>

THOUGH dark are our sorrows, to-day we'll for-  
 get them,  
 And smile through our tears, like a sunbeam  
 in showers :  
 There never were hearts, if our rulers would  
 let them.  
 More form'd to be grateful and blest than ours.  
 But just when the chain  
 Has ceas'd to pain,

<sup>1</sup> This song was written for a fete in honor of the Prince of Wales's Birthday, given by my friend, Major Bryan, at his seat in the county of Kilkenny.

And hope has enwreath'd it round with  
 flowers,  
 There comes a new link  
 Our spirits to sink —  
 O, the joy that we taste, like the light of the  
 poles,  
 Is a flash amid darkness, too brilliant to stay ;  
 But, though 'twere the last little spark in our  
 souls,  
 We must light it up now, on our Prince's Day.

Contempt on the minion who calls you disloyal !  
 Though fierce to your foe, to your friends you  
 are true ;  
 And the tribute most high to a head that is  
 royal,  
 Is love from a heart that loves liberty too.  
 While cowards, who blight  
 Your fame, your right,  
 Would shrink from the blaze of the battle array,  
 The Standard of Green  
 In front would be seen, —  
 O, my life on your faith ! were you summon'd  
 this minute,  
 You'd cast every bitter remembrance away,  
 And show what the arm of old Erin has in it,  
 When rous'd by the foe, on her Prince's Day.

He love's the Green Isle, and his love is recorded  
 In hearts, which have suffer'd too much to  
 forget ;  
 And hope shall be crown'd, and attachment  
 rewarded,  
 And Erin's gay jubilee shine out yet.  
 The gem may be broke  
 By many a stroke,  
 But nothing can cloud its native ray ;  
 Each fragment will cast  
 A light, to the last, —  
 And thus, Erin, my country, though broken thou  
 art,  
 There's a lustre within thee, that ne'er wil  
 decay,  
 A spirit, which beams through each suffering part,  
 And now smiles at all pain on the Prince's Day

## WEEP ON, WEEP ON.

WEEP on, weep on, your hour is past ;  
 Your dreams of pride are o'er ;  
 The fatal chain is round you cast,  
 And you are men no more.  
 In vain the hero's heart hath bled ;  
 The sage's tongue hath warn'd in vain ; —

O, Freedom! once thy flame hath fled,  
It never lights again.

Weep on — perhaps in after days,  
They'll learn to love your name ;  
When many a deed may wake in praise  
That long hath slept in blame.  
And when they tread the ruin'd isle,  
Where rest, at length, the lord and slave,  
They'll wondering ask, how hands so vile  
Could conquer hearts so brave ?

“Twas fate,” they'll say, “a wayward fate  
“Your web of discord wove ;  
“And while your tyrants join'd in hate,  
“You never join'd in love.  
“But hearts fell off, that ought to twine,  
“And man profan'd what God had given ;  
“Till some were heard to curse the shrine,  
“Where others knelt to heaven !”

#### LESBIA HATH A BEAMING EYE.

LESBIA hath a beaming eye,  
But no one knows for whom it beameth ;  
Right and left its arrows fly,  
But what they aim at no one dreameth.  
Sweeter 'tis to gaze upon  
My Nora's lid that seldom rises ;  
Few its looks, but every one,  
Like unexpected light, surprises !  
O, my Nora Creina, dear,  
My gentle, bashful Nora Creina,  
Beauty lies  
In many eyes,  
But Love in yours, my Nora Creina.

Lesbia wears a robe of gold,  
But all so close the nymph hath lac'd it,  
Not a charm of beauty's mould  
Presumes to stay where nature plac'd it.  
O, my Nora's gown for me,  
That floats as wild as mountain breezes,  
Leaving every beauty free  
To sink or swell as Heaven pleases.  
Yes, my Nora Creina, dear,  
My simple, graceful Nora Creina,  
Nature's dress  
Is loveliness —  
The dress you wear, my Nora Creina.

<sup>1</sup> I have here made a feeble effort to imitate that exquisite inscription of Shenstone's, “Hen! quanto minus est cum reliquis versari quam tui meminisse !”

<sup>2</sup> This ballad is founded upon one of the many stories related of St. Kevin, whose bed in the rock is to be seen at

Lesbia hath a wit refin'd,  
But, when its points are gleaming round us,  
Who can tell if they're design'd  
To dazzle merely, or to wound us?  
Pillow'd on my Nora's heart,  
In safer slumber Love reposes —  
Bed of peace! whose roughest part  
Is but the crumpling of the roses.  
O, my Nora Creina dear,  
My mild, my artless Nora Creina!  
Wit, though bright,  
Hath no such light,  
As warms your eyes, my Nora Creina.

#### I SAW THY FORM IN YOUTHFUL PRIME.

I SAW thy form in youthful prime,  
Nor thought that pale decay  
Would steal before the steps of Time,  
And waste its bloom away, Mary!  
Yet still thy features wore that light,  
Which fleets not with the breath ;  
And life ne'er look'd more truly bright  
Than in thy smile of death, Mary!

As streams that run o'er golden mines,  
Yet humbly, calmly glide,  
Nor seem to know the wealth that shines  
Within their gentle tide, Mary!  
So veil'd beneath the simplest guise,  
Thy radiant genius shone,  
And that, which charm'd all other eyes,  
Seem'd worthless in thy own, Mary!

If souls could always dwell above,  
Thou ne'er hadst left that sphere ;  
Or could we keep the souls we love,  
We ne'er had lost thee here, Mary!  
Though many a gifted mind we meet,  
Though fairest forms we see,  
To live with them is far less sweet,  
Than to remember thee, Mary!<sup>1</sup>

#### BY THAT LAKE, WHOSE GLOOMY SHORE.<sup>2</sup>

By that Lake, whose gloomy shore  
Skylark never warbles o'er,<sup>3</sup>

Glendalough, a most gloomy and romantic spot in the county of Wicklow.

<sup>3</sup> There are many other curious traditions concerning this Lake, which may be found in Giraldus, Colgan, &c



Where the cliff hangs high and steep,  
 Young Saint Kevin stole to sleep.  
 "Here, at least," he calmly said,  
 "Woman ne'er shall find my bed."  
 Ah! the good Saint little knew  
 What that wily sex can do.

'Twas from Kathleen's eyes he flew,—  
 Eyes of most unholy blue!  
 She had lov'd him well and long,  
 Wish'd him hers, nor thought it wrong.  
 Wheresoe'er the Saint would fly,  
 Still he heard her light foot nigh;  
 East or west, where'er he turn'd,  
 Still her eyes before him burn'd.

On the bold cliff's bosom cast,  
 Tranquil now he sleeps at last;  
 Dreams of heav'n, nor thinks that e'er  
 Woman's smile can haunt him there.  
 But nor earth nor heaven is free  
 From her power, if fond she be:  
 Even now, while calm he sleeps,  
 Kathleen o'er him leans and weeps.

Fearless she had track'd his feet  
 To this rocky, wild retreat;  
 And when morning met his view,  
 Her mild glances met it too.  
 Ah, your Saints have cruel hearts!  
 Sternly from his bed he starts,  
 And with rude, repulsive shock,  
 Hurls her from the beetling rock.

Glendalough, thy gloomy wave  
 Soon was gentle Kathleen's grave!  
 Soon the saint (yet ah! too late,  
 Felt her love, and mourn'd her fate.  
 When he said, "Heav'n rest her soul!"  
 Round the Lake light music stole;  
 And her ghost was seen to glide,  
 Smiling o'er the fatal tide.

#### SHE IS FAR FROM THE LAND.

SHE is far from the land where her young hero  
 sleeps,

And lovers are round her, sighing:  
 But coldly she turns from their gaze, and weeps,  
 For her heart in his grave is lying.

She sings the wild song of her dear native plains,  
 Every note which he lov'd awaking;—

Ah! little they think who delight in her strains,  
 How the heart of the Minstrel is breaking.

He had liv'd for his love, for his country he died,  
 They were all that to life had intwin'd him;  
 Nor soon shall the tears of his country be dried,  
 Nor long will his love stay behind him.

O, make her a grave where the sunbeams rest,  
 When they promise a glorious morrow;  
 They'll shine o'er her sleep, like a smile from  
 the West,  
 From her own lov'd island of sorrow.

#### NAY, TELL ME NOT, DEAR.

NAY, tell me not, dear, that the goblet drowns  
 One charm of feeling, one fond regret;  
 Believe me, a few of thy angry frowns  
 Are all I've sunk in its bright wave yet.

Ne'er hath a beam  
 Been lost in the stream

That ever was shed from thy form or soul;  
 The spell of those eyes,  
 The balm of thy sighs,

Still float on the surface, and hallow my bowl.  
 Then fancy not, dearest, that wine can steal  
 One blissful dream of the heart from me;  
 Like founts that awaken the pilgrim's zeal,  
 The bowl but brightens my love for thee.

They tell us that Love in his fairy bower  
 Had two blush roses, of birth divine;  
 He sprinkled the one with a rainbow's shower,  
 But bath'd the other with mantling wine.

Soon did the buds  
 That drank of the floods

Distill'd by the rainbow, decline and fade;  
 While those which the tide  
 Of ruby had dy'd

All blush'd into beauty, like thee, sweet maid!  
 Then fancy not, dearest, that wine can steal  
 One blissful dream of the heart from me;  
 Like founts, that awaken the pilgrim's zeal,  
 The bowl but brightens my love for thee.

#### AVENGING AND BRIGHT.

AVENGING and bright fall the swiftsword of Erin<sup>1</sup>  
 On him who the brave sons of Usna betray'd!

<sup>1</sup> The words of this song were suggested by the very ancient Irish story called "Deirdri, or the Lamentable Fate of the Sons of Usnach," which has been translated literally

For ev'ry fond eye he hath waken'd a tear in,  
A drop from his heart wounds shall weep o'er  
her blade.

By the red cloud that hung over Conor's dark  
dwelling,<sup>1</sup>  
When Ulad's<sup>2</sup> three champions lay sleeping  
in gore —  
By the billows of war, which so often, high  
swelling,  
Have wafted these heroes to victory's shore —

We swear to revenge them! — no joy shall be  
tasted,  
The harp shall be silent, the maiden unwed,  
Our halls shall be mute and our fields shall lie  
wasted,  
Till vengeance is wreak'd on the murderer's  
head.

Yes, monarch! though sweet are our home rec-  
ollections,  
Though sweet are the tears that from tenderness  
fall;  
Though sweet are our friendships, our hopes,  
our affections,  
Revenge on a tyrant is sweetest of all!

#### WHAT THE BEE IS TO THE FLOWERET.

*He.* — WHAT the bee is to the floweret,  
When he looks for honey dew,  
Through the leaves that close embower it,  
That, my love, I'll be to you.

*She.* — What the bank, with verdure glowing,  
Is to waves that wander near,  
Whispering kisses, while they're going,  
That I'll be to you, my dear.

from the Gaelic, by Mr. O'Flanagan (see vol. I. of *Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Dublin*), and upon which it appears that the "Darthula of Macpherson" is founded. The treachery of Conor, King of Ulster, in putting to death the three sons of Usna, was the cause of a desolating war against Ulster, which terminated in the destruction of Eman. "This story (says Mr. O'Flanagan) has been, from time immemorial, held in high repute as one of the three tragic stories of the Irish. These are, 'The death of the children of Touran'; 'The death of the children of Lear' (both regarding Tuatha de Danans); and this, 'The death of the children of Usmach,' which is a Milesian story." It will be recollected, that in the Second Number of these Mel-

*She.* — But they say, the bee's a rover,  
Who will fly, when sweets are gone;  
And, when once the kiss is over,  
Faithless brooks will wander on.

*He.* — Nay, if flowers *will* lose their looks,  
If sunny banks *will* wear away,  
'Tis but right, that bees and brooks  
Should sip and kiss them, while they  
may.

#### LOVE AND THE NOVICE.

"HERE we dwell, in holiest bowers,  
"Where angels of light o'er our orisons bend;  
"Where sighs of devotion and breathings of  
flowers  
"To heaven in mingled odor ascend.  
"Do not disturb our calm, O Love!  
"So like is thy form to the cherubs above,  
"It well might deceive such hearts as ours."

Love stood near the Novice and listen'd,  
And Love is no novice in taking a hint;  
His laughing blue eyes soon with piety glisten'd;  
His rosy wing turn'd to heaven's own tint.  
"Who would have thought," the urchin  
cries,  
"That Love could so well, so gravely dis-  
guise  
"His wandering wings, and wounding eyes?"

Love now warms thee, waking and sleeping,  
Young Novice, to him all thy orisons rise.  
*He* tinges the heavenly fount with his weeping,  
*He* brightens the censor's flame with his sighs.  
Love is the Saint enshrin'd in thy breast,  
And angels themselves would admit such a  
guest,  
If he came to them cloth'd in Piety's vest.

odies, there is a ballad upon the story of the children of Lear or Lir; "Silent, O Moyle!" &c.

Whatever may be thought of those sanguine claims to antiquity, which Mr. O'Flanagan and others advance for the literature of Ireland, it would be a lasting reproach upon our nationality, if the Gaelic researches of this gentleman did not meet with all the liberal encouragement they so well merit.

1 "O Nasil! view that cloud that I here see in the sky! I see over Eman Green a chilling cloud of blood-tinged red."

— *Deirdri's Song.*

2 Ulster.

THIS LIFE IS ALL CHECKER'D WITH  
PLEASURES AND WOES.

THIS life is all checker'd with pleasures and woes,  
That chase one another like waves of the  
deep, —

Each brightly or darkly, as onward it flows,  
Reflecting our eyes, as they sparkle or weep.  
So closely our whims on our miseries tread,  
That the laugh is awak'd ere the tear can be  
dried ;

And, as fast as the raindrop of Pity is shed,  
The goose plumage of Folly can turn it aside.  
But pledge me the cup — if existence would cloy,  
With hearts ever happy, and heads ever wise,  
Be ours the light Sorrow, half-sister to Joy,  
And the light, brilliant Folly that flashes and  
dies.

When Hylas was sent with his urn to the fount,  
Through fields full of light, and with heart  
full of play,

Light rambled the boy, over meadow and mount,  
And neglected his task for the flowers on the  
way.<sup>1</sup>

Thus many, like me, who in youth should have  
tasted

The fountain that runs by Philosophy's shrine,  
Their time with the flowers on the margin have  
wasted,

And left their light urns all as empty as mine.  
But pledge me the goblet ; — while Idleness  
weaves

These flowerets together, should Wisdom but  
see

One bright drop or two that has fall'n on the  
leaves

From her fountain divine, 'tis sufficient for me.

—  
O THE SHAMROCK.

THROUGH Erin's Isle,  
To sport a while,

As Love and Valor wander'd,  
With Wit, the sprite,  
Whose quiver bright

A thousand arrows squander'd.

Where'er they pass,  
A triple grass<sup>2</sup>

Shoots up, with dewdrops streaming,  
As softly green  
As emeralds seen

Through purest crystal gleaming.

O the Shamrock, the green, immortal Shamrock !

Chosen leaf  
Of Bard and Chief,

Old Erin's native Shamrock !

Says Valor, " See,  
" They spring for me,

" Those leafy gems of morning ! " —

Says Love, " No, no,

" For me they grow,

" My fragrant path adorning."

But Wit perceives

The triple leaves,

And cries, " O, do not sever

" A type, that blends

" Three godlike friends,

" Love, Valor, Wit, forever ! "

O the Shamrock, the green, immortal Shamrock !

Chosen leaf

Of Bard and Chief,

Old Erin's native Shamrock !

So firmly fond

May last the bond,

They wove that morn together,

And ne'er may fall

One drop of gall

On Wit's celestial feather.

May Love, as twine

His flowers divine,

Of thorny falsehood weed 'em ;

May Valor ne'er

His standard rear

Against the cause of Freedom !

O the Shamrock, the green, immortal Shamrock !

Chosen leaf

Of Bard and Chief,

Old Erin's native Shamrock !

—  
AT THE MID HOUR OF NIGHT.

At the mid hour of night, when stars are weep-  
ing, I fly

To the lone vale we lov'd, when life shone warm  
in thine eye ;

<sup>1</sup> Proposito florem pretulit officio.

PROPERT. lib. i. eleg. 20.

<sup>2</sup> It is said that St. Patrick, when preaching the Trinity to the Pagan Irish, used to illustrate his subject by reference to that species of trefoil called in Ireland by the name of the

Shamrock ; and hence, perhaps, the Island of Saints adopted this plant as her national emblem. Hope, among the ancients, was sometimes represented as a beautiful child, standing upon tiptoes, and a trefoil or three-colored grass in her hand.

And I think oft, if spirits can steal from the  
regions of air,  
To revisit past scenes of delight, thou wilt  
come to me there,  
And tell me our love is remember'd, even in the  
sky.

Then I sing the wild song 'twas once such pleas-  
ure to hear!

When our voices commingling breath'd, like  
one, on the ear;

And, as Echo far off though the vale my sad  
orison rolls,

I think, O my love! 'tis thy voice from the  
Kingdom of Souls,<sup>1</sup>

Faintly answering still the notes that once were  
so dear.

#### ONE BUMPER AT PARTING.

ONE bumper at parting! — though many

Have circled the board since we met,

The fullest, the saddest of any

Remains to be crown'd by us yet.

The sweetness that pleasure hath in it,

Is always so slow to come forth,

That seldom, alas, till the minute

It dies, do we know half its worth.

But come, — may our life's happy measure

Be all of such moments made up;

They're born on the bosom of Pleasure,

They die 'midst the tears of the cup.

As onward we journey, how pleasant

To pause and inhabit a while

Those few sunny spots, like the present,

That 'mid the dull wilderness smile!

But Time, like a pitiless master,

Cries "Onward!" and spurs the gay hours —

Ah, never doth Time travel faster,

Than when his way lies among flowers.

But come — may our life's happy measure

Be all of such moments made up;

They're born on the bosom of Pleasure,

They die 'midst the tears of the cup.

e saw how the sun look'd in sinking,

The waters beneath him how bright;

And now, let our farewell of drinking  
Resemble that farewell of light.

You saw how he finish'd, by darting  
His beam o'er a deep billow's brim —

So fill up, let's shine at our parting,

In full liquid glory, like him.

And O, may our life's happy measure

Of moments like this be made up,

'Twas born on the bosom of Pleasure,

It dies 'mid the tears of the cup.

#### 'TIS THE LAST ROSE OF SUMMER.

'Tis the last rose of summer

Left blooming alone;

All her lovely companions

Are faded and gone;

No flower of her kindred,

No rosebud is nigh,

To reflect back her blushes,

Or give sigh for sigh.

I'll not leave thee, thou lone one!

To pine on the stem;

Since the lovely are sleeping,

Go, sleep thou with them.

Thus kindly I scatter

Thy leaves o'er the bed,

Where thy mates of the garden

Lie scentless and dead.

So soon may I follow,

When friendships decay,

And from Love's shining circle

The gems drop away.

When true hearts lie wither'd,

And fond ones are flown,

O, who would inhabit

This bleak world alone?

#### THE YOUNG MAY MOON.

THE young May moon is beaming, love,

The glowworm's lamp is gleaming, love,

How sweet to rove

Through Morna's grove,<sup>1</sup>

When the drowsy world is dreaming, love!

<sup>1</sup> "There are countries," says Montaigne, "where they believe the souls of the happy live in all manner of liberty, in delightful fields; and that it is those souls, repeating the words we utter, which we call Echo."

<sup>2</sup> "Steals silently to Morna's grove" — See, in Mr. Bunt-

ing's collection, a poem translated from the Irish, by the late John Brown, one of my earliest college companions and friends, whose death was as singularly melancholy and unfortunate as his life had been amiable, honorable, and exemplary.









Then awake! — the heavens look bright, my dear,  
'Tis never too late for delight, my dear,  
And the best of all ways  
To lengthen our days,  
Is to steal a few hours from the night, my dear!

How all the world is sleeping, love,  
But the Sage, his star watch keeping, love,  
And I, whose star,  
More glorious far,  
Is the eye from that casement peeping, love.  
Then awake! — till rise of sun, my dear,  
The Sage's glass we'll shun, my dear,  
Or, in watching the flight  
Of bodies of light,  
He might happen to take thee for one, my dear.

### THE MINSTREL BOY.

THE Minstrel Boy to the war is gone,  
In the ranks of death you'll find him;  
His father's sword he has girded on,  
And his wild harp slung behind him. —  
"Land of song!" said the warrior bard,  
"Though all the world betrays thee,  
"One sword, at least, thy rights shall guard,  
"One faithful harp shall praise thee!"

The Minstrel fell! — but the foeman's chain  
Could not bring his proud soul under;  
The harp he lov'd ne'er spoke again,  
For he tore its chords asunder;  
And said, "No chains shall sully thee,  
"Thou soul of love and bravery!  
"Thy songs were made for the pure and free,  
"They shall never sound in slavery."

### THE SONG OF O'RUARK,

PRINCE OF BREFFNI.<sup>1</sup>

THE valley lay smiling before me,  
Where lately I left her behind;

<sup>1</sup> These stanzas are founded upon an event of most melancholy importance to Ireland; if, as we are told by our Irish historians, it gave England the first opportunity of profiting by our divisions and subduing us. The following are the circumstances, as related by O'Halloran:—"The king of Leinster had long conceived a violent affection for Dearbhorgil, daughter to the king of Meath, and though she had been for some time married to O'Ruark, prince of Breffni, yet it could not restrain his passion. They carried on a private correspondence, and she informed him that O'Ruark intended soon to go on a pilgrimage (an act of piety frequent in these days), and conjured him to embrace that

Yet I trembled, and something hung o'er me,  
That saddened the joy of my mind.  
I look'd for the lamp which, she told me,  
Should shine, when her Pilgrim return'd;  
But, though darkness began to unfold me,  
No lamp from the battlements burn'd!

I flew to her chamber — 'twas lonely,  
As if the lov'd tenant lay dead; —  
Ah, would it were death, and death only!  
But no, the young false one had fled.  
And there hung the lute that could soften  
My very worst pains into bliss;  
While the hand, that had wak'd it so often,  
Now throbb'd to a proud rival's kiss.

There *was* a time, falsest of women,  
When Breffni's good sword would have sought  
That man, through a million of foemen,  
Who dar'd but to wrong thee *in thought!*  
While now — O degenerate daughter  
Of Erin, how fall'n is thy fame!  
And through ages of bondage and slaughter,  
Our country shall bleed for thy shame

Already, the curse is upon her,  
And strangers her valleys profane;  
They come to divide, to dishonor,  
And tyrants they long will remain.  
But onward! — the green banner rearing,  
Go, flesh every sword to the hilt;  
On *our* side is Virtue and Erin,  
On *theirs* is the Saxon and Guilt.

### O, HAD WE SOME BRIGHT LITTLE ISLE OF OUR OWN.

O, HAD we some bright little isle of our own,  
In a blue summer ocean, far off and alone,  
Where a leaf never dies in the still blooming  
bowers,  
And the bee banquets on through a whole year  
of flowers;

opportunity of conveying her from a husband she detested to a lover she adored. Mac Murchad too punctually obeyed the summons, and had the lady conveyed to his capital of Ferns. — The monarch Roderick espoused the cause of O'Ruark, while Mac Murchad fled to England, and obtained the assistance of Henry II.

"Such," adds Giraldus Cambrensis (as I find him in an old translation), "is the variable and fickle nature of woman, by whom all mischief in the world (for the most part) do happen and come, as may appear by Marcus Aut and by the destruction of Troy."

Where the sun loves to pause  
 With so fond a delay,  
 That the night only draws  
 A thin veil o'er the day;

Where simply to feel that we breathe, that we  
 live,  
 Is worth the best joy that life elsewhere can give.

There, with souls ever ardent and pure as the  
 clime,

We should love, as they lov'd in the first golden  
 time;

The glow of the sunshine, the balm of the air,  
 Would steal to our hearts, and make all summer  
 there.

With affection as free  
 From decline as the bowers,  
 And, with hope, like the bee,  
 Living always on flowers,

Our life should resemble a long day of light,  
 And our death come on, holy and calm as the  
 night.

—

FAREWELL! — BUT WHENEVER YOU  
 WELCOME THE HOUR.

FAREWELL! — but whenever you welcome the  
 hour,

That awakens the night song of mirth in your  
 bower,

Then think of the friend who once welcom'd  
 it too,

And forgot his own griefs to be happy with you.  
 His griefs may return, not a hope may remain  
 Of the few that have brighten'd his pathway  
 of pain,

But he ne'er will forget the short vision, that  
 threw

Its enchantment around him, while ling'ring  
 with you.

And still on that evening, when pleasure fills up  
 To the highest top sparkle each heart and each  
 cup,

Where'er my path lies, be it gloomy or bright,  
 My soul, happy friends, shall be with you that  
 night;

shall join in your revels, your sports, and your  
 wiles,

And return to me, beaming all o'er with your  
 smiles —

Too blest, if it tells me that, 'mid the gay cheer,  
 Some kind voice had murmur'd, "I wish he  
 were here!"

Let Fate do her worst, there are relics of joy,  
 Bright dreams of the past, which she cannot  
 destroy;

Which come in the nighttime of sorrow and care,  
 And bring back the features that joy used to  
 wear.

Long, long be my heart with such memories  
 fill'd!

Like the vase, in which roses have once been  
 distill'd —

You may break, you may shatter the vase, if  
 you will,

But the scent of the roses will hang round it  
 still.

—

O, DOUBT ME NOT.

O, DOUBT me not — the season  
 Is o'er, when Folly made me rove,  
 And now the vestal, Reason,

Shall watch the fire awak'd by Love.  
 Although this heart was early blown,  
 And fairest hands disturb'd the tree,  
 They only shook some blossoms down,  
 Its fruit has all been kept for thee.

Then doubt me not — the season  
 Is o'er, when Folly made me rove,  
 And now, the vestal, Reason,  
 Shall watch the fire awak'd by Love.

And though my lute no longer  
 May sing of Passion's ardent spell,  
 Yet, trust me, all the stronger  
 I feel the bliss I do not tell.

The bee through many a garden roves,  
 And hums his lay of courtship o'er,  
 But when he finds the flower he loves,  
 He settles there, and hums no more.

Then doubt me not — the season  
 Is o'er, when Folly kept me free,  
 And now the vestal, Reason,  
 Shall guard the flame awak'd by thee.

—

YOU REMEMBER ELLEN.<sup>1</sup>

You remember Ellen, our hamlet's pride,  
 How meekly she blessed her humble lot,  
 When the stranger, William, had made her his  
 bride,  
 And love was the light of their lowly cot.

<sup>1</sup> This ballad was suggested by a well-known and interesting story told of a certain noble family in England.

Together they toil'd through winds and rains,  
Till William, at length, in sadness said,  
"We must seek our fortune on other plains;" —  
Then, sighing, she left her lowly shed.

They roam'd a long and a weary way,  
Nor much was the maiden's heart at ease,  
When now, at close of one stormy day,  
They see a proud castle among the trees.  
"To-night," said the youth, "we'll shelter there;  
"The wind blows cold, the hour is late:"  
So he blew the horn with a chieftain's air,  
And the Porter bow'd as they pass'd the gate.

"Now, welcome, Lady," exclaim'd the youth, —  
"This castle is thine, and these dark woods  
all!"

She believ'd him crazed, but his words were  
truth,

For Ellen is Lady of Rosna Hall!  
And dearly the Lord of Rosna loves  
What William the stranger woo'd and wed;  
And the light of bliss, in these lordly groves,  
Shines pure as it did in the lowly shed.

#### I'D MOURN THE HOPES.

I'd mourn the hopes that leave me,  
If thy smiles had left me too;  
I'd weep when friends deceive me,  
If thou wert, like them, untrue.  
But while I've thee before me,  
With heart so warm and eyes so bright,  
No clouds can linger o'er me,  
That smile turns them all to light.

'Tis not in fate to harm me,  
While fate leaves thy love to me;  
'Tis not in joy to charm me,  
Unless joy be shared with thee.  
One minute's dream about thee  
Were worth a long, an endless year  
Of waking bliss without thee,  
My own love, my only dear!

And though the hope be gone, love,  
That long sparkled o'er our way,  
O, we shall journey on, love,  
More safely, without its ray.  
Far better lights shall win me  
Along the path I've yet to roam: —  
The mind that burns within me,  
And pure smiles from thee at home

Thus, when the lamp that lighted  
The traveller at first goes out,  
He feels a while benighted,  
And looks round in fear and doubt.  
But soon, the prospect clearing,  
By cloudless starlight on he treads,  
And thinks no lamp so cheering  
As that light which Heaven sheds.

#### COME O'ER THE SEA.

COME o'er the sea,  
Maiden, with me,  
Mine through sunshine, storm, and snows;  
Seasons may roll,  
But the true soul  
Burns the same, where'er it goes.  
Let fate frown on, so we love and part not;  
'Tis life where *thou* art, 'tis death where *thou*  
art not.

Then come o'er the sea,  
Maiden, with me,  
Come wherever the wild wind blows;  
Seasons may roll,  
But the true soul  
Burns the same, where'er it goes.

Was not the sea  
Made for the Free,  
Land for courts and chains alone?  
Here we are slaves,  
But, on the waves,  
Love and Liberty's all our own.  
No eye to watch, and no tongue to wound us,  
All earth forgot, and all heaven around us —  
Then come o'er the sea,  
Maiden, with me,  
Mine through sunshine, storm, and snows;  
Seasons may roll,  
But the true soul  
Burns the same, where'er it goes.

#### HAS SORROW THY YOUNG DAYS SHADED.

HAS sorrow thy young days shaded,  
As clouds o'er the morning fleet?  
Too fast have those young days faded,  
That, even in sorrow, were sweet?  
Does Time with his cold wing wither  
Each feeling that once was dear? —  
Then, child of misfortune, come hither,  
I'll weep with thee, tear for tear.

Has love to that soul, so tender,  
 Been like our Lagenian mine,<sup>1</sup>  
 Where sparkles of golden splendor  
 All over the surface shine —  
 But, if in pursuit we go deeper,  
 Allur'd by the gleam that shone,  
 Ah! false as the dream of the sleeper,  
 Like Love, the bright ore is gone.

Has Hope, like the bird in the story,<sup>2</sup>  
 That flitted from tree to tree  
 With the talisman's glittering glory —  
 Has Hope been that bird to thee?  
 On branch after branch alighting,  
 The gem did she still display,  
 And when nearest and most inviting,  
 Then waft the fair gem away?

If thus the young hours have fled,  
 When sorrow itself looked bright;  
 If thus the fair hope hath cheated,  
 That led thee along so light;  
 If thus the cold world now wither  
 Each feeling that once was dear; —  
 Come, child of misfortune, come hither,  
 I'll weep with thee, tear for tear.

#### NO, NOT MORE WELCOME.

No, not more welcome the fairy numbers  
 Of music fall on the sleeper's ear,  
 When half awaking from fearful slumbers,  
 He thinks the full quire of heaven is near, —  
 Than came that voice, when, all forsaken,  
 This heart long had sleeping lain,  
 Nor thought its cold pulse would ever waken  
 To such benign, blessed sounds again.

Sweet voice of comfort! 'twas like the stealing  
 Of summer wind through some wreathed  
 shell —  
 Each secret winding, each inmost feeling  
 Of all my soul echoed to its spell.  
 'Twas whisper'd balm, 'twas sunshine spoken!  
 I'd live years of grief and pain  
 To have my long sleep of sorrow broken  
 By such benign, blessed sounds again.

#### WHEN FIRST I MET THEE.

WHEN first I met thee, warm and young,  
 There shone such truth about thee,  
 And on thy lip such promise hung,  
 I did not dare to doubt thee.  
 I saw thee change, yet still relied,  
 Still clung with hope the fonder,  
 And thought, though false to all beside,  
 From me thou couldst not wander.  
 But go, deceiver! go,  
 The heart, whose hopes could make it  
 Trust one so false, so low,  
 Deserves that thou shouldst break it.

When every tongue thy follies nam'd,  
 I fled the unwelcome story;  
 Or found, in ev'n the faults they blam'd,  
 Some gleams of future glory.  
 I still was true, when nearer friends  
 Conspired to wrong, to slight thee;  
 The heart that now thy falsehood rends,  
 Would then have bled to right thee.  
 But go, deceiver! go, —  
 Some day, perhaps, thou'lt waken  
 From pleasure's dream, to know  
 The grief of hearts forsaken.

Even now, though youth its bloom has  
 shed,  
 No lights of age adorn thee:  
 The few, who lov'd thee once, have fled,  
 And they who flatter scorn thee.  
 Thy midnight cup is pledg'd to slaves,  
 No genial ties inwreath it;  
 The smiling there, like light on graves,  
 Has rank cold hearts beneath it.  
 Go — go — though worlds were thine,  
 I would not now surrender  
 One taintless tear of mine  
 For all thy guilty splendor!

And days may come, thou false one! yet,  
 When even those ties shall sever;  
 When thou wilt call, with vain regret,  
 On her thou'st lost forever;  
 On her who, in thy fortune's fall,  
 With smiles had still receiv'd thee,  
 And gladly died to prove thee all  
 Her fancy first believ'd thee.

<sup>1</sup> Our Wicklow Gold Mines, to which this verse alludes, I reserve, I fear, but too well the character here given of them.

<sup>2</sup> "The bird, having got its prize, settled not far off with

the talisman in his mouth. The prince drew near it, hoping it would drop it; but, as he approached, the bird took wing and settled again," &c. — *Arabian Nights*.



Go — go — 'tis vain to curse,  
 'Tis weakness to upbraid thee;  
 Hate cannot wish thee worse  
 Than guilt and shame have made thee.

#### WHILE HISTORY'S MUSE.

WHILE History's Muse the memorial was keeping  
 Of all that the dark hand of Destiny weaves,  
 Beside her the Genius of Erin stood weeping,  
 For hers was the story that blotted the leaves.  
 But O, how the tear in her eyelids grew bright,  
 When, after whole pages of sorrow and shame,  
 She saw History write,  
 With a pencil of light  
 That illum'd the whole volume, her Wellington's  
 name.

"Hail, Star of my Isle!" said the Spirit, all  
 sparkling

With beams, such as break from her own  
 dewy skies —

"Through ages of sorrow, deserted and darkling,  
 "I've watch'd for some glory like thine to  
 arise.

"For, though Heroes I've number'd, unblest  
 was their lot,

"And unhallow'd they sleep in the crossways  
 of Fame; —

"But O, there is not

"One dishonoring blot

"On the wreath that encircles my Wellington's  
 name.

"Yet still the last crown of thy toils is remaining,  
 "The grandest, the purest, ev'n *thou* hast yet  
 known;

"Though proud was thy task, other nations un-  
 chaining,

"Far prouder to heal the deep wounds of  
 thy own.

"At the foot of that throne, for whose weal  
 thou hast stood,

"Go, plead for the land that first cradled thy  
 fame,

"And, bright o'er the flood

"Of her tears and her blood,

"Let the rainbow of Hope be her Wellington's  
 name!"

<sup>1</sup> This alludes to a kind of Irish fairy, which is to be met with, they say, in the fields at dusk. As long as you keep your eyes upon him, he is fixed, and in your power; — but the moment you look away (and he is ingenious in furnishing some inducement) he vanishes. I had thought that this

#### THE TIME I'VE LOST IN WOOING.

THE time I've lost in wooing,  
 In watching and pursuing  
 The light, that lies  
 In woman's eyes,  
 Has been my heart's undoing.  
 Though Wisdom oft has sought me,  
 I scorn'd the lore she brought me,  
 My only books  
 Were woman's looks,  
 And folly's all they've taught me.

Her smile when Beauty granted,  
 I hung with gaze enchanted,  
 Like him the Sprite,<sup>1</sup>

Whom maids by night  
 Oft meet in glen that's haunted.  
 Like him, too, Beauty won me,  
 But while her eyes were on me,  
 If once their ray  
 Was turn'd away,  
 O, winds could not outrun me.

And are those follies going?  
 And is my proud heart growing  
 Too cold or wise  
 For brilliant eyes  
 Again to set it glowing?  
 No, vain, alas! th' endeavor  
 From bonds so sweet to sever;  
 Poor Wisdom's chance  
 Against a glance  
 Is now as weak as ever.

#### WHERE IS THE SLAVE.

O, WHERE is the slave so lowly,  
 Condemn'd to chains unholy,  
 Who, could he burst  
 His bonds at first,  
 Would pine beneath them slowly?  
 What soul, whose wrongs degrade it,  
 Would wait till time decay'd it,  
 When thus its wing  
 At once may spring  
 To the throne of Him who made it?

was the sprite which we call the Leprechaun; but a high authority upon such subjects, Lady Morgan, (in a note upon her national and interesting novel, O'Donnel,) has given a very different account of that goblin.

Farewell, Erin, — farewell, all,  
Who live to weep our fall !

Less dear the laurel growing,  
Alive, untouch'd and blowing,  
Than that, whose braid  
Is pluck'd to shade  
The brows with victory glowing.  
We tread the land that bore us,  
Her green flag glitters o'er us,  
The friends we've tried  
Are by our side,  
And the foe we hate before us.

Farewell, Erin, — farewell, all,  
Who live to weep our fall !

#### COME, REST IN THIS BOSOM.

COME, rest in this bosom, my own stricken deer,  
Though the herd have fled from thee, thy home  
is still here ;

Here still is the smile, that no cloud can o'er cast,  
And a heart and a hand all thy own to the last.

O, what was love made for, if 'tis not the same  
Through joy and through torment, through  
glory and shame ?

I know not, I ask not, if guilt's in that heart,  
I but know that I love thee, whatever thou art.

Thou hast call'd me thy Angel in moments of  
bliss,

And thy Angel I'll be, 'mid the horrors of this, —  
Through the furnace, unshrinking, thy steps to  
pursue,

And shield thee, and save thee, — or perish  
there too !

#### 'TIS GONE, AND FOREVER.

'Tis gone, and forever, the light we saw breaking  
Like Heaven's first dawn o'er the sleep of the dead —

When Man, from the slumber of ages awaking,  
Look'd upward, and bless'd the pure ray, ere  
it fled.

'Tis gone, and the gleams it has left of its burning  
But deepen the long night of bondage and  
mourning,

That dark o'er the kingdoms of earth is returning,  
And darkest of all, hapless Erin, o'er thee.

For high was thy hope, when those glories were  
darting

Around thee, through all the gross clouds of  
the world ;

When Truth, from her fetters indignantly  
starting,

At once, like a Sun-burst, her banner unfur'l'd.<sup>1</sup>  
O, never shall earth see a moment so splendid !  
Then, then — had one Hymn of Deliverance  
blended

The tongues of all nations — how sweet had  
ascended

The first note of Liberty, Erin, from thee !

But, shame on those tyrants, who envied the  
blessing !

And shame on the light race, unworthy its  
good,

Who, at Death's reeking altar, like furies, ca-  
ressing

The young hope of Freedom, baptiz'd it in  
blood.

Then vanish'd forever that fair, sunny vision,  
Which, spite of the slavish, the cold heart's  
derision,

Shall long be remember'd, pure, bright, and  
elysian,

As first it arose, my lost Erin, on thee.

#### I SAW FROM THE BEACH.

I SAW from the beach, when the morning was  
shining,

A bark o'er the waters move gloriously on ;

I came when the sun o'er that beach was de-  
clining,

The bark was still there, but the waters were  
gone

And such is the fate of our life's early promise,  
So passing the springtide of joy we have  
known ;

Each wave, that we danc'd on at morning, ebbs  
from us,

And leaves us, at eve, on the bleak shore alone.

Ne'er tell me of glories, serenely adorning

The close of our day, the calm eve of our  
night ; —

<sup>1</sup> "The Sun-burst" was the fanciful name given by the  
ancient Irish to the Royal Banner.

Give me back, give me back the wild freshness  
of Morning,  
Her clouds and her tears are worth Evening's  
best light.

O, who would not welcome that moment's re-  
turning,

When passion first wak'd a new life through  
his frame,

And his soul, like the wood, that grows precious  
in burning,

Gave out all its sweets to love's exquisite flame.

—

FILL THE BUMPER FAIR.

FILL the bumper fair !

Every drop we sprinkle

O'er the brow of Care

Smooths away a wrinkle.

Wit's electric flame

Ne'er so swiftly passes,

As when through the frame

It shoots from brimming glasses.

Fill the bumper fair !

Every drop we sprinkle

O'er the brow of Care

Smooths away a wrinkle.

Sages can, they say,

Grasp the lightning's pinions,

And bring down its ray

From the starr'd dominions : —

So we, Sages, sit,

And, 'mid bumpers bright'ning,

From the Heaven of Wit

Draw down all its lightning.

Wouldst thou know what first

Made our souls inherit

This ennobling thirst

For wine's celestial spirit ?

It chanc'd upon that day,

When, as bards inform us,

Prometheus stole away

The living fires that warm us :

The careless Youth, when up

To Glory's fount aspiring,

Took nor uru nor cup

To hide the pilfer'd fire in. —

But O his joy, when, round

The halls of Heaven spying,

Among the stars he found

A bowl of Bacchus lying !

Some drops were in that bowl,

Remains of last night's pleasure,

With which the Sparks of Soul

Mix'd their burning treasure.

Hence the goblet's shower

Hath such spells to win us ;

Hence its mighty power

O'er that flame within us.

Fill the bumper fair !

Every drop we sprinkle

O'er the brow of Care

Smooths away a wrinkle.

—

DEAR HARP OF MY COUNTRY.

DEAR Harp of my Country ! in darkness I found  
thee,

The cold chain of silence had hung o'er thee  
long,<sup>1</sup>

When proudly, my own Island Harp, I un-  
bound thee,

And gave all thy chords to light, freedom,  
and song !

The warm lay of love and the light note of  
gladness

Have waken'd thy fondest, thy liveliest thrill ;  
But, so oft hast thou echoed the deep sigh of  
sadness,

That ev'n in thy mirth it will steal from thee  
still.

Dear Harp of my country ! farewell to thy  
numbers,

This sweet wreath of song is the last we shall  
twine !

Go, sleep with the sunshine of Fame on thy  
slumbers,

Till touch'd by some hand less unworthy than  
mine ;

If the pulse of the patriot, soldier, or lover,

Have throbb'd at our lay, 'tis thy glory alone ;

<sup>1</sup> In that rebellious but beautiful song, "When Erin first  
rose," there is, if I recollect right, the following line : —

"The dark chain of Silence was thrown o'er the deep."

The chain of Silence was a sort of practical figure of  
rhetoric among the ancient Irish. Walker tells us of "a

celebrated contention for precedence between Finn and  
Gaul, near Finn's palace at Almhain, where the attending  
Bards, anxious, if possible, to produce a cessation of hostili-  
ties, shook the chain of Silence, and flung themselves  
among the ranks." See also the *Ode to Gaul, the Son of  
Morni*, in Miss Brooke's *Reliques of Irish Poetry*.

I was *but* as the wind, passing heedlessly over,  
And all the wild sweetness I wak'd was thy  
own.

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## PREFACE

### TO THE FOURTH VOLUME.

THE recollections connected, in my mind, with that early period of my life, when I first thought of interpreting in verse the touching language of my country's music, tempt me again to advert to those long past days; and, even at the risk of being thought to indulge overmuch in what Colley Cibber calls "the great pleasure of writing about one's self all day," to notice briefly some of those impressions and influences under which the attempt to adapt words to our ancient Melodies was for some time meditated by me, and, at last, undertaken.

There can be no doubt that to the zeal and industry of Mr. Bunting his country is indebted for the preservation of her old national airs. During the prevalence of the Penal Code, the music of Ireland was made to share in the fate of its people. Both were alike shut out from the pale of civilized life; and seldom any where but in the huts of the proscribed race could the sweet voice of the songs of other days be heard. Even of that class, the itinerant harpers, among whom for a long period our ancient music had been kept alive, there remained but few to continue the precious tradition; and a great music meeting held at Belfast in the year 1792, at which the two or three still remaining of the old race of wandering harpers assisted, exhibited the last public effort made by the lovers of Irish music, to preserve to their country the only grace or ornament left to her, out of the wreck of all her liberties and hopes. Thus what the fierce legislature of the Pale had endeavored vainly through so many centuries to effect, — the utter extinction of Ireland's Minstrelsy, — the deadly pressure of the Penal Laws had nearly, at the close of the eighteenth century, accomplished; and, but for the zeal and intelligent research of Mr. Bunting, at that crisis, the greater part of our musical treasures would probably have been lost to the world. It was in the year 1796 that this gentleman published his first volume; and the national spirit and hope then awakened in Ireland, by the rapid

spread of the democratic principle throughout Europe, could not but insure a most cordial reception for such a work; — flattering as it was to the fond dreams of Erin's early days, and containing in itself, indeed, remarkable testimony to the truth of her claims to an early date of civilization.

It was in the year 1797 that, through the medium of Mr. Bunting's book, I was first made acquainted with the beauties of our native music. A young friend of our family, Edward Hudson, the nephew of an eminent dentist of that name, who played with much taste and feeling on the flute, and, unluckily for himself, was but too deeply warmed with the patriotic ardor then kindling around him, was the first who made known to me this rich mine of our country's melodies; — a mine, from the working of which my humble labors as a poet have since derived their sole lustre and value. About the same period I formed an acquaintance, which soon grew into intimacy, with young Robert Emmet. He was my senior, I think, by one class, in the university; for when, in the first year of my course, I became a member of the Debating Society, — a sort of nursery to the authorized Historical Society — I found him in full reputation, not only for his learning and eloquence, but also for the blamelessness of his life, and the grave suavity of his manners.

Of the political tone of this minor school of oratory, which was held weekly at the rooms of different resident members, some notion may be formed from the nature of the questions proposed for discussion, — one of which, I recollect, was, "Whether an Aristocracy or a Democracy is most favorable to the advancement of science and literature?" while another, bearing even more pointedly on the relative position of the government and the people, at this crisis, was thus significantly propounded: — "Whether a soldier was bound, on all occasions, to obey the orders of his commanding officer?" On the former of these questions, the effect of Emmet's eloquence upon his young auditors was, I recollect, most striking. The prohibition against touching upon modern politics, which it was subsequently found necessary to enforce, had not yet been introduced; and Emmet, who took of course ardently the side of democracy in the debate, after a brief review of the republics of antiquity, showing how much they had accomplished for the advancement of science and the arts, proceeded, lastly

to the grand and perilous example, then passing before all eyes, the young Republic of France. Referring to the circumstance told of Cæsar, that, in swimming across the Rubicon, he contrived to carry with him his Commentaries and his sword, the young orator said, "Thus France wades through a sea of storm and blood; but while, in one hand, she wields the sword against her aggressors, with the other she upholds the glories of science and literature unsullied by the ensanguined tide through which she struggles." In another of his remarkable speeches, I remember his saying, "When a people advancing rapidly in knowledge and power, perceive at last how far their government is lagging behind them, what then, I ask, is to be done in such a case? What, but to pull the government *up* to the people?"

In a few months after, both Emmet and myself were admitted members of the greater and recognized institution, called the Historical Society; and, even here, the political feeling so rife abroad contrived to mix up its restless spirit with all our debates and proceedings; notwithstanding the constant watchfulness of the college authorities, as well as of a strong party within the Society itself, devoted adherents to the policy of the government, and taking invariably part with the Provost and Fellows in all their restrictive and inquisitorial measures. The most distinguished and eloquent of these supporters of power were a young man named Sargent, of whose fate in after days I know nothing, and Jebb, the late Bishop of Limerick, who was then, as he continued to be through life, much respected for his private worth and learning.

Of the popular side, in the Society, the chief champion and ornament was Robert Emmet; and though every care was taken to exclude from the subjects of debate all questions verging towards the politics of the day, it was always easy enough, by a side wind of digression or allusion, to bring Ireland and the prospects then opening upon her within the scope of the orator's view. So exciting and powerful, in this respect, were Emmet's speeches, and so little were even the most eloquent of the adverse party able to cope with his powers, that it was at length thought advisable, by the higher authorities, to send among us a man of more advanced standing, as well as belonging to a former race of renowned speakers, in that Society, in order that he might answer the speeches of Emmet, and endeavor to ob-

viate the mischievous impression they were thought to produce. The name of this mature champion of the higher powers it is not necessary here to record; but the object of his mission among us was in some respect gained; as it was in replying to a long oration of his, one night, that Emmet, much to the mortification of us who gloried in him as our leader, became suddenly embarrassed in the middle of his speech, and, to use the parliamentary phrase, broke down. Whether from a momentary confusion in the thread of his argument, or possibly from diffidence in encountering an adversary so much his senior, — for Emmet was as modest as he was high minded and brave, — he began, in the full career of his eloquence, to hesitate and repeat his words, and then, after an effort or two to recover himself, sat down.

It fell to my own lot to be engaged, about the same time, in a brisk struggle with the dominant party in the Society, in consequence of a burlesque poem which I gave in, as candidate for the Literary Medal, entitled "An Ode upon Nothing, with Notes, by Trismegistus Rustifastius, D. D." &c. &c. For this squib against the great Dons of learning, the medal was voted to me by a triumphant majority. But a motion was made in the following week to rescind this vote; and a fierce contest between the two parties ensued, which I at last put an end to by voluntarily withdrawing my composition from the Society's Book.

I have already adverted to the period when Mr. Bunting's valuable volume first became known to me. There elapsed no very long time before I was myself the happy proprietor of a copy of the work, and, though never regularly instructed in music, could play over the airs with tolerable facility on the piano forte. Robert Emmet used sometimes to sit by me, when I was thus engaged; and I remember one day his starting up as from a reverie, when I had just finished playing that spirited tune called the Red Fox,<sup>1</sup> and exclaiming, "O that I were at the head of twenty thousand men, marching to that air!"

How little did I then think that in one of the most touching of the sweet airs I used to play to him, his own dying words would find an interpreter so worthy of their sad, but proud feeling;<sup>2</sup> or that another of those mournful strains<sup>3</sup> would long be associated, in the hearts

<sup>1</sup> "Let Erin remember the days of old."

<sup>2</sup> "O, breathe not his name."

<sup>3</sup> "She is far from the land where her young hero sleeps."



of his countrymen, with the memory of her<sup>1</sup> who shared with Ireland his last blessing and prayer.

Though fully alive, of course, to the feelings which such music could not but inspire, I had not yet undertaken the task of adapting words to any of the airs; and it was, I am ashamed to say, in dull and turgid prose, that I made my first appearance in print as a champion of the popular cause. Towards the latter end of the year 1797, the celebrated newspaper called "The Press" was set up by Arthur O'Connor, Thomas Addis Emmet, and other chiefs of the United Irish conspiracy, with the view of preparing and ripening the public mind for the great crisis then fast approaching. This memorable journal, according to the impression I at present retain of it, was far more distinguished for earnestness of purpose and intrepidity, than for any great display of literary talent;—the bold letters written by Emmet (the elder), under the signature of "Montanus," being the only compositions I can now call to mind, as entitled to praise for their literary merit. It required, however, but a small sprinkling of talent to make bold writing, at that time, palatable; and, from the experience of my own home, I can answer for the avidity with which every line of this daring journal was devoured. It used to come out, I think, twice a week, and, on the evening of publication, I always read it aloud to our small circle after supper.

It may easily be conceived that, what with my ardor for the national cause, and a growing consciousness of some little turn for authorship, I was naturally eager to become a contributor to those patriotic and popular columns. But the constant anxiety about me which I knew my own family felt,—a feeling more wakeful far than even their zeal in the public cause,—withheld me from hazarding any step that might cause them alarm. I had ventured, indeed, one evening, to pop privately into the letter box of *The Press*, a short Fragment in imitation of Ossian. But this, though inserted, passed off quietly; and nobody was, in *any* sense of the

phrase, the wiser for it. I was soon tempted, however, to try a more daring flight. Without communicating my secret to any one but Edward Hudson, I addressed a long Letter, in prose, to the \* \* \* \* of \* \* \* \*, in which a profusion of bad flowers of rhetoric was inwreathed plentifully with that weed which Shakspeare calls "the cockle of rebellion," and, in the same manner as before, committed it tremblingly to the chances of the letter box. I hardly expected my prose would be honored with insertion, when, lo, on the next evening of publication, when, seated as usual in my little corner by the fire, I unfolded the paper for the purpose of reading it to my select auditory, there was my own Letter staring me full in the face, being honored with so conspicuous a place as to be one of the first articles my audience would expect to hear. Assuming an outward appearance of ease, while every nerve within me was trembling, I contrived to accomplish the reading of the Letter without raising in either of my auditors a suspicion that it was my own. I enjoyed the pleasure, too, of hearing it a good deal praised by them; and might have been tempted by this to acknowledge myself the author, had I not found that the language and sentiments of the article were considered by both to be "very bold."<sup>2</sup>

I was not destined, however, to remain long undetected. On the following day, Edward Hudson,<sup>3</sup>—the only one, as I have said, intrusted with my secret, called to pay us a morning visit, and had not been long in the room, conversing with my mother, when looking significantly at me, he said, "Well, you saw —" Here he stopped; but the mother's eye had followed his, with the rapidity of lightning, to mine, and at once she perceived the whole truth. "That letter was yours, then?" she asked of me eagerly; and, without hesitation, of course, I acknowledged the fact; when in the most earnest manner she entreated of me never again to have any connection with that paper; and, as every wish of hers was to me law, I readily pledged the solemn promise she required.

<sup>1</sup> Miss Curran.

<sup>2</sup> So thought also higher authorities; for among the extracts from *The Press* brought forward by the Secret Committee of the House of Commons, to show how formidable had been the designs of the United Irishmen, there are two or three paragraphs cited from this redoubtable Letter.

<sup>3</sup> Of the depth and extent to which Hudson had involved himself in the conspiracy, none of our family had harbored the least notion; till, on the seizure of the thirteen Leinster

delegates, at Oliver Bond's, in the month of March, 1798 we found, to our astonishment and sorrow, that he was one of the number.

To those unread in the painful history of this period, it is right to mention that almost all the leaders of the United Irish conspiracy were Protestants. Among those companions of my own alluded to in these pages, I scarcely remember a single Catholic

Though well aware how easily a sneer may be raised at the simple details of this domestic scene, I have yet ventured to put it on record, as affording an instance of the gentle and womanly watchfulness, — the Providence, as it may be called, of the little world of home, — by which, although placed almost in the very current of so headlong a movement, and living familiarly with some of the most daring of those who propelled it, I yet was guarded from any participation in their secret oaths, counsels, or plans, and thus escaped all share in that wild struggle to which so many far better men than myself fell victims.

In the mean while, this great conspiracy was hastening on, with fearful precipitancy, to its outbreak; and vague and shapeless as are now known to have been the views, even of those who were engaged practically in the plot, it is not any wonder that to the young and uninitiated like myself it should have opened prospects partaking far more of the wild dreams of poesy than of the plain and honest prose of real life. But a crisis was then fast approaching, when such self-delusions could no longer be indulged; and when the mystery which had hitherto hung over the plans of the conspirators was to be rent asunder by the stern hand of power.

Of the horrors that foreran and followed the frightful explosion of the year 1798, I have neither inclination, nor, luckily, occasion to speak. But among those introductory scenes, which had somewhat prepared the public mind for such a catastrophe, there was one, of a painful description, which, as having been myself an actor in it, I may be allowed briefly to notice.

It was not many weeks, I think, before this crisis, that, owing to information gained by the college authorities of the rapid spread, among the students, not only of the principles but the organization of the Irish Union,<sup>1</sup> a solemn Visitation was held by Lord Clare, the vice chancellor of the University, with the view of inquiring into the extent of this branch of the plot, and dealing summarily with those engaged in it.

Imperious and harsh as then seemed the pol-

icy of thus setting up a sort of inquisitorial tribunal, armed with the power of examining witnesses on oath, and in a place devoted to the instruction of youth, I cannot but confess that the facts which came out in the course of the evidence, went far towards justifying even this arbitrary proceeding; and to the many who, like myself, were acquainted only with the general views of the Union leaders, without even knowing, except from conjecture, who those leaders were, or what their plans or objects, it was most startling to hear the disclosures which every succeeding witness brought forth. There were a few, — and among that number, poor Robert Emmet, John Brown, and the two \* \* \* \* \*,<sup>2</sup> whose total absence from the whole scene, as well as the dead silence that, day after day, followed the calling out of their names, proclaimed how deep had been their share in the unlawful proceedings inquired into by this tribunal.

But there was one young friend of mine, \* \* \* \* \*, whose appearance among the suspected and examined as much surprised as it deeply and painfully interested me. He and Emmet had long been intimate and attached friends; — their congenial fondness for mathematical studies having been, I think, a far more binding sympathy between them than any arising out of their political opinions. From his being called up, however, on this day, when, as it appeared afterwards, all the most important evidence was brought forward, there could be little doubt that, in addition to his intimacy with Emmet, the college authorities must have possessed some information which led them to suspect him of being an accomplice in the conspiracy. In the course of his examination, some questions were put to him which he refused to answer, — most probably from their tendency to involve or inculcate others; and he was accordingly dismissed, with the melancholy certainty that his future prospects in life were blasted; it being already known that the punishment for such contumacy was not merely expulsion from the University, but exclusion from all the learned professions.

The proceedings, indeed, of this whole day

<sup>1</sup> In the Report from the Secret Committee of the Irish House of Lords, this extension of the plot to the College is noticed as "a desperate project of the same faction to corrupt the youth of the country by introducing their organized system of treason into the University."

<sup>2</sup> One of these brothers has long been a general in the French army; having taken a part in all those great enter-

prises of Napoleon which have now become matter of history. Should these pages meet the eye of General \* \* \* \* \*, they will call to his mind the days we passed together in Normandy, a few summers since; — more especially our excursion to Bayeux, when, as we talked on the way of old college times and friends, all the eventful and stormy scenes he had passed through since seemed forgotten.

had been such as to send me to my home in the evening with no very agreeable feelings or prospects. I had heard evidence given affecting even the lives of some of those friends whom I had long regarded with admiration as well as affection; and what was still worse than even their danger, — a danger ennobled, I thought, by the cause in which they suffered, — was the shameful spectacle exhibited by those who had appeared in evidence against them. Of these witnesses, the greater number had been themselves involved in the plot, and now came forward either as voluntary informers, or else were driven by the fear of the consequences of refusal to secure their own safety at the expense of companions and friends.

I well remember the gloom, so unusual, that hung over our family circle on that evening, as, talking together of the events of the day, we discussed the likelihood of my being among those who would be called up for examination on the morrow. The deliberate conclusion to which my dear honest advisers came, was that, overwhelming as the consequences were to all their plans and hopes for me, yet, if the questions leading to criminate others, which had been put to almost all examined on that day, and which poor \* \* \* \* \* alone had refused to answer, I must, in the same manner, and at all risks, return a similar refusal. I am not quite certain whether I received any intimation, on the following morning, that I was to be one of those examined in the course of the day; but I rather think some such notice had been conveyed to me; — and, at last, my awful turn came, and I stood in presence of the formidable tribunal. There sat, with severe look, the vice chancellor, and, by his side, the memorable Doctor Duigenan, — memorable for his eternal pamphlets against the Catholics.

The oath was proffered to me. "I have an objection, my Lord," said I, "to taking this oath." "What is your objection?" he asked sternly. "I have no fears, my Lord, that any thing I might say would criminate myself; but it might tend to involve others, and I despise

the character of the person who could be led, under any such circumstances, to inform against his associates."

This was aimed at some of the revelations of the preceding day; and, as I learned afterwards, was so understood. "How old are you, Sir?" he then asked. "Between seventeen and eighteen, my Lord." He then turned to his assessor, Duigenan, and exchanged a few words with him, in an undertone of voice. "We cannot," he resumed, again addressing me, "suffer any one to remain in our University, who refuses to take this oath." "I shall then, my Lord," I replied, "take the oath, — still reserving to myself the power of refusing to answer any such questions as I have just described." "We do not sit here to argue with you, Sir," he rejoined sharply; upon which I took the oath, and seated myself in the witnesses' chair.

The following are the questions and answers that then ensued. After adverting to the proved existence of United Irish Societies in the University, he asked, "Have you ever belonged to any of these societies?" "No, my Lord." "Have you ever known of any of the proceedings that took place in them?" "No, my Lord." "Did you ever hear of a proposal at any of their meetings, for the purchase of arms and ammunition?" "Never, my Lord." "Did you ever hear of a proposition made, in one of these societies, with respect to the expediency of assassination?" "O no, my Lord." He then turned again to Duigenan, and, after a few words with him, said to me: — "When such are the answers you are able to give,<sup>1</sup> pray what was the cause of your great repugnance to taking the oath?" "I have already told your Lordship my chief reason; in addition to which, it was the first oath I ever took, and the hesitation was, I think, natural."<sup>2</sup>

I was now dismissed without any further questioning; and, however trying had been this short operation, was amply repaid for it by the kind zeal with which my young friends and companions flocked to congratulate me; — not

<sup>1</sup> There had been two questions put to all those examined on the first day, — "Were you ever asked to join any of these societies?" — and "By whom were you asked?" — which I should have refused to answer, and must, of course, have abided the consequences.

<sup>2</sup> For the correctness of the above report of this short examination, I can pretty confidently answer. It may amuse, therefore, my readers, — as showing the manner in which biographers make the most of small facts, — to see an extract or two from another account of this affair, published

not many years since by an old and zealous friend of our family. After stating with tolerable correctness one or two of my answers, the writer thus proceeds: — "Upon this, Lord Clare repeated the question, and young Moore made such an appeal, as caused his lordship to relax, austere and rigid as he was. The words I cannot exactly remember; the substance was as follows: — that he entered college to receive the education of a scholar and a gentleman, that he knew not how to compromise these characters by informing against his college companions; that his own speeches in

so much, I was inclined to hope, on my acquittal by the court, as on the manner in which I had acquitted *myself*. Of my reception, on returning home, after the fears entertained of so very different a result, I will not attempt any description; — it was all that *such* a home alone could furnish.

I have been induced thus to continue down to the very verge of the warning outbreak of 1798, the slight sketch of my early days which I ventured to commence in the First Volume of this Collection: nor could I have furnished the Irish Melodies with any more pregnant illustration, as it was in those times, and among the events then stirring, that the feeling which afterward found a voice in my country's music, was born and nurtured.

I shall now string together such detached notices and memoranda respecting this work, as I think may be likely to interest my readers.

Of the few songs written with a concealed political feeling, — such as “When he who adores thee,” and one or two more, — the most successful, in its day, was “When first I met thee warm and young,” which alluded, in its hidden sense, to the Prince Regent's desertion of his political friends. It was little less, I own, than profanation to disturb the sentiment of so beautiful an air by any connection with such a subject. The great success of this song, soon after I wrote it, among a large party staying at Chatsworth, is thus alluded to in one of Lord Byron's letters to me: — “I have heard from London that you have left Chatsworth and all there full of ‘entusymusy’ . . . . . and, in particular, that ‘When first I met thee’ has been quite overwhelming in its effect. I told you it was one of the best things you ever wrote, though that dog \* \* \* \* wanted you to omit part of it.”

It has been sometimes supposed that “O, breathe not his name,” was meant to allude to Lord Edward Fitzgerald: but this is a mistake; the song having been suggested by the well-known passage in Robert Emmet's dying

speech, “Let no man write my epitaph . . . . . let my tomb remain uninscribed, till other times and other men shall learn to do justice to my memory.”

The feeble attempt to commemorate the glory of our great Duke — “When History's Muse,” &c. — is in so far remarkable, that it made up amply for its want of poetical spirit, by an outpouring, rarely granted to bards in these days, of the spirit of prophecy. It was in the year 1815 that the following lines first made their appearance: —

And still the last crown of thy toils is remaining,

The grandest, the purest, ev'n *thou* hast yet known;

Though proud was thy task, other nations unchaining,

Far prouder to heal the deep wounds of thy own.

At the foot of that throne, for whose weal thou hast stood,

Go, plead for the land that first cradled thy fame, &c.

About fourteen years after these lines were written, the Duke of Wellington recommended to the throne the great measure of Catholic Emancipation.

The fancy of the “Origin of the Irish Harp,” was (as I have elsewhere acknowledged<sup>1</sup>) suggested, by a drawing made under peculiarly painful circumstances, by the friend so often mentioned in this sketch, Edward Hudson.

In connection with another of these matchless airs, — one that defies all poetry to do it justice, — I find the following singular and touching statement in an article of the Quarterly Review. Speaking of a young and promising poetess, Lucretia Davidson, who died very early from nervous excitement, the Reviewer says, “She was particularly sensitive to music. There was one song (it was Moore's Farewell to his Harp) to which she took a special fancy. She wished to hear it only at twilight, — thus (with that same perilous love of excitement which made her place the Æolian harp in the window when she was composing), seeking to increase the effect which the song produced upon a nervous system, already diseasedly susceptible; for it is said that, whenever she heard this song, she became cold, pale, and almost fainting; yet it

the debating society had been ill construed, when the worst that could be said of them was, if truth had been spoken, that they were patriotic . . . . . that he was aware of the high-minded nobleman he had the honor of appealing to, and if his lordship could for a moment condescend to step from his high station and place himself in his situation, then say how he would act under such circumstances, — it would be his guidance.” — HERBERT'S *Irish Varieties*. London, 1836.

<sup>1</sup> “When, in consequence of the compact entered into between government and the chief leaders of the conspiracy,

the State Prisoners, before proceeding into exile, were allowed to see their friends, I paid a visit to Edward Hudson, in the jail of Kilmainham, where he had then lain immured for four or five months, hearing of friend after friend being led out to death, and expecting every week his own turn to come. I found that to amuse his solitude he had made a large drawing with charcoal on the wall of his prison, representing that fancied origin of the Irish Harp which, some years after, I adopted as the subject of one of the ‘Melodies.’” — *Life and Death of Lord Edward Fitzgerald*, vol. i.



was her favorite of all songs, and gave occasion to those verses addressed in her fifteenth year to her sister." <sup>1</sup>

With the Melody entitled "Love, Valor, and Wit," an incident is connected, which awakened feelings in me of proud, but sad pleasure, to think that my songs had reached the hearts of some of the descendants of those great Irish families, who found themselves forced, in the dark days of persecution, to seek in other lands a refuge from the shame and ruin of their own; — those, whose story I have thus associated with one of their country's most characteristic airs: —

Ye Blakes and O'Donnels, whose fathers resign'd  
The green hills of their youth, among strangers to find  
That repose which at home they had sigh'd for in vain.

From a foreign lady, of this ancient extraction, — whose names, could I venture to mention them, would lend to the incident an additional Irish charm, — I received, about two years since, through the hands of a gentleman to whom it had been intrusted, a large portfolio, adorned inside with a beautiful drawing, representing Love, Wit, and Valor, as described in the song. In the border that surrounds the drawing are introduced the favorite emblems of Erin, the harp, the shamrock, the mitred head of St. Patrick, together with scrolls containing each, inscribed in letters of gold, the name of some favorite melody of the fair artist.

This present was accompanied by the following letter from the lady herself; and her Irish race, I fear, is but too discernible in the generous indiscretion with which, in this instance, she allows praise so much to outstrip desert: —

"*Le 25 Août, 1836.*

"Monsieur,

"Si les poètes n'étoient en quelque sorte une propriété intellectuelle dont chacun prend sa part à raison de la puissance qu'ils exercent, je ne saurois en vérité comment faire pour justifier mon courage! — car il en falloit beaucoup pour avoir osé consacrer mon pauvre talent d'amateur à vos délicieuses poésies, et plus encore pour en renvoyer le pâle reflet à son véritable auteur.

"J'espère toutefois que ma sympathie pour l'Irlande vous fera juger ma foible production avec cette heureuse partialité qui impose silence à la critique: car, si je n'appartiens pas à l'Ile

Verte par ma naissance, ni mes relations, je puis dire que je m'y intéresse avec un cœur Irlandais, et que j'ai conservé plus que le nom de mes pères. Cela seul me fait espérer que mes petits voyageurs ne subiront pas le triste noviciat des étrangers. Puissent-ils remplir leur mission sur le sol natal, en agissant conjointement et toujours pour la cause Irlandaise, et amener enfin une ère nouvelle pour cette héroïque et malheureuse nation: — le moyen de vaincre de tels adversaires s'ils ne font qu'un?

"Vous dirai-je, Monsieur, les doux moments que je dois à vos ouvrages? ce seroit répéter une fois de plus ce que vous entendez tous les jours et de tous les coins de la terre. Aussi j'ai garde de vous ravir un tems trop précieux par l'écho de ces vieilles vérités.

"Si jamais mon étoile me conduit en Irlande, je ne m'y croirai pas étrangère. Je sais que le passé y laisse de longs souvenirs, et que la conformité des désirs et des espérances rapproche en dépit de l'espace et du tems.

"Jusqu'à-là, recevez, je vous prie, l'assurance de ma parfaite considération, avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être,

"Monsieur,

"Votre très-humble servante,

"LA COMTESSE \* \* \* \* \*"

Of the translations that have appeared of the Melodies in different languages, I shall here mention such as have come to my knowledge.

*Latin.* — "Cantus Hibernici," Nicholas Lee Torre, London, 1835.

*Italian.* — G. Flechia, Torino, 1836. — Adele Custi, Milano, 1836.

*French.* — Madame Belloc, Paris, 1823. — Loeve Veimars, Paris, 1829.

*Russian.* — Several detached Melodies, by the popular Russian poet Kozlof.

*Polish.* — Selections, in the same manner, by Niemcewicz, Kosmian, and others.

I have now exhausted not so much my own recollections, as the patience, I fear, of my readers on this subject. We are told of painters calling those last touches of the pencil which they give to some favorite picture the "ultima basia;" and with the same sort of affectionate feeling do I now take leave of the Irish Melodies, — the only work of my pen, as I very sincerely believe, whose fame (thanks to the sweet music in which it is embalmed) may boast a chance of prolonging its existence to a day much beyond our own.

<sup>1</sup> Quarterly Review, vol. xli. p. 294.



## MY GENTLE HARP.

My gentle Harp, once more I waken  
 The sweetness of thy slumbering strain;  
 In tears our last farewell was taken,  
 And now in tears we meet again.  
 No light of joy hath o'er thee broken,  
 But, like those Harps whose heav'nly skill  
 Of slavery, dark as thine, hath spoken,  
 Thou hang'st upon the willows still.

And yet, since last thy chord resounded,  
 An hour of peace and triumph came,  
 And many an ardent bosom bounded  
 With hopes — that now are turn'd to shame!  
 Yet even then, while Peace was singing  
 Her halcyon song o'er land and sea,  
 Though joy and hope to others bringing,  
 She only brought new tears to thee.

Then, who can ask for notes of pleasure,  
 My drooping Harp, from chords like thine?  
 Alas, the lark's gay morning measure  
 As ill would suit the swan's decline!  
 Or how shall I, who love, who bless thee,  
 Invoke thy breath for Freedom's strains,  
 When e'en the wreaths in which I dress thee,  
 Are sadly mix'd — half flowers, half chains?

But come — if yet thy frame can borrow  
 One breath of joy, O, breathe for me,  
 And show the world, in chains and sorrow,  
 How sweet thy music still can be;  
 How gayly, e'en 'mid gloom surrounding,  
 Thou yet canst wake at pleasure's thrill —  
 Like Memnon's broken image sounding,  
 'Mid desolation tuneful still!<sup>1</sup>

## IN THE MORNING OF LIFE.

In the morning of life, when its cares are un-  
 known,  
 And its pleasures in all their new lustre begin,  
 When we live in a bright-beaming world of our  
 own,  
 And the light that surrounds us is all from  
 within;  
 O, 'tis not, believe me, in that happy time  
 We can love, as in hours of less transport we  
 may; —

Of our smiles, of our hopes, 'tis the gay sunny  
 prime,  
 But affection is truest when these fade away.

When we see the first glory of youth pass us by,  
 Like a leaf on the stream that will never re-  
 turn;  
 When our cup, which had sparkled with pleas-  
 ure so high,  
 First tastes of the *other*, the dark-flowing urn,  
 Then, then is the time when affection holds sway  
 With a depth and a tenderness joy never knew;  
 Love, nursed among pleasures, is faithless as they,  
 But the Love born of Sorrow, like Sorrow, is  
 true.

In climes full of sunshine, though splendid the  
 flowers,  
 Their sighs have no freshness, their odor no  
 worth;  
 'Tis the cloud and the mist of our own Isle of  
 showers,  
 That call the fresh spirit of fragrancy forth.  
 So it is not 'mid splendor, prosperity, mirth,  
 That the depth of Love's generous spirit ap-  
 pears;  
 To the sunshine of smiles it may first owe its  
 birth,  
 But the soul of its sweetness is drawn out by  
 tears.

## AS SLOW OUR SHIP.

As slow our ship her foamy track  
 Against the wind was cleaving,  
 Her trembling pennant still look'd back  
 To that dear isle 'twas leaving.  
 So loath we part from all we love,  
 From all the links that bind us;  
 So turn our hearts as on we rove,  
 To those we've left behind us.

When, round the bowl, of vanish'd years  
 We talk, with joyous seeming, —  
 With smiles that might as well be tears,  
 So faint, so sad their beaming;  
 While mem'ry brings us back again  
 Each early tie that twined us,  
 O, sweet's the cup that circles then  
 To those we've left behind us.

And when, in other climes, we meet  
 Some isle, or vale enchanting,  
 Where all looks flow'ry, wild, and sweet,  
 And nought but love is wanting;

<sup>1</sup> Dimidio magicæ resonant ubi Memnone chordæ. — *Juvenal*

We think how great had been our bliss,  
 If Heav'n had but assign'd us  
 To live and die in scenes like this,  
 With some we've left behind us!

As travellers oft look back at eve,  
 When eastward darkly going,  
 To gaze upon that light they leave  
 Still faint behind them glowing, —  
 So, when the close of pleasure's day  
 To gloom hath near consign'd us,  
 We turn to catch one fading ray  
 Of joy that's left behind us.

#### WHEN COLD IN THE EARTH.

WHEN cold in the earth lies the friend thou hast  
 loved,  
 Be his faults and his follies forgot by thee  
 then ;  
 Or, if from their slumber the veil be removed,  
 Weep o'er them in silence, and close it again.  
 And O, if 'tis pain to remember how far  
 From the pathways of light he was tempted  
 to roam,  
 Be it bliss to remember that thou wert the star  
 That arose on his darkness, and guided him  
 home.

From thee and thy innocent beauty first came  
 The revealings, that taught him true love to  
 adore,  
 To feel the bright presence, and turn him with  
 shame  
 From the idols he blindly had knelt to before.  
 O'er the waves of a life, long benighted and  
 wild,  
 Thou cam'st, like a soft golden calm o'er the  
 sea ;  
 And if happiness purely and glowingly smiled  
 On his ev'ning horizon, the light was from  
 thee.

And though, sometimes, the shades of past folly  
 might rise,  
 And though falsehood again would allure him  
 to stray,  
 He but turn'd to the glory that dwelt in those  
 eyes,  
 And the folly, the falsehood, soon vanish'd  
 away.  
 As the Priests of the Sun, when their altar grew  
 dim,  
 A: the daybeam alone could its lustre repair,

So, if virtue a moment grew languid in him,  
 He but flew to that smile and rekindled it there.

#### REMEMBER THEE.

REMEMBER thee? yes, while there's life in this  
 heart,  
 It shall never forget thee, all lorn as thou art ;  
 More dear in thy sorrow, thy gloom, and thy  
 showers,  
 Than the rest of the world in their sunniest hours.

Wert thou all that I wish thee, great, glorious,  
 and free,  
 First flower of the earth, and first gem of the sea,  
 I might hail thee with prouder, with happier  
 brow,  
 But O, could I love thee more deeply than now?

No, thy chains as they rankle, thy blood as it runs,  
 But make thee more painfully dear to thy sons —  
 Whose hearts, like the young of the desert bird's  
 nest,  
 Drink love in each lifedrop that flows from thy  
 breast.

#### WREATH THE BOWL.

WREATH the bowl  
 With flowers of soul,  
 The brightest Wit can find us ;  
 We'll take a flight  
 Towards heaven to-night,  
 And leave dull earth behind us.  
 Should Love amid  
 The wreaths be hid,  
 That Joy th' enchanter, brings us,  
 No danger fear,  
 While wine is near,  
 We'll drown him if he stings us.  
 Then, wreath the bowl  
 With flowers of soul,  
 The brightest Wit can find us ;  
 We'll take a flight  
 Towards heaven to-night,  
 And leave dull earth behind us.

'Twas nectar fed,  
 Of old, 'tis said,  
 Their Junos, Joves, Apollos ;  
 And man may brew  
 His nectar too,  
 The rich receipt's as follows :

Take wine like this,  
 Let looks of bliss  
 Around it well be blended,  
 Then bring Wit's beam  
 To warm the stream,  
 And there's your nectar, splendid!  
 So wreath the bowl  
 With flowers of soul,  
 The brightest Wit can find us;  
 We'll take a flight  
 Towards heaven to-night,  
 And leave dull earth behind us.

Say, why did Time  
 His glass sublime  
 Fill up with sands unsightly,  
 When wine, he knew,  
 Runs brisker through,  
 And sparkles far more brightly?  
 O, lend it us,  
 And, smiling thus,  
 The glass in two we'll sever,  
 Make pleasure glide  
 In double tide,  
 And fill both ends forever!  
 Then wreath the bowl  
 With flowers of soul  
 The brightest Wit can find us;  
 We'll take a flight  
 Towards heaven to-night,  
 And leave dull earth behind us.

WHENE'ER I SEE THOSE SMILING  
 EYES.

WHENE'ER I see those smiling eyes,  
 So full of hope, and joy, and light,  
 As if no cloud could ever rise,  
 To dim a heav'n so purely bright—  
 I sigh to think how soon that brow  
 In grief may lose its every ray,  
 And that light heart, so joyous now,  
 Almost forget it once was gay.

For time will come with all its blights,  
 The ruined hope, the friend unkind,  
 And love, that leaves, where'er it lights,  
 A chill'd or burning heart behind:—  
 While youth, that now like snow appears,  
 Ere sullied by the dark'ning rain,  
 When once 'tis touch'd by sorrow's tears  
 Can never shine so bright again.

IF THOU'LT BE MINE.

If thou'lt be mine, the treasures of air,  
 Of earth, and sea, shall lie at thy feet;  
 Whatever in Fancy's eye looks fair,  
 Or in Hope's sweet music sounds *most* sweet,  
 Shall be ours — if thou wilt be mine, love!

Bright flowers shall bloom wherever we rove,  
 A voice divine shall talk in each stream;  
 The stars shall look like worlds of love,  
 And this earth be all one beautiful dream  
 In our eyes — if thou wilt be mine, love!

And thoughts, whose source is hidden and high,  
 Like streams, that come from heavenward hills,  
 Shall keep our hearts, like meads, that lie  
 To be bathed by those eternal rills,  
 Ever green, if thou wilt be mine, love!

All this and more the Spirit of Love  
 Can breathe o'er them, who feel his spells;  
 That heaven which forms his home above,  
 He can make on earth, wherever he dwells,  
 As thou'lt own, — if thou wilt be mine, love!

TO LADIES' EYES.

To Ladies' eyes around, boy,  
 We can't refuse, we can't refuse,  
 Though bright eyes so abound, boy,  
 'Tis hard to choose, 'tis hard to choose.  
 For thick as stars that lighten  
 Yon airy bow'rs, yon airy bow'rs,  
 The countless eyes that brighten  
 This earth of ours, this earth of ours.  
 But fill the cup — where'er, boy,  
 Our choice may fall, our choice may fall,  
 We're sure to find Love there, boy,  
 So drink them all! so drink them all!

Some looks there are so holy,  
 They seem but giv'n, they seem but giv'n,  
 As shining beacons, solely,  
 To light to heav'n, to light to heav'n.  
 While some — O, ne'er believe them —  
 With tempting ray, with tempting ray,  
 Would lead us (God forgive them!)  
 The other way, the other way.  
 But fill the cup — where'er, boy,  
 Our choice may fall, our choice may fall,  
 We're sure to find Love there, boy,  
 So drink them all! so drink them all!

In some, as in a mirror,  
 Love seems portray'd, Love seems portray'd,  
 But shun the flattering error,  
 'Tis but his shade, 'tis but his shade.  
 Himself has fix'd his dwelling  
 In eyes we know, in eyes we know,  
 And lips — but this is telling —  
 So here they go ! so here they go !  
 Fill up, fill up — where'er, boy,  
 Our choice may fall, our choice may fall,  
 We're sure to find Love there, boy,  
 So drink them all ! so drink them all !

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FORGET NOT THE FIELD.

FORGET not the field where they perish'd,  
 The truest, the last of the brave,  
 All gone — and the bright hope we cherish'd  
 Gone with them, and quench'd in their grave !

O, could we from death but recover  
 Those hearts as they bounded before,  
 In the face of high heav'n to fight over  
 That combat for freedom once more ; —

Could the chain for an instant be riven  
 Which Tyranny flung round us then,  
 No, 'tis not in Man, nor in Heaven,  
 To let Tyranny bind it again !

but 'tis past — and, though blazon'd in story  
 The name of our Victor may be,  
 Accurs'd is the march of that glory  
 Which treads o'er the hearts of the free.

Far dearer the grave or the prison,  
 Illumed by one patriot name,  
 Than the trophies of all, who have risen  
 On Liberty's ruins to fame.

—

THEY MAY RAIL AT THIS LIFE.

THEY may rail at this life — from the hour I  
 began it,  
 I found it a life full of kindness and bliss ;  
 And, until they can show me some happier  
 planet,  
 More social and bright, I'll content me with  
 this.

As long as the world has such lips and such  
 eyes,  
 As before me this moment enraptured I see,  
 They may say what they will of their orbs in  
 the skies,  
 But this earth is the planet for you, love, and  
 me.

In Mercury's star, where each moment can  
 bring them  
 New sunshine and wit from the fountain on  
 h'igh,  
 Though the nymphs may have livelier poets to  
 sing them,<sup>1</sup>  
 They've none, even there, more enamour'd  
 than I.  
 And, as long as this harp can be waken'd to love,  
 And that eye its divine inspiration shall be,  
 They may talk as they will of their Edens above,  
 But this earth is the planet for you, love, and  
 me.

In that star of the west, by whose shadowy  
 splendor,  
 At twilight so often we've roam'd through  
 the dew,  
 There are maidens, perhaps, who have bosoms  
 as tender,  
 And look, in their twilights, as lovely as you.<sup>2</sup>  
 But though they were even more bright than  
 the queen  
 Of that isle they inhabit in heaven's blue sea,  
 As I never those fair young celestials have seen,  
 Why — this earth is the planet for you, love,  
 and me.

As for those chilly orbs on the verge of creation,  
 Where sunshine and smiles must be equally  
 rare,  
 Did they want a supply of cold hearts for that  
 station,  
 Heav'n knows we have plenty on earth we  
 could spare.  
 O, think what a world we should have of it  
 here,  
 If the haters of peace, of affection, and glee,  
 Were to fly up to Saturn's comfortless sphere,  
 And leave earth to such spirits as you, love,  
 and me.

<sup>1</sup> Tous les habitans de Mercure sont vifs. — *Pluralité des Mondes.*

<sup>2</sup> La Terre pourra être pour Vénus l'étoile du berger et la

mère des amours, comme Vénus l'est pour nous. — *Pluralité des Mondes.*

O FOR THE SWORDS OF FORMER  
TIME!

O FOR the swords of former time!  
 O for the men who bore them,  
 When arm'd for Right, they stood sublime,  
 And tyrants crouch'd before them;  
 When free yet, ere courts began  
 With honors to enslave him,  
 The best honors worn by Man  
 Were those which Virtue gave him.  
 O for the swords, &c. &c.

O for the Kings who flourish'd then!  
 O for the pomp that crown'd them,  
 When hearts and hands of free-born men  
 Were all the ramparts round them.  
 When, safe built on bosoms true,  
 The throne was but the centre,  
 Round which Love a circle drew,  
 That Treason durst not enter.  
 O for the Kings who flourish'd then!  
 O for the pomp that crown'd them,  
 When hearts and hands of free-born men  
 Were all the ramparts round them!

## ST. SENANUS AND THE LADY.

ST. SENANUS.<sup>1</sup>

"O, HASTE and leave this sacred isle,  
 "Unholy bark, ere morning smile;  
 "For on thy deck, though dark it be,  
 "A female form I see;  
 "And I have sworn this sainted sod  
 "Shall ne'er by woman's feet be trod."

## THE LADY.

"O, Father, send not hence my bark,  
 "Through wintry winds and billows dark:  
 "I come with humble heart to share  
 "Thy morn and evening prayer;  
 "Nor mine the feet, O, holy Saint,  
 "The brightness of thy sod to taint."

<sup>1</sup> In a metrical life of St. Senanus, which is taken from an old Kilkenny MS., and may be found among the *Acta Sanctorum Hiberniæ*, we are told of his flight to the island of Scatterry, and his resolution not to admit any woman of the party; he refused to receive even a sister saint, St. Cannera, whom an angel had taken to the island for the express purpose of introducing her to him. The following was the ungracious answer of Senanus according to his poetical biographer:

The Lady's prayer Senanus spurn'd;  
 The winds blew fresh, the bark return'd;  
 But legends hint, that had the maid  
 Till morning's light delay'd,  
 And given the saint one rosy smile,  
 She ne'er had left his lonely isle.

## NE'ER ASK THE HOUR.

NE'ER ask the hour — what is it to us  
 How Time deals out his treasures?  
 The golden moments lent us thus,  
 Are not *his* coin, but Pleasure's.  
 If counting them o'er could add to their blisses  
 I'd number each glorious second:  
 But moments of joy are, like Lesbia's kisses,  
 Too quick and sweet to be reckon'd.  
 Then fill the cup — what is it to us  
 How Time his circle measures?  
 The fairy hours we call up thus,  
 Obey no wand but Pleasure's.

Young Joy ne'er thought of counting hours,  
 Till Care, one summer's morning,  
 Set up, among his smiling flowers,  
 A dial, by way of warning.  
 But Joy loved better to gaze on the sun,  
 As long as its light was glowing,  
 Than to watch with old Care how the shadow  
 stole on,  
 And how fast that light was going.  
 So fill the cup — what is it to us  
 How Time his circle measures?  
 The fairy hours we call up thus,  
 Obey no wand but Pleasure's.

## SAIL ON, SAIL ON.

SAIL on, sail on, thou fearless bark —  
 Wherever blows the welcome wind,  
 It cannot lead to scenes more dark,  
 More sad than those we leave behind.  
 Each wave that passes seems to say,  
 "Though death beneath our smile may be

*Cui Præsul, quid feminis  
 Commune est cum monachis?  
 Nec te nec ullan alian  
 Admittimus in insulam.*

See the *Acta Sanct. Hib.*, page 610.

According to Dr. Ledwich, St. Senanus was no less a personage than the river Shannon; but O'Connor and other antiquarians deny the metamorphose indignantly.



“ Less cold we are, less false than they,  
 “ Whose smiling wreck'd thy hopes and thee.”

Sail on, sail on, — through endless space —  
 Through calm — through tempest — stop no  
 more :

The stormiest sea's a resting-place  
 To him who leaves such hearts on shore.

Or — if some desert land we meet,  
 Where never yet false-hearted men  
 Profaned a world, that else were sweet, —  
 Then rest thee, bark, but not till then.

#### THE PARALLEL.

Yes, sad one of Sion,<sup>1</sup> if closely resembling,  
 In shame and in sorrow, thy wither'd-up  
 heart —  
 If drinking deep, deep, of the same “ cup of  
 trembling ”  
 Could make us thy children, our parent  
 thou art.

Like thee doth our nation lie conquer'd and  
 broken,  
 And fall'n from her head is the once royal  
 crown ;  
 In her streets, in her halls, Desolation hath  
 spoken,  
 And “ while it is day yet, her sun hath gone  
 down.”<sup>2</sup>

Like thine doth her exile, 'mid dreams of  
 returning,  
 Die far from the home it were life to behold ;  
 Like thine do her sons, in the day of their  
 mourning,  
 Remember the bright things that bless'd them  
 of old.

Ah, well may we call her, like thee, “ the For-  
 saken,”<sup>3</sup>

Her boldest are vanquish'd, her proudest are  
 slaves ;  
 And the harps of her minstrels, when gayest  
 they waken,  
 Have tones 'mid their mirth like the wind  
 over graves !

<sup>1</sup> These verses were written after the perusal of a treatise  
 by Mr. Hamilton, professing to prove that the Irish were  
 originally Jews.

<sup>2</sup> “ Her sun is gone down while it was yet day.” — *Jer.*  
 xv. 9

<sup>3</sup> “ Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken.” — *Isaiah*,  
 lxii. 4.

Yet hadst thou thy vengeance — yet came there  
 the morrow,

That shines out, at last, on the longest dark  
 night,

When the sceptre that smote thee with slavery  
 and sorrow,

Was shiver'd at once, like a reed, in thy sight.

When that cup, which for others the proud  
 Golden City<sup>4</sup>

Had brimm'd full of bitterness, drench'd her  
 own lips ;

And the world she had trampled on heard,  
 without pity,

The howl in her halls, and the cry from her  
 ships.

When the curse Heaven keeps for the haughty  
 came over

Her merchants rapacious, her rulers unjust,  
 And, a ruin, at last, for the earthworm to  
 cover,<sup>5</sup>

The Lady of Kingdoms<sup>6</sup> lay low in the dust.

#### DRINK OF THIS CUP.

DRINK of this cup ; — you'll find there s a  
 spell in

Its every drop 'gainst the ills of mortality ;  
 Talk of the cordial that sparkled for Helen !  
 Her cup was a fiction, but this is reality.

Would you forget the dark world we are in,  
 Just taste of the bubble that gleams on the  
 top of it ;

But would you rise above earth, till akin  
 To Immortals themselves, you must drain  
 every drop of it ;

Send round the cup — for O there's a spell in  
 Its every drop 'gainst the ills of mortality ;  
 Talk of the cordial that sparkled for Helen !  
 Her cup was a fiction, but this is reality.

Never was philter form'd with such power  
 To charm and bewilder as this we are quaffing ;  
 Its magic began when, in Autumn's rich hour,  
 A harvest of gold in the fields it stood  
 laughing.

<sup>4</sup> “ How hath the oppressor ceased ! the golden city  
 ceased ! ” — *Isaiah*, xiv. 4.

<sup>5</sup> “ Thy pomp is brought down to the grave . . . . and  
 the worms cover thee.” — *Isaiah*, xiv. 11.

<sup>6</sup> “ Thou shalt no more be called the Lady of Kingdoms.”  
 — *Isaiah*, xlvii. 5.

There having, by Nature's enchantment, been  
fill'd

With the balm and the bloom of her kindest  
weather,

This wonderful juice from its core was distill'd  
To enliven such hearts as are here brought  
together.

Then drink of the cup — you'll find there's a  
spell in

Its every drop 'gainst the ills of mortality ;  
Talk of the cordial that sparkled for Helen !  
Her cup was a fiction, but this is reality.

And though, perhaps — but breathe it to no  
one —

Like liquor the witch brews at midnight so  
awful,

This philter in secret was first taught to flow on,  
Yet 'tis n't less potent for being unlawful.

And, ev'n though it taste of the smoke of that  
flame,

Which in silence extracted its virtue for-  
bidden —

Fill up — there's a fire in some hearts I could  
name,

Which may work too its charm, though as  
lawless and hidden.

So drink of the cup — for O there's a spell in  
Its every drop 'gainst the ills of mortality ;  
Talk of the cordial that sparkled for Helen !  
Her cup was a fiction, but this is reality.

#### THE FORTUNE TELLER.

Down in the valley come meet me to-night,  
And I'll tell you your fortune truly  
As ever 'twas told, by the new moon's light,  
To a young maiden, shining as newly.

But, for the world, let no one be nigh,  
Lest haply the stars should deceive me ;  
Such secrets between you and me and the sky  
Should never go farther, believe me.

If at that hour the heav'ns be not dim,  
My science shall call up before you  
A male apparition, — the image of him  
Whose destiny 'tis to adore you.

And if to that phantom you'll be kind,  
So fondly around you he'll hover,

You'll hardly, my dear, any difference find  
'Twixt him and a true living lover.

Down at your feet, in the pale moonlight,  
He'll kneel, with a warmth of devotion —  
An ardor, of which such an innocent sprite  
You'd scarcely believe had a notion.

What other thoughts and events may arise,  
As in destiny's book I've not seen them,  
Must only be left to the stars and your eyes  
To settle, ere morning, between them.

#### O, YE DEAD !

O, YE Dead ! O, ye Dead !<sup>1</sup> whom we know by  
the light you give

From your cold gleaming eyes, though you  
move like men who live,

Why leave you thus your graves,  
In far-off fields and waves,

Where the worm and the sea bird only know  
your bed,

To haunt this spot where all

Those eyes that wept your fall,

And the hearts that wail'd you, like your own,  
lie dead ?

It is true, it is true, we are shadows cold and  
wan ;

And the fair and the brave whom we lov'd on  
on earth are gone ;

But still thus ev'n in death,

So sweet the living breath

Of the fields and the flow'rs in our youth we  
wander'd o'er,

That ere, condemn'd, we go,

To freeze 'mid Hecla's snow,

We would taste it a while, and think we live  
once more !

#### O'DONOHUE'S MISTRESS.

OF all the fair months that round the sun  
In light-link'd dance their circles run,

Sweet May, shine thou for me ;

For still, when thy earliest beams arise,

That youth, who beneath the blue lake lies,

Sweet May, returns to me.

<sup>1</sup> Paul Zealand mentions that there is a mountain in some part of Ireland, where the ghosts of persons who have died in foreign lands walk about and converse with those they

meet, like living people. If asked why they do not return to their homes, they say they are obliged to go to Mount Hecla, and disappear immediately.

Of all the bright haunts, where daylight leaves  
Its lingering smile on golden eves,  
Fair Lake thou'rt dearest to me ;  
For when the last April sun grows dim,  
Thy Naiads prepare his steed<sup>1</sup> for him  
Who dwells, bright Lake, in thee.

Of all the proud steeds, that ever bore  
Young plumed Chiefs on sea or shore,  
White Steed, most joy to thee ;  
Who still, with the first young glance of spring,  
From under that glorious lake dost bring  
My love, my chief, to me.

While, white as the sail some bark unfurls,  
When newly launch'd, thy long mane<sup>2</sup> curls,  
Fair Steed, as white and free ;  
And spirits, from all the lake's deep bowers,  
Glide o'er the blue wave scattering flowers,  
Around my love and thee.

Of all the sweet deaths that maidens die,  
Whose lovers beneath the cold wave lie,  
Most sweet that death will be,  
Which, under the next May evening's light,  
When thou and thy steed are lost to sight,  
Dear love, I'll die for thee.

—  
ECHO.

How sweet the answer Echo makes  
To music at night,  
When, roused by lute or horn, she wakes,  
And far away, o'er lawns and lakes,  
Goes answering light.

Yet Love hath echoes truer far,  
And far more sweet,  
Than e'er beneath the moonlight's star,  
Of horn or lute, or soft guitar,  
The songs repeat.

'Tis when the sigh, in youth sincere,  
And only then, —

<sup>1</sup> The particulars of the tradition respecting O'Donohue and his White Horse, may be found in Mr. Weld's Account of Killarney, or more fully detailed in Derrick's Letters. For many years after his death, the spirit of this hero is supposed to have been seen on the morning of May day, gliding over the lake on his favorite white horse, to the sound of sweet unearthly music, and preceded by groups of youths and maidens, who flung wreaths of delicate spring flowers in his path.

The sigh that's breath'd for one to hear,  
Is by that one, that only dear,  
Breathed back again !

—  
O BANQUET NOT.

O BANQUET not in those shining bowers,  
Where Youth resorts, but come to me :  
For mine's a garden of faded flowers,  
More fit for sorrow, for age, and thee.  
And there we shall have our feast of tears,  
And many a cup in silence pour ;  
Our guests, the shades of former years,  
Our toasts, to lips that bloom no more.

There, while the myrtle's withering boughs  
Their lifeless leaves around us shed,  
We'll brim the bowl to broken vows,  
To friends long lost, the changed, the dead.  
Or, while some blighted laurel waves  
Its branches o'er the dreary spot,  
We'll drink to those neglected graves,  
Where valor sleeps, unnamed, forgot.

—  
THEE, THEE, ONLY THEE.

THE dawning of morn, the daylight's sinking,  
The night's long hours still find me thinking  
Of thee, thee, only thee.  
When friends are met, and goblets crown'd,  
And smiles are near, that once enchanted,  
Unreach'd by all that sunshine round,  
My soul, like some dark spot, is haunted  
By thee, thee, only thee.

Whatever in fame's high path could waken  
My spirit once, is now forsaken  
For thee, thee, only thee.  
Like shores, by which some headlong bark  
To th' ocean hurries, resting never,  
Life's scenes go by me, bright or dark,  
I know not, heed not, hastening ever  
To thee, thee, only thee.

Among other stories, connected with this Legend of the Lakes, it is said that there was a young and beautiful girl whose imagination was so impressed with the idea of this visionary chieftain, that she fancied herself in love with him, and at last, in a fit of insanity, on a May morning threw herself into the lake.

<sup>2</sup> The boatmen at Killarney call those waves which come on a windy day, crested with foam, "O'Donohue's white horses."

I have not a joy but of thy bringing,  
 And pain itself seems sweet when springing  
 From thee, thee, only thee.  
 Like spells, that nought on earth can break,  
 Till lips, that know the charm, have spoken,  
 This heart, howe'er the world may wake  
 Its grief, its scorn, can but be broken  
 By thee, thee, only thee.

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SHALL THE HARP THEN BE SILENT.

SHALL the Harp then be silent, when he who  
 first gave  
 To our country a name, is withdrawn from  
 all eyes?  
 Shall a Minstrel of Erin stand mute by the grave,  
 Where the first — where the last of her Pa-  
 triots lies?

No — faint though the death song may fall from  
 his lips,  
 Though his Harp, like his soul, may with  
 shadows be cross'd,  
 Yet, yet shall it sound, 'mid a nation's eclipse,  
 And proclaim to the world what a star hath  
 been lost; <sup>1</sup> —

What a union of all the affections and powers  
 By which life is exalted, embellish'd, refined,  
 Was embraced in that spirit — whose centre  
 was ours,  
 While its mighty circumference circled man-  
 kind.

O, who that loves Erin, or who that can see,  
 Through the waste of her annals, that epoch  
 sublime —  
 Like a pyramid raised in the desert — where he  
 And his glory stand out to the eyes of all time;

That *one* lucid interval, snatch'd from the gloom  
 And the madness of ages, when fill'd with his  
 soul,  
 A Nation o'erleap'd the dark bounds of her doom,  
 And for *one* sacred instant, touch'd Liberty's  
 goal?

Who, that ever hath heard him — hath drank  
 at the source  
 Of that wonderful eloquence, all Erin's own,

<sup>1</sup> These lines were written on the death of our great patriot, Grattan, in the year 1820. It is only the two first verses that are either intended or fitted to be sung.

In whose high-thoughted daring, the fire, and  
 the force,  
 And the yet untamed spring of her spirit are  
 shown?

An eloquence rich, wheresoever its wave  
 Wander'd free and triumphant, with thoughts  
 that shone through,  
 As clear as the brook's "stone of lustre," and  
 gave,  
 With the flash of the gem, its solidity too.

Who, that ever approach'd him, when free from  
 the crowd,  
 In a home full of love, he delighted to tread  
 'Mong the trees which a nation had giv'n, and  
 which bow'd,  
 As if each brought a new civic crown for his  
 head —

Is there one, who hath thus, through his orbit  
 of life  
 But at distance observed him — through glory,  
 through blame,  
 In the calm of retreat, in the grandeur of strife,  
 Whether shining or clouded, still high and  
 the same, —

O no, not a heart, that e'er knew him, but mourns  
 Deep, deep o'er the grave, where such glory  
 is shrined —  
 O'er a monument Fame will preserve, 'mong  
 the urns  
 Of the wisest, the bravest, the best of mankind!

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O, THE SIGHT ENTRANCING.

O, THE sight entrancing,  
 When morning's beam is glancing  
 O'er files array'd  
 With helm and blade,  
 And plumes, in the gay wind dancing!  
 When hearts are all high beating,  
 And the trumpet's voice repeating  
 That song, whose breath  
 May lead to death,  
 But never to retreating.  
 O, the sight entrancing,  
 When morning's beam is glancing  
 O'er files array'd  
 With helm and blade,  
 And plumes, in the gay wind dancing.

Yet, 'tis not helm or feather —  
 For ask yon despot, whether  
 His plumed bands  
 Could bring such hands  
 And hearts as ours together.  
 Leave pomps to those who need 'em —  
 Give man but heart and freedom,  
 And proud he braves  
 The gaudiest slaves  
 That crawl where monarchs lead 'em.  
 The sword may pierce the beaver,  
 Stone walls in time may sever,  
 'Tis mind alone,  
 Worth steel and stone,  
 That keeps men free forever.  
 O, that sight entrancing,  
 When the morning's beam is glancing,  
 O'er files array'd  
 With helm and blade,  
 And in Freedom's cause advancing!

SWEET INNISFALLEN.

SWEET Innisfallen, fare thee well,  
 May calm and sunshine long be thine!  
 How fair thou art let others tell, —  
 To *feel* how fair shall long be mine.

Sweet Innisfallen, long shall dwell  
 In memory's dream that sunny smile,  
 Which o'er thee on that evening fell,  
 When first I saw thy fairy isle.

'Twas light, indeed, too blest for one,  
 Who had to turn to paths of care —  
 Through crowded haunts again to run,  
 And leave thee bright and silent there;

No more unto thy shores to come,  
 But on the world's rude ocean toss'd,  
 Dream of thee sometimes, as a home  
 Of sunshine he had seen and lost.

Far better in thy weeping hours  
 To part from thee, as I do now,  
 When mist is o'er thy blooming bowers,  
 Like sorrow's veil on beauty's brow.

For, though unrivall'd still thy grace,  
 Thou dost not look, as then, *too* blest,  
 But thus in shadow, seem'st a place  
 Where erring man might hope to rest —

Might hope to rest, and find in thee  
 A gloom like Eden's on the day

He left its shade, when every tree,  
 Like thine, hung weeping o'er his way.

Weeping or smiling, lovely isle!  
 And all the lovelier for thy tears —  
 For though but rare thy sunny smile,  
 'Tis heaven's own glance when it appears.

Like feeling hearts, whose joys are few,  
 But, when *indeed* they come, divine —  
 The brightest light the sun e'er threw  
 Is lifeless to one gleam of thine!

'Twas ONE OF THOSE DREAMS.<sup>1</sup>

'Twas one of those dreams, that by music are  
 brought,  
 Like a bright summer haze, o'er the poet's warm  
 thought —  
 When, lost in the future, his soul wanders on,  
 And all of this life, but its sweetness, is gone.

The wild notes he heard o'er the water were  
 those  
 He had taught to sing Erin's dark bondage and  
 woes,  
 And the breath of the bugle now wafted them  
 o'er  
 From Dinis' green isle, to Glenà's wooded shore.

He listen'd — while, high o'er the eagle's rude  
 nest,  
 The lingering sounds on their way loved to  
 rest;  
 And the echoes sung back from their full moun-  
 tain quire,  
 As if loath to let song so enchanting expire.

It seem'd as if ev'ry sweet note, that died here,  
 Was again brought to life in some airier sphere,  
 Some heav'n in those hills, where the soul of  
 the strain  
 That had ceased upon earth was awaking again!

O forgive, if, while listening to music, whose  
 breath  
 Seem'd to circle his name with a charm against  
 death,  
 He should feel a proud Spirit within him pro-  
 claim,  
 "Even so shalt thou live in the echoes of Fame:

<sup>1</sup> Written during a visit to Lord Kenmare, at Killarney



"Even so, though thy memory should now die  
away,  
"Twill be caught up again in some happier  
day,  
"And the hearts and the voices of Erin prolong,  
"Through the answering Future, thy name and  
thy song."

## FAIREST ! PUT ON A WHILE.

FAIREST ! put on a while  
These pinions of light I bring thee,  
And o'er thy own green isle  
In fancy let me wing thee.  
Never did Ariel's plume,  
At golden sunset hover  
O'er scenes so full of bloom,  
As I shall waft thee over.

Fields, where the Spring delays,  
And fearlessly meets the ardor  
Of the warm Summer's gaze,  
With only her tears to guard her.  
Rocks, through myrtle boughs  
In grace majestic frowning,  
Like some bold warrior's brows  
That Love hath just been crowning.

Islets, so freshly fair,  
That never hath bird come nigh them,  
But from his course through air  
He hath been won down by them ;<sup>1</sup> —  
Types, sweet maid, of thee,  
Whose look, whose blush inviting,  
Never did Love yet see  
From Heav'n, without alighting.

Lakes, where the pearl lies hid,<sup>2</sup>  
And caves, where the gem is sleeping,  
Bright as the tears thy lid  
Lets fall in lonely weeping.  
Glens,<sup>3</sup> where Ocean comes,  
To 'scape the wild wind's rancor,  
And Harbors, worthiest homes,  
Where Freedom's fleet can anchor.

Then, if, while scenes so grand,  
So beautiful, shine before thee,

Pride for thy own dear land  
Should haply be stealing o'er thee,  
O, let grief come first,  
O'er pride itself victorious —  
Thinking how man hath curs'd  
What Heaven had made so glorious !

## QUICK ! WE HAVE BUT A SECOND.

Quick ! we have but a second,  
Fill round the cup, while you may ;  
For Time, the churl, hath beckon'd,  
And we must away, away !  
Grasp the pleasure that's flying,  
For O, not Orpheus' strain  
Could keep sweet hours from dying,  
Or charm them to life again.  
Then, quick ! we have but a second,  
Fill round the cup, while you may ;  
For Time, the churl, hath beckon'd,  
And we must away, away !

See the glass how it flushes,  
Like some young Hebe's lip,  
And half meets thine, and blushes  
That thou shouldst delay to sip.  
Shame, O shame unto thee,  
If ever thou seest that day,  
When a cup or lip shall woo thee,  
And turn untouch'd away !  
Then quick ! we have but a second,  
Fill round, fill round, while you may ;  
For Time, the churl, hath beckon'd,  
And we must away, away !

## AND DOTH NOT A MEETING LIKE THIS.

AND doth not a meeting like this make amends,  
For all the long years I've been wandering  
away —  
To see thus around me my youth's early friends,  
As smiling and kind as in that happy day ?  
Though haply o'er some of your brows, as o'er  
mine,  
The snow fall of time may be stealing — what  
then ?  
Like Alps in the sunset, thus lighted by wine,  
We'll wear the gay tinge of youth's roses again.

<sup>1</sup> In describing the Skeligs (islands of the Barony of Forth), Dr. Keating says, "There is a certain attractive virtue in the soil which draws down all the birds that attempt to fly over it, and obliges them to light upon the rock."

<sup>2</sup> "Nennus, a British writer of the ninth century, mentions the abundance of pearls in Ireland. Their princes, he

says, hung them behind their ears : and this we find confirmed by a present made A. C. 1094, by Gilbert, Bishop of Limerick, to Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, of a considerable quantity of Irish pearls." — *O'Halloran*.

<sup>3</sup> Glengariff.

What soften'd remembrances come o'er the heart,  
 In gazing on those we've been lost to so long !  
 The sorrows, the joys, of which once they were  
 part,

Still round them, like visions of yesterday,  
 throng,

As letters some hand hath invisibly traced,  
 When held to the flame will steal out on the  
 sight,

So many a feeling, that long seem'd effaced,  
 The warmth of a moment like this brings to  
 light.

And thus, as in memory's bark we shall glide,  
 To visit the scenes of our boyhood anew,  
 Though oft we may see, looking down on the tide,  
 The wreck of full many a hopeshining through ;  
 Yet still, as in fancy we point to the flowers,  
 That once made a garden of all the gay shore,  
 Deceived for a moment, we'll think them still  
 ours,

And breathe the fresh air of life's morning  
 once more.<sup>1</sup>

So brief our existence, a glimpse, at the most,  
 Is all we can have of the few we hold dear ;  
 And oft even joy is unheeded and lost,  
 For want of some heart, that could echo it,  
 near.

Ah, well may we hope, when this short life is  
 gone,

To meet in some world of more permanent  
 bliss,

For a smile, or a grasp of the hand, hast'ning on,  
 Is all we enjoy of each other in this.<sup>2</sup>

But, come, the more rare such delights to the  
 heart,

The more we should welcome and bless them  
 the more ;

They're ours when we meet,— they are lost  
 when we part,

Like birds that bring summer, and fly when  
 'tis o'er.

Thus circling the cup, hand in hand, ere we  
 drink,

Let Sympathy pledge us, through pleasure,  
 through pain,

<sup>1</sup> Jours charmans, quand je songe à vos heureux instans,  
 Je pense remonter le fleuve de mes ans ;  
 Et mon cœur, enchanté sur sa rive fleurie,  
 Respire encore l'air pur du matin de la vie.

<sup>2</sup> The same thought has been happily expressed by my  
 friend Mr. Washington Irving, in his *Bracebridge Hill*, vol.  
 i. p. 213. The sincere pleasure which I feel in calling this

That, fast as a feeling but touches one link,  
 Her magic shall send it direct through the  
 chain.

### THE MOUNTAIN SPRITE.

IN yonder valley there dwelt, alone,  
 A youth, whose moments had calmly flown,  
 Till spells came o'er him, and, day and night,  
 He was haunted and watch'd by a Mountain  
 Sprite.

As once, by moonlight, he wander'd o'er  
 The golden sands of that island shore,  
 A footprint sparkled before his sight —  
 'Twas the fairy foot of the Mountain Sprite !

Beside a fountain, one sunny day,  
 As bending o'er the stream he lay,  
 There peep'd down o'er him two eyes of light,  
 And he saw in that mirror the Mountain Sprite.

He turn'd, but, lo, like a startled bird,  
 That spirit fled ; — and the youth but heard  
 Sweet music, such as marks the flight  
 Of some bird of song, from the Mountain Sprite.

One night, still haunted by that bright look,  
 The boy, bewilder'd, his pencil took,  
 And, guided only by memory's light,  
 Drew the once-seen form of the Mountain Sprite.

" O thou, who lovest the shadow," cried  
 A voice, low whisp'ring by his side,  
 " Now turn and see," — here the youth's delight  
 Seal'd the rosy lips of the Mountain Sprite.

" Of all the Spirits of land and sea,"  
 Then rapt he murmur'd, " there's none like thee,  
 " And oft, O oft, may thy foot thus light,  
 " In this lonely bower, sweet Mountain Sprite ! "

### AS VANQUISH'D ERIN.

As vanquish'd Erin wept beside  
 The Boyne's ill-fated river,

gentleman my friend, is much enhanced by the reflection  
 that he is too good an American, to have admitted me so  
 readily to such a distinction, if he had not known that my  
 feelings towards the great and free country that gave him  
 birth, have been long such as every real lover of the liberty  
 and happiness of the human race must entertain.

She saw where Discord, in the tide,  
 Had dropp'd his loaded quiver.  
 "Lie hid," she cried, "ye venom'd darts,  
 "Where mortal eye may shun you ;  
 "Lie hid — the stain of manly hearts,  
 "That bled for me, is on you."

But vain her wish, her weeping vain, —  
 As Time too well hath taught her —  
 Each year the Fiend returns again,  
 And dives into that water ;  
 And brings, triumphant, from beneath  
 His shafts of desolation,  
 And sends them, wing'd with worse than death,  
 Through all her madd'ning nation.

Alas for her who sits and mourns,  
 Ev'n now, beside that river —  
 Unwearied still the Fiend returns,  
 And stored is still his quiver.  
 "When will this end, ye Powers of Good ?"  
 She weeping asks forever ;  
 But only hears, from out that flood,  
 The Demon answer, "Never !"

#### DESMOND'S SONG.<sup>1</sup>

By the Feal's wave benighted,  
 No star in the skies,  
 To thy door by Love lighted,  
 I first saw those eyes.  
 Some voice whisper'd o'er me,  
 As the threshold I cross'd,  
 There was ruin before me,  
 If I loved, I was lost.

Love came, and brought sorrow  
 Too soon in his train ;  
 Yet so sweet, that to-morrow  
 'Twere welcome again.  
 Though misery's full measure  
 My portion should be,  
 I would drain it with pleasure,  
 If pour'd out by thee.

You, who call it dishonor  
 To bow to this flame,

If you've eyes, look but on her,  
 And blush while you blame.  
 Hath the pearl less whiteness  
 Because of its birth ?  
 Hath the violet less brightness  
 For growing near earth ?

No — Man for his glory  
 To ancestry flies ;  
 But Woman's bright story  
 Is told in her eyes.  
 While the Monarch but traces  
 Through mortals his line,  
 Beauty, born of the Graces,  
 Ranks next to Divine !

#### THEY KNOW NOT MY HEART.

THEY know not my heart, who believe there  
 can be  
 One stain of this earth in its feelings for thee ;  
 Who think, while I see thee in beauty's young  
 hour,  
 As pure as the morning's first dew on the flow'r,  
 I could harm what I love, — as the sun's wanton  
 ray  
 But smiles on the dewdrop to waste it away.

No — beaming with light as those young fea-  
 tures are,  
 There's a light round thy heart which is love-  
 lier far :  
 It is not that cheek — 'tis the soul dawning clear  
 Through its innocent blush makes thy beauty  
 so dear ;  
 As the sky we look up to, though glorious and  
 fair,  
 Is look'd up to the more, because Heaven lies  
 there !

#### I WISH I WAS BY THAT DIM LAKE.

I wish I was by that dim Lake,<sup>2</sup>  
 Where sinful souls their farewell take  
 Of this vain world, and half way lie  
 In death's cold shadow, ere they die.

<sup>1</sup> "Thomas, the heir of the Desmond family, had accidentally been so engaged in the chase, that he was benighted near Tralee, and obliged to take shelter at the Abbey of Feal, in the house of one of his dependants, called Mac Cormac. Catherine, a beautiful daughter of his host, instantly inspired the Earl with a violent passion, which he could not subdue. He married her, and by this inferior al-

liance alienated his followers, whose brutal pride regarded this indulgence of his love as an unpardonable degradation of his family." — *L'land*, vol. ii.

<sup>2</sup> These verses are meant to allude to that ancient haunt of superstition, called Patrick's Purgatory. "In the midst of these gloomy regions of Donegall (says Dr. Campbell) lay a lake, which was to become the mystic theatre of this

There, there, far from thee,  
Deceitful world, my home should be ;  
Where, come what might of gloom and pain,  
False hope should ne'er deceive again.

The lifeless sky, the mournful sound  
Of unseen waters falling round ;  
The dry leaves, quiv'ring o'er my head,  
Like man, unquiet ev'n when dead !  
These, ay, these shall wean  
My soul from life's deluding scene,  
And turn each thought, o'ercharged with gloom,  
Like willows, downward towards the tomb.

As they, who to their couch at night  
Would win repose, first quench the light,  
So must the hopes, that keep this breast  
Awake, be quench'd, ere it can rest.  
Cold, cold, this heart must grow,  
Unmoved by either joy or woe,  
Like freezing founts, where all that's thrown  
Within their current turns to stone.

#### SHE SANG OF LOVE.

SHE sang of Love, while o'er her lyre  
The rosy rays of evening fell,  
As if to feed with their soft fire  
The soul within that trembling shell.  
The same rich light hung o'er her cheek,  
And play'd around those lips that sung  
And spoke, as flowers would sing and speak,  
If Love could lend their leaves a tongue.

But soon the West no longer burn'd,  
Each rosy ray from heav'n withdrew ;  
And, when to gaze again I turn'd,  
The minstrel's form seem'd fading too.  
As if *her* light and heav'n's were one,  
The glory all had left that frame ;  
And from her glimmering lips the tone,  
As from a parting spirit, came.<sup>1</sup>

folded and intermediate state. In the lake were several islands ; but one of them was dignified with that called the Mouth of Purgatory, which, during the dark ages, attracted the notice of all Christendom, and was the resort of penitents and pilgrims from almost every country in Europe."

"It was," as the same writer tells us, "one of the most dismal and dreary spots in the North, almost inaccessible, through deep glens and rugged mountains, frightful with impending rocks, and the hollow murmurs of the western winds in dark caverns, peopled only with such fantastic be-

Who ever lov'd, but had the thought  
That he and all he loved must part?  
Fill'd with this fear, I flew and caught  
The fading image to my heart —  
And cried, "O Love! is this thy doom?  
"O light of youth's resplendent day!  
"Must ye then lose your golden bloom,  
"And thus, like sunshine, die away?"

#### SING — SING — MUSIC WAS GIVEN.

SING — sing — Music was given,  
To brighten the gay, and kindle the loving ;  
Souls here, like planets in Heaven,  
By harmony's laws alone are kept moving.  
Beauty may boast of her eyes and her cheeks,  
But Love from the lips his true archery wings ;  
And she, who but feathers the dart when she  
speaks,  
At once sends it home to the heart when she  
sings.  
Then sing — sing — Music was given,  
To brighten the gay, and kindle the  
loving ;  
Souls here, like planets in Heaven,  
By harmony's laws alone are kept mov-  
ing.

When Love, rock'd by his mother,  
Lay sleeping as calm as slumber could make  
him,  
"Hush, hush," said Venus, "no other  
"Sweet voice but his own is worthy to wake  
him."  
Dreaming of music he slumber'd the while  
Till faint from his lip a soft melody broke,  
And Venus, enchanted, look'd on with a smile,  
While Love to his own sweet singing awoke.  
Then sing — sing — Music was given,  
To brighten the gay, and kindle the  
loving ;  
Souls here, like planets in Heaven,  
By harmony's laws alone are kept mov-  
ing.

ings as the mind, however gay, is, from strange association, wont to appropriate to such gloomy scenes." — *Structures on the Ecclesiastical and Literary History of Ireland.*

<sup>1</sup> The thought here was suggested by some beautiful lines in Mr. Rogers's Poem of *Human Life*, beginning —

"Now in the glimmering, dying light she grows  
Less and less earthly."

I would quote the entire passage, did I not fear to put my own humble imitation of it out of countenance.

## THOUGH HUMBLE THE BANQUET.

THOUGH humble the banquet to which I invite thee,

Thou'lt find there the best a poor bard can command :

Eyes, beaming with welcome, shall throng round, to light thee,

And Love serve the feast with his own willing hand.

And though Fortune may seem to have turn'd from the dwelling

Of him thou regardest her favoring ray,

Thou wilt find there a gift, all her treasures excelling,

Which, proudly he feels, hath ennobled his way.

'Tis that freedom of mind, which no vulgar dominion

Can turn from the path a pure conscience approves ;

Which, with hope in the heart, and no chain on the pinion,

Holds upwards its course to the light which it loves.

'Tis this makes the pride of his humble retreat, And, with this, though of all other treasures bereaved,

The breeze of his garden to him is more sweet Than the costliest incense that Pomp e'er received.

Then, come, — if a board so untempting hath power

To win thee from grandeur, its best shall be thine ;

And there's one, long the light of the bard's happy bower,

Who, smiling, will blend her bright welcome with mine.

## SING, SWEET HARP.

SING, sweet Harp, O, sing to me

Some song of ancient days,

Whose sounds, in this sad memory,

Long-buried dreams shall raise ; —

Some lay that tells of vanish'd fame,

Whose light once round us shone ;

Of noble pride, now turn'd to shame,

And hopes forever gone. —

Sing, sad Harp, thus sing to me ;

Alike our doom is cast,

Both lost to all but memory,

We live but in the past.

How mournfully the midnight air

Among thy chords doth sigh,

As if it sought some echo there

Of voices long gone by ; —

Of Chieftains, now forgot, who seem'd

The foremost then in fame ;

Of Bards who, once immortal deem'd,

Now sleep without a name. —

In vain, sad Harp, the midnight air

Among thy chords doth sigh ;

In vain it seeks an echo there

Of voices long gone by.

Could'st thou but call those spirits round,

Who once, in bower and hall,

Sate listening to thy magic sound,

Now mute and mouldering all ; —

But, no ; they would but wake to weep

Their children's slavery ;

Then leave them in their dreamless sleep,

The dead, at least, are free ! —

Hush, hush, sad Harp, that dreary tone,

That knell of Freedom's day ;

Or, listening to its deathlike moan,

Let me, too, die away.

## SONG OF THE BATTLE EVE.

TIME — THE NINTH CENTURY.

To-morrow, comrade, we

On the battle plain must be,

There to conquer, or both lie low !

The morning star is up, —

But there's wine still in the cup,

And we'll take another quaff, ere we go, boy, go,

We'll take another quaff, ere we go.

'Tis true, in manliest eyes

A passing tear will rise,

When we think of the friends we leave lone ;

But what can wailing do ?

See, our goblet's weeping too !

With its tears we'll chase away our own, boy,

our own ;

With its tears we'll chase away our own.

But daylight's stealing on ; —

The last that o'er us shone



Saw our children around us play ;  
 The next — ah ! where shall we  
 And those rosy urchins be ?  
 But — no matter — grasp thy sword and away,  
 boy, away ;  
 No matter — grasp thy sword and away !

Let those, who brook the chain  
 Of Saxon or of Dane,  
 Ignobly by their firesides stay ;  
 One sigh to home be given,  
 One heartfelt prayer to heaven,  
 Then, for Erin and her cause, boy, hurrah !  
 hurrah ! hurrah !  
 Then, for Erin and her cause, hurrah !

### THE WANDERING BARD.

WHAT life like that of the bard can be, —  
 The wandering bard, who roams as free  
 As the mountain lark that o'er him sings,  
 And, like that lark, a music brings  
 Within him, where'er he comes or goes, —  
 A fount that forever flows !  
 The world's to him like some playground,  
 Where fairies dance their moonlight round ; —  
 If dimm'd the turf where late they trod,  
 The elves but seek some greener sod ;  
 So, when less bright his scene of glee,  
 To another away flies he !

O, what would have been young Beauty's doom,  
 Without a bard to fix her bloom ?  
 They tell us, in the moon's bright round,  
 Things lost in this dark world are found ;  
 So charms, on earth long pass'd and gone,  
 In the poet's lay live on. —  
 Would ye have smiles that ne'er grow dim ?  
 You've only to give them all to him,  
 Who, with but a touch of Fancy's wand,  
 Can lend them life, this life beyond,  
 And fix them high, in Poesy's sky, —  
 Young stars that never die !

'Then, welcome the bard where'er he comes, —  
 For, though he hath countless airy homes,  
 To which his wing excursive roves,  
 Yet still, from time to time, he loves  
 To light upon earth and find such cheer  
 As brightens our banquet here.  
 No matter how far, how fleet he flies,  
 You've only to light up kind young eyes,  
 Such signal fires as here are given, —  
 And down he'll drop from Fancy's heaven,

The minute such call to love or mirth  
 Proclaims he's wanting on earth !

### ALONE IN CROWDS TO WANDER ON.

ALONE in crowds to wander on,  
 And feel that all the charm is gone  
 Which voices dear and eyes beloved  
 Shed round us once, where'er we roved —  
 This, this the doom must be  
 Of all who've loved, and lived to see  
 The few bright things they thought would stay  
 Forever near them, die away.

Though fairer forms around us throng,  
 Their smiles to others all belong,  
 And want that charm which dwells alone  
 Round those the fond heart calls its own.  
 Where, where the sunny brow ?  
 The long-known voice — where are they now ?  
 Thus ask I still, nor ask in vain,  
 The silence answers all too plain.

O, what is Fancy's magic worth,  
 If all her art cannot call forth  
 One bliss like those we felt of old  
 From lips now mute, and eyes now cold ?  
 No, no, — her spell is vain, —  
 As soon could she bring back again  
 Those eyes themselves from out the grave,  
 As wake again one bliss they gave.

### I'VE A SECRET TO TELL THEE.

I'VE a secret to tell thee, but hush ! not here, —  
 O, not where the world its vigil keeps :  
 I'll seek, to whisper it in thine ear,  
 Some shore where the Spirit of Silence sleeps ;  
 Where summer's wave unrummuring dies,  
 Nor fay can hear the fountain's gush ;  
 Where, if but a note her night bird sighs,  
 The rose saith, chidingly, " Hush, sweet,  
 hush ! "

There, amid the deep silence of that hour,  
 When stars can be heard in ocean dip,  
 Thyself shall, under some rosy bower,  
 Sit mute, with thy finger on thy lip :  
 Like him, the boy,<sup>1</sup> who born among  
 The flowers that on the Nile stream blush,  
 Sits ever thus, — his only song  
 To earth and heaven, " Hush, all, hush ! "

<sup>1</sup> The God of Silence, thus pictured by the Egyptians.

## SONG OF INNISFAIL.

THEY came from a land beyond the sea,  
 And now o'er the western main  
 Set sail, in their good ships, gallantly,  
 From the sunny land of Spain.  
 "O, where's the Isle we've seen in dreams,  
 "Our destin'd home or grave?"<sup>1</sup>  
 Thus sung they as, by the morning's beams,  
 They swept the Atlantic wave.

And lo, where afar o'er ocean shines  
 A sparkle of radiant green,  
 As though in that deep lay emerald mines,  
 Whose light through the wave was seen.  
 "Tis Innisfail<sup>2</sup> — 'tis Innisfail!"  
 Rings o'er the echoing sea;  
 While, bending to heav'n, the warriors hail  
 That home of the brave and free.

Then turn'd they unto the Eastern wave,  
 Where now their Day God's eye  
 A look of such sunny omen gave  
 As lighted up sea and sky.  
 Nor frown was seen through sky or sea,  
 Nor tear o'er leaf or sod,  
 When first on their Isle of Destiny  
 Our great forefathers trod.

## THE NIGHT DANCE.

STRIKE the gay harp! see the moon is on high,  
 And, as true to her beam as the tides of the  
 ocean,  
 Young hearts, when they feel the soft light of  
 her eye,  
 Obey the mute call, and heave into motion.  
 Then, sound notes — the gayest, the lightest,  
 That ever took wing, when heav'n look'd  
 brightest!

Again! Again!

O, could such heart-stirring music be heard  
 In that City of Statues described by romancers,  
 So wakening its spell, even stone would be stirr'd,  
 And statues themselves all start into dancers!

Why then delay, with such sounds in our ears,  
 And the flower of Beauty's own garden be-  
 fore us, —

<sup>1</sup> "Milesius remembered the remarkable prediction of the principal Druid, who foretold that the posterity of Gadelus should obtain the possession of a Western Island (which was Ireland), and there inhabit." — *Keating*.

While stars overhead leave the song of their  
 spheres,

And list'ning to ours, hang wondering o'er us?  
 Again, that strain! — to hear it thus sounding  
 Might set even Death's cold pulses bounding  
 Again! Again!

O, what delight when the youthful and gay,  
 Each with eye like a sunbeam and foot like a  
 feather,

Thus dance, like the Hours to the music of May,  
 And mingle sweet song and sunshine together!

## THERE ARE SOUNDS OF MIRTH.

THERE are sounds of mirth in the night air ring-  
 ing,

And lamps from every casement shown;  
 While voices blithe within are singing,  
 That seem to say "Come," in every tone.  
 Ah! once how light, in Life's young season,  
 My heart had leap'd at that sweet lay;  
 Nor paus'd to ask of greybeard Reason  
 Should I the siren call obey.

And, see — the lamps still livelier glitter,  
 The siren lips more fondly sound;  
 No, seek, ye nymphs, some victim fitter  
 To sink in your rosy bondage bound.  
 Shall a bard, whom not the world in arms  
 Could bend to tyranny's rude control,  
 Thus quail, at sight of woman's charms,  
 And yield to a smile his free-born soul?

Thus sung the sage, while, slyly stealing,  
 The nymphs their fetters around him cast,  
 And, — their laughing eyes, the while, conceal-  
 ing, —

Led Freedom's Bard their slave at last.  
 For the Poet's heart, still prone to loving,  
 Was like that rock of the Druid race,<sup>3</sup>  
 Which the gentlest touch at once set moving,  
 But all earth's power couldn't cast from its base.

## O, ARRANMORE, LOVED ARRANMORE

O, ARRANMORE, loved Arranmore,  
 How oft I dream of thee,  
 And of those days when, by thy shore,  
 I wander'd young and free.

<sup>2</sup> The Island of Destiny, one of the ancient names of Ireland.

<sup>3</sup> The Rocking Stones of the Druids, some of which no force is able to dislodge from their stations.

Full many a gath I've tried, since then,  
Through pleasure's flowery maze,  
But ne'er could find the bliss again  
I felt in those sweet days.

How blithe upon thy breezy cliffs  
At sunny morn I've stood,  
With heart as bounding as the skiffs  
That danced along thy flood;  
Or, when the western wave grew bright  
With daylight's parting wing,  
Have sought that Eden in its light  
Which dreaming poets sing; <sup>1</sup>—

That Eden where th' immortal brave  
Dwell in a land serene, —  
Whose bow'rs beyond the shining wave,  
At sunset, oft are seen.  
Ah dream too full of sadd'ning truth!  
Those mansions o'er the main  
Are like the hopes I built in youth, —  
As sunny and as vain!

#### LAY HIS SWORD BY HIS SIDE.

LAY his sword by his side,<sup>2</sup>—it hath served  
him too well

Not to rest near his pillow below;  
To the last moment true, from his hand ere it  
fell,

Its point was still turn'd to a flying foe.  
Fellow-lab'ers in life, let them slumber in death,  
Side by side, as becomes the reposing brave, —  
That sword which he loved still unbroke in its  
sheath,  
And himself unsubdued in his grave.

Yet pause — for, in fancy, a still voice I hear,  
As if breathed from his brave heart's remains;  
Faint echo of that which, in Slavery's ear,  
Once sounded the war word, "Burst your  
chains!"

And it cries, from the grave where the hero lies  
deep,

"Though the day of your Chieftain forever  
hath set,

"O leave not his sword thus inglorious to sleep,  
"It hath victory's life in it yet!

<sup>1</sup> "The inhabitants of Arranmore are still persuaded that, in a clear day, they can see from this coast Hy Brysail, or the Enchanted Island, the Paradise of the Pagan Irish, and concerning which they relate a number of romantic stories."  
— *Beaufort's Ancient Topography of Ireland*.

<sup>2</sup> It was the custom of the ancient Irish, in the manner

"Should some alien, unworthy such weapon to  
wield,

"Dare to touch thee, my own gallant sword,  
"Then rest in thy sheath, like a talisman seal'd,  
"Or return to the grave of thy chainless lord.  
"But, if grasp'd by a hand that hath learn'd  
the proud use

"Of a falchion, like thee, on the battle plain,  
"Then, at Liberty's summons, like lightning let  
loose,

"Leap forth from thy dark sheath again!"

#### O, COULD WE DO WITH THIS WORLD OF OURS.

O, COULD we do with this world of ours  
As thou dost with thy garden bowers,  
Reject the weeds and keep the flowers,  
What a heaven on earth we'd make it!  
So bright a dwelling should be our own,  
So warranted free from sigh or frown,  
That angels soon would be coming down,  
By the week or month to take it.

Like those gay flies that wing through air,  
And in themselves a lustre bear,  
A stock of light, still ready there,  
Whenever they wish to use it;  
So, in this world I'd make for thee,  
Our hearts should all like fireflies be,  
And the flash of wit or poesy  
Break forth whenever we choose it.

While ev'ry joy that glads our sphere  
Hath still some shadow hovering near,  
In this new world of ours, my dear,  
Such shadows will all be omitted: —  
Unless they're like that graceful one,  
Which, when thou'rt dancing in the sun,  
Still near thee, leaves a charm upon  
Each spot where it hath flitted!

#### THE WINE CUP IS CIRCLING.

THE wine cup is circling in Almhín's hall,<sup>3</sup>  
And its Chief, 'mid his heroes reclining,

of the Scythians, to bury the favorite swords of their heroes along with them.

<sup>3</sup> The Palace of Fin Mac-Cumhal (the Fingal of Mac-pherson) in Leinster. It was built on the top of the hill, which has retained from thence the name of the Hill of Allen, in the county of Kildare. The Finians, or Fenii,

Looks up, with a sigh, to the trophied wall,  
 Where his sword hangs idly shining.  
 When, hark ! that shout  
 From the vale without, —  
 "Arm ye quick, the Dane, the Dane is nigh !"  
 Ev'ry Chief starts up  
 From his foaming cup,  
 And, "To battle, to battle !" is the Finian's  
 cry.

The minstrels have seized their harps of gold,  
 And they sing such thrilling numbers, —  
 'Tis like the voice of the Brave, of old,  
 Breaking forth from their place of slumbers !  
 Spear to buckler rang,  
 As the minstrels sang,  
 And the Sun-burst<sup>1</sup> o'er them floated wide ;  
 While rememb'ring the yoke  
 Which their fathers broke,  
 "On for liberty, for liberty !" the Finians  
 cried.

Like clouds of the night the Northmen came,  
 O'er the valley of Almhin lowering ;  
 While onward moved, in the light of its fame,  
 That banner of Erin, towering.  
 With the mingling shock  
 Rung cliff and rock,  
 While, rank on rank, the invaders die :  
 And the shout, that last  
 O'er the dying pass'd,  
 Was "victory ! victory !" — the Finian's cry.

#### THE DREAM OF THOSE DAYS.

THE dream of those days when first I sung thee  
 is o'er,  
 Thy triumph hath stain'd the charm thy sor-  
 rows then wore ;  
 And ev'n of the light which Hope once shed  
 o'er thy chains,  
 Alas, not a gleam to grace thy freedom remains.

Say, is it that slavery sunk so deep in thy heart,  
 That still the dark brand is there, though chain-  
 less thou art ;  
 And Freedom's sweet fruit, for which thy spirit  
 long burn'd,  
 Now, reaching at last thy lip, to ashes hath  
 turn'd ?

were the celebrated National Militia of Ireland, which this  
 Chief commanded. The introduction of the Danes in the  
 above song is an anachronism common to most of the Finian  
 and Ossianic legends.

<sup>1</sup> The name given to the banner of the Irish.

Up Liberty's steep by Truth and Eloquence led,  
 With eyes on her temple fix'd, how proud was  
 thy tread !  
 Ah, better thou ne'er had'st lived that summit  
 to gain,  
 Or died in the porch, than thus dishonor the  
 fane.

#### FROM THIS HOUR THE PLEDGE IS GIVEN.

FROM this hour the pledge is given,  
 From this hour my soul is thine :  
 Come what will, from earth or heaven,  
 Weal or woe, thy fate be mine.  
 When the proud and great stood by thee,  
 None dared thy rights to spurn ;  
 And if now they're false and fly thee,  
 Shall I, too, basely turn ?  
 No ; — whate'er the fires that try thee,  
 In the same this heart shall burn.

Though the sea, where thou embarkest,  
 Offers now no friendly shore,  
 Light may come where all looks darkest,  
 Hope hath life, when life seems o'er.  
 And, of those past ages dreaming,  
 When glory deck'd thy brow,  
 Oft I fondly think, though seeming  
 So fall'n and clouded now,  
 Thou'lt again break forth, all beaming, —  
 None so bright, so blest as thou !

#### SILENCE IS IN OUR FESTAL HALLS<sup>2</sup>

SILENCE is in our festal halls, —  
 Sweet Son of Song ! thy course is o'er ;  
 In vain on thee sad Erin calls,  
 Her minstrel's voice responds no more ; --  
 All silent as th' Eolian shell  
 Sleeps at the close of some bright day,  
 When the sweet breeze, that wak'd its swell  
 At sunny morn, hath died away.

Yet, at our feasts, thy spirit long,  
 A wak'd by music's spell, shall rise ;  
 For, name so link'd with deathless song  
 Partakes its charm and never dies :  
 And ev'n within the holy fane,  
 When music wafts the soul to heaven,

<sup>2</sup> It is hardly necessary, perhaps, to inform the reader,  
 that these lines are meant as a tribute of sincere friendship  
 to the memory of an old and valued colleague in this work  
 Sir John Stevenson.

One thought to him, whose earliest strain  
Was echoed there, shall long be given.

But, where is now the cheerful day,  
The social night, when, by thy side,  
He, who now weaves this parting lay,  
His skillless voice with thine allied ;  
And sung those songs whose every tone,  
When bard and minstrel long have pass'd  
Shall still, in sweetness all their own,  
Embalm'd by fame, undying last.

Yes, Erin, thine alone the fame, —  
Or, if thy bard have shared the crown,  
From thee the borrow'd glory came,  
And at thy feet is now laid down.  
Enough, if Freedom still inspire  
His latest song, and still there be,  
As evening closes round his lyre,  
One ray upon its chords from thee.

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## APPENDIX:

CONTAINING

### THE ADVERTISEMENTS

ORIGINALLY PREFIXED TO THE DIFFERENT  
NUMBERS,

AND

THE PREFATORY LETTER ON IRISH MUSIC.

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### ADVERTISEMENT

PREFIXED TO THE FIRST AND SECOND NUMBERS.

POWER takes the liberty of announcing to the Public a Work which has long been a *Desideratum* in this country. Though the beauties of the National Music of Ireland have been very generally felt and acknowledged, yet it has happened, through the want of appropriate English words, and of the arrangement necessary to adapt them to the voice, that many of the most excellent compositions have hitherto remained in obscurity. It is intended, therefore, to form a Collection of the best Original Irish Melodies, with characteristic Symphonies and Accompaniments; and with Words containing, as fre-

quently as possible, allusions to the manners and history of the country. Sir John Stevenson has very kindly consented to undertake the arrangement of the Airs; and the lovers of Simple National Music may rest secure, that in such tasteful hands, the native charms of the original melody will not be sacrificed to the ostentation of science.

In the Poetical part, Power has had promises of assistance from several distinguished Literary Characters; particularly from Mr. Moore, whose lyrical talent is so peculiarly suited to such a task, and whose zeal in the undertaking will be best understood from the following Extract of a Letter which he has addressed to Sir John Stevenson on the subject: —

“ I feel very anxious that a work of this kind should be undertaken. We have too long neglected the only talent for which our English neighbors ever deigned to allow us any credit. Our National Music has never been properly collected;<sup>1</sup> and, while the composers of the Continent have enriched their Operas and Sonatas with Melodies borrowed from Ireland, — very often without even the honesty of acknowledgment, — we have left these treasures, in a great degree, unclaimed and fugitive. Thus our Airs, like too many of our countrymen, have, for want of protection at home, passed into the service of foreigners. But we are come, I hope, to a better period of both Politics and Music; and how much they are connected, in Ireland at least, appears too plainly in the tone of sorrow and depression which characterizes most of our early Songs.

“ The task which you propose to me, of adapting words to these airs, is by no means easy. The Poet, who would follow the various sentiments which they express, must feel and understand that rapid fluctuation of spirits, that unaccountable mixture of gloom and levity, which composes the character of my countrymen, and has deeply tinged their Music. Even in their liveliest strains we find some melancholy note intrude, — some minor Third or flat Seventh, — which throws its shade as it passes, and makes even mirth interesting. If Burns had been an Irishman (and I would willingly give up all our claims upon Ossian for him), his heart would have been proud of such music, and his genius would have made it immortal.

<sup>1</sup> The writer forgot, when he made this assertion, that the public are indebted to Mr. Bunting for a very valuable collection of Irish Music; and that the patriotic genius of

Miss Owenson has been employed upon some of our finest airs.



“ Another difficulty (which is, however, purely mechanical) arises from the irregular structure of many of those airs, and the lawless kind of metre which it will in consequence be necessary to adapt to them. In these instances the Poet must write, not to the eye, but to the ear; and must be content to have his verses of that description which Cicero mentions, ‘*Quos si cantu spoliaveris nuda remanebit oratio.*’ That beautiful Air, ‘The Twisting of the Rope,’ which has all the romantic character of the Swiss *Ranz des Vaches*, is one of those wild and sentimental rakes which it will not be very easy to tie down in sober wedlock with Poetry. However, notwithstanding all these difficulties, and the very moderate portion of talent which I can bring to surmount them, the design appears to me so truly National, that I shall feel much pleasure in giving it all the assistance in my power.

“ Leicestershire, Feb. 1807.”

#### ADVERTISEMENT

TO THE THIRD NUMBER.

In presenting the Third Number of this work to the Public, Power begs leave to offer his acknowledgments for the very liberal patronage with which it has been honored; and to express a hope that the unabated zeal of those who have hitherto so admirably conducted it, will enable him to continue it through many future Numbers with equal spirit, variety, and taste. The stock of popular Melodies is far from being exhausted; and there is still in reserve an abundance of beautiful Airs, which call upon Mr. Moore, in the language he so well understands, to save them from the oblivion to which they are hastening.

Power respectfully trusts he will not be thought presumptuous in saying, that he feels proud, as an Irishman, in even the very subordinate share which he can claim, in promoting a Work so creditable to the talents of the Country, — a Work which, from the spirit of nationality it breathes, will do more, he is convinced, towards liberalizing the feelings of society, and producing that brotherhood of sentiment which it is so much our interest to cherish, than could ever be effected by the mere arguments of well-intentioned but uninteresting politicians.

#### LETTER

TO

THE MARCHIONESS DOWAGER OF DONEGAL,

PREFIXED TO THE THIRD NUMBER.

WHILE the publisher of these Melodies very properly inscribes them to the Nobility and Gentry of Ireland in general, I have much pleasure in selecting *one* from that number, to whom *my* share of the Work is particularly dedicated. I know that, though your Ladyship has been so long absent from Ireland, you still continue to remember it well and warmly, — that you have not suffered the attractions of English society to produce, like the taste of the lotus, any forgetfulness of your own country, but that even the humble tribute which I offer derives its chief claim upon your interest and sympathy from the appeal which it makes to your patriotism. Indeed, absence, however fatal to some affections of the heart, rather tends to strengthen our love for the land where we were born; and Ireland is the country, of all others, which an exile from it must remember with most enthusiasm. Those few darker and less amiable traits with which bigotry and misrule have stained her character, and which are too apt to disgust us upon a nearer intercourse, become at a distance softened, or altogether invisible. Nothing is remembered but her virtues and her misfortunes, — the zeal with which she has always loved liberty, and the barbarous policy which has always withheld it from her, the ease with which her generous spirit might be conciliated, and the cruel ingenuity which has been exerted to “ wring her into undutifulness.”<sup>1</sup>

It has been often remarked, and still oftener felt, that in our music is found the truest of all comments upon our history. The tone of defiance, succeeded by the languor of despondency, — a burst of turbulence dying away into softness, — the sorrows of one moment lost in the levity of the next, — and all that romantic mixture of mirth and sadness, which is naturally produced by the efforts of a lively temperament to shake off, or forget, the wrongs which lie upon it. Such are the features of our history and character, which we find strongly

<sup>1</sup> A phrase which occurs in a Letter from the Earl of Desmond to the Earl of Ormond, in Elizabeth's time. — *Scrinia Sacra*, as quoted by Curry.

and faithfully reflected in our music; and there are even many airs, which it is difficult to listen to, without recalling some period or event to which their expression seems applicable. Sometimes, for instance, when the strain is open and spirited, yet here and there shaded by a mournful recollection, we can fancy that we behold the brave allies of Montrose,<sup>1</sup> marching to the aid of the royal cause, notwithstanding all the perfidy of Charles and his ministers, and remembering just enough of past sufferings to enhance the generosity of their present sacrifice. The plaintive melodies of Carolan takes us back to the times in which he lived, when our poor countrymen were driven to worship their God in caves, or to quit forever the land of their birth, — like the bird that abandons the nest which human touch has violated. In many of these mournful songs we seem to hear the last farewell of the exile,<sup>2</sup> mingling regret for the ties which he leaves at home, with sanguine hopes of the high honors that await him abroad, — such honors as were won on the field of Fontenoy, where the valor of Irish Catholics turned the fortune of the day, and extorted from George the Second that memorable exclamation, “Cursed be the laws which deprive me of such subjects!”

Though much has been said of the antiquity of our music, it is certain that our finest and most popular airs are modern; and perhaps we may look no further than the last disgraceful century for the origin of most of those wild and melancholy strains, which were at once the

offspring and solace of grief, and were applied to the mind as music was formerly to the body, “decantare loca dolentia.” Mr. Pinkerton is of opinion<sup>3</sup> that none of the Scotch popular airs are as old as the middle of the sixteenth century; and though musical antiquaries refer us, for some of our melodies, to so early a period as the fifth century, I am persuaded that there are few, of a *civilized* description, (and by this I mean to exclude all the savage Ceanans, Cries,<sup>4</sup> &c.) which can claim quite so ancient a date as Mr. Pinkerton allows to the Scotch. But music is not the only subject upon which our taste for antiquity has been rather unreasonably indulged; and, however heretical it may be to dissent from these romantic speculations, I cannot help thinking that it is possible to love our country very zealously, and to feel deeply interested in her honor and happiness, without believing that Irish was the language spoken in Paradise;<sup>5</sup> that our ancestors were kind enough to take the trouble of polishing the Greeks,<sup>6</sup> or that Abaris, the Hyperborean, was a native of the North of Ireland.<sup>7</sup>

By some of these zealous antiquarians it has been imagined that the Irish were early acquainted with counterpoint;<sup>8</sup> and they endeavor to support this conjecture by a well-known passage in Giraldus, where he dilates, with such elaborate praise, upon the beauties of our national minstrelsy. But the terms of this eulogy are much too vague, too deficient in technical accuracy, to prove that even Giraldus himself knew any thing of the artifice of coun-

<sup>1</sup> There are some gratifying accounts of the gallantry of these Irish auxiliaries in “The complete History of the Wars in Scotland under Montrose” (1660). See particularly, for the conduct of an Irishman at the battle of Aberdeen, chap. vi. p. 49; and for a tribute to the bravery of Colonel O’Kyan, chap. vii. 55. Clarendon owns that the Marquis of Montrose was indebted for much of his miraculous success to the small band of Irish heroes under Macdonnell.

<sup>2</sup> The associations of the Hindu music, though more obvious and defined, were far less touching and characteristic. They divided their songs according to the seasons of the year, by which (says Sir William Jones) “they were able to recall the memory of autumnal merriment, at the close of the harvest, or of separation and melancholy during the cold months,” &c. — *Asiatic Transactions*, vol. iii. on the Musical Modes of the Hindus. — What the Abbé du Bos says of the symphonies of Lully, may be asserted, with much more probability, of our bold and impassioned airs: — “Elles auroient produit de ces effets, qui nous paroissent fabuleux dans le récit des anciens, si on les avoit fait entendre à des hommes d’un naturel aussi vif que les Athéniens.” — *Réflex. sur la Peinture*, &c. tom. i. sect. 45.

<sup>3</sup> Dissertation, prefixed to the 2d volume of his *Scottish Ballads*.

<sup>4</sup> Of which some genuine specimens may be found at the end of Mr. Walker’s *Work upon the Irish Bards*. Mr. Bunting has disfigured his last splendid volume by too many of these barbarous rhapsodies.

<sup>5</sup> See Advertisement to the *Translations of the Gaelic Society of Dublin*.

<sup>6</sup> O’Halloran, vol. i. part iv. chap. viii.

<sup>7</sup> *Id. ib.* chap. vi.

<sup>8</sup> It is also supposed, but with as little proof, that they understood the diésis, or enharmonic interval. — The Greeks seem to have formed their ears to this delicate gradation of sound; and whatever difficulties or objections may lie in the way of its *practical* use, we must agree with Mersenne, (*Préludes de l’Harmonie*, quest. 7,) that the *theory* of Music would be imperfect without it. Even in practice, too, as Tosi, among others, very justly remarks, (*Observations on Florid Song*, chap. i. sect. 16,) there is no good performer on the violin who does not make a sensible difference between D sharp and E flat, though, from the imperfection of the instrument, they are the same notes upon the piano forte. The effect of modulation by enharmonic transitions is also very striking and beautiful.

terpoint. There are many expressions in the Greek and Latin writers which might be cited, with much more plausibility, to prove that they understood the arrangement of music in parts; <sup>1</sup> and it is in general now conceded, I believe, by the learned, that however grand and pathetic the melody of the ancients may have been, it was reserved for the ingenuity of modern Science to transmit the "light of Song" through the variegating prism of Harmony.

Indeed, the irregular scale of the early Irish (in which, as in the music of Scotland, the interval of the fourth was wanting, <sup>2</sup>) must have furnished but wild and refractory subjects to the harmonist. It was only when the invention of Guido began to be known, and the powers of the harp <sup>3</sup> were enlarged by additional strings, that our airs can be supposed to have assumed the sweet character which interests us at present; and while the Scotch persevered in the old mutilation of the scale, <sup>4</sup> our music became by degrees more amenable to the laws of harmony and counterpoint.

While profiting, however, by the improvements of the moderns, our style still keeps its original character sacred from their refinements;

<sup>1</sup> The words *ποικιλία ἑτεροφωνία*, in a passage of Plato, and some expressions of Cicero in Fragment, lib. ii. de Republ., induced the Abbé Fraguier to maintain that the ancients had a knowledge of counterpoint. M. Burette, however, has answered him, I think, satisfactorily. (Examen d'un Passage de Platon, in the 3d vol. of Histoire de l'Acad.) M. Huet is of opinion (Pensées Diverses), that what Cicero says of the music of the spheres, in his dream of Scipio, is sufficient to prove an acquaintance with harmony; but one of the strongest passages, which I recollect, in favor of this supposition, occurs in the Treatise (Περὶ Κόσμου) attributed to Aristotle — *Μουσική δὲ οὐχὶς ἄμα καὶ βαρεῖς, κ. τ. λ.*

<sup>2</sup> Another lawless peculiarity of our music is the frequent occurrence of, what composers call, consecutive fifths; but this, I must say, is an irregularity which can hardly be avoided by persons not conversant with all the rules of composition. If I may venture, indeed, to cite my own wild attempts in this way, it is a fault which I find myself continually committing, and which has even, at times, appeared so pleasing to my ear, that I have surrendered it to the critic with no small reluctance. May there not be a little pedantry in adhering too rigidly to this rule? — I have been told that there are instances in Haydn, of an undisguised succession of fifths; and Mr. Shield, in his Introduction to Harmony, seems to intimate that Handel has been sometimes guilty of the same irregularity.

<sup>3</sup> A singular oversight occurs in an Essay upon the Irish Harp, by Mr. Beauford, which is inserted in the Appendix to Walker's Historical Memoirs: — "The Irish (says he) according to Brompton, in the reign of Henry II had two kinds of Harps, ἑβερνίσι tamen in duobus musici generis instrumentis, quamvis præcipitem et velocem, suavem tamen et jucundum: the one greatly bold and quick, the other soft and pleasing." — How a man of Mr. Beauford's learning

and though Carolan, it appears, had frequent opportunities of hearing the works of Gemiani and other great masters, we but rarely find him sacrificing his native simplicity to any ambition of their ornaments, or affectation of their science. In that curious composition, indeed, called his Concerto, it is evident that he labored to imitate Corelli; and this union of manners, so very dissimilar, produces the same kind of uneasy sensation which is felt at a mixture of different styles of architecture. In general, however, the artless flow of our music has preserved itself free from all tinge of foreign innovation; <sup>5</sup> and the chief corruptions of which we have to complain arise from the unskilful performance of our own itinerant musicians, from whom, too frequently, the airs are noted down, encumbered by their tasteless decorations, and responsible for all their ignorant anomalies. Though it be sometimes impossible to trace the original strain, yet, in most of them, "auri per ramos *aura* refulget," <sup>6</sup> the pure gold of the melody shines through the ungraceful foliage which surrounds it, — and the most delicate and difficult duty of a compiler is to endeavor, by retrenching these inelegant super-

could so mistake the meaning, and mutilate the grammatical construction of this extract, is unaccountable. The following is the passage as I find it entire in Brompton; and it requires but little Latin to perceive the injustice which has been done to the words of the old Chronicler: — "Et cum Scotia, hujus terræ filia, utatur lyrà, tympano et choro, ac Wallia cythara, tubis et choro Hibernici tamen in duobus musici generis instrumentis, *quamvis præcipitem et velocem, suavem tamen et jucundam*, crispatis modulis et intricatis notulis, *efficiunt harmoniam.*" — Hist. Anglic. Script. page 1075. I should not have thought this error worth remarking, but that the compiler of the Dissertation on the Harp, prefixed to Mr. Bunting's last Work, has adopted it implicitly.

<sup>4</sup> The Scotch lay claim to some of our best airs, but there are strong traits of difference between their melodies and ours. They had formerly the same passion for robbing us of our Saints, and the learned Dempster was for this offence called "The Saint Stealer." It must have been some Irishman, I suppose, who, by the way of reprisal, stole Dempster's beautiful wife from him at Pisa. — See this anecdote in the *Pinacotheca* of Erythræus, part. i. page 25.

<sup>5</sup> Among other false refinements of the art, our music (with the exception perhaps of the air called "Mamma, Mamma," and one or two more of the same ludicrous description,) has avoided that puerile mimicry of natural noises, motions, &c. which disgraces so often the works of even Handel himself. D'Alembert ought to have had better taste than to become the patron of this imitative affectation. *Discours Préliminaire de l'Encyclopédie*. The reader may find some good remarks on the subject in Avison upon Musical Expression; a work which, though under the name of Avison, was written, it is said, by Dr. Brown.

<sup>6</sup> Virgil, *Æneid*, lib. vi. verse 204.

fluties, and collating the various methods of playing or singing each air, to restore the regularity of its form, and the chaste simplicity of its character.

I must again observe, that in doubting the antiquity of our music, my scepticism extends but to those polished specimens of the art, which it is difficult to conceive anterior to the dawn of modern improvement; and that I would by no means invalidate the claims of Ireland to as early a rank in the annals of minstrelsy, as the most zealous antiquary may be inclined to allow her. In addition, indeed, to the power which music must always have possessed over the minds of a people so ardent and susceptible, the stimulus of persecution was not wanting to quicken our taste into enthusiasm; the charms of song were ennobled with the glories of martyrdom, and the acts against minstrels, in the reigns of Henry VIII. and Elizabeth, were as successful, I doubt not, in making my countrymen musicians, as the penal laws have been in keeping them Catholics.

With respect to the verses which I have written for these Melodies, as they are intended rather to be sung than read, I can answer for their sound with somewhat more confidence than for their sense. Yet it would be affectation to deny that I have given much attention to the task, and that it is not through any want of zeal or industry, if I unfortunately disgrace the sweet airs of my country, by poetry altogether unworthy of their taste, their energy, and their tenderness.

Though the humble nature of my contributions to this work may exempt them from the rigors of literary criticism, it was not to be expected that those touches of political feeling, those tones of national complaint, in which the poetry sometimes sympathizes with the music, would be suffered to pass without censure or alarm. It has been accordingly said, that the tendency of this publication is mischievous,<sup>1</sup> and that I have chosen these airs but as a vehicle of dangerous politics, — as fair and precious vessels (to borrow an image of St. Augustin),<sup>2</sup> from which the wine of error might be administered. To those who identify nationality with treason, and who see, in every effort for Ireland, a system of hostility towards England, — to

those, too, who, nursed in the gloom of prejudice are alarmed by the faintest gleam of liberality that threatens to disturb their darkness, — like that Demophon of old, who, when the sun shone upon him, shivered,<sup>3</sup> — to such men I shall not condescend to offer an apology for the too great warmth of any political sentiment which may occur in the course of these pages. But as there are many, among the more wise and tolerant, who, with feeling enough to mourn over the wrongs of their country, and sense enough to perceive all the danger of not redressing them, may yet be of opinion that allusions, in the least degree inflammatory, should be avoided in a publication of this popular description — I beg of these respected persons to believe, that there is no one who more sincerely deprecates than I do, any appeal to the passions of an ignorant and angry multitude; but that it is not through that gross and inflammable region of society, a work of this nature could ever have been intended to circulate. It looks much higher for its audience and readers, — it is found upon the piano fortes of the rich and the educated, — of those who can afford to have their national zeal a little stimulated, without exciting much dread of the excesses into which it may hurry them; and of many whose nerves may be, now and then, alarmed with advantage, as much more is to be gained by their fears, than could ever be expected from their justice.

Having thus adverted to the principal objection, which has been hitherto made to the poetical part of this work, allow me to add a few words in defence of my ingenious coadjutor, Sir John Stevenson, who has been accused of having spoiled the simplicity of the airs by the chromatic richness of his symphonies, and the elaborate variety of his harmonies. We might cite the example of the admirable Haydn, who has sported through all the mazes of musical science, in his arrangement of the simplest Scottish melodies; but it appears to me, that Sir John Stevenson has brought to this task an innate and national feeling, which it would be vain to expect from a foreigner, however tasteful or judicious. Through many of his own compositions we trace a vein of Irish sentiment, which points him out as peculiarly suited to catch the spirit of his country's music; and

<sup>1</sup> See Letters, under the signatures of Timæus, &c. in the *Morning Post*, *Pilot*, and other papers.

<sup>2</sup> “Non accuso verba, quasi vasa etecta atque pretiosa; sed vinum erroris quod cum eis nobis propinatur.” — Lib. i. Confess. chap. xvi.

<sup>3</sup> This emblem of modern bigots was head butler (τραπέζοπαῖος) to Alexander the Great. — *Sezt. Empir. Pyrrh. Hypoth. Lib. 1.*



far from agreeing with those fastidious critics who think that his symphonies have nothing kindred with the airs which they introduce, I would say that, on the contrary, they resemble, in general, those illuminated initials of old manuscripts, which are of the same character with the writing which follows, though more highly colored and more curiously ornamented.

In those airs, which he has arranged for voices, his skill has particularly distinguished itself, and, though it cannot be denied that a single melody most naturally expresses the language of feeling and passion, yet often, when a favorite strain has been dismissed, as having lost its charm of novelty for the ear, it returns, in a harmonized shape, with new claims on our interest and attention; and to those who study the delicate artifices of composition, the construction of the inner parts of these pieces must afford, I think, considerable satisfaction. Every voice has an air to itself, a flowing succession of notes, which might be heard with pleasure, independently of the rest;—so artfully has the harmonist (if I may thus express it) *gavelled* the melody, distributing an equal portion of its sweetness to every part.

If your Ladyship's love of Music were not well known to me, I should not have hazarded so long a letter upon the subject; but as, probably, I may have presumed too far upon your partiality, the best revenge you now can take is to write me just as long a letter upon Painting; and I promise to attend to your theory of the art, with a pleasure only surpassed by that which I have so often derived from your practice of it.—May the mind which such talents adorn, continue calm as it is bright, and happy as it is virtuous!

Believe me, your Ladyship's  
Grateful Friend and Servant,  
THOMAS MOORE.

#### ADVERTISEMENT

TO THE FOURTH NUMBER.

THIS number of the Melodies ought to have appeared much earlier; and the writer of the words is ashamed to confess, that the delay of its publication must be imputed chiefly, if not entirely, to him. He finds it necessary to make this avowal, not only for the purpose of removing all blame from the Publisher, but in consequence of a rumor, which has been circulated industriously in Dublin, that the Irish

Government had interfered to prevent the continuance of the Work.

This would be, indeed, a revival of Henry the Eighth's enactments against Minstrels, and it is flattering to find that so much importance is attached to our compilation, even by such persons as the inventors of the report. Bishop Lowth, it is true, was of opinion that *one* song, like the *Hymn to Harmodius*, would have done more towards rousing the spirit of the Romans, than *all* the Philippics of Cicero. But we live in wiser and less musical times; ballads have long lost their revolutionary powers, and we question if even a "Lillibullero" would produce any very *serious* consequences at present. It is needless, therefore, to add, that there is no truth in the report; and we trust that whatever belief it obtained was founded more upon the character of the *Government* than of the *Work*.

The Airs of the last Number, though full of originality and beauty, were, in general, perhaps, too curiously selected to become all at once as popular as, we think, they deserve to be. The public are apt to be reserved towards new acquaintances in music, and this, perhaps, is one of the reasons why many modern composers introduce none but old friends to their notice. It is, indeed, natural that persons, who love music only by association, should be somewhat slow in feeling the charms of a new and strange melody; while those, on the other hand, who have a quick sensibility for this enchanting art, will as naturally seek and enjoy novelty, because in every variety of strain they find a fresh combination of ideas; and the sound has scarcely reached the ear, before the heart has as rapidly rendered it into imagery and sentiment. After all, however, it cannot be denied that the most popular of our National Airs are also the most beautiful; and it has been our wish, in the present Number, to select from those Melodies only which have long been listened to and admired. The least known in the collection is the Air of "*Love's Young Dream*;" but it will be found, I think, one of those easy and artless strangers whose merit the heart instantly acknowledges.

T. M.

Bury Street, St. James,  
Nov. 1811.

#### ADVERTISEMENT

TO THE FIFTH NUMBER.

It is but fair to those, who take an interest in this Work, to state that it is now very near



its termination, and that the Sixth Number, which shall speedily appear, will, most probably, be the last of the series. Three volumes will then have been completed, according to the original plan, and the Proprietors desire me to say that a List of Subscribers will be published with the concluding Number.

It is not so much, I must add, from a want of materials, and still less from any abatement of zeal or industry, that we have adopted the resolution of bringing our task to a close; but we feel so proud, still more for our country's sake than our own, of the general interest which this purely Irish Work has excited, and so anxious lest a particle of that interest should be lost by too long a protraction of its existence, that we think it wiser to take away the cup from the lip, while its flavor is yet, we trust, fresh and sweet, than to risk any further trial of the charm, or give so much as not to leave some wish for more. In speaking thus, I allude entirely to the *Airs*, which are, of course, the main attraction of these Volumes; and though we have still a great many popular and delightful Melodies to produce,<sup>1</sup> it cannot be denied that we should soon experience considerable difficulty in equalling the richness and novelty of the earlier numbers, for which, as we had the choice of all before us, we naturally selected only the most rare and beautiful. The Poetry, too, would be sure to sympathize with the decline of the Music; and, however feebly my words have kept pace with the *excellence* of the *Airs*, they would follow their *falling off*, I fear, with wonderful alacrity. Both pride and prudence, therefore, counsel us to come to a close, while yet our Work is, we believe, flourishing and attractive, and thus, in the imperial attitude, "*stantes mori*," before we incur the charge either of altering for the worse, or what is equally unpardonable, continuing too long the same.

We beg to say, however, that it is only in the event of our failing to find *Airs* as good as most of those we have given, that we mean thus to anticipate the natural period of dissolution (like those Indians who when their relatives become worn out, put them to death); and they who are desirous of retarding this Euthanasia of the Irish Melodies cannot better effect their wish than by contributing to our collec-

tion, — not what are called curious *Airs*, for we have abundance of such, and they are, in general, *only* curious, — but any real sweet and expressive Songs of our Country, which either chance or research may have brought into their hands.

T. M.

Mayfield Cottage, Ashbourne  
December, 1813.

## ADVERTISEMENT

TO THE SIXTH NUMBER.

IN presenting this Sixth Number to the Public as our last, and bidding adieu to the Irish Harp forever, we shall not answer very confidently for the strength of our resolution, nor feel quite sure that it may not turn out to be one of those eternal farewells which a lover takes occasionally of his mistress, merely to enhance, perhaps, the pleasure of their next meeting. Our only motive, indeed, for discontinuing the Work was a fear that our treasures were nearly exhausted, and a natural unwillingness to descend to the gathering of mere seed pearl, after the really precious gems it has been our lot to string together. The announcement, however, of this intention, in our Fifth Number, has excited a degree of anxiety in the lovers of Irish Music, not only pleasant and flattering, but highly useful to us; for the various contributions we have received in consequence, have enriched our collection with so many choice and beautiful *Airs*, that should we adhere to our present resolution of publishing no more, it would certainly furnish an instance of forbearance unexampled in the history of poets and musicians. To one Gentleman in particular, who has been for many years resident in England, but who has not forgot, among his various pursuits, either the language or the melodies of his native country, we beg to offer our best thanks for the many interesting communications with which he has favored us. We trust that neither he nor any other of our kind friends will relax in those efforts by which we have been so considerably assisted; for, though our work must now be looked upon as defunct, yet — as Reaumur found out the art of making the cicada sing after it was dead — it is just

<sup>1</sup> Among these is *Savourna Deelish*, which I have been hitherto only withheld from selecting by the diffidence I feel in treading upon the same ground with Mr. Campbell, whose beautiful words to this fine Air have taken too strong pos-

session of all ears and hearts, for me to think of following in his footsteps with any success. I suppose, however, as a matter of duty, I must attempt the air for our next Number.

possible that we may, some time or other, try a similar experiment upon the Irish Melodies.

T. M.

*Mayfield, Ashbourne,  
March, 1815.*

#### ADVERTISEMENT

TO THE SEVENTH NUMBER.

HAD I consulted only my own judgment, this Work would not have extended beyond the Six Numbers already published; which contain the flower, perhaps, of our national melodies, and have now attained a rank in public favor, of which I would not willingly risk the forfeiture, by degenerating, in any way, from those merits that were its source. Whatever treasures of our music were still in reserve, (and it will be seen, I trust, that they are numerous and valuable,) I would gladly have left to future poets to glean, and, with the ritual words "*tibi trado,*" would have delivered up the torch into other hands, before it had lost much of its light in my own. But the call for a continuance of the work has been, as I understand from the Publisher, so general, and we have received so many contributions of old and beautiful airs,<sup>1</sup> — the suppression of which, for the enhancement of those we have published, would too much resemble the policy of the Dutch in burning their spices, — that I have been persuaded, though not without much diffidence in my success, to commence a new series of the Irish Melodies.

T. M.

<sup>1</sup> One Gentleman, in particular, whose name I shall feel happy in being allowed to mention, has not only sent us nearly forty ancient airs, but has communicated many curious fragments of Irish poetry, and some interesting tradi-

#### DEDICATION

TO THE MARCHIONESS OF HEADFORT,  
PREFIXED TO THE TENTH NUMBER.

It is with a pleasure, not unmixed with melancholy, that I dedicate the last Number of the Irish Melodies to your Ladyship; nor can I have any doubt that the feelings with which you receive the tribute will be of the same mingled and saddened tone. To you, — who, though but little beyond the season of childhood, when the earlier numbers of this work appeared, — lent the aid of your beautiful voice, and, even then, exquisite feeling for music, to the happy circle who met, to sing them together, under your father's roof, the gratification, whatever it may be, which this humble offering brings, cannot be otherwise than darkened by the mournful reflection, how many of the voices, which then joined with ours, are now silent in death!

I am not without hope that, as far as regards the grace and spirit of the Melodies, you will find this closing portion of the work not unworthy of what has preceded it. The Sixteen Airs, of which the Number and the Supplement consists, have been selected from the immense mass of Irish music, which has been for years past accumulating in my hands; and it was from a desire to include all that appeared most worthy of preservation, that the four supplementary songs which follow this Tenth Number have been added.

Trusting that I may yet again, in remembrance of old times, hear our voices together in some of the harmonized airs of this Volume, I have the honor to subscribe myself,

Your Ladyship's faithful Friend and Servant,  
THOMAS MOORE.

*Sloperton Cottage,  
May, 1834.*

tions current in the country where he resides, illustrated by sketches of the romantic scenery to which they refer; all of which, though too late for the present Number, will be of infinite service to us in the prosecution of our task.

## NATIONAL AIRS.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

It is Cicero, I believe, who says "*naturâ ad modos ducimur*;" and the abundance of wild, indigenous airs, which almost every country, except England, possesses, sufficiently proves the truth of his assertion. The lovers of this simple, but interesting kind of music, are here presented with the first number of a collection, which, I trust, their contributions will enable us to continue. A pretty air without words resembles one of those *half* creatures of Plato, which are described as wandering in search of the remainder of themselves through the world. To supply this other half, by uniting with congenial words the many fugitive melodies which have hitherto had none, — or only such as are unintelligible to the generality of their hearers, — is the object and ambition of the present work. Neither is it our intention to confine ourselves to what are strictly called National Melodies, but, wherever we meet with any wandering and beautiful air, to which poetry has not yet assigned a worthy home, we shall venture to claim it as an *stray* swan, and enrich our humble Hippocrene with its song.

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T. M.

A TEMPLE TO FRIENDSHIP.<sup>1</sup>

(SPANISH AIR.)

"A TEMPLE to Friendship," said Laura, enchanted,

"I'll build in this garden, — the thought is divine!"

Her temple was built, and she now only wanted  
An image of Friendship to place on the shrine.  
She flew to a sculptor, who set down before her  
A Friendship, the fairest his art could invent;

But so cold and so dull, that the youthful  
adorer

Saw plainly this was not the idol she meant.

<sup>1</sup> The thought is taken from a song by Le Prieur, called "La Statue de l'Amitié."

"O, never," she cried, "could I think of enshrining

"An image, whose looks are so joyless and dim; —

"But you little god, upon roses reclining,

"We'll make, if you please, Sir, a Friendship of him."

So the bargain was struck; with the little god laden

She joyfully flew to her shrine in the grove:

"Farewell," said the sculptor, "you're not the first maiden

"Who came but for Friendship and took away Love."

## FLOW ON, THOU SHINING RIVER.

(PORTUGUESE AIR.)

Flow on, thou shining river;

But, ere thou reach the sea,

Seek Ella's bower, and give her

The wreaths I fling o'er thee.

And tell her thus, if she'll be mine,

The current of our lives shall be,

With joys along their course to slume,

Like those sweet flowers on thee.

But if, in wandering thither,

Thou find'st she mocks my prayer,

Then leave those wreaths to wither

Upon the cold bank there;

And tell her thus, when youth is o'er,

Her lone and loveless charms shall be

Thrown by upon life's weedy shore,

Like those sweet flowers from thee.

## ALL THAT'S BRIGHT MUST FADE

(INDIAN AIR.)

ALL that's bright must fade, —

The brightest still the faintest;

All that's sweet was made,

But to be lost when sweetest.

Stars that shine and fall; —

The flower that drops in springing;

These, alas! are types of all

To which our hearts are clinging.

All that's bright must fade, —  
 The brightest still the fleetest;  
 All that's sweet was made  
 But to be lost when sweetest!

Who would seek or prize  
 Delights that end in aching?  
 Who would trust to ties  
 That every hour are breaking?  
 Better far to be  
 In utter darkness lying,  
 Than to be bless'd with light and see  
 That light forever flying.  
 All that's bright must fade, —  
 The brightest still the fleetest;  
 All that's sweet was made  
 But to be lost when sweetest!

SO WARMLY WE MET.

(HUNGARIAN AIR.)

So warmly we met and so fondly we parted,  
 That which was the sweeter ev'n I could not  
 tell, —  
 That first look of welcome her sunny eyes  
 darted,  
 Or that tear of passion, which bless'd our  
 farewell.  
 To meet was a heaven, and to part thus  
 another, —  
 Our joy and our sorrow seem'd rivals in bliss;  
 O, Cupid's two eyes are not liker each other  
 In smiles and in tears, than that moment to  
 this.

The first was like daybreak, new, sudden, deli-  
 cious, —  
 The dawn of a pleasure scarce kindled up  
 yet;  
 The last like the farewell of daylight, more  
 precious,  
 More glowing and deep, as 'tis nearer its set.  
 Our meeting, though happy, was tinged by a  
 sorrow  
 To think that such happiness could not re-  
 main;  
 While our parting, though sad, gave a hope that  
 to-morrow  
 Would bring back the bless'd hour of meeting  
 again.

<sup>1</sup> This is one of the many instances among my lyrical poems, — though the above, it must be owned, is an ex-

THOSE EVENING BELLS.

(AIR.—THE BELLS OF ST. PETERSBURGH.)

Those evening bells! those evening bells!  
 How many a tale their music tells,  
 Of youth and home, and that sweet time,  
 When last I heard their soothing chime.

Those joyous hours are pass'd away;  
 And many a heart that then was gay,  
 Within the tomb now darkly dwells,  
 And hears no more those evening bells.

And so 'twill be when I am gone;  
 That tuneful peal will still ring on,  
 While other bards shall walk these dells,  
 And sing your praise, sweet evening bells.

SHOULD THOSE FOND HOPES.

(PORTUGUESE AIR.)

SHOULD those fond hopes e'er forsake thee,<sup>1</sup>  
 Which now so sweetly thy heart employ;  
 Should the cold world come to wake thee  
 From all thy visions of youth and joy;  
 Should the gay friends, for whom thou wouldst  
 banish  
 Him who once thought thy young heart his  
 own,  
 All, like spring birds, falsely vanish,  
 And leave thy winter unheeded and lone; —  
 O, 'tis then that he thou hast slighted  
 Would come to cheer thee, when all seem'd  
 o'er;  
 Then the truant, lost and blighted,  
 Would to his bosom be taken once more.  
 Like that dear bird we both can remember,  
 Who left us while summer shone round,  
 But when chill'd by bleak December,  
 On our threshold a welcome still found.

REASON, FOLLY, AND BEAUTY.

(ITALIAN AIR.)

REASON, and Folly, and Beauty, they say,  
 Went on a party of pleasure one day:  
 Folly play'd  
 Around the maid,

trême case, — where the metre has been necessarily sacrificed to the structure of the air.

The bells of his cap rung merrily out ;  
 While Reason took  
 To his sermon book —  
 O, which was the pleasanter no one need doubt,  
 Which was the pleasanter no one need doubt.

Beauty, who likes to be thought very sage,  
 Turn'd for a moment to Reason's dull page,  
 Till Folly said,  
 "Look here, sweet maid!" —

The sight of his cap brought her back to herself ;  
 While Reason read  
 His leaves of lead,  
 With no one to mind him, poor sensible elf!  
 No, — no one to mind him, poor sensible elf!

Then Reason grew jealous of Folly's gay cap ;  
 Had he that on, he her heart might entrap —  
 "There it is,"  
 Quoth Folly, "old quiz!"  
 (Folly was always good natured, 'tis said,)  
 "Under the sun  
 "There's no such fun,  
 "As Reason with my cap and bells on his head,  
 "Reason with my cap and bells on his head!"

But Reason the headdress so awkwardly wore,  
 That Beauty now liked him still less than before ;  
 While Folly took  
 Old Reason's book,  
 And twisted the leaves in a cap of such *ton*,  
 That Beauty vow'd  
 (Though not aloud),  
 She liked him still better in that than his own,  
 Yes, — liked him still better in that than his own.

### FARE THEE WELL, THOU LOVELY ONE !

(SICILIAN AIR.)

FARE thee well, thou lovely one !  
 Lovely still, but dear no more ;  
 Once his soul of truth is gone,  
 Love's sweet life is o'er.  
 Thy words, whate'er their flatt'ring spell,  
 Could scarce have thus deceived ;  
 But eyes that acted truth so well  
 Were sure to be believed.  
 Then, fare thee well, thou lovely one !  
 Lovely still, but dear no more ;  
 Once his soul of truth is gone,  
 Love's sweet life is o'er.

Yet those eyes look constant still,  
 True as stars they keep their light ;  
 Still those cheeks their pledge fulfil  
 Of blushing always bright.  
 'Tis only on thy changeful heart  
 The blame of falsehood lies ;  
 Love lives in every other part,  
 But there, alas ! he dies.  
 Then, fare thee well, thou lovely one !  
 Lovely still, but dear no more ;  
 Once his soul of truth is gone,  
 Love's sweet life is o'er.

### DOST THOU REMEMBER.

(PORTUGUESE AIR.)

Dost thou remember that place so lonely,  
 A place for lovers, and lovers only,  
 Where first I told thee all my secret sighs ?  
 When, as the moonbeam, that trembled o'er thee,  
 Illumed thy blushes, I knelt before thee,  
 And read my hope's sweet triumph in those  
 eyes ?  
 Then, then, while closely heart was drawn to  
 heart,  
 Love bound us — never, never more to part !  
 And when I call'd thee by names the dearest<sup>1</sup>  
 That love could fancy, the fondest, nearest, —  
 "My life, my only life!" among the rest ;  
 In those sweet accents that still intrall me,  
 Thou saidst, "Ah ! wherefore thy life thus  
 call me ?  
 "Thy soul, thy soul's the name that I love  
 best ;  
 "For life soon passes, — but how bless'd to be  
 "That Soul which never, never parts from  
 thee!"

### O, COME TO ME WHEN DAYLIGHT SETS.

(VENETIAN AIR.)

O, COME to me when daylight sets ;  
 Sweet ! then come to me,  
 When smoothly go our gondolets  
 O'er the moonlight sea.  
 When Mirth's awake, and Love begins,  
 Beneath that glancing ray,  
 With sound of lutes and mandolins,  
 To steal young hearts away.  
 Then, come to me when daylight sets ;  
 Sweet ! then come to me,

<sup>1</sup> The thought in this verse is borrowed from the original Portuguese words.



When smoothly go our gondolets  
O'er the moonlight sea.

O, then's the hour for those who love,  
Sweet ! like thee and me ;

When all's so calm below, above,  
In Heav'n and o'er the sea.

When maidens sing sweet barcarolles,<sup>1</sup>  
And Echo sings again

So sweet, that all with ears and souls  
Should love and listen then.

So, come to me when daylight sets ;  
Sweet ! then come to me,

When smoothly go our gondolets  
O'er the moonlight sea.

—  
OFT, IN THE STILLY NIGHT.

(SCOTCH AIR.)

OFT, in the stilly night,

Ere Slumber's chain has bound me,  
Fond Memory brings the light

Of other days around me ;

The smiles, the tears,

Of boyhood's years,

The words of love then spoken ;

The eyes that shone,

Now dimm'd and gone,

The cheerful hearts now broken !

Thus, in the stilly night,

Ere Slumber's chain has bound me,

Sad Memory brings the light

Of other days around me.

When I remember all

The friends, so link'd together,

I've seen around me fall,

Like leaves in wintry weather ;

I feel like one,

Who treads alone .

Some banquet hall deserted,

Whose lights are fled,

Whose garlands dead,

And all but he departed !

Thus, in the stilly night,

Ere Slumber's chain has bound me,

Sad Memory brings the light

Of other days around me.

HARK ! THE VESPER HYMN IS  
STEALING.

(RUSSIAN AIR.)

HARK ! the vesper hymn is stealing  
O'er the waters soft and clear ;

Nearer yet and nearer pealing,

And now bursts upon the ear :

Jubilate, Amen.

Farther now, now farther stealing,

Soft it fades upon the ear :

Jubilate, Amen.

Now, like moonlight waves retreating  
To the shore, it dies along ;

Now, like angry surges meeting,

Breaks the mingled tide of song :

Jubilate, Amen.

Hush ! again, like waves, retreating

To the shore, it dies along :

Jubilate, Amen.

—  
LOVE AND HOPE.

(SWISS AIR.)

At morn, beside yon summer sea,

Young Hope and Love reclined ;

But scarce had noontide come, when he

Into his bark leap'd smilingly,

And left poor Hope behind.

" I go," said Love, " to sail a while

" Across this sunny main ;"

And then so sweet his parting smile,

That Hope, who never dreamt of guile,

Believed he'd come again.

She linger'd there till evening's beam

Along the waters lay ;

And o'er the sands, in thoughtful dream,

Oft traced his name, which still the stream

As often wash'd away.

At length a sail appears in sight,

And toward the maiden moves !

'Tis Wealth that comes, and gay and bright,

His golden bark reflects the light,

But ah ! it is not Love's.

Another sail — 'twas Friendship show'd

Her night lamp o'er the sea :

<sup>1</sup> Barcarolles, sorte de chansons en langue Vénitienne, que chantent les gondoliers à Venise. — Rousseau, *Dictionnaire de Musique*

And calm the light that lamp bestow'd ;  
But Love had lights that warmer glow'd,  
And where, alas ! was he ?

Now fast around the sea and shore  
Night threw her darkling chain ;  
The sunny sails were seen no more,  
Hope's morning dreams of bliss were o'er, —  
Love never came again !

—  
THERE COMES A TIME.

(GERMAN AIR.)

THERE comes a time, a dreary time,  
To him whose heart hath flown  
O'er all the fields of youth's sweet prime,  
And made each flower its own.  
'Tis when his soul must first renounce  
Those dreams so bright, so fond,  
O, then's the time to die at once,  
For life has nought beyond.

When sets the sun on Afric's shore,  
That instant all is night ;  
And so should life at once be o'er,  
When Love withdraws his light ;—  
Nor, like our northern day, gleam on  
Through twilight's dim delay,  
The cold remains of lustre gone,  
Of fire long pass'd away.

—  
MY HARP HAS ONE UNCHANGING  
THEME.

(SWEDISH AIR.)

My harp has one unchanging theme,  
One strain that still comes o'er  
Its languid chord, as 'twere a dream  
Of joy that's now no more.  
In vain I try, with livelier air,  
To wake the breathing string ;  
That voice of other times is there,  
And saddens all I sing.

Breathe on, breathe on, thou languid strain,  
Henceforth be all my own ;  
Though thou art oft so full of pain,  
Few hearts can bear thy tone.  
Yet oft thou'rt sweet, as if the sigh,  
The breath that Pleasure's wings  
Gave out, when last they wanton'd by,  
Were still upon thy strings.

O, NO — NOT EV'N WHEN FIRST WE  
LOVED.

(CASHMIRIAN AIR.)

O, no — not ev'n when first we loved,  
Wert thou as dear as now thou art ;  
Thy beauty then my senses moved,  
But now thy virtues bind my heart.  
What was but Passion's sigh before,  
Has since been turn'd to Reason's vow ;  
And, though I then might love thee more,  
Trust me, I love thee better now.

Although my heart in earlier youth  
Might kindle with more wild desire,  
Believe me, it has gain'd in truth  
Much more than it has lost in fire.  
The flame now warms my inmost core,  
That then but sparkled o'er my brow,  
And, though I seem'd to love thee more,  
Yet, O, I love thee better now.

—  
PEACE BE AROUND THEE.

(SCOTCH AIR.)

PEACE be around thee, wherever thou ro'v'st ;  
May life be for thee one summer's day,  
And all that thou wishest, and all that thou  
lov'st,  
Come smiling around thy sunny way !  
If sorrow e'er this calm should break,  
May even thy tears pass off so lightly,  
Like spring showers, they'll only make  
The smiles that follow shine more brightly.

May Time, who sheds his blight o'er all,  
And daily dooms some joy to death,  
O'er thee let years so gently fall,  
They shall not crush one flower beneath.  
As half in shade and half in sun  
This world along its path advances,  
May that side the sun's upon  
Be all that e'er shall meet thy glances !

—  
COMMON SENSE AND GENIUS

(FRENCH AIR.)

WHILE I touch the string,  
Wreath my brows with laurel.  
For the tale I sing  
Has, for once, a moral.

Common Sense, one night,  
 Though not used to gambols,  
 Went out by moonlight,  
 With Genius, on his rambles.  
 While I touch the string, &c.

Common Sense went on,  
 Many wise things saying ;  
 While the light that shone  
 Soon set Genius straying.  
*One* his eye ne'er raised  
 From the path before him ;  
*T'other* idly gazed  
 On each night cloud o'er him.  
 While I touch the string, &c.

So they came, at last,  
 To a shady river ;  
 Common Sense soon pass'd,  
 Safe, as he doth ever ;  
 While the boy, whose look  
 Was in Heaven that minute,  
 Never saw the brook,  
 But tumbled headlong in it !  
 While I touch the string, &c.

How the Wise One smiled,  
 When safe o'er the torrent,  
 At that youth, so wild,  
 Dripping from the current !  
 Sense went home to bed ;  
 Genius, left to shiver  
 On the bank, 'tis said,  
 Died of that cold river !  
 While I touch the string, &c.

#### THEN, FARE THEE WELL.

(OLD ENGLISH AIR.)

THEN, fare thee well, my own dear love,  
 This world has now for us  
 No greater grief, no pain above  
 The pain of parting thus,  
 Dear love !  
 The pain of parting thus.

Had we but known, since first we met,  
 Some few short hours of bliss,  
 We might, in numbering them, forget  
 The deep, deep pain of this,  
 Dear love !  
 The deep, deep pain of this.

But no, alas, we've never seen  
 One glimpse of pleasure's ray,  
 But still there came some cloud between,  
 And chased it all away,  
 Dear love !  
 And chased it all away.

Yet, ev'n could those sad moments last,  
 Far dearer to my heart  
 Were hours of grief, together past,  
 Than years of mirth apart,  
 Dear love !  
 Than years of mirth apart.

Farewell ! our hope was born in fears,  
 And nursed 'mid vain regrets ;  
 Like winter suns, it rose in tears,  
 Like them in tears it sets,  
 Dear love !  
 Like them in tears it sets.

#### GAYLY SOUNDS THE CASTANET.

(MALTESE AIR.)

GAYLY sounds the castanet,  
 Beating time to bounding feet,  
 When, after daylight's golden set,  
 Maids and youths by moonlight meet.  
 O, then, how sweet to move  
 Through all that maze of mirth,  
 Led by light from eyes we love  
 Beyond all eyes on earth.

Then, the joyous banquet spread  
 On the cool and fragrant ground,  
 With heav'n's bright sparklers overhead,  
 And still brighter sparkling round.  
 O, then, how sweet to say  
 Into some loved one's ear,  
 Thoughts reserved through many a day  
 To be thus whisper'd here.

When the dance and feast are done,  
 Arm in arm as home we stray,  
 How sweet to see the dawning sun  
 O'er her cheek's warm blushes play !  
 Then, too, the farewell kiss —  
 The words, whose parting tone  
 Lingers still in dreams of bliss,  
 That haunt young hearts alone.

## LOVE IS A HUNTER BOY.

(LANGUEDOCIAN AIR.)

Love is a hunter boy,  
 Who makes young hearts his prey;  
 And, in his nets of joy,  
 Insnares them night and day.  
 In vain conceal'd they lie —  
 Love tracks them every where;  
 In vain aloft they fly —  
 Love shoots them flying there.

But 'tis his joy most sweet,  
 At early dawn to trace  
 The print of Beauty's feet,  
 And give the trembler chase.  
 And if, through virgin snow,  
 He tracks her footsteps fair,  
 How sweet for Love to know  
 None went before him there.

COME, CHASE THAT STARTING TEAR  
AWAY.

(FRENCH AIR.)

Come, chase that starting tear away,  
 Ere mine to meet it springs;  
 To-night, at least, to-night be gay,  
 Whate'er to-morrow brings.  
 Like sunset gleams, that linger late  
 When all is dark'ning fast,  
 Are hours like these we snatch from Fate —  
 The brightest, and the last.  
 Then, chase that starting tear, &c.

To gild the deepening gloom, if Heaven  
 But one bright hour allow,  
 O, think that one bright hour is given,  
 In all its splendor, now.  
 Let's live it out — then sink in night,  
 Like waves that from the shore  
 One minute swell, are touch'd with light,  
 Then lost forevermore!  
 Come, chase that starting tear, &c.

## JOYS OF YOUTH, HOW FLEETING!

(PORTUGUESE AIR.)

WHISPERINGS, heard by wakeful maids,  
 To whom the night stars guide us;  
 Stolen walks through moonlight shades,  
 With those we love beside us,

Hearts beating,  
 At meeting;  
 Tears starting,  
 At parting;  
 O, sweet youth, how soon it fades!  
 Sweet joys of youth, how fleeting!

Wand'rings far away from home,  
 With life all new before us;  
 Greetings warm, when home we come,  
 From hearts whose prayers watch'd o'er us  
 Tears starting,  
 At parting;  
 Hearts beating,  
 At meeting;  
 O, sweet youth, how lost on some!  
 To some, how bright and fleeting!

## HEAR ME BUT ONCE.

(FRENCH AIR.)

HEAR me but once, while o'er the grave,  
 In which our Love lies cold and dead,  
 I count each flatt'ring hope he gave  
 Of joys, now lost, and charms now fled.

Who could have thought the smile he wore,  
 When first we met, would fade away?  
 Or that a chill would o'er come o'er  
 Those eyes so bright through many a day?  
 Hear me but once, &c.

## WHEN LOVE WAS A CHILD.

(SWEDISH AIR.)

WHEN Love was a child, and went idling round,  
 'Mong flowers, the whole summer's day,  
 One morn in the valley a bower he found,  
 So sweet, it allured him to stay.

O'erhead, from the trees, hung a garland fair,  
 A fountain ran darkly beneath; —  
 'Twas Pleasure had hung up the flow'rets there;  
 Love knew it, and jump'd at the wreath.

But Love didn't know — and, at *his* weak years,  
 What urchin was likely to know? —  
 That Sorrow had made of her own salt tears  
 The fountain that murmur'd below.

He caught at the wreath — but with too much  
 haste,  
 As boys when impatient will do —

It fell in those waters of briny taste,  
And the flowers were all wet through.

This garland he now wears night and day;  
And, though it all sunny appears  
With Pleasure's own light, each leaf, they say,  
Still tastes of the Fountain of Tears.

SAY, WHAT SHALL BE OUR SPORT  
TO-DAY?

(SICILIAN AIR.)

SAY, what shall be our sport to-day?  
There's nothing on earth, in sea, or air,  
Too bright, too high, too wild, too gay  
For spirits like mine to dare!  
'Tis like the returning bloom  
Of those days, alas, gone by,  
When I loved, each hour — I scarce knew  
whom —  
And was bless'd — I scarce knew why.

Ay — those were days when life had wings,  
And flew, O, flew so wild a height,  
That, like the lark which sunward springs,  
'Twas giddy with too much light.  
And, though of some plumes bereft,  
With that sun, too, nearly set,  
I've enough of light and wing still left  
For a few gay soarings yet.

BRIGHT BE THY DREAMS.

(WELSH AIR.)

BRIGHT be thy dreams — may all thy weeping  
Turn into smiles while thou art sleeping.  
May those by death or seas removed,  
The friends, who in thy spring time knew thee,  
All, thou hast ever prized or loved,  
In dreams come smiling to thee!

There may the child, whose love lay deepest,  
Dearest of all, come while thou sleepest;  
Still as she was — no charm forgot —  
No lustre lost that life had given;  
Or, if changed, but changed to what  
Thou'lt find her yet in Heaven!

GO, THEN — 'TIS VAIN.

(SICILIAN AIR.)

Go, then — 'tis vain to hover  
Thus round a hope that's dead;

At length my dream is over;  
'Twas sweet — 'twas false — 'tis fled!  
Farewell! since nought it moves thee,  
Such truth as mine to see —  
Some one, who far less loves thee,  
Perhaps more bless'd will be.

Farewell, sweet eyes, whose brightness  
New life around me shed;  
Farewell, false heart, whose lightness  
Now leaves me death instead.  
Go, now those charms surrender  
To some new lover's sigh —  
One who, though far less tender,  
May be more bless'd than I.

THE CRYSTAL HUNTERS.

(SWISS AIR.)

O'er mountains bright  
With snow and light,  
We Crystal Hunters speed along;  
While rocks and caves,  
And icy waves,  
Each instant echo to our song;  
And, when we meet with store of gems,  
We grudge not kings their diadems.  
O'er mountains bright  
With snow and light,  
We Crystal Hunters speed along;  
While grotts and caves,  
And icy waves,  
Each instant echo to our song.

Not half so oft the lover dreams  
Of sparkles from his lady's eyes,  
As we of those refreshing gleams  
That tell where deep the crystal lies;  
Though, next to crystal, we too grant,  
That ladies' eyes may most enchant.  
O'er mountains bright, &c.

Sometimes, when on the Alpine rose  
The golden sunset leaves its ray,  
So like a gem the flow'ret glows,  
We thither bend our headlong way;  
And, though we find no treasure there,  
We bless the rose that shines so fair.  
O'er mountains bright  
With snow and light,  
We Crystal Hunters speed along;  
While rocks and caves,  
And icy waves,  
Each instant echo to our song.



## ROW GENTLY HERE.

(VENETIAN AIR.)

Row gently here,  
My gondolier,  
So softly wake the tide,  
That not an ear,  
On earth, may hear,  
But hers to whom we glide.  
Had Heaven but tongues to speak, as well  
As starry eyes to see,  
O, think what tales 'twould have to tell  
Of wand'ring youths like me!

Now rest thee here,  
My gondolier;  
Hush, hush, for up I go,  
To climb yon light  
Balcony's height,  
While thou keep'st watch below.  
Ah! did we take for Heaven above  
But half such pains as we  
Take, day and night, for woman's love,  
What Angels we should be!

## O, DAYS OF YOUTH.

(FRENCH AIR.)

O, DAYS of youth and joy, long clouded,  
Why thus forever haunt my view?  
When in the grave your light lay shrouded,  
Why did not Memory die there too?  
Vainly doth Hope her strain now sing me,  
Telling of joys that yet remain —  
No, never more can this life bring me  
One joy that equals youth's sweet pain.

Dim lies the way to death before me,  
Cold winds of Time blow round my brow;  
Sunshine of youth! that once fell o'er me,  
Where is your warmth, your glory now?  
'Tis not that then no pain could sting me;  
'Tis not that now no joys remain;  
O, 'tis that life no more can bring me  
One joy so sweet as that worst pain.

## WHEN FIRST THAT SMILE.

(VENETIAN AIR.)

WHEN first that smile, like sunshine, bless'd  
my sight,  
O what a vision then came o'er me!  
Long years of love, of calm and pure delight,  
Seem'd in that smile to pass before me.

Ne'er did the peasant dream of summer skies,  
Of golden fruit, and harvests springing,  
With fonder hope than I of those sweet eyes,  
And of the joy their light was bringing.

Where now are all those fondly-promis'd hours?  
Ah! woman's faith is like her brightness —  
Fading as fast as rainbows, or day flowers,  
Or aught that's known for grace and lightness.  
Short as the Persian's prayer, at close of day,  
Should be each vow of Love's repeating;  
Quick let him worship Beauty's precious ray —  
Even while he kneels, that ray is fleeting!

## PEACE TO THE SLUMBERERS!

(CATALONIAN AIR.)

PEACE to the slumberers!  
They lie on the battle plain,  
With no shroud to cover them;  
The dew and the summer rain  
Are all that weep over them.  
Peace to the slumberers!

Vain was their bravery! —

The fallen oak lies where it lay.  
Across the wintry river;  
But brave hearts, once swept away,  
Are gone, alas! forever.  
Vain was their bravery!

Woe to the conqueror!

Our limbs shall lie as cold as theirs  
Of whom his sword bereft us,  
Ere we forget the deep arrears  
Of vengeance they have left us!  
Woe to the conqueror!

## WHEN THOU SHALT WANDER.

(SICILIAN AIR.)

WHEN thou shalt wander by that sweet light  
We used to gaze on so many an eve,  
When love was new and hope was bright,  
Ere I could doubt or thou deceive —  
O, then, rememb'ring how swift went by  
Those hours of transport, even *thou* may'st sigh

Yes, proud one! even thy heart may own  
That love like ours was far too sweet  
To be, like summer garments, thrown  
Aside, when pass'd the summer's heat;

And wish in vain to know again  
Such days, such nights, as bless'd thee then.

### WHO'LL BUY MY LOVE KNOTS?

(PORTUGUESE AIR.)

HYMEN, late, his love knots selling,  
Call'd at many a maiden's dwelling:  
None could doubt, who saw or knew them,  
Hymen's call was welcome to them.

"Who'll buy my love knots?"

"Who'll buy my love knots?"

Soon as that sweet cry resounded,  
How his baskets were surrounded!

Maids, who now first dreamt of trying  
These gay knots of Hymen's tying;  
Dames, who long had sat to watch him  
Passing by, but ne'er could catch him;—

"Who'll buy my love knots?"

"Who'll buy my love knots?"—

All at that sweet cry assembled;  
Some laugh'd, some blush'd, and some trembled.

"Here are knots," said Hymen, taking  
Some loose flowers, "of Love's own making;  
"Here are gold ones—you may trust 'em"—  
(These, of course, found ready custom).

"Come, buy my love knots!"

"Come, buy my love knots!"

"Some are labell'd 'Knots to tie men—  
"Love the maker—Bought of Hymen.'"

Scarce their bargains were completed,  
When the nymphs all cried, "We're cheated!  
"See these flowers—they're drooping sadly;

"This gold knot, too, ties but badly—

"Who'd buy such love knots?"

"Who'd buy such love knots?"

"Even this tie, with Love's name round it—

"All a sham—He never bound it."

Love, who saw the whole proceeding,  
Would have laugh'd, but for good breeding;  
While Old Hymen, who was used to  
Cries like that these dames gave loose to—

"Take back our love knots!"

"Take back our love knots!"

Coolly said, "There's no returning

"Wares on Hymen's hands—Good morning!"

### SEE, THE DAWN FROM HEAVEN.

(TO AN AIR SUNO AT ROME, ON CHRISTMAS EVE.)

SEE, the dawn from Heaven is breaking

O'er our sight,

And Earth, from sin awaking,

Hails the light!

See those groups of angels, winging

From the realms above,

On their brows, from Eden, bringing

Wreaths of Hope and Love.

Hark, their hymns of glory pealing

Through the air,

To mortal ears revealing

Who lies there!

In that dwelling, dark and lowly,

Sleeps the Heavenly Son,

He, whose home's above,—the Holy,

Ever Holy One!

### NETS AND CAGES.<sup>1</sup>

(SWEDISH AIR.)

COME, listen to my story, while

Your needle's task you ply;

At what I sing some maids will smile,

While some, perhaps, may sigh.

Though Love's the theme, and Wisdom blames

Such florid songs as ours,

Yet Truth sometimes, like eastern dames,

Can speak her thoughts by flowers.

Then listen, maids, come listen, while

Your needle's task you ply;

At what I sing there's some may smile,

While some, perhaps, will sigh.

Young Cloe, bent on catching Loves,

Such nets had learn'd to frame,

That none, in all our vales and groves,

E'er caught so much small game:

But gentle Sue, less giv'n to roam,

While Cloe's nets were taking

Such lots of Loves, sat still at home,

One little Love cage making.

Come, listen, maids, &c.

Much Cloe laugh'd at Susan's task;

But mark how things went on:

These light-caught Loves, ere you could ask

Their name and age, were gone!

<sup>1</sup> Suggested by the following remark of Swift's:—"The reason why so few marriages are happy, is, because young

ladies spend their time in making nets, not in making cages."

So weak poor Cloe's nets were wove,  
 That, though she charm'd into them  
 New game each hour, the youngest Love  
 Was able to break through them.  
 Come, listen, maids, &c.

Meanwhile, young Sue, whose cage was wrought  
 Of bars too strong to sever,  
 One Love with golden pinions caught,  
 And caged him there forever ;  
 Instructing, thereby, all coquettes,  
 Whate'er their looks or ages,  
 That, though 'tis pleasant weaving Nets,  
 'Tis wiser to make Cages.

Thus, maidens, thus do I beguile  
 The task your fingers ply.  
 May all who hear like Susan smile,  
 And not, like Cloe, sigh !

#### WHEN THROUGH THE PIAZZETTA.

(VENETIAN AIR.)

WHEN through the Piazzetta  
 Night breathes her cool air,  
 Then, dearest Ninetta,  
 I'll come to thee there.  
 Beneath thy mask shrouded,  
 I'll know thee afar,  
 As Love knows, though clouded,  
 His own Evening Star.

In garb, then, resembling  
 Some gay gondolier,  
 I'll whisper thee, trembling,  
 " Our bark, love, is near :  
 " Now, now, while there hover  
 " Those clouds o'er the moon,  
 " 'Twill waft thee safe over  
 " Yon silent Lagoon."

#### GO, NOW, AND DREAM.

(SICILIAN AIR.)

Go, now, and dream o'er that joy in thy slum-  
 ber —  
 Moments so sweet again ne'er shalt thou number.  
 Of Pain's bitter draught the flavor ne'er flies,  
 While Pleasure's scarce touches the lip ere it  
 dies.  
 Go, then, and dream, &c.

That moon, which hung o'er your parting, so  
 splendid,  
 Often will shine again, bright as she then did —  
 But, never more will the beam she saw burn  
 In those happy eyes, at your meeting, return.  
 Go, then, and dream, &c.

#### TAKE HENCE THE BOWL.

(NEAPOLITAN AIR.)

TAKE hence the bowl ; — though beaming  
 Brightly as bowl e'er shone,  
 O, it but sets me dreaming  
 Of happy days now gone.  
 There, in its clear reflection,  
 As in a wizard's glass,  
 Lost hopes and dead affection,  
 Like shades, before me pass.

Each cup I drain brings hither  
 Some scene of bliss gone by ; —  
 Bright lips, too bright to wither,  
 Warm hearts, too warm to die.  
 Till, as the dream comes o'er me  
 Of those long vanish'd years,  
 Alas, the wine before me  
 Seems turning all to tears !

#### FAREWELL, THERESA !

(VENETIAN AIR.)

FAREWELL, Theresa ! yon cloud that over  
 Heaven's pale night star gath'ring we see,  
 Will scarce from that pure orb have pass'd, ere  
 thy lover  
 Swift o'er the wide wave shall wander from  
 thee.

Long, like that dim cloud, I've hung around thee,  
 Dark'ning thy prospects, sadd'ning thy brow ;  
 With gay heart, Theresa, and bright check I  
 found thee ;  
 O, think how changed, love, how changed art  
 thou now !

But here I free thee : like one awaking  
 From fearful slumber, thou break'st the spell ;  
 'Tis over — the moon, too, her bondage is  
 breaking —  
 Past are the dark clouds ; Theresa, farewell !

## HOW OFT, WHEN WATCHING STARS.

(SAVOYARD AIR.)

OFT, when the watching stars grow pale,  
 And round me sleeps the moonlight scene,  
 To hear a flute through yonder vale  
 I from my casement lean.  
 "Come, come, my love!" each note then seems  
 to say,  
 "O, come, my love! the night wears fast away!"  
 Never to mortal ear  
 Could words, though warm they be,  
 Speak Passion's language half so clear  
 As do those notes to me!

Then quick my own light lute I seek,  
 And strike the chords with loudest swell;  
 And, though they nought to others speak,  
*He* knows their language well.  
 "I come, my love!" each note then seems to  
 say,  
 "I come, my love! — thine, thine till break of  
 day."  
 O, weak the power of words,  
 The hues of painting dim,  
 Compared to what those simple chords  
 Then say and paint to him!

## WHEN THE FIRST SUMMER BEE.

(GERMAN AIR.)

WHEN the first summer bee  
 O'er the young rose thall hover,  
 Then, like that gay rover,  
 I'll come to thee.  
 He to flowers, I to lips, full of sweets to the  
 brim —  
 What a meeting, what a meeting for me and for  
 him!  
 When the first summer bee, &c.

Then, to every bright tree  
 In the garden he'll wander;  
 While I, O, much fonder,  
 Will stay with thee.  
 In search of new sweetness through thousands  
 he'll run,  
 While I find the sweetness of thousands in one.  
 Then, to every bright tree, &c.

## THOUGH 'TIS ALL BUT A DREAM

(FRENCH AIR.)

THOUGH 'tis all but a dream at the best,  
 And still, when happiest, soonest o'er,  
 Yet, even in a dream, to be bless'd  
 Is so sweet, that I ask for no more.  
 The bosom that opes  
 With earliest hopes,  
 The soonest finds those hopes untrue;  
 As flowers that first  
 In spring time burst  
 The earliest wither too!  
 Ay — 'tis all but a dream, &c.

Though by friendship we oft are deceived,  
 And find love's sunshine soon o'ercast,  
 Yet friendship will still be believed,  
 And love trusted on to the last.  
 The web 'mong the leaves  
 The spider weaves  
 Is like the charm Hope hangs o'er men;  
 Though often she sees  
 'Tis broke by the breeze,  
 She spins the bright tissue again.  
 Ay — 'tis all but a dream, &c.

## WHEN THE WINE CUP IS SMILING.

(ITALIAN AIR.)

WHEN the wine cup is smiling before us,  
 And we pledge round to hearts that are true,  
 boy, true,  
 Then the sky of this life opens o'er us,  
 And Heaven gives a glimpse of its blue.  
 Talk of Adam in Eden reclining,  
 We are better, far better off thus, boy, thus;  
 For *him* but *two* bright eyes were shining —  
 See, what numbers are sparkling for us!

When on *one* side the grape juice is dancing,  
 While on *t'other* a blue eye beams, boy  
 beams,  
 'Tis enough, 'twixt the wine and the glancing,  
 To disturb ev'n a saint from his dreams.  
 Yet, though life like a river is flowing,  
 I care not how fast it goes on, boy, on,  
 So the grape on its bank is still growing,  
 And Love lights the waves as they run.

## WHERE SHALL WE BURY OUR SHAME ?

(NEAPOLITAN AIR.)

WHERE shall we bury our shame ?  
 Where, in what desolate place,  
 Hide the last wreck of a name  
 Broken and stain'd by disgrace ?  
 Death may dissever the chain,  
 Oppression will cease when we're gone ;  
 But the dishonor, the stain,  
 Die as we may, will live on.

Was it for this we sent out  
 Liberty's cry from our shore ?  
 Was it for this that her shout  
 Thrill'd to the world's very core ?  
 Thus to live cowards and slaves ! —  
 O, ye free hearts that lie dead,  
 Do you not, ev'n in your graves,  
 Shudder, as o'er you we tread ?

NEER TALK OF WISDOM'S GLOOMY  
SCHOOLS.

(MAHRATTA AIR.)

NE'er talk of Wisdom's gloomy schools ;  
 Give me the sage who's able  
 To draw his moral thoughts and rules  
 From the study of the table ; —  
 Who learns how lightly, fleetly pass  
 This world and all that's in it,  
 From the bumper that but crowns his glass.  
 And is gone again next minute !

The diamond sleeps within the mine,  
 The pearl beneath the water ;  
 While Truth, more precious, dwells in wine,  
 The grape's own rosy daughter.  
 And none can prize her charms like him,  
 O, none like him obtain her,  
 Who thus can, like Leander, swim  
 Through sparkling floods to gain her !

## HERE SLEEPS THE BARD.

(HIGHLAND AIR.)

HERE sleeps the Bard who knew so well  
 All the sweet windings of Apollo's shell ;  
 Whether its music roll'd like torrents near,  
 Or died, like distant streamlets, on the ear.

Sleep, sleep, mute bard ; alike unheeded now  
 The storm and zephyr sweep thy lifeless brow ; —  
 That storm, whose rush is like thy martial lay ;  
 That breeze which, like thy love song, dies away !

## DO NOT SAY THAT LIFE IS WANING

Do not say that life is waning,  
 Or that hope's sweet day is set ;  
 While I've thee and love remaining,  
 Life is in th' horizon yet.

Do not think those charms are flying,  
 Though thy roses fade and fall ;  
 Beauty hath a grace undying,  
 Which in thee survives them all.

Not for charms, the newest, brightest,  
 That on other cheeks may shine,  
 Would I change the least, the slightest,  
 That is ling'ring now o'er thine.

## THE GAZELLE.

Dost thou not hear the silver bell,  
 Through yonder lime trees ringing ?  
 'Tis my lady's light gazelle,  
 To me her love thoughts bringing, —  
 All the while that silver bell  
 Around his dark neck ringing.

See, in his mouth he bears a wreath,  
 My love hath kiss'd in tying ;  
 O, what tender thoughts beneath  
 Those silent flowers are lying, —  
 Hid within the mystic wreath,  
 My love hath kiss'd in tying !

Welcome, dear gazelle, to thee,  
 And joy to her, the fairest,  
 Who thus hath breathed her soul to me,  
 In every leaf thou bearest ;  
 Welcome, dear gazelle, to thee,  
 And joy to her the fairest !

Hail, ye living, speaking flowers,  
 That breathe of her who bound ye ;  
 O, 'twas not in fields, or bowers,  
 'Twas on her lips, she found ye ; —  
 Yes, ye blushing, speaking flowers,  
 'Twas on her lips she found ye.



NO — LEAVE MY HEART TO REST.

No -- leave my heart to rest, if rest it may,  
When youth, and love, and hope, have pass'd  
away.

Could'st thou, when summer hours are fled,  
To some poor leaf that's fall'n and dead,  
Bring back the hue it wore, the scent it shed ?  
No — leave this heart to rest, if rest it may,  
When youth, and love, and hope, have pass'd  
away.

O, had I met thee then, when life was bright,  
Thy smile might still have fed its tranquil light ;  
But now thou com'st like sunny skies,  
Too late to cheer the seaman's eyes,  
When wreck'd and lost his bark before him lies !  
No — leave this heart to rest, if rest it may.  
Since youth, and love, and hope, have pass'd  
away.

WHERE ARE THE VISIONS.

"WHERE are the visions that round me once  
hover'd,  
"Forms that shed grace from their shadows  
alone ;  
"Looks fresh as light from a star just discovered,  
"And voices that Music might take for her  
own ?"

Time, while I spoke, with his wings resting o'er  
me,  
Heard me say, "Where are those visions, O  
where ?"  
And pointing his wand to the sunset before me,  
Said, with a voice like the hollow wind,  
"There."

Fondly I look'd, when the wizard had spoken,  
And there, mid the dim-shining ruins of day,  
Saw, by their light, like a talisman broken,  
The last golden fragments of hope melt away.

WIND THY HORN, MY HUNTER BOY.

WIND thy horn, my hunter boy,  
And leave thy lute's inglorious sighs ;  
Hunting is the hero's joy,  
Till war his nobler game supplies.  
Hark ! the hound bells ringing sweet,  
While hunters shout, and the woods repeat,  
Hilli-ho ! Hilli-ho !

Wind again thy cheerful horn,  
Till echo, faint with answering, dies ;  
Burn, bright torches, burn till morn,  
And lead us where the wild boy lies.  
Hark ! the cry "He's found, he's found,"  
While hill and valley our shouts resound,  
Hilli-ho ! Hilli-ho.

O, GUARD OUR AFFECTION.

O, GUARD our affection, nor e'er let it feel  
The blight that this world o'er the warmest will  
steal :  
While the faith of all round us is fading or past,  
Let ours, ever green, keep its bloom to the last.

Far safer for Love 'tis to wake and to weep,  
As he used in his prime, than go smiling to sleep ;  
For death on his slumber, cold death follows fast,  
While the love that is wakeful lives on to the last.

And though, as Time gathers his clouds o'er our  
head,  
A shade somewhat darker o'er life they may  
spread,  
Transparent, at least, be the shadow they cast,  
So that Love's soften'd light may shine through  
to the last.

SLUMBER, O SLUMBER.

"SLUMBER, O slumber ; if sleeping thou mak'st  
"My heart beat so wildly, I'm lost if thou  
wak'st."  
Thus sung I to a maiden,  
Who slept one summer's day,  
And, like a flower o'erladen  
With too much sunshine, lay.  
Slumber, O slumber, &c.

"Breathe not, O breathe not, ye winds, o'er her  
cheeks ;  
"If mute thus she charm me, I'm lost when she  
speaks."  
Thus sing I, while, awaking,  
She murmurs words that seem  
As if her lips were taking  
Farewell of some sweet dream.  
Breathe not, O breathe not, &c.

BRING THE BRIGHT GARLANDS  
HITHER.

BRING the bright garlands hither,  
Ere yet a leaf is dying :

If so soon they must wither,  
 Ours be their last sweet sighing.  
 Hark, that low dismal chime !  
 'Tis the dreary voice of Time.  
 O, bring beauty, bring roses,  
 Bring all that yet is ours ;  
 Let life's day, as it closes,  
 Shine to the last through flowers.

Haste, ere the bowl's declining,  
 Drink of it now or never ;  
 Now, while Beauty is shining,  
 Love, or she's lost forever.  
 Hark ! again that dull chime,  
 'Tis the dreary voice of Time.  
 O, if life be a torrent,  
 Down to oblivion going,  
 Like this cup be its current,  
 Bright to the last drop flowing !

#### IF IN LOVING, SINGING.

If in loving, singing, night and day  
 We could trifle merrily life away,  
 Like atoms dancing in the beam,  
 Like day flies skimming o'er the stream,  
 Or summer blossoms, born to sigh  
 Their sweetness out, and die —  
 How brilliant, thoughtless, side by side,  
 Thou and I could make our minutes glide !  
 No atoms ever glanced so bright,  
 No day flies ever danced so light,  
 Nor summer blossoms mix'd their sigh,  
 So close, as thou and I !

#### THOU LOV'ST NO MORE.

Too plain, alas, my doom is spoken,  
 Nor canst thou veil the sad truth o'er ;  
 Thy heart is changed, thy vow is broken,  
 Thou lov'st no more — thou lov'st no more.

Though kindly still those eyes behold me,  
 The smile is gone, which once they wore ;  
 Though fondly still those arms infold me,  
 'Tis not the same — thou lov'st no more.

Too long my dream of bliss believing,  
 I've thought thee all thou wert before ;  
 But now — alas ! there's no deceiving,  
 'Tis all too plain, thou lov'st no more.

O, thou as soon the dead couldst waken,  
 As lost affection's life restore,

Give peace to her that is forsaken,  
 Or bring back him who loves no more.

#### WHEN ABROAD IN THE WORLD.

WHEN abroad in the world thou appearest,  
 And the young and the lovely are there,  
 To my heart while of all thou'rt the dearest,  
 To my eyes thou'rt of all the most fair.  
 They pass, one by one,  
 Like waves of the sea,  
 That say to the Sun,  
 " See, how fair we can be."  
 But where's the light like thine,  
 In sun or shade to shine ?  
 No — no, 'mong them all, there is nothing like  
 thee,  
 Nothing like thee.

" Oft, of old, without farewell or warning,  
 Beauty's self used to steal from the skies ;  
 Flung a mist round her head, some fine  
 morning,  
 And post down to earth in disguise ;  
 But, no matter what shroud  
 Around her might be,  
 Men peep'd through the cloud,  
 And whisper'd, "'Tis She."  
 So thou, where thousands are,  
 Shin'st forth the only star, —  
 Yes, yes, 'mong them all, there is nothing like  
 thee,  
 Nothing like thee.

#### KEEP THOSE EYES STILL PURELY MINE.

KEEP those eyes still purely mine,  
 Though far off I be :  
 When on others most they shine,  
 Then think they're turn'd on me.

Should those lips as now respond  
 To sweet minstrelsy,  
 When their accents seem most fond,  
 Then think they're breathed for me.

Make what hearts thou wilt thy own,  
 If when all on thee  
 Fix their charmed thoughts alone,  
 Thou think'st the while on me.

## HOPE COMES AGAIN.

HOPE comes again, to this heart long a stranger,  
Once more she sings me her flattering strain ;  
But hush, gentle siren — for, ah, there's less  
danger

In still suff'ring on, than in hoping again.

Long, long, in sorrow, too deep for repining,  
Gloomy, but tranquil, this bosom hath lain ;  
And joy coming now, like a sudden light  
shining

O'er eyelids long darken'd, would bring me  
but pain.

Fly then, ye visions, that Hope would shed o'er  
me ;

Lost to the future, my sole chance of rest  
Now lies not in dreaming of bliss that's before me,  
But, ah — in forgetting how once I was blest.

## O SAY, THOU BEST AND BRIGHTEST.

O SAY, thou best and brightest,  
My first love and my last,  
When he, whom now thou slightest,  
From life's dark scene hath pass'd,  
Will kinder thoughts then move thee ?  
Will pity wake one thrill  
For him who lived to love thee,  
And dying loved thee still ?

If when, that hour recalling  
From which he dates his woes,  
Thou feel'st a teardrop falling,  
Ah, blush not while it flows :  
But, all the past forgiving,  
Bend gently o'er his shrine,  
And say, "This heart, when living,  
"With all its faults, was mine."

## WHEN NIGHT BRINGS THE HOUR.

WHEN night brings the hour  
Of starlight and joy,  
There comes to my bower  
A fairy-wing'd boy ;  
With eyes so bright,  
So full of wild arts,  
Like nets of light,  
To tangle young hearts ;  
With lips, in whose keeping  
Love's secret may dwell,

Like Zephyr asleep in  
Some rosy sea shell.  
Guess who he is,  
Name but his name,  
And his best kiss,  
For reward, you may claim.

Where'er o'er the ground  
He prints his light feet,  
The flowers there are found  
Most shining and sweet :  
His looks, as soft  
As lightning in May,  
Though dangerous oft,  
Ne'er wound but in play :  
And O, when his wings  
Have brush'd o'er my lyre,  
You'd fancy its strings  
Were turning to fire.  
Guess who he is,  
Name but his name,  
And his best kiss,  
For reward, you may claim.

## LIKE ONE WHO, DOOM'D.

LIKE one who, doom'd o'er distant seas  
His weary path to measure,  
When home at length, with fav'ring breeze,  
He brings the far-sought treasure ;

His ship, in sight of shore, goes down,  
That shore to which he hasted ;  
And all the wealth he thought his own,  
Is o'er the waters wasted !

Like him, this heart, through many a track  
Of toil and sorrow straying,  
One hope alone brought fondly back,  
Its toil and grief repaying.

Like him, alas, I see that ray  
Of hope before me perish,  
And one dark minute sweep away  
What years were given to cherish.

FEAR NOT THAT, WHILE AROUND  
THEE.

FEAR not that, while around thee  
Life's varied blessings pour,  
One sigh of hers shall wound thee,  
Whose smile thou seek'st no more.  
No, dead and cold forever  
Let our past love remain ;

Once gone, its spirit never  
Shall haunt thy rest again.

May the new ties that bind thee  
Far sweeter, happier prove,  
Nor e'er of me remind thee,  
But by their truth and love.  
Think how, asleep or waking,  
Thy image haunts me yet:  
But, how this heart is breaking  
For thy own peace forget.

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#### WHEN LOVE IS KIND.

WHEN Love is kind,  
Cheerful and free,  
Love's sure to find  
Welcome from me.

But when Love brings  
Heartache or pang,  
Tears, and such things —  
Love may go hang!

If Love can sigh  
For one alone,  
Well pleased am I  
To be that one.

But should I see  
Love giv'n to rove  
To two or three,  
Then — good by, Love!

Love must, in short,  
Keep fond and true,  
Through good report,  
And evil too.

Else, here I swear,  
Young Love may go,  
For aught I care —  
To Jericho.

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#### THE GARLAND I SEND THEE.

THE Garland I send thee was cull'd from those  
bowers  
Where thou and I wander'd in long-vanish'd  
hours;

Not a leaf or a blossom its bloom here displays,  
But bears some remembrance of those happy  
days.

The roses were gathered by that garden gate,  
Where our meetings, though early, seemed  
always too late;  
Where ling'ring full oft through a summer-  
night's moon,  
Our partings, though late, appeared always too  
soon.

The rest were all cull'd from the banks of that  
glade,  
Where, watching the sunset, so often we've  
stray'd,  
And mourn'd, as the time went, that Love had  
no power  
To bind in his chain even one happy hour.

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#### HOW SHALL I WOO?

IF I speak to thee in friendship's name,  
Thou think'st I speak too coldly;  
If I mention Love's devoted flame,  
Thou say'st I speak too boldly.  
Between these two unequal fires,  
Why doom me thus to hover?  
I'm a friend, if such thy heart requires,  
If more thou seek'st, a lover.  
Which shall it be? How shall I woo?  
Fair one, choose between the two.

Though the wings of Love will brightly play,  
When first he comes to woo thee,  
There's a chance that he may fly away  
As fast as he flies to thee.  
While Friendship, though on foot she come,  
No flights of fancy trying,  
Will, therefore, oft be found at home,  
When Love abroad is flying.  
Which shall it be? How shall I woo?  
Dear one, choose between the two.

If neither feeling suits thy heart,  
Let's see, to please thee, whether  
We may not learn some precious art  
To mix their charms together;  
One feeling, still more sweet, to form  
From two so sweet already —  
A friendship that like love is warm,  
A love like friendship steady.  
Thus let it be, thus let me woo,  
Dearest, thus we'll join the two.

## SPRING AND AUTUMN.

EVERY season hath its pleasures ;  
 Spring may boast her flowery prime,  
 Yet the vinyard's ruby treasures  
 Brighten Autumn's sob'rer time.  
 So Life's year begins and closes ;  
 Days, though short'ning, still can shine ;  
 What though youth gave love and roses,  
 Age still leaves us friends and wine.

Phillis, when she might have caught me,  
 All the Spring looked coy and shy,  
 Yet herself in Autumn sought me,  
 When the flowers were all gone by.  
 Ah, too late ; — she found her lover  
 Calm and free beneath his vine,  
 Drinking to the Spring time over,  
 In his best autumnal wine.

Thus may we, as years are flying,  
 To their flight our pleasures suit,  
 Nor regret the blossoms dying,  
 While we still may taste the fruit.  
 O, while days like this are ours,  
 Where's the lip that dares repine ?

Spring may take our loves and flow'rs,  
 So Autumn leaves us friends and wine.

## LOVE ALONE.

If thou would'st have thy charms enchant our  
 eyes,  
 First win our hearts, for there thy empire lies .  
 Beauty in vain would mount a heartless throne,  
 Her Right Divine is given by Love alone.

What would the rose with all her pride be worth,  
 Were there no sun to call her brightness forth ?  
 Maidens, unloved, like flowers in darkness  
 thrown,  
 Wait but that light, which comes from Love  
 alone.

Fair as thy charms in yonder glass appear,  
 Trust not their bloom, they'll fade from year to  
 year :  
 Wouldst thou they still should shine as first  
 they shone,  
 Go, fix thy mirror in Love's eyes alone.

## SACRED SONGS.

TO  
 EDWARD TUTE DALTON, ESQ.

THIS FIRST NUMBER

OF

SACRED SONGS

AS INSCRIBED BY HIS SINCERE AND AFFECTIONATE FRIEND,  
 THOMAS MOORE.

*Mayfield Cottage, Ashbourne,  
 May, 1816.*

THOU ART, O GOD.

(AIR.—UNKNOWN.)

"The day is thine ; the night also is thine : thou hast  
 prepared the light and the sun.

"Thou hast set all the borders of the earth : thou hast  
 made summer and winter." — *Psalm lxxiv. 16, 17.*

THOU art, O God, the life and light  
 Of all this wondrous world we see ;

I have heard that this air is by the late Mrs. Sheridan.  
 It is sung to the beautiful old words, "I do confess thou'rt  
 smooth and fair."

Its glow by day, its smile by night,  
 Are but reflections caught from Thee.  
 Where'er we turn, thy glories shine,  
 And all things fair and bright are Thine !

When Day, with farewell beam, delays  
 Among the opening clouds of Even,  
 And we can almost think we gaze  
 Through golden vistas into Heaven —  
 Those hues, that make the Sun's decline  
 So soft, so radiant, LORD ! are Thine.

When Night, with wings of starry gloom,  
 O'ershadows all the earth and skies,  
 Like some dark, beautiful bird, whose  
 plume

Is sparkling with unnumber'd eyes —  
 That sacred gloom, those fires divine,  
 So grand, so countless, LORD ! are Thine.

When youthful Spring around us breathes,  
 Thy Spirit warms her fragrant sigh ;



And every flower the Summer wreathes  
Is born beneath that kindling eye.  
Where'er we turn, thy glories shine,  
And all things fair and bright are Thine.

THE BIRD, LET LOOSE.

(AIR.—BEEHOVEN.)

THE bird, let loose in eastern skies,<sup>1</sup>  
When hastening fondly home,  
Ne'er stoops to earth her wing, nor flies  
Where idle warblers roam.  
But high she shoots through air and light,  
Above all low delay,  
Where nothing earthly bounds her flight,  
Nor shadow dims her way.

So grant me, GOD, from every care  
And stain of passion free,  
Aloft, through Virtue's purer air,  
To hold my course to Thee!  
No sin to cloud, no lure to stay  
My Soul, as home she springs;—  
Thy Sunshine on her joyful way,  
Thy Freedom in her wings!

FALLEN IS THY THRONE.

(AIR.—MARTINI.)

FALL'N is thy Throne, O Israel!  
Silence is o'er thy plains;  
Thy dwellings all lie desolate,  
Thy children weep in chains.  
Where are the dews that fed thee  
On Etham's barren shore?  
That fire from Heaven which led thee,  
Now lights thy path no more.

LORD! thou didst love Jerusalem—  
Once she was all thy own;

Her love thy fairest heritage,<sup>2</sup>  
Her power thy glory's throne.<sup>3</sup>  
Till evil came, and blighted  
Thy long-lov'd olive tree;<sup>4</sup>—  
And Salem's shrines were lighted  
For other gods than Thee.

Then sunk the star of Solyma—  
Then pass'd her glory's day,  
Like heath that, in the wilderness,<sup>5</sup>  
The wild wind whirls away.  
Silent and waste her bowers,  
Where once the mighty trod,  
And sunk those guilty towers,  
While Baal reign'd as God.

“Go”—said the LORD—“Ye Conquerors!  
“Steep in her blood your swords,  
“And raze to earth her battlements,<sup>6</sup>  
“For they are not the LORD'S.  
“Till Zion's mournful daughter  
“O'er kindred bones shall tread,  
“And Hinnom's vale of slaughter<sup>7</sup>  
“Shall hide but half her dead!”

WHO IS THE MAID?

ST. JEROME'S LOVE.<sup>8</sup>

(AIR.—BEEHOVEN.)

Who is the Maid my spirit seeks,  
Through cold reproof and slander's blight?  
Has *she* Love's roses on her cheeks?  
Is *hers* an eye of this world's light?  
No—wan and sunk with midnight prayer  
Are the pale looks of her I love;  
Or if, at times, a light be there,  
Its beam is kindled from above.

I chose not her, my heart's elect,  
From those who seek their Maker's shrine

<sup>1</sup> The carrier pigeon, it is well known, flies at an elevated pitch, in order to surmount every obstacle between her and the place to which she is destined.

<sup>2</sup> “I have left mine heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.”—*Jeremias*, xii. 7.

<sup>3</sup> “Do not disgrace the throne of thy glory.”—*Jer.* xiv. 21.

<sup>4</sup> “The LORD called thy name a green olive tree; fair and of goodly fruit,” &c.—*J. r.* xi. 16.

<sup>5</sup> “For he shall be like the heath in the desert.”—*Jer.* xvii. 6.

<sup>6</sup> “Take away her battlements; for they are not the LORD'S.”—*Jer.* v. 10.

<sup>7</sup> “Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter; for they shall bury in Tophet till there be no place.”—*J. r.* vii. 32.

<sup>8</sup> These lines were suggested by a passage in one of St Jerome's Letters, replying to some calumnious remarks that had been circulated respecting his intimacy with the matron Paula:—“Numquid me vestes sericæ, nitentes gemmæ, picta facies, aut aurî rapuit ambitio? Nulla fuit alia Romæ matronarum, quæ meam possit edomare mentem, nisi lugens atque jejuna, fletu pene cæcata.”—*Epist.* “*Si tibi putem.*”

In gems and garlands proudly deck'd,  
As if themselves were things divine.  
No—Heaven but faintly warms the breast  
That beats beneath a broider'd veil;  
And she who comes in glittering vest  
To mourn her frailty, still is frail.<sup>1</sup>

Not so the faded form I prize  
And love, because its bloom is gone;  
The glory in those sainted eyes  
Is all the grace *her* brow puts on.  
And ne'er was Beauty's dawn so bright,  
So touching as that form's decay,  
Which, like the altar's trembling light,  
In holy lustre wastes away.

THIS WORLD IS ALL A FLEETING  
SHOW.

(AIR.—STEVENSON.)

THIS world is all a fleeting show,  
For man's illusion given;  
The smiles of Joy, the tears of Woe,  
Deceitful shine, deceitful flow—  
There's nothing true but Heaven!

And false the light on Glory's plume,  
As fading hues of Even;  
And Love and Hope, and Beauty's bloom,  
Are blossoms gather'd for the tomb—  
There's nothing bright but Heaven!

Poor wanderers of a stormy day,  
From wave to wave we're driven,  
And Fancy's flash, and Reason's ray,  
Serve but to light the troubled way—  
There's nothing calm but Heaven.

O THOU WHO DRY'ST THE MOURNER'S  
TEAR.

(AIR.—HAYDN.)

"He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."—*Psalms* cxlviii. 3.

O THOU who dry'st the mourner's tear,  
How dark this world would be,  
If, when deceived and wounded here,  
We could not fly to Thee!

The friends who in our sunshine live,  
When winter comes, are flown;  
And he who has but tears to give,  
Must weep those tears alone.  
But Thou wilt heal that broken heart,  
Which, like the plants that throw  
Their fragrance from the wounded part,  
Breathes sweetness out of woe.

When joy no longer soothes or cheers,  
And even the hope that threw  
A moment's sparkle o'er our tears,  
Is dimm'd and vanish'd too,  
O, who would bear life's stormy doom,  
Did not thy Wing of Love  
Come, brightly wafting through the gloom  
Our Peace branch from above?  
Then sorrow, touch'd by Thee, grows bright  
With more than rapture's ray;  
As darkness shows us worlds of light  
We never saw by day!

WEEP NOT FOR THOSE.

(AIR.—AVISON.)

WEEP not for those whom the veil of the tomb,  
In life's happy morning, hath hid from our eyes,  
Ere sin threw a blight o'er the spirit's young bloom,  
Or earth had profaned what was born for the skies.  
Death chill'd the fair fountain, ere sorrow had stain'd it;  
'Twas frozen in all the pure light of its course,  
And but sleeps till the sunshine of Heaven has unchain'd it,  
To water that Eden where first was its source.  
Weep not for those whom the veil of the tomb,  
In life's happy morning, hath hid from our eyes,  
Ere sin threw a blight o'er the spirit's young bloom,  
Or earth had profaned what was born for the skies.  
Mourn not for her, the young Bride of the Vale,<sup>2</sup>  
Our gayest and loveliest, lost to us now,

<sup>1</sup> Οὐ γὰρ κρυσσοφορεῖν τὴν δακρυβοῦσαν δεῖ.—*Chrysost.* *Homil.* 8, in *Epist. ad Tim.*

<sup>2</sup> This second verse, which I wrote long after the first, alludes to the fate of a very lovely and amiable girl, the daughter of the late Colonel Bainbrigge, who was married in Ashbourne church, October 31, 1815, and died of a fever in a few weeks after: the sound of her marriage bells seemed

scarcely out of our ears when we heard of her death. During her last delirium she sung several hymns, in a voice even clearer and sweeter than usual, and among them were some from the present collection, (particularly, "There's nothing bright but Heaven,") which this very interesting girl had often heard me sing during the summer.

Ere life's early lustre had time to grow pale,  
And the garland of Love was yet fresh on her brow.

O, then was her moment, dear spirit, for flying  
From this gloomy world, while its gloom was  
unknown —

And the wild hymns she warbled so sweetly, in  
dying,

Were echoed in Heaven by lips like her own.  
Weep not for her — in her spring time she flew  
To that land where the wings of the soul are  
unfurled;

And now, like a star beyond evening's cold dew,  
Looks radiantly down on the tears of this  
world.

—

THE TURF SHALL BE MY FRAGRANT  
SHRINE.

(AIR.—STEVENSON.)

The turf shall be my fragrant shrine;  
My temple, LORD! that Arch of thine;  
My censer's breath the mountain airs,  
And silent thoughts my only prayers.<sup>1</sup>

My choir shall be the moonlight waves,  
When murmuring homeward to their caves,  
Or when the stillness of the sea,  
Even more than music, breathes of Thee!

I'll seek, by day, some glade unknown,  
All light and silence, like thy Throne;  
And the pale stars shall be, at night,  
The only eyes that watch my rite.

Thy Heaven, on which 'tis bliss to look,  
Shall be my pure and shining book,  
Where I shall read, in words of flame,  
The glories of thy wondrous name.

I'll read thy anger in the rack  
That clouds a while the daybeam's track;  
Thy mercy in the azure hue  
Of sunny brightness, breaking through.

There's nothing bright, above, below,  
From flowers that bloom to stars that glow,  
But in its light my soul can see  
Some feature of thy Deity:

<sup>1</sup> *Pii orant tacite.*

<sup>2</sup> I have so much altered the character of this air, which is from the beginning of one of Avison's old-fashioned concertos, that, without this acknowledgment, it could hardly, I think, be recognized.

There's nothing dark, below, above,  
But in its gloom I trace thy Love,  
And meekly wait that moment, when  
Thy touch shall turn all bright again!

—

SOUND THE LOUD TIMBREL.

MIRIAM'S SONG.

(AIR.—AVISON.)

"And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her, with timbrels and with dances." — *Exod. xv. 20.*

Sound the loud Timbrel o'er Egypt's dark sea!  
JEHOVAH has triumph'd — his people are free.  
Sing — for the pride of the Tyrant is broken,  
His chariots, his horsemen, all splendid and  
brave —

How vain was their boast, for the LORD hath  
but spoken,

And chariots and horsemen are sunk in the  
wave.

Sound the loud Timbrel o'er Egypt's dark sea;  
JEHOVAH has triumph'd — his people are free.

Praise to the Conqueror, praise to the LORD!  
His word was our arrow, his breath was our  
sword. —

Who shall return to tell Egypt the story  
Of those she sent forth in the hour of her  
pride?

For the LORD hath look'd out from his pillar of  
glory,<sup>3</sup>

And all her brave thousands are dash'd in the  
tide.

Sound the loud Timbrel o'er Egypt's dark sea!  
JEHOVAH has triumph'd — his people are free!

—

GO, LET ME WEEP.

(AIR.—STEVENSON.)

Go, let me weep — there's bliss in tears,  
When he who sheds them inly feels  
Some lingering stain of early years  
Effaced by every drop that steals.  
The fruitless showers of worldly woe  
Fall dark to earth and never rise;

<sup>3</sup> "And it came to pass, that, in the morning watch, the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians, through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians." — *Exod. xiv. 24.*

While tears that from repentance flow,  
In bright exhalement reach the skies.  
Go, let me weep.

Leave me to sigh o'er hours that flew  
More idly than the summer's wind,  
And, while they pass'd, a fragrance threw,  
But left no trace of sweets behind. —  
The warmest sigh that pleasure heaves  
Is cold, is faint to those that swell  
The heart, where pure repentance grieves  
O'er hours of pleasure, loved too well.  
Leave me to sigh.

—  
COME NOT, O LORD.

(AIR.—HAYDN.)

COME not, O LORD, in the dread robe of splendor  
Thou wor'st on the Mount, in the day of  
thine ire ;  
Come veil'd in those shadows, deep, awful, but  
tender,  
Which Mercy flings over thy features of fire !

LORD, thou rememb'rest the night, when thy  
Nation<sup>1</sup>  
Stood fronting her Foe by the red-rolling  
stream ;  
O'er Egypt thy pillar shed dark desolation,  
While Israel bask'd all the night in its beam.

So, when the dread clouds of anger infold Thee,  
From us, in thy mercy, the dark side remove ;  
While shrouded in terrors the guilty behold  
Thee,  
O, turn upon us the mild light of thy Love !

—  
WERE NOT THE SINFUL MARY'S  
TEARS.

(AIR.—STEVENSON.)

WERE not the sinful Mary's tears  
An offering worthy Heaven,  
When o'er the faults of former years,  
She wept — and was forgiven ?

When, bringing every balmy sweet  
Her day of luxury stored,

<sup>1</sup> "And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel ; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these." — *Exod.* xiv. 20.

<sup>2</sup> "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven ; for she loved much." — *St. Luke* vii. 47.

<sup>3</sup> "And he will destroy, in this mountain, the face of the

She o'er her Savior's hallow'd feet  
The precious odors pour'd ; —

And wiped them with that golden hair,  
Where once the diamond shone ;  
Though now those gems of grief were there  
Which shone for God alone !

Were not those sweets, so humbly shed —  
That hair — those weeping eyes —  
And the sunk heart, that inly bled —  
Heaven's noblest sacrifice ?

Thou, that hast slept in error's sleep,  
O, wouldst thou wake in Heaven,  
Like Mary kneel, like Mary weep,  
"Love much"<sup>2</sup> and be forgiven !

—  
AS DOWN IN THE SUNLESS RETREATS.

(AIR.—HAYDN.)

AS down in the sunless retreats of the Ocean,  
Sweet flowers are springing no mortal can see,  
So, deep in my soul the still prayer of devotion,  
Unheard by the world, rises silent to Thee,  
My God ! silent, to Thee —  
Pure, warm, silent, to Thee.

As still to the star of its worship, though clouded,  
The needle points faithfully o'er the dim sea,  
So, dark as I roam, in this wintry world shrouded,  
The hope of my spirit turns trembling to Thee,  
My God ! trembling, to Thee —  
True, fond, trembling, to Thee.

—  
BUT WHO SHALL SEE.

(AIR.—STEVENSON.)

BUT who shall see the glorious day  
When throned on Zion's brow,  
The LORD shall rend that veil away  
Which hides the nations now ?<sup>3</sup>  
When earth no more beneath the fear  
Of his rebuke shall lie ;<sup>4</sup>  
When pain shall cease, and every tear  
Be wiped from every eye.<sup>5</sup>

covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations." — *Isaiah*, xxv. 7.

<sup>4</sup> "The rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth." — *Isaiah*, xxv. 8.

<sup>5</sup> "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes ; . . . neither shall there be any more pain" — *Rev.* xxi. 4

Then, Judah, thou no more shalt mourn  
 Beneath the heathen's chain ;  
 Thy days of splendor shall return,  
 And all be new again.<sup>1</sup>  
 The Fount of Life shall then be quaff'd  
 In peace, by all who come ;<sup>2</sup>  
 And every wind that blows shall wait  
 Some long-lost exile home.

ALMIGHTY GOD !

CHORUS OF PRIESTS.

(AIR.—MOZART.)

ALMIGHTY GOD ! when round thy shrine  
 The Palm Tree's heavenly branch we twine,<sup>3</sup>  
 (Emblem of Life's eternal ray,  
 And Love that "fadeth not away,")  
 We bless the flowers, expanded all,<sup>4</sup>  
 We bless the leaves that never fall,  
 And trembling say,— "In Eden thus  
 "The Tree of Life may flower for us !"

When round thy Cherubs — smiling calm,  
 Without their flames<sup>5</sup> — we wreath the Palm,  
 O GOD ! we feel the emblem true —  
 Thy Mercy is eternal too.  
 Those Cherubs, with their smiling eyes,  
 That crown of Palm which never dies,  
 Are but the types of Thee above —  
 Eternal Life, and Peace, and Love !

O FAIR ! O PUREST !

SAINT AUGUSTINE TO HIS SISTER.<sup>6</sup>

(AIR.—MOORE.)

O FAIR ! O purest ! be thou the dove  
 That flies alone to some sunny grove,

And lives unseen, and bathes her wing,  
 All vestal white, in the limpid spring.  
 There, if the hovering hawk be near,  
 That limpid spring in its mirror clear  
 Reflects him, ere he reach his prey,  
 And warns the timorous bird away.  
 Be thou this dove ;  
 Fairest, purest, be thou this dove.

The sacred pages of God's own book  
 Shall be the spring, the eternal brook,  
 In whose holy mirror, night and day,  
 Thou'lt study Heaven's reflected ray ;—  
 And should the foes of virtue dare,  
 With gloomy wing, to seek thee there,  
 Thou wilt see how dark their shadows lie  
 Between Heaven and thee, and trembling fly  
 Be thou that dove ;  
 Fairest, purest, be thou that dove.

ANGEL OF CHARITY.

(AIR.—HANDEL.)

ANGEL of Charity, who, from above,  
 Comest to dwell a pilgrim here,  
 Thy voice is music, thy smile is love,  
 And Pity's soul is in thy tear.  
 When on the shrine of GOD were laid  
 First fruits of all most good and fair,  
 That ever bloom'd in Eden's shade,  
 Thine was the holiest offering there.

Hope and her sister, Faith, were given  
 But as our guides to yonder sky ;  
 Soon as they reach the verge of heaven  
 There, lost in perfect bliss, they die.<sup>7</sup>  
 But, long as Love, Almighty Love,  
 Shall on his throne of thrones abide,  
 Thou, Charity, shalt dwell above,  
 Smiling forever by His side !

<sup>1</sup> "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new."— *Rev.* xxi. 5.

<sup>2</sup> "And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."— *Rev.* xxii. 17.

<sup>3</sup> "The Scriptures having declared that the Temple of Jerusalem was a type of the Messiah, it is natural to conclude that the *Palm*, which made so conspicuous a figure in that structure, represented that *Life* and *Immortality* which were brought to light by the Gospel."— *Observations on the Palm, as a sacred Emblem*, by W. Tighe.

<sup>4</sup> "And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims, and palm trees, and open flowers."— *1 Kings*, vi. 29.

<sup>5</sup> "When the passover of the tabernacles was revealed to the great lawgiver in the mount, then the cherubic images which appeared in that structure were no longer surrounded

by flames; for the tabernacle was a type of the dispensation of mercy, by which *JEHOVAH* confirmed his gracious covenant to redeem mankind."— *Observations on the Palm*.

<sup>6</sup> In St. Augustine's Treatise upon the advantages of a solitary life, addressed to his sister, there is the following fanciful passage, from which, the reader will perceive, the thought of this song was taken:—"Te, soror, nunquam nolo esse securam, sed timere semperque tuam fragilitatem habere suspectam, ad instar pavida columbæ frequentare rivos aquarum et quasi in speculo accipitris cernere supervolantis effigiem et cavere. Rivi aquarum sententiæ sunt scripturarum, quæ de limpidissimo sapientiæ fonte profuunt, entes," &c. &c.— *De Vit. Eremit. ad Sororem*.

<sup>7</sup> "Then Faith shall fail, and holy Hope shall die, One lost in certainty, and one in joy."— *Prior*



## BEHOLD THE SUN.

(AIR.—LORD MORNINGTON.)

BEHOLD the Sun, how bright  
From yonder East he springs,  
As if the soul of life and light  
Were breathing from his wings.

So bright the Gospel broke  
Upon the souls of men ;  
So fresh the dreaming world awoke  
In Truth's full radiance then.

Before yon Sun arose,  
Stars cluster'd through the sky —  
But O how dim, how pale were those,  
To His one burning eye !

So Truth lent many a ray  
To bless the Pagan's night —  
But, LORD, how weak, how cold were they  
To Thy One glorious Light !

## LORD, WHO SHALL BEAR THAT DAY.

(AIR.—DR. BOYCE.)

LORD, who shall bear that day, so dread, so  
splendid,

When we shall see thy Angel, hov'ring o'er  
This sinful world, with hand to heav'n extended,  
And hear him swear by Thee that Time's no  
more ?<sup>1</sup>

When Earth shall feel thy fast consuming ray —  
Who, Mighty God, O who shall bear that  
day ?

When through the world thy awful call hath  
sounded —

“Wake, all ye Dead, to judgment wake, ye  
Dead !”<sup>2</sup>

And from the clouds, by seraph eyes surrounded,  
The Savior shall put forth his radiant head ;<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> “And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by Him that liveth forever and ever, . . . that there should be time no longer.” — *Rev.* x. 5, 6.

<sup>2</sup> “Awake, ye Dead, and come to judgment.”

<sup>3</sup> “They shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven — and all the angels with him.” — *Matt.* xxiv. 30, and xxv. 31.

<sup>4</sup> “From whose face the earth and the heaven fled away.”  
*Rev.* xx. 11

While Earth and Heav'n before Him pass  
away<sup>4</sup> —

Who, Mighty God, O who shall bear that day ?

When, with a glance, th' Eternal Judge shall  
sever

Earth's evil spirits from the pure and bright,  
And say to *those*, “Depart from me forever !”

To *these*, “Come, dwell with me in endless  
light !”<sup>5</sup>

When each and all in silence take their way —  
Who, Mighty God, O who shall bear that day ?

## O, TEACH ME TO LOVE THEE.

(AIR.—HAYDN.)

O, TEACH me to love Thee, to feel what thou art,  
Till, fill'd with the one sacred image, my heart  
Shall all other passions disown ;  
Like some pure temple, that shines apart,  
Reserved for Thy worship alone.

In joy and in sorrow, through praise and through  
blame,

Thus still let me, living and dying the same,  
In *Thy* service bloom and decay —

Like some lone altar, whose votive flame  
In holiness wasteth away.

Though born in this desert, and doom'd by my  
birth

To pain and affliction, to darkness and dearth,  
On Thee let my spirit rely —

Like some rude dial, that, fix'd on earth,  
Still looks for its light from the sky.

## WEEP, CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.

(AIR.—STEVENSON.)

WEEP, weep for him, the Man of God,<sup>6</sup> —  
In yonder vale he sunk to rest ;

<sup>5</sup> “And before Him shall be gathered all nations, and He shall separate them one from another. . . .”

“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you, &c.

“Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, &c.

“And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.” — *Matt.* xxv. 32, *et seq.*

<sup>6</sup> “And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab” — *Deut.* xxxiv. 8.

But none of earth can point the sod<sup>1</sup>  
That flowers above his sacred breast.  
Weep, children of Israel, weep !

His doctrine fell like Heaven's rain,<sup>2</sup>  
His words refresh'd like Heaven's dew —  
O, ne'er shall Israel see again  
A Chief, to God and her so true.  
Weep, children of Israel, weep !

Remember ye his parting gaze,  
His farewell song by Jordan's tide,  
When, full of glory and of days,  
He saw the promised land — and died.<sup>3</sup>  
Weep, children of Israel, weep !

Yet died he not as men who sink,  
Before our eyes, to soulless clay ;  
But, changed to spirit, like a wink  
Of summer lightning, pass'd away.<sup>4</sup>  
Weep, children of Israel, weep !

### LIKE MORNING, WHEN HER EARLY BREEZE.

(AIR.—BEETHOVEN.)

LIKE morning, when her early breeze  
Breaks up the surface of the seas,  
That, in those furrows, dark with night,  
Her hand may sow the seeds of light —

Thy Grace can send its breathings o'er  
The Spirit, dark and lost before,  
And, fresh'ning all its depths, prepare  
For Truth divine to enter there.

Till David touch'd his sacred lyre,  
In silence lay th' unbreathing wire ;  
But when he swept its chords along,  
Ev'n Angels stoop'd to hear that song.

So sleeps the soul, till Thou, O LORD,  
Shalt deign to touch its lifeless chord —

1 "And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab ;  
. . . but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day."  
— *Deut.* xxxiv. 6.

2 "My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall  
listle as the dew." — *Moses' Song* : *Deut.* xxxii. 2.

3 "I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou  
shalt not go over thither." — *Deut.* xxxiv. 4.

4 "As he was going to embrace Eleazer and Joshua, and  
was still discoursing with them, a cloud stood over him on  
the sudden, and he disappeared in a certain valley, although  
he wrote in the Holy Books that he died, which was done

Till, waked by Thee, its breath shall rise  
In music, worthy of the skies !

### COME, YE DISCONSOLATE.

(AIR.—GERMAN.)

COME, ye disconsolate, where'er you languish,  
Come, at God's altar fervently kneel ;  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your  
anguish —  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying,  
Hope, when all others die, fadeless and pure,  
Here speaks the Comforter, in God's name  
saying —  
"Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot  
cure."

Go, ask the infidel, what boon he brings us,  
What charm for aching hearts he can reveal,  
Sweet as that heavenly promise Hope sings us —  
"Earth has no sorrow that God cannot heal."

### AWAKE, ARISE, THY LIGHT IS COME.

(AIR.—STEVENSON.)

AWAKE, arise, thy light is come ;<sup>5</sup>  
The nations, that before outshone thee,  
Now at thy feet lie dark and dumb —  
The glory of the LORD is on thee !

Arise — the Gentiles to thy ray,  
From ev'ry nook of earth shall cluster ;  
And kings and princes haste to pay  
Their homage to thy rising lustre.<sup>6</sup>

Lift up thine eyes around, and see,  
O'er foreign fields, o'er farthest waters,  
Thy exiled sons return to thee,  
To thee return thy home-sick daughters.<sup>7</sup>

out of fear, lest they should venture to say that, because of  
his extraordinary virtue, he went to God." — *Josephus*, book  
iv. chap. viii.

5 "Arise, shine ; for thy light is come, and the glory of  
the LORD is risen upon thee." — *Isaiah*, lx.

6 "And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to  
the brightness of thy rising." — *Id.*

7 "Lift up thine eyes round about and see ; all they gather  
themselves together, they come to thee : thy sons shall come  
from afar, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side." —  
*Id.*

And camels rich, from Midian's tents,  
Shall lay their treasures down before thee ;  
And Saba bring her gold and scents,  
To fill thy air and sparkle o'er thee.<sup>1</sup>

See, who are these that, like a cloud,<sup>2</sup>  
Are gathering from all earth's dominions,  
Like doves, long absent, when allow'd  
Homeward to shoot their trembling pinions.

Surely the isles shall wait for me,<sup>3</sup>  
The ships of Tarshish round will hover,  
To bring thy sons across the sea,  
And waft their gold and silver over.

And Lebanon thy pomp shall grace<sup>4</sup>—  
The fir, the pine, the palm victorious  
Shall beautify our Holy Place,  
And make the ground I tread on glorious.

No more shall Discord haunt thy ways,<sup>5</sup>  
Nor ruin waste thy cheerless nation ;  
But thou shalt call thy portals, Praise,  
And thou shalt name thy walls, Salvation.

The sun no more shall make thee bright,<sup>6</sup>  
Nor moon shall lend her lustre to thee ;  
But God, Himself, shall be thy Light,  
And flash eternal glory through thee.

Thy sun shall never more go down ;  
A ray, from heav'n itself descended,  
Shall light thy everlasting crown—  
Thy days of mourning all are ended.<sup>7</sup>

My own, elect, and righteous Land !  
The Branch, forever green and vernal,  
Which I have planted with this hand—  
Live thou shalt in Life Eternal.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> "The multitude of camels shall cover thee ; the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah ; all they from Sheba shall come ; they shall bring gold and incense."— *Isaiah*, ix.

<sup>2</sup> "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows ?"— *Ib.*

<sup>3</sup> "Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them."— *Ib.*

<sup>4</sup> "The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee ; the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary ; and I will make the place of my feet glorious."— *Ib.*

<sup>5</sup> "Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders ; but thou shalt call thy walls, Salvation, and thy gates, Praise."— *Ib.*

## THERE IS A BLEAK DESERT.

(AIR.—CRESCENTINI.)

THERE is a bleak Desert, where daylight grows  
weary  
Of wasting its smile on a region so dreary—  
What may that Desert be ?  
'Tis Life, cheerless Life, where the few joys that  
come  
Are lost, like that daylight, for 'tis not their  
home.

There is a lone Pilgrim, before whose faint eyes  
The water he pants for but sparkles and flies—  
Who may that Pilgrim be ?  
'Tis Man, hapless Man, through this life tempted  
on  
By fair shining hopes, that in shining are gone.

There is a bright Fountain, through that Desert  
stealing  
To pure lips alone its refreshment revealing—  
What may that Fountain be ?  
'Tis Truth, holy Truth, that, like springs under  
ground,  
By the gifted of Heaven alone can be found.<sup>9</sup>

There is a fair Spirit, whose wand hath the spell  
To point where those waters in secrecy dwell—  
Who may that Spirit be ?  
'Tis Faith, humble Faith, who hath learn'd that,  
where'er  
Her wand bends to worship, the Truth must be  
there !

## SINCE FIRST THY WORD.

(AIR.—NICHOLAS FREEMAN.)

SINCE first Thy Word awakened my heart,  
Like new life dawning o'er me,

<sup>6</sup> "Thy sun shall be no more thy light by day ; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee ; but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory."— *Ib.*

<sup>7</sup> "Thy sun shall no more go down ; . . . for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended."— *Ib.*

<sup>8</sup> "Thy people also shall be all righteous ; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands."— *Ib.*

<sup>9</sup> In singing, the following line had better be adopted,—

"Can but by the gifted of Heaven be found."

Where'er I turn mine eyes, Thou art,  
 All light and love before me.  
 Nought else I feel, or hear or see —  
 All bonds of earth I sever —  
 Thee, O God, and only Thee  
 I live for, now and ever.

Like him whose fetters dropp'd away  
 When light shone o'er his prison,<sup>1</sup>  
 My spirit, touch'd by Mercy's ray,  
 Hath from her chains arisen.  
 And shall a soul Thou bidst be free,  
 Return to bondage? — never!  
 Thee, O God, and only Thee  
 I live for, now and ever.

HARK! 'TIS THE BREEZE.

(AIR.—ROUSSEAU.)

HARK! 'tis the breeze of twilight calling  
 Earth's weary children to repose;  
 While, round the couch of Nature falling,  
 Gently the night's soft curtains close.  
 Soon o'er a world, in sleep reclining,  
 Numberless stars, through yonder dark,  
 Shall look, like eyes of Cherubs shining  
 From out the veils that hid the Ark.

Guard us, O Thou, who never sleepest,  
 Thou who, in silence throned above,  
 Throughout all time, unweari'd, keepest  
 Thy watch of Glory, Pow'r, and Love.  
 Grant that, beneath thine eye, securely,  
 Our souls, a while from life withdrawn,  
 May, in their darkness, stilly, purely,  
 Like "sealed fountains," rest till dawn.

WHERE IS YOUR DWELLING, YE  
 SAINTED?

(AIR.—HASSE.)

WHERE is your dwelling, ye Sainted?  
 Through what Elysium more bright  
 Than fancy or hope ever painted,  
 Walk ye in glory and light?  
 Who the same kingdom inherits?  
 Breathes there a soul that may dare

<sup>1</sup> "And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison. . . . And his chains fell off from his hands." — Acts, xii. 7.

Look to that world of Spirits,  
 Or hope to dwell with you there?

Sages! who, ev'n in exploring  
 Nature through all her bright ways,  
 Went, like the Seraphs, adoring,  
 And veil'd your eyes in the blaze —  
 Martyrs! who left for our reaping  
 Truths you had sown in your blood —  
 Sinners! whom long years of weeping  
 Chasten'd from evil to good —

Maidens! who, like the young Crescent,  
 Turning away your pale brows  
 From earth, and the light of the Present,  
 Look'd to your Heavenly Spouse —  
 Say, through what region enchanted  
 Walk ye, in Heaven's sweet air?  
 Say, to what spirits 'tis granted,  
 Bright souls, to dwell with you there?

HOW LIGHTLY MOUNTS THE MUSE'S  
 WING.

(AIR.—ANONYMOUS.)

How lightly mounts the Muse's wing,  
 Whose theme is in the skies —  
 Like morning larks, that sweeter sing  
 The nearer Heav'n they rise.

Though Love his magic lyre may tune,  
 Yet ah, the flow'rs he round it wreathes  
 Were pluck'd beneath pale Passion's moon,  
 Whose madness in their odor breathes.

How purer far the sacred lute,  
 Round which Devotion ties  
 Sweet flow'rs that turn to heav'nly fruit,  
 And palm that never dies.

Though War's high-sounding harp may be  
 Most welcome to the hero's ears,  
 Alas, his chords of victory  
 Are wet, all o'er, with human tears.

How far more sweet their numbers run,  
 Who hymn, like Saints above,  
 No victor, but th' Eternal One,  
 No trophies but of Love!

## GO FORTH TO THE MOUNT.

(AIR.—STEVENSON.)

Go forth to the Mount—bring the olive branch  
home,<sup>1</sup>  
And rejoice, for the day of our Freedom is come!  
From that time,<sup>2</sup> when the moon upon Ajalon's  
vale,  
Looking motionless down,<sup>3</sup> saw the kings of  
the earth,  
In the presence of God's mighty Champion,  
grow pale—  
O, never had Judah an hour of such mirth!  
Go forth to the Mount—bring the olive branch  
home,  
And rejoice, for the day of our Freedom is come!  
Bring myrtle and palm—bring the boughs of  
each tree  
That's worthy to wave o'er the tents of the Free.<sup>4</sup>  
From that day, when the footsteps of Israel  
shone,  
With a light not their own, through the  
Jordan's deep tide,  
Whose waters shrunk back as the Ark glided  
on,<sup>5</sup>—  
O, never had Judah an hour of such pride!  
Go forth to the Mount—bring the olive branch  
home,  
And rejoice, for the day of our Freedom is come!

IS IT NOT SWEET TO THINK, HERE-  
AFTER.

(AIR.—HAYDN.)

Is it not sweet to think, hereafter,  
When the Spirit leaves this sphere,  
Love, with deathless wing, shall waft her  
To those she long hath mourn'd for here?  
Hearts, from which 'twas death to sever,  
Eyes, this world can ne'er restore,  
There, as warm, as bright as ever,  
Shall meet us and be lost no more.

<sup>1</sup> "And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches," &c. &c. — *Neh.* viii. 15.

<sup>2</sup> "For since the days of Joshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so: and there was very great gladness. — *Ib.* 17.

<sup>3</sup> "Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon." — *Josh.* x. 12.

<sup>4</sup> "Fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths." — *Neh.* vii. 15.

<sup>5</sup> "And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan,

When wearily we wander, asking  
Of earth and heaven, where are they,  
Beneath whose smile we once lay basking,  
Blest, and thinking bliss would stay?

Hope still lifts her radiant finger  
Pointing to th' eternal Home,  
Upon whose portal yet they linger,  
Looking back for us to come.

Alas, alas—doth Hope deceive us?  
Shall friendship—love—shall all those ties  
That bind a moment, and then leave us,  
Be found again where nothing dies?

O, if no other boon were given,  
To keep our hearts from wrong and stain,  
Who would not try to win a Heaven  
Where all we love shall live again?

## WAR AGAINST BABYLON.

(AIR.—NOVELLO.)

"WAR against Babylon!" shout we around,<sup>6</sup>  
Be our banners through earth unfurl'd;  
Rise up, ye nations, ye kings, at the sound<sup>7</sup>—  
"War against Babylon!" shout through the  
world!

O thou that dwellest on many waters,<sup>8</sup>  
Thy day of pride is ended now;  
And the dark curse of Israel's daughters  
Breaks, like a thunder cloud, over thy brow!  
War, war, war against Babylon!

Make bright the arrows, and gather the shields,<sup>9</sup>  
Set the standard of God on high;  
Swarm we, like locusts, o'er all her fields,  
"Zion" our watchword, and "vengeance"  
our cry!

Woe! woe!—the time of thy visitation<sup>10</sup>  
Is come, proud Land, thy doom is cast—  
And the black surge of desolation  
Sweeps o'er thy guilty head, at last!  
War, war, war against Babylon!

and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground." — *Josh.* iii. 17.

<sup>6</sup> "Shout against her round about." — *Jer.* l. 15.

<sup>7</sup> "Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms," &c. &c. — *Ib.* li. 27.

<sup>8</sup> "O thou that dwellest upon many waters, . . . thine end is come." — *Ib.* 13.

<sup>9</sup> "Make bright the arrows; gather the shields . . . set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon." — *Ib.* li. 11, 12.

<sup>10</sup> "Woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation!" — *Ib.* l. 27.



## THE SUMMER FÊTE.

TO

THE HONORABLE MRS. NORTON.

FOR the groundwork of the following Poem I am indebted to a memorable Fête, given some years since, at Boyle Farm, the seat of the late Lord Henry Fitzgerald. In commemoration of that evening—of which the lady to whom these pages are inscribed was, I well recollect, one of the most distinguished ornaments—I was induced at the time to write some verses, which were afterwards, however, thrown aside unfinished, on my discovering that the same task had been undertaken by a noble poet,<sup>1</sup> whose playful and happy *jeu d'esprit* on the subject has since been published. It was but lately, that, on finding the fragments of my own sketch among my papers, I thought of founding on them such a description of an imaginary Fête as might furnish me with situations for the introduction of music.

Such is the origin and object of the following Poem, and to Mrs. Norton it is, with every feeling of admiration and regard, inscribed by her father's warmly attached friend,

THOMAS MOORE.

*Sloperton Cottage,  
November, 1831.*

“WHERE are ye now, ye summer days,  
“That once inspired the poet's lays?  
“Blest time! ere England's nymphs and swains,  
“For lack of sunbeams, took to coals—  
“Summers of light, undim'd by rains,  
“Whose only mocking trace remains  
“In watering-pots and parasols.”

Thus spoke a young Patrician maid,  
As, on the morning of that Fête  
Which bards unborn shall celebrate,  
She backward drew her curtain's shade,  
And, closing one half-dazzled eye,  
Peep'd with the other at the sky—  
Th' important sky, whose light or gloom  
Was to decide, this day, the doom

<sup>1</sup> Lord Francis Egerton.

Of some few hundred beauties, wits,  
Blues, Dandies, Swains, and Exquisites.

Faint were her hopes; for June had now  
Set in with all his usual rigor!  
Young Zephyr yet scarce knowing how  
To nurse a bud, or fan a bough,

But Eurus in perpetual vigor;  
And, such the biting summer air,  
That she, the nymph now nestling there—  
Snug as her own bright gems recline,  
At night, within their cotton shrine—  
Had, more than once, been caught of late  
Kneeling before her blazing grate,  
Like a young worshipper of fire,  
With hands uplifted to the flame,  
Whose glow as if to woo them nigher,  
Through the white fingers flushing came.

But O, the light, the unhop'd-for light,  
That now illum'd this morning's heaven!  
Up sprung Iänthe at the sight,  
Though—hark!—the clocks but strike  
eleven,  
And rarely did the nymph surprise  
Mankind so early with her eyes.

Who now will say that England's sun  
(Like England's self, these spendthrift days)  
His stock of wealth hath near outrun,  
And must retrench his golden rays—  
Pay for the pride of sunbeams past,  
And to mere moonshine come at last?

“Calumnious thought!” Iänthe cries,  
While coming mirth lit up each glance,  
And, prescient of the ball, her eyes  
Already had begun to dance:  
For brighter sun than that which now  
Sparkled o'er London's spires and towers,  
Had never bent from heaven his brow  
To kiss Firenze's City of Flowers

What must it be— if thus so fair  
'Mid the smoked groves of Grosvenor Square—  
What must it be where Thames is seen  
Gliding between his banks of green,  
While rival villas, on each side,  
Peep from their bowers to woo his tide,

And, like a Turk between two rows  
Of Harem beauties, on he goes —  
A lover, loved for ev'n the grace  
With which he slides from their embrace.

In one of those enchanted domes,  
One, the most flowery, cool, and bright  
Of all by which that river roams,

The Fête is to be held to-night —  
That Fête already link'd to fame,  
Whose cards, in many a fair one's sight  
(When look'd for long, at last they came,)  
Seem'd circled with a fairy light ; —  
That Fête to which the cull, the flower  
Of Engiand's beauty, rank and power,  
From the young spinster, just come out,  
To the old Premier, too long *in* —  
From legs of far-descended gout,  
To the last new-mustachio'd chin —  
All were convoked by Fashion's spells  
To the small circle where she dwells,  
Collecting nightly, to allure us,  
Live atoms, which, together hurl'd,  
She, like another Epicurus,  
Sets dancing thus, and calls "the World."

Behold how busy in those bowers  
(Like May flies, in and out of flowers,)  
The countless menials swarming run,  
To furnish forth, ere set of sun,  
The banquet table richly laid  
Beneath yon awning's lengthen'd shade,  
Where fruits shall tempt, and wines entice,  
And Luxury's self, at Gunter's call,  
Breathe from her summer throne of ice  
A spirit of coolness over all.

And now the important hour drew nigh,  
When, 'neath the flush of evening's sky,  
The west end "world" for mirth let loose,  
And moved, as he of Syracuse<sup>1</sup>  
Ne'er dreamt of moving worlds, by force  
Of four-horse power, had all combined  
Through Grosvenor Gate to speed their course,  
Leaving that portion of mankind,  
Whom they call "Nobody," behind ; —  
No star for London's feasts to-day,  
No moon of beauty, new this May,  
To lend the night her crescent ray ; —  
Nothing in short, for ear or eye,  
But veteran belles, and wits gone by,

The relics of a past beau monde,  
A world, like Cuvier's, long dethroned !  
Ev'n Parliament this evening nods  
Beneath th' harangues of minor gods,  
On half its usual opiate share ;  
The great dispensers of repose,  
The first-rate furnishers of prose  
Being all call'd to — prose elsewhere.

Soon as through Grosvenor's lordly square<sup>2</sup> —  
That last impregnable redoubt,  
Where, guarded with Patrician care,  
Primeval Error still holds out —  
Where never gleam of gas must dare  
'Gainst ancient Darkness to revolt,  
Nor smooth Macadam hope to spare  
The dowagers one single jolt ; —  
Where, far too stately and sublime  
To profit by the lights of time,  
Let Intellect march how it will,  
They stick to oil and watchmen still : —  
Soon as through that illustrious square  
The first epistolary bell,  
Sounding by fits upon the air,  
Of parting pennies rung the knell ;  
Warn'd by that telltale of the hours,  
And by the daylight's westering beam,  
The young Ianthe, who, with flowers  
Half crown'd, had sat in idle dream  
Before her glass, scarce knowing where  
Her fingers roved through that bright hair.  
While, all capriciously, she now  
Dislodged some curl from her white brow,  
And now again replaced it there ; —  
As though her task was meant to be  
One endless change of ministry —  
A routing up of Loves and Graces,  
But to plant others in their places.

Meanwhile — what strain is that which floats  
Through the small boudoir near — like notes  
Of some young bird, its task repeating  
For the next linnet music meeting ?  
A voice it was, whose gentle sounds  
Still kept a modest octave's bounds,  
Nor yet had ventured to exalt  
Its rash ambition to *B alt*,  
That point towards which when ladies rise,  
The wise man takes his hat and — flies.  
Tones of a harp, too, gently played,  
Came with this youthful voice communing :

<sup>1</sup> Archimedes

<sup>2</sup> I am not certain whether the Dowagers of this Square have yet yielded to the innovations of Gas and Police, but at

the time when the above lines were written they still obstinately persevered in their old *régime* ; and would not suffer themselves to be either well guarded or well lighted

Tones true, for once, without the aid  
 Of that infictive process, tuning —  
 A process which must oft have given  
 Poor Milton's ears a deadly wound ;  
 So pleased, among the joys of Heaven,  
 He specifies " harps *ever* tuned." <sup>1</sup>  
 She who now sung this gentle strain  
 Was our young nymph's still younger sister —  
 Scarce ready yet for Fashion's train  
 In their light legions to enlist her,  
 But counted on, as sure to bring  
 Her force into the field next spring.

The song she thus, like Jubal's shell,  
 Gave forth " so sweetly and so well,"  
 Was one in Morning Post much famed,  
 From a *divine* collection, named,  
 " Songs of the Toilet " — every Lay  
 Taking for subject of its Muse,  
 Some branch of feminine array,  
 Some item, with full scope, to choose,  
 From diamonds down to dancing shoes ;  
 From the last hat that Herbault's hands  
 Bequeath'd to an admiring world,  
 Down to the latest flounce that stands  
 Like Jacob's Ladder — or expands  
 Far forth, tempestuously unfurl'd.

Speaking of one of these new Lays,  
 The Morning Post thus sweetly says : —  
 " Not all that breathes from Bishop's lyre,  
 " That Barnett dreams, or Cooke conceives,  
 " Can match for sweetness, strength, or fire,  
 " This fine Cantata upon Sleeves.  
 " The very notes themselves reveal  
 " The cut of each new sleeve so well ;  
 " A *flat* betrays the *Imbécilles*,<sup>2</sup>  
 " Light fugues the flying lappets tell ;  
 " While rich cathedral chords awake  
 " Our homage for the *Manches d'Evêque*."

'Twas the first opening song — the Lay  
 Of all least deep in toilet lore,  
 That the young nymph, to while away  
 The tiring hour, thus warbled o'er : —

SONG.

ARRAY thee, love, array thee, love,  
 In all thy best array thee ;

The sun's below — the moon's above —  
 And Night and Bliss obey thee.  
 Put on thee all that's bright and rare,  
 The zone, the wreath, the gem,  
 Not so much gracing charms so fair,  
 As borrowing grace from them.  
 Array thee, love, array thee, love,  
 In all that's bright array thee ;  
 The sun's below — the moon's above —  
 And Night and Bliss obey thee.

Put on the plumes thy lover gave,  
 The plumes, that, proudly dancing,  
 Proclaim to all, where'er they wave,  
 Victorious eyes advancing.  
 Bring forth the robe, whose hue of heaven  
 From thee derives such light,  
 That Iris would give all her seven  
 To boast but *one* so bright.  
 Array thee, love, array thee, love,  
 &c. &c. &c.

Now hie thee, love, now hie thee, love,  
 Through Pleasure's circles hie thee,  
 And hearts, where'er thy footsteps move,  
 Will beat, when they come nigh thee.  
 Thy every word shall be a spell,  
 Thy every look a ray,  
 And tracks of wondering eyes shall tell  
 The glory of thy way !  
 Now hie thee, love, now hie thee, love,  
 Through Pleasure's circles hie thee,  
 And hearts, where'er thy footsteps move,  
 Shall beat when they come nigh thee.

Now in his Palace of the West,  
 Sinking to slumber, the bright Day,  
 Like a tired monarch fann'd to rest,  
 'Mid the cool airs of Evening lay ;  
 While round his couch's golden rim  
 The gaudy clouds, like courtiers, crept —  
 Struggling each other's light to dim,  
 And catch his last smile ere he slept.  
 How gay, as o'er the gliding Thames  
 The golden eve its lustre pour'd,  
 Shone out the high-born knights and dames  
 Now grouped around that festal board ;  
 A living mass of plumes and flowers,  
 As though they'd robb'd both birds and bowers —  
 A peopled rainbow, swarming through  
 With habitants of every hue ;  
 While, as the sparkling juice of France  
 High in the crystal brimmers flowed,

<sup>1</sup> ——— their golden harps they took —  
 Harps ever tuned.

*Paradise Lost*, book iii.

<sup>2</sup> The name given to those large sleeves that hang loosely.







Each sunset ray that mixed by chance  
With the wine's sparkles, showed  
How sunbeams may be taught to dance.

If not in written form express'd,  
'Twas known, at least, to every guest,  
That, though not bidden to parade  
Their scenic powers in masquerade,  
(A pastime little found to thrive  
In the bleak fog of England's skies,  
Where wit's the thing we best contrive,  
As masqueraders, to *disguise*,)  
It yet was hoped — and well that hope  
Was answered by the young and gay —  
That, in the toilet's task to-day,  
Fancy should take her wildest scope; —  
That the rapt milliner should be  
Let loose through fields of poesy,  
The tailor, in inventive trance,  
Up to the heights of Epic chamber,  
And all the regions of Romance  
Be ransacked by the *femme de chambre*.

Accordingly, with gay Sultanas,  
Rebeccas, Sapphos, Roxalanas —  
Circassian slaves whom Love would pay  
Half his maternal realms to ransom; —  
Young nuns, whose chief religion lay  
In looking most profanely handsome; —  
Muses in muslin — pastoral maids  
With hats from the *Arcade-ian* shades,  
And fortune tellers, rich, 'twas plain,  
As fortune *hunters* form'd their train.

With these, and more such female groups,  
Were mix'd no less fantastic troops  
Of male exhibitors — all willing  
To look, even more than usual, killing; —  
Beau tyrants, smock-fac'd braggadocios,  
And brigands, charmingly ferocious; —  
M. P.s turned Turks, good Moslems then,  
Who, last night, voted for the Greeks;  
And Friars, staunch No-Popery men,  
In close confab with Whig Caciques.

But where is she — the nymph, whom late  
We left before her glass delaying,  
Like Eve, when by the lake she sate,  
In the clear wave her charms surveying,  
And saw in that first glassy mirror  
The first fair face that lured to error.  
"Where is she," ask'st thou? — watch all looks  
As cent'ring to one point they bear,  
Like sunflowers by the sides of brooks,  
Turn'd to the sun — and she is there.

Ev'n in disguise, O never doubt  
By her own light you'd track her out:  
As when the moon, close shawl'd in fog,  
Steals as she thinks, through heaven *incoog*,  
Though hid herself, some sidelong ray,  
At every step, detects her way.

But not in dark disguise to-night  
Hath our young heroine veil'd her light; —  
For see, she walks the earth, Love's own,  
His wedded bride, by holiest vow  
Pledged in Olympus, and made known  
To mortals by the type which now  
Hangs glittering on her snowy brow,  
That butterfly, mysterious trinket,  
Which means the Soul (though few would think  
it),  
And sparkling thus on brow so white,  
Tells us we've Psyche here to-night!

But hark! some song hath caught her ears —  
And, lo, how pleased, as though she'd  
ne'er  
Heard the Grand Opera of the Spheres,  
Her goddess-ship approves the air;  
And to a mere terrestrial strain,  
Inspired by nought but pink champagne,  
Her butterfly as gayly nods  
As though she sate with all her train  
At some great Concert of the Gods,  
With Phœbus, leader — Jove, director,  
And half the audience drunk with nectar.

From a male group the carol came —  
A few gay youths, whom round the board  
The last tried flask's superior fame  
Had lured to taste the tide it pour'd;  
And one, who, from his youth and lyre,  
Seem'd grandson to the Teian sire,  
Thus gayly sung, while, to his song,  
Replied in chorus the gay throng: —

—  
SONG.

SOME mortals there may be, so wise, or so fine,  
As in evenings like this no enjoyment to see;  
But, as *I'm* not particular — wit, love, and wine,  
Are for one night's amusement sufficient for  
me.  
Nay — humble and strange as my tastes may  
appear —  
If driv'n to the worst, I could manage, thank  
Heaven,

To put up with eyes such as beam round me  
here,

And such wine as we're sipping, six days out  
of seven.

So pledge me a bumper — your sages profound  
May be blest, if they will, on their own  
patent plan :

But as we are *not* sages, why — send the cup  
round —

We must only be happy the best way we can.

A reward by some king was once offer'd, we're  
told,

To whoe'er could invent a new bliss for man-  
kind ;

But talk of *new* pleasures — give me but the old,  
And I'll leave your inventers all new ones  
they find.

Or should I, in quest of fresh realms of bliss,  
Set sail in the pinnacle of Fancy some day,

Let the rich rosy sea I embark on be this,  
And such eyes as we've here be the stars of  
my way !

In the mean time, a bumper — your Angels, on  
high,

May have pleasures unknown to life's limited  
span ;

But, as we are *not* Angels, why — let the flask  
fly —

We must only be happy *all* ways that we can.

Now nearly fled was sunset's light,

Leaving but so much of its beam

As gave to objects, late so bright,

The coloring of a shadowy dream ;

And there was still where Day had set

A flush that spoke him loath to die —

A last link of his glory yet,

Binding together earth and sky.

Say, why is it that twilight best

Becomes even brows the loveliest ?

That dimness, with its softening touch,

Can bring out grace, unfelt before,

And charms we ne'er can see too much,

When seen but half enchant the more ?

Alas, it is that every joy

In fulness finds its worst alloy,

And half a bliss, but hoped or guess'd,

Is sweeter than the whole possess'd ; —

That Beauty, when least shone upon,

A creature most ideal grows ;

And there's no light from moon or sun

Like that Imagination throws ; —

It is, alas, that Fancy shrinks

Even from a bright reality,

And turning inly, feels and thinks

Far heavenlier things than e'er will *be*.

Such was th' effect of twilight's hour

On the fair groups that, round and round,

From glade to grot, from bank to bower,

Now wander'd through this fairy ground ;

And thus did Fancy — and champagne —

Work on the sight their dazzling spells,

Till nymphs that look'd, at noonday, plain,

Now brighten'd, in the gloom, to belles ;

And the brief interval of time,

'Twixt after dinner and before,

To dowagers brought back their prime,

And shed a halo round twoscore.

Meanwhile, new pastimes for the eye,

The ear, the fancy, quick succeed ;

And now along the waters fly

Like gondoles, of Venetian breed,

With knights and dames, who calm reclined,

Lisp out love sonnets as they glide —

Astonishing old Thames to find

Such doings on his moral tide.

So bright was still that tranquil river,

With the last shaft from Daylight's quiver,

That many a group, in turn, were seen

Embarking on its wave serene ;

And, 'mong the rest, in chorus gay,

A band of mariners, from th' isles

Of sunny Greece, all song and smiles,

As smooth they floated, to the play

Of their oar's cadence, sung this lay : —

### TRIO.

Our home is on the sea, boy,

Our home is on the sea ;

When Nature gave

The ocean wave,

She mark'd it for the Free.

Whatever storms befall, boy,

Whatever storms befall,

The island bark

Is Freedom's ark,

And floats her safe through all.

Behold yon sea of isles, boy,

Behold yon sea of isles,

Where every shore

Is sparkling o'er

With Beauty's richest smiles.

For us hath Freedom claim'd, boy,  
 For us hath Freedom claim'd  
 Those ocean nests  
 Where Valor rests  
 His eagle wing untamed.

And shall the Moslem dare, boy,  
 And shall the Moslem dare,  
 While Grecian hand  
 Can wield a brand,  
 To plant his Crescent there?  
 No — by our fathers, no, boy,  
 No, by the Cross we show —  
 From Maina's rills  
 To Thracia's hills  
 All Greece reëchoes "No!"

Like pleasant thoughts that o'er the mind  
 A minute come, and go again,  
 Ev'n so, by snatches, in the wind,  
 Was caught and lost that choral strain,  
 Now full, now faint upon the ear,  
 As the bark floated far or near.  
 At length when, lost, the closing note  
 Had down the waters died along,  
 Forth from another fairy boat,  
 Freight with music, came this song: —

## SONG.

SMOOTHLY flowing through verdant vales,  
 Gentle river, thy current runs,  
 Shelter'd safe from winter gales,  
 Shaded cool from summer suns.  
 Thus our Youth's sweet moments glide,  
 Fenced with flow'ry shelter round;  
 No rude tempest wakes the tide,  
 All its path is fairy ground.

But, fair river, the day will come,  
 When, woo'd by whisp'ring groves in vain,  
 Thou'lt leave those banks, thy shaded home,  
 To mingle with the stormy main.  
 And thou, sweet Youth, too soon wilt pass  
 Into the world's unshelter'd sea,  
 Where, once thy wave hath mix'd, alas,  
 All hope of peace is lost for thee.

Next turn we to the gay saloon,  
 Resplendent as a summer noon,  
 Where, 'neath a pendent wreath of lights,  
 A Zodiac of flowers and tapers —  
 (Such as in Russian ball rooms sheds  
 Its glory o'er young dancers' heads) —  
 Quadrille performs her mazy rites,  
 And reigns supreme o'er slides and capers; —  
 Working to death each opera strain,  
 As, with a foot that ne'er reposes,  
 She jigs through sacred and profane,  
 From "Maid and Magpie" up to "Moses;"<sup>1</sup> —  
 Wearing out tunes as fast as shoes,  
 Till fagg'd Rossini scarce repies;  
 Till Mayerbeer for mercy sues,  
 And Weber at her feet expires.

And now the set hath ceased — the bows  
 Of fiddlers taste a brief repose,  
 While light along the painted floor,  
 Arm within arm, the couples stray,  
 Talking their stock of nothings o'er,  
 Till — nothing's left, at last, to say.  
 When, lo! — most opportunely sent —  
 Two Exquisites, a he and she,  
 Just brought from Dandyland, and meant  
 For Fashion's grand Menagerie,  
 Enter'd the room — and scarce were there  
 When all flock'd round them, glad to stare  
 At *any* monsters, *any* where.

Some thought them perfect, to their tastes;  
 While others hinted that the waists  
 (That in particular of the *he* thing)  
 Left far too ample room for breathing:  
 Whereas, to meet these critics' wishes,  
 The isthmus there should be so small,  
 That Exquisites, at last, like fishes,  
 Must manage not to breathe at all.  
 The female (these same critics said),  
 Though orthodox from toe to chin,  
 Yet lack'd that spacious width of head  
 To hat of toadstool much akin —  
 That build of bonnet, whose extent  
 Should, like a doctrine of dissent,  
 Puzzle church doors to let it in.

However — sad as 'twas, no doubt,  
 That nymph so smart should go about,  
 With head unconscious of the place  
 It *ought* to fill in Infinite Space —

<sup>1</sup> In England the *partition* of this opera of Rossini was transferred to the story of Peter the Hermit; by which means the indecorum of giving such names as "Moÿse," "Pha-

raon," &c. to the dances selected from it (as was done in Paris), has been avoided.

Yet all allow'd that, of *her kind*,  
 A prettier show 'twas hard to find;  
 While of that doubtful genus, "dressy men,"  
 The male was thought a first-rate specimen.  
 Such *Savans*, too, as wish'd to trace  
 The manners, habits, of this race —  
 To know what rank (if rank at all)  
 'Mong reas'ning things to them should fall —  
 What sort of notions heaven imparts  
 To high-built heads and tight-laced hearts,  
 And how far Soul, which, Plato says,  
 Abhors restraint, can act in stays —  
 Might now, if gifted with discerning,  
 Find opportunities of learning:  
 As these two creatures — from their pout  
 And frown, 'twas plain — had just fall'n out;  
 And all their little thoughts, of course,  
 Were stirring in full fret and force; —  
 Like mites, through microscope espied,  
 A world of nothings magnified.

But mild the vent such beings seek,  
 The tempest of their souls to speak;  
 As Opera swains to fiddles sigh,  
 To fiddles fight, to fiddles die,  
 Even so this tender couple set  
 Their well-bred woes to a Duet.

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WALTZ DUET.<sup>1</sup>

HE.

LONG as I waltz'd with only thee,  
 Each blissful Wednesday that went by,  
 Nor stylish Stultz, nor neat Nugee  
 Adorn'd a youth so blest as I.  
 O! ah! ah! O!  
 Those happy days are gone — heighho!

SHE.

LONG as with thee I skimm'd the ground,  
 Nor yet was scorn'd for Lady Jane,  
 No blither nymph tetotum'd round  
 To Collinet's immortal strain.  
 O! ah! &c.  
 Those happy days are gone — heighho!

HE.

With Lady Jane now whirl'd about,  
 I know no bounds of time or breath;

And, should the charmer's head hold out,  
 My heart and heels are hers till death.  
 O! ah! &c.  
 Still round and round through life we'll go

SHE.

To Lord Fitznoodle's eldest son,  
 A youth renown'd for waistcoats smart,  
 I now have given (excuse the pun)  
 A vested interest in my heart.  
 O! ah! &c.  
 Still round and round with him I'll go.

HE.

What if, by fond remembrance led  
 Again to wear our mutual chain,  
 For me thou cutt'st Fitznoodle dead,  
 And I *levant* from Lady Jane.  
 O! ah! &c.  
 Still round and round again we'll go.

SHE.

Though he the Noodle honors give,  
 And thine, dear youth, are not so high,  
 With thee in endless waltz I'd live,  
 With thee to Weber's Stop Waltz, die!  
 O! ah! &c.  
 Thus round and round through life we'll go  
 [*Exeunt waltzing*]

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While thus, like motes that dance away  
 Existence in a summer ray,  
 These gay things, born but to quadrille,  
 The circle of their doom fulfil —  
 (That dancing doom, whose law decrees  
 That they should live, on the alert toe,  
 A life of ups and downs, like keys  
 Of Broadwood's in a long concerto: —)  
 While thus the fiddle's spell, *within*,  
 Calls up its realm of restless sprites,  
*Without*, as if some Mandarin  
 Were holding there his Feast of Lights,  
 Lamps of all hues, from walks and bowers,  
 Broke on the eye, like kindling flowers,  
 Till, budding into light, each tree  
 Bore its full fruit of brilliancy.

Here shone a garden — lamps all o'er,  
 As though the Spirits of the Air  
 Had tak'n it in their heads to pour  
 A shower of summer meteors there; —  
 While here a lighted shrubbery led  
 To a small lake that sleeping lay,

<sup>1</sup> It is hardly necessary to remind the reader that this Duet is a parody of the often translated and parodied ode of Horace, "Donec gratus eram tibi," &c.

Cradled in foliage, but, o'erhead,  
 Open to heaven's sweet breath and ray;  
 While round its rim there burning stood  
 Lamps, with young flowers beside them  
 bedded,  
 That shrunk from such warm neighborhood;  
 And, looking bashful in the flood,  
 Blush'd to behold themselves so wedded.

Hither, to this embower'd retreat,  
 Fit but for nights so still and sweet;  
 Nights, such as Eden's calm recall  
 In its first lonely hour, when all  
 So silent is, below, on high,  
 That if a star falls down the sky,  
 You almost think you hear it fall —  
 Hither, to this recess, a few,  
 To shun the dancers' wildering noise,  
 And give an hour, ere nighttime flew,  
 To music's more ethereal joys,  
 Came, with their voices — ready all  
 As Echo, waiting for a call —  
 In hymn or ballad, dirge or glee,  
 To weave their mingling minstrelsy.

And, first, a dark-ey'd nymph, array'd —  
 Like her, whom Art hath deathless made,  
 Bright Mona Lisa<sup>1</sup> — with that braid  
 Of hair across the brow, and one  
 Small gem that in the centre shone —  
 With face, too, in its form resembling  
 Da Vinci's Beauties — the dark eyes,  
 Now lucid, as through crystal trembling,  
 Now soft, as if suffused with sighs —  
 Her lute, that hung beside her, took,  
 And, bending o'er it with shy look,  
 More beautiful, in shadow thus,  
 Than when with life most luminous,  
 Pass'd her light finger o'er the chords,  
 And sung to them these mournful words: —

## SONG.

BRING hither, bring thy lute, while day is  
 dying —

Here will I lay me, and list to thy song;  
 Should tones of other days mix with its sighing,  
 Tones of a light heart, now banish'd so long,  
 Chase them away — they bring but pain,  
 And let thy theme be woe again.

<sup>1</sup> The celebrated portrait by Lionardo da Vinci, which he  
 is said to have occupied four years in painting. — *Vasari*,  
 vol. vii.

Sing on, thou mournful lute — day is fast going,  
 Soon will its light from thy chords die away;  
 One little gleam in the west is still glowing,  
 When that hath vanish'd, farewell to thy lay.  
 Mark, how it fades! — see, it is fled!  
 Now, sweet lute, be thou, too, dead,

The group, that late, in garb of Greeks,  
 Sung their light chorus o'er the tide —  
 Forms, such as up the wooded creeks  
 Of Helle's shore at noonday glide,  
 Or, nightly, on her glistening sea,  
 Woo the bright waves with melody —  
 Now link'd their triple league again  
 Of voices sweet, and sung a strain,  
 Such as, had Sappho's tuneful ear  
 But caught it, on the fatal steep,  
 She would have paused, entranced, to hear  
 And, for that day, deferr'd her leap.

## SONG AND TRIO.

ON one of those sweet nights that oft  
 Their lustre o'er th' Ægean fling,  
 Beneath my casement, low and soft,  
 I heard a Lesbian lover sing;  
 And, listening both with ear and thought,  
 These sounds upon the night breeze caught —  
 "O, happy as the gods is he,  
 "Who gazes at this hour on thee!"

The song was one by Sappho sung,  
 In the first love dreams of her lyre,  
 When words of passion from her tongue  
 Fell like a shower of living fire.  
 And still, at close of every strain,  
 I heard these burning words again —  
 "O, happy as the gods is he,  
 "Who listens at this hour to thee!"

Once more to Mona Lisa turn'd  
 Each asking eye — nor turn'd in vain;  
 Though the quick, transient blush that burn'd  
 Bright o'er her cheek, and died again,  
 Show'd with what inly shame and fear  
 Was utter'd what all loved to bear.  
 Yet not to sorrow's languid lay  
 Did she her lute song now devote;  
 But thus, with voice that, like a ray  
 Of southern sunshine, seem'd to float —  
 So rich with climate was each note —  
 Call'd up in every heart a dream  
 Of Italy with this soft theme: —



## SONG.

O, WHERE art thou dreaming,  
 On land, or on sea ?  
 In my lattice is gleaming  
 The watch light for thee ;  
 And this fond heart is glowing  
 To welcome thee home,  
 And the night is fast going,  
 But thou art not come :  
 No, thou com'st not !

'Tis the time when night flowers  
 Should wake from their rest ;  
 'Tis the hour of all hours,  
 When the lute singeth best.  
 But the flowers are half sleeping  
 Till *thy* glance they see ;  
 And the hush'd lute is keeping  
 Its music for thee.  
 Yet, thou com'st not !

Scarce had the last word left her lip  
 When a light, boyish form, with trip  
 Fantastic, up the green walk came,  
 Prank'd in gay vest, to which the flame  
 Of every lamp he pass'd, or blue,  
 Or green, or crimson, lent its hue ;  
 As though a live chameleon's skin  
 He had despoil'd, to robe him in.  
 A zone he wore of clattering shells,  
 And from his lofty cap, where shone  
 A peacock's plume, there dangled bells  
 That rung as he came dancing on.  
 Close after him, a page — in dress  
 And shape, his miniature express —  
 An ample basket, fill'd with store  
 Of toys and trinkets, laughing bore ;  
 Till, having reach'd this verdan seat,  
 He laid it at his master's feet,  
 Who, half in speech and half in song,  
 Chanted this invoice to the throng : —

## SONG.

WHO'LL buy ? — 'tis Folly's shop, who'll buy ? —  
 We've toys to suit all ranks and ages ;  
 Besides our usual fools' supply,  
 We've lots of playthings, too, for sages.  
 For reasoners, here's a juggler's cup,  
 That fullest seems when nothing's in it ;

And ninepins set, like systems, up,  
 To be knock'd down the following minute.  
 Who'll buy — 'tis Folly's shop, who'll buy ?

Gay caps we here of foolscap make,  
 For bards to wear in dog-day weather ;  
 Or bards the bells alone may take,  
 And leave to wits the cap and feather.  
 Tetotums we've for patriots got,  
 Who court the mob with antics humble ;  
 Like theirs the patriot's dizzy lot,  
 A glorious spin, and then — a tumble.  
 Who'll buy, &c. &c.

Here, wealthy misers to inter,  
 We've shrouds of neat post-obit paper ;  
 While, for their heirs, we've *quicksilver*,  
 That, fast as they can wish, will caper.  
 For aldermen we've dials true,  
 That tell no hour but that of dinner ;  
 For courtly parsons sermons new,  
 That suit alike both saint and sinner.  
 Who'll buy, &c. &c.

No time we've now to name our terms,  
 But, whatsoe'er the whims that seize you,  
 This oldest of all mortal firms,  
 Folly and Co., will try to please you.  
 Or, should you wish a darker hue  
 Of goods than *we* can recommend you,  
 Why then (as we with lawyers do)  
 To Knavery's shop next door we'll send you.  
 Who'll buy, &c. &c.

While thus the blissful moments roll'd,  
 Moments of rare and fleeting light,  
 That show themselves, like grains of gold  
 In the mine's refuse, few and bright ;  
 Behold where, opening far away,  
 The long Conservatory's range,  
 Stripp'd of the flowers it wore all day,  
 But gaining lovelier in exchange,  
 Presents, on Dresden's costliest ware,  
 A supper such as Gods might share.

Ah much-lov'd Supper ! — blithe repast  
 Of other times, now dwindling fast,  
 Since Dinner far into the night  
 Advanced the march of appetite ;  
 Deployed his never-ending forces  
 Of various vintage and three courses,  
 And, like those Goths who play'd the dickens  
 With Rome and all her sacred chickens,

Put Supper and her fowls so white,  
Legs, wings, and drumsticks, all to flight.

Now waked once more by wine — whose tide  
Is the true Hippocrene, where glide  
The Muse's swans with happiest wing,  
Dipping their bills, before they sing —  
The minstrels of the table greet  
The listening ear with descant sweet : —

## SONG AND TRIO.

## THE LEVEE AND COUCHEE.

CALL the Loves around,  
Let the whisp'ring sound  
Of their wings be heard alone,  
Till soft to rest  
My Lady blest  
At this bright hour hath gone.  
Let Fancy's beams  
Play o'er her dreams,  
Till, touch'd with light all through,  
Her spirit be  
Like a summer sea,  
Shining and slumbering too.  
And, while thus hush'd she lies,  
Let the whisper'd chorus rise —  
Good evening, good evening, to our Lady's  
bright eyes."

But the daybeam breaks,  
See, our Lady wakes !  
Call the Loves around once more,  
Like stars that wait  
At Morning's gate,  
Her first steps to adore.  
Let the veil of night  
From her dawning sight  
All gently pass away,  
Like mists that flee  
From a summer sea,  
Leaving it full of day.  
And, while her last dream flies,  
Let the whisper'd chorus rise —  
"Good morning, good morning, to our Lady's  
bright eyes."

## SONG.

If to see thee be to love thee,  
If to love thee be to prize  
Nought of earth or heav'n above thee,  
Nor to live but for those eyes :

If such love to mortal given,  
Be wrong to earth, be wrong to heaven,  
'Tis not for thee the fault to blame,  
For from those eyes the madness came.  
Forgive but tho' the crime of loving,  
In this heart more pride 'twill raise  
To be thus wrong, with thee approving,  
Than right, with all a world to praise !

But say, while light these songs resound,  
What means that buzz of whispering round,  
From lip to lip — as if the Power  
Of Mystery, in this gay hour,  
Had thrown some secret (as we fling  
Nuts among children) to that ring  
Of rosy, restless lips, to be  
Thus scrambled for so wantonly ?  
And, mark ye, still as each reveals  
The mystic news, her hearer steals  
A look towards yon enchanted chair,  
Where, like the Lay of the Mask,  
A nymph, as exquisitely fair  
As Love himself for bride could ask,  
Sits blushing deep, as if aware  
Of the wing'd secret circling there.  
Who is this nymph ? and what, O Muse,  
What, in the name of all odd things  
That woman's restless brain pursues,  
What mean these mystic whisperings ?

Thus runs the tale : — yon blushing maid,  
Who sits in beauty's light array'd,  
While o'er her leans a tall young Dervise,  
(Who from her eyes, as all observe, is  
Learning by heart the Marriage Service,)  
Is the bright heroine of our song, —  
The Love-wed Psyche, whom so long  
We've miss'd among this mortal train,  
We thought her wing'd to heaven again.

But no — earth still demands her smile ;  
Her friends, the Gods, must wait a while.  
And if, for maid of heavenly birth,  
A young Duke's proffer'd heart and hand  
Be things worth waiting for on earth,  
Both arc, this hour, at her command.  
To-night, in yonder half-lit shade,  
For love concerns expressly meant,  
The fond proposal first was made,  
And love and silence blush'd consent.  
Parents and friends (all here, as Jews,  
Enchanters, housemaids, Turks, Hindoos,

Have heard, approved, and bless'd the tie ;  
 And now, hadst thou a poet's eye,  
 Thou might'st behold, in th' air, above  
 That brilliant brow, triumphant Love,  
 Holding, as if to drop it down  
 Gently upon her curls, a crown  
 Of Ducal shape — but, O, such gems !  
 Pilfer'd from Peri diadems,  
 And set in gold like that which shines  
 To deck the Fairy of the Mines :  
 In short, a crown all glorious — such as  
 Love orders when he makes a Duchess.

But see, 'tis morn in heaven : the Sun  
 Up the bright orient hath begun  
 To canter his immortal team ;  
 And, though not yet arrived in sight,  
 His leaders' nostrils send a steam  
 Of radiance forth, so rosy bright  
 As makes their onward path all light.

What's to be done ? if Sol will be  
 So deused early, so must we ;  
 And when the day thus shines outright,  
 Ev'n dearest friends must bid good night.  
 So, farewell, scene of mirth and masking,

Now almost a by-gone tale ;  
 Beauties, late in lamplight basking,  
 Now, by daylight, dim and pale ;  
 Harpers, yawning o'er your harps,  
 Scarcely knowing flats from sharps ;  
 Mothers who, while bored you keep  
 Time by nodding, nod to sleep ;  
 Heads of hair, that stood last night  
*Crépi*, crispy, and upright,  
 But have now, alas, one sees, a  
 Leaning like the tower of Pisa ;  
 Fare ye well — thus sinks away  
 All that's mighty, all that's bright ;  
 Tyre and Sidon had their day,  
 And even a Ball — has but its night !

## EVENINGS IN GREECE.

### PREFACE

#### TO THE FIFTH VOLUME.

IN spite of the satirist's assertion, that

“ next to singing, the most foolish thing  
 is gravely to harangue on what we sing,” —

I shall yet venture to prefix to this Volume a few introductory pages, not relating so much to the Songs which it contains as to my own thoughts and recollections respecting song writing in general.

The close alliance known to have existed between poetry and music, during the infancy of both these arts, has sometimes led to the conclusion that they are essentially kindred to each other, and that the true poet ought to be, if not practically, at least in taste and ear, a musician. That such was the case in the early times of ancient Greece, and that her poets then not only set their own verses to music, but sung them at public festivals, there is every reason, from all we know on the subject, to believe. A similar

union between the two arts attended the dawn of modern literature, in the twelfth century, and was, in a certain degree, continued down as far as the time of Petrarch, when, as it appears from his own memorandums, that poet used to sing his verses, in composing them ;<sup>1</sup> and when it was the custom with all writers of sonnets and *canzoni* to prefix to their poems a sort of key note, by which the intonation in reciting or chanting them was to be regulated.

As the practice of uniting in one individual, — whether Bard, Scald, or Troubadour, — the character and functions both of musician and poet, is known to have been invariably the mark of a rude state of society, so the gradual separation of these two callings, in accordance with that great principle of Political Economy, the division of labor, has been found an equally sure index of improving civilization. So far, in England, indeed, has this partition of workmanship been carried, that, with the signal exception of Milton, there is not to be found, I believe, among all the eminent poets of Eng-

<sup>1</sup> The following is a specimen of these memorandums, as given by Foscolo : — “ I must make these two verses over again, singing them, and I must transpose them — 3 o'clock,

A. M. 19th October.” Frequently to sonnets of that time such notices as the following were prefixed : — *Intonatum per Francum*” — “ Scriptor dedit sonum.”

land, a single musician. It is but fair, at the same time, to acknowledge, that out of the works of these very poets might be produced a select number of songs, surpassing, in fancy, grace, and tenderness, all that the language, perhaps, of any other country could furnish.

We witness, in our own times,—as far as the knowledge or practice of music is concerned,—a similar divorce between the two arts; and my friend and neighbor, Mr. Bowles, is the only distinguished poet of our day whom I can call to mind as being also a musician.<sup>1</sup> Not to dwell further, however, on living writers, the strong feeling, even to tears, with which I have seen Byron listen to some favorite melody, has been elsewhere described by me; and the musical taste of Sir Walter Scott I ought to be the last person to call in question, after the very cordial tribute he has left on record to my own untutored minstrelsy.<sup>2</sup> But I must say, that, pleased as my illustrious friend appeared really to be, when I first sung for him at Abbotsford, it was not till an evening or two after, at his own hospitable supper table, that I saw him in his true sphere of musical enjoyment. No sooner had the *quaigh* taken its round, after our repast, than his friend, Sir Adam, was called upon, with the general acclaim of the whole table, for the song of “*Hey tuttie tattie*,” and gave it out to us with all the true national relish. But it was during the chorus that Scott’s delight at this festive scene chiefly showed itself. At the end of every verse, the whole company rose from their seats, and stood round the table with arms crossed, so as to grasp the hand of the neighbor on each side. Thus interlinked, we continued to keep measure to the strain, by moving our arms up and down, all chanting forth vociferously, “*Hey tuttie tattie, Hey tuttie tattie*.” Sir Walter’s enjoyment of this old Jacobite chorus,—a little increased, doubtless, by seeing how I entered into the spirit of it,—gave to the whole scene, I confess, a zest and charm in my eyes such as the finest musical performance could not have bestowed on it.

Having been thus led to allude to this visit, I

attempted to mention a few other circumstances connected with it. From Abbotsford I proceeded to Edinburgh, whither Sir Walter, in a few days after, followed; and during my short stay in that city an incident occurred, which, though already mentioned by Scott in his *Diary*,<sup>3</sup> and owing its chief interest to the connection of his name with it, ought not to be omitted among these memoranda. As I had expressed a desire to visit the Edinburgh theatre, which opened but the evening before my departure, it was proposed to Sir Walter and myself, by our friend Jeffrey, that we should dine with him at an early hour, for that purpose, and both were good natured enough to accompany me to the theatre. Having found, in a volume<sup>4</sup> sent to me by some anonymous correspondent, a more circumstantial account of the scene of that evening than Sir Walter has given in his *Diary*, I shall here avail myself of its graphic and (with one exception) accurate details. After adverting to the sensation produced by the appearance of the late Duchess of St. Albans in one of the boxes, the writer thus proceeds:—“There was a general buzz and stare, for a few seconds; the audience then turned their backs to the lady, and their attention to the stage, to wait till the first piece should be over ere they intended starting again. Just as it terminated, another party quietly glided into a box near that filled by the Duchess. One pleasing female was with the three male comers. In a minute the cry ran round:—‘Eh, yon’s Sir Walter, wi’ Lockhart an’ his wife,<sup>5</sup> and wha’s the wee bit bodie wi’ the pawkie een? Wow, but it’s Tam Moore, just—Scott, Scott! Moore, Moore!’—with shouts, cheers, bravos, and applause. But Scott would not rise to appropriate these tributes. One could see that he urged Moore to do so; and *he*, though modestly reluctant, at last yielded, and bowed hand on heart, with much animation. The cry for Scott was then redoubled. He gathered himself up, and, with a benevolent bend, acknowledged this deserved welcome. The orchestra played alternately Scotch and Irish Melodies.”

<sup>1</sup> Life by Lockhart, vol. vi. p. 128.

<sup>2</sup> “We went to the theatre together, and the house being luckily a good one, received T. M. with rapture. I could have hugged them, for it paid back the debt of the kind reception I met with in Ireland.”

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<sup>4</sup> Written by Mr. Benson Hill.

<sup>5</sup> The writer was here mistaken. There was one lady of our party; but neither Mr. nor Mrs. Lockhart was present.

Among the choicest of my recollections of that flying visit to Edinburgh, are the few days I passed with Lord Jeffrey at his agreeable retreat, Craig Crook. I had then recently written the words and music of a glee contained in this volume, "Ship ahoy!" which there won its first honors. So often, indeed, was I called upon to repeat it, that the upland echoes of Craig Crook ought long to have had its burden by heart.

Having thus got on Scottish ground, I find myself awakened to the remembrance of a name which, whenever song writing is the theme, ought to rank second to none in that sphere of poetical fame. Robert Burns was wholly unskilled in music; yet the rare art of adapting words successfully to notes, of wedding verse in congenial union with melody, which, were it not for his example, I should say none but a poet versed in the sister art ought to attempt, has yet, by him, with the aid of a music, to which my own country's strains are alone comparable, been exercised with so workmanly a hand, as well as with so rich a variety of passion, playfulness, and power, as no song writer, perhaps, but himself, has ever yet displayed.

That Burns, however untaught, was yet, in ear and feeling, a musician,<sup>1</sup> is clear from the skill with which he adapts his verse to the structure and character of each different strain. Still more strikingly did he prove his fitness for this peculiar task, by the sort of instinct with which, in more than one instance, he discerned the real and innate sentiment which an air was calculated to convey, though always before associated with words expressing a totally different feeling. Thus the air of a ludicrous old song, "Fee him, father, fee him," has been made the medium of one of Burns's most pathetic effusions; while, still more marvellously, "Hey tuttie tattie" has been elevated by him into that heroic strain, "Scots, wha hae wi' Wallace bled;"—a song which, in a great national crisis, would be of more avail than all the eloquence of a Demosthenes.<sup>2</sup>

It was impossible that the example of Burns, in these, his higher inspirations, should not

materially contribute to elevate the character of English song writing, and even to lead to a reunion of the gifts which it requires, if not, as of old, in the same individual, yet in that perfect sympathy between poet and musician which almost amounts to identity, and of which we have seen, in our own times, so interesting an example in the few songs bearing the united names of those two sister muses, Mrs. Arkwright and the late Mrs. Hemans.

Very different was the state of the song department of English poesy at the time when first I tried my novice hand at the lyre. The divorce between song and sense had then reached its utmost range; and to all verses connected with music, from a Birthday Ode down to the *libretto* of the last new opera, might fairly be applied the solution Figaro gives of the quality of the words of songs, in general,—"Ce qui ne vaut pas la peine d'être dit, on le chante."

It may here be suggested that the convivial lyrics of Captain Morris present an exception to the general character I have given of the songs of this period; and, assuredly, had Morris written much that at all approached the following verses of his "Reasons for Drinking," (which I quote from recollection,) few would have equalled him either in fancy, or in that lighter kind of pathos, which comes, as in this instance, like a few melancholy notes in the middle of a gay air, throwing a soft and passing shade over mirth:—

"My muse, too, when her wings are dry,  
No frolic flights will take;  
But round a bowl she'll dip and fly,  
Like swallows round a lake.  
If then the nymph must have her share,  
Before she'll bless her swain,  
Why, that I think's a reason fair  
To fill my glass again.

"Then, many a lad I lik'd is dead,  
And many a lass grown old;  
And, as the lesson strikes my head,  
My weary heart grows cold.  
But wine a while holds off despair,  
Nay, bids a hope remain;—  
And that I think's a reason fair  
To fill my glass again."

that the well-known lines in one of Burns's most spirited songs,

"The title's but the guinea's stamp,  
The man's the gold for a' that,"

may possibly have been suggested by the following passage in Wycherley's play, the "Country Wife":—"I weigh the man, not his title; 'tis not the King's stamp can make the metal better."

<sup>1</sup> It appears certain, notwithstanding, that he was, in his youth, wholly insensible to music. In speaking of him and his brother, Mr. Murdoch, their preceptor, says, "Robert's ear, in particular, was remarkably dull and his voice untunable. It was long before I could get him to distinguish one tune from another."

<sup>2</sup> I know not whether it has ever been before remarked,



How far my own labors in this field — if, indeed, the gathering of such idle flowers may be so designated — have helped to advance, or even kept pace with the progressive improvement I have here described, it is not for me to presume to decide. I only know that in a strong and inborn feeling for music lies the source of whatever talent I may have shown for poetical composition; and that it was the effort to translate into language the emotions and passions which music appeared to me to express, that first led to my writing any poetry at all deserving of the name. Dryden has happily described music as being “inarticulate poetry;” and I have always felt, in adapting words to an expressive air, that I was but bestowing upon it the gift of articulation, and thus enabling it to speak to others all that was conveyed, in its wordless eloquence, to myself.

Owing to the space I was led to devote to my Irish reminiscences, in our last Volume, I found myself obliged to postpone some recollections, of a very different description, respecting the gala at Boyle Farm, by which my Poem, entitled *The Summer Fête*, was suggested. In an old letter of my own, to which I have had access, giving an account of this brilliant festival to a friend in Ireland, I find some memorandums which, besides their reference to the subject of the poem, contain some incidents also connected with the first appearance before the public of one of the most successful of all my writings, the story of the Epicurean. I shall give my extracts from this letter, in their original diary-like form, without alteration or dressing:—

June 30, 1837. — Day threatening for the Fête. Was with Lord Essex<sup>1</sup> at three o'clock, and started about half an hour after. The whole road swarming with carriages and four all the way to Boyle Farm, which Lady de Roos has lent, for the occasion, to Henry; — the five givers of the Fête being Lords Chesterfield, Castlereagh, Alvanley, Henry de Roos, and Robert Grosvenor, subscribing four or five hundred pounds each towards it. The arrangements all in the very best taste. The pavilion for quadrilles, on the bank of the river, with steps descending to the water, quite eastern — like what one sees in Daniel's pictures. Towards five the *élite* of the gay world was assem-

bled — the women all looking their best, and scarce a single ugly face to be found. About half past five, sat down to dinner, 450 under a tent on the lawn, and fifty to the Royal Table in the conservatory. The Tyrolese musicians sung during dinner, and there were, after dinner, gondolas on the river, with Caradori, De Bagnis, Velluti, &c., singing barcarolles and rowing off occasionally, so as to let their voices die away and again return. After these succeeded a party in dominos, Madame Vestris, Fanny Ayton, &c., who rowed about in the same manner, and sung, among other things, my gondola song, “O come to me when daylight sets.” The evening was delicious, and, as soon as it grew dark, the groves were all lighted up with colored lamps, in different shapes and devices. A little lake near a grotto took my fancy particularly, the shrubs all around being illuminated, and the lights reflected in the water. Six-and-twenty of the prettiest girls of the world of fashion, the F \* \* \* \* t \* \* rs, Br \* d \* \* \* ls, De R \* \* \* s's, Miss F \* \* ld \* \* \* g, Miss F \* \* x, Miss R \* \* ss \* ll, Miss B \* \* ly, were dressed as Rosières, and opened the quadrilles in the pavilion . . . . . While talking with D—n (Lord P.'s brother), he said to me, “I never read any thing so touching as the death of your heroine.” “What!” said I, “have you got so far already?”<sup>2</sup> “O, I read it in the *Literary Gazette*.” This anticipation of my catastrophe is abominable. Soon after, the Marquis P—lm—a said to me, as he and I and B—m stood together, looking at the gay scene, “This is like one of your Fêtes.” “O yes,” said B—m, thinking he alluded to Lalla Rookh, “quite oriental.” “Non, non,” replied P—lm—a, “Je veux dire cette Fête d'Athènes, dont j'ai lu la description dans la Gazette d'aujourd'hui.”

Respecting the contents of the present Volume I have but few more words to add. Accustomed as I have always been to consider my songs as a sort of compound creations, in which the music forms no less essential a part than the verses, it is with a feeling which I can hardly expect my unlyrical readers to understand, that I see such a swarm of songs as crowd these pages all separated from the beautiful airs which have formed hitherto their chief ornament and strength — their “*decus et tutamen*.” But, in-

<sup>1</sup> I cannot let pass the incidental mention here of this sound and public-spirited nobleman, without expressing my strong sense of his kindly qualities, and lamenting the loss

which not only society, but the cause of sound and progressive Political Reform, has sustained by his death.

<sup>2</sup> The Epicurean had been published but the day before.

dependently of this uneasy feeling, or fancy, there is yet another inconvenient consequence of the divorce of the words from the music, which will be more easily, perhaps, comprehended, and which, in justice to myself, as a metre-monger, ought to be noticed. Those occasional breaches of the laws of rhythm, which the task of adapting words to airs demands of the poet, though very frequently one of the happiest results of his skill, become blemishes when the verse is separated from the melody, and require, to justify them, the presence of the music to whose wildness or sweetness the sacrifice had been made.

In a preceding page of this preface, I have mentioned a Treatise by the late Rev. Mr. Crowe, on English versification; and I remember his telling me, in reference to the point I have just touched upon, that, should another edition of that work be called for, he meant to produce, as examples of new and anomalous forms of versification, the following songs from the Irish Melodies:—"O the days are gone when Beauty bright"—"At the dead hour of night, when stars are weeping, I fly,"—and, "Through grief and through danger thy smile hath cheered my way."<sup>1</sup>

In thus connecting together a series of Songs by a thread of poetical narrative, my chief object has been to combine Recitation with Music, so as to enable a greater number of persons to join in the performance, by enlisting, as readers, those who may not feel willing or competent to take a part, as singers.

The Island of Zea, where the scene is laid, was called by the ancients Ceos, and was the birthplace of Simonides, Bacchylides, and other eminent persons. An account of its present state may be found in the Travels of Dr. Clarke, who says, that "it appeared to him to be the best cultivated of any of the Grecian Isles."—Vol. vi. p. 174.

T. M.

<sup>1</sup> I shall avail myself of this opportunity of noticing the charge brought by Mr. Bunting against Sir John Stevenson, of having made alterations in many of the airs that formed our Irish Collection. Whatever changes of this kind have been ventured upon (and they are but few and slight), the

### FIRST EVENING.

"THE sky is bright — the breeze is fair,  
 " And the mainsail flowing, full and free —  
 " Our farewell word is woman's pray'r,  
 " And the hope before us — Liberty!  
 " Farewell, farewell.  
 " To Greece we give our shining blades,  
 " And our hearts to you, young Zean Maids!

"The moon is in the heavens above,  
 " And the wind is on the foaming sea —  
 " Thus shines the star of woman's love  
 " On the glorious strife of Liberty!  
 " Farewell, farewell.  
 " To Greece we give our shining blades,  
 " And our hearts to you, young Zean Maids!"

Thus sung they from the bark, that now  
 Turn'd to the sea its gallant prow,  
 Bearing within it hearts as brave,  
 As e'er sought Freedom o'er the wave;  
 And leaving on that islet's shore,  
 Where still the farewell beacons burn,  
 Friends, that shall many a day look o'er  
 The long, dim sea for their return.

Virgin of Heaven! speed their way —  
 O, speed their way, — the chosen flow'r,  
 Of Zea's youth, the hope and stay  
 Of parents in their wintry hour,  
 The love of maidens, and the pride  
 Of the young, happy, blushing bride,  
 Whose nuptial wreath has not yet died —  
 All, all are in that precious bark,  
 Which now, alas, no more is seen —  
 Though every eye still turns to mark  
 The moonlight spot where it had been.

Vainly you look, ye maidens, sires,  
 And mothers, your beloved are gone! —  
 Now may you quench those signal fires,  
 Whose light they long look'd back upon  
 From their dark deck — watching the flame  
 As fast it faded from their view,  
 With thoughts, that, but for manly shame,  
 Had made them droop and weep like you.  
 Home to your chambers! home, and pray  
 For the bright coming of that day,

responsibility for them rests solely with me; as, leaving the Harmonist's department to my friend Stevenson, I reserved the selection and management of the melodies entirely to myself.

When, bless'd by heaven, the Cross shall sweep  
The Crescent from the Ægean deep,  
And your brave warriors, hastening back,  
Will bring such glories in their track,  
As shall, for many an age to come,  
Shed light around their name and home.

There is a Fount on Zea's isle,  
Round which, in soft luxuriance smile  
All the sweet flowers, of every kind,  
On which the sun of Greece looks down,  
Pleased as a lover on the crown  
His mistress for her brow hath twined,  
When he beholds each floweret there,  
Himself had wish'd her most to wear ;  
Here bloom'd the laurel rose,<sup>1</sup> whose wreath  
Hangs radiant round the Cypriot shrines,  
And here those bramble flowers, that breathe  
Their odor into Zante's wines ;<sup>2</sup> —

The splendid woodbine, that, at eve,  
To grace their floral diadems,  
The lovely maids of Patmos weave :<sup>3</sup> —  
And that fair plant, whose tangled stems  
Shine like a Nereid's hair,<sup>4</sup> when spread,  
Dishevell'd, o'er her azure bed ; —  
All these bright children of the clime,  
(Each at its own most genial time,  
The summer, or the year's sweet prime,)  
Like beautiful earth stars, adorn  
The Valley, where that Fount is born :  
While round, to grace its cradle green,  
Groups of Velani oaks are seen,  
Towering on every verdant height —  
Tall, shadowy, in the evening light,  
Like Genii, set to watch the birth  
Of some enchanted child of earth —  
Fair oaks, that over Zea's vales,  
Stand with their leafy pride unfurl'd ;  
While Commerce, from her thousand sails,  
Scatters their fruit throughout the world !<sup>5</sup>

'Twas here — as soon as prayer and sleep  
(Those truest friends to all who weep)  
Had lighten'd every heart, and made  
Ev'n sorrow wear a softer shade —  
'Twas here, in this secluded spot,  
Amid whose breathings calm and sweet

Grief might be soothed, if not forgot,  
The Zean nymphs resolved to meet  
Each evening now, by the same light  
That saw their farewell tears that night ;  
And try, if sound of lute and song,

If wandering 'mid the moonlight flowers  
In various talk, could charm along

With lighter step, the lingering hours,  
Till tidings of that Bark should come,  
Or Victory waft their warriors home !

When first they met — the wonted smile  
Of greeting having gleam'd a while —  
'Twould touch ev'n Moslem heart to see  
The sadness that came suddenly  
O'er their young brows, when they look'd round  
Upon that bright, enchanted ground ;  
And thought, how many a time, with those  
Who now were gone to the rude wars,  
They there had met, at evening's close,  
And danced till morn outshone the stars !

But seldom long doth hang th' eclipse  
Of sorrow o'er such youthful breasts —  
The breath from her own blushing lips,

That on the maiden's mirror rests,  
Not swifter, lighter from the glass,  
Than sadness from her brow doth pass.  
Soon did they now, as round the Well

They sat, beneath the rising moon —  
And some, with voice of awe, would tell  
Of midnight fays, and nymphs who dwell

In holy founts — while some would tune  
Their idle lutes, that now had lain,  
For days, without a single strain ; —

And others, from the rest apart,  
With laugh that told the lighten'd heart,  
Sat, whispering in each other's ear  
Secrets, that all in turn would hear ; —  
Soon did they find this thoughtless play  
So swiftly steal their griefs away,

That many a nymph, though pleased the while,  
Reproach'd her own forgetful smile,  
And sigh'd to think she *could* be gay.

Among these maidens there was one,  
Who to Leucadia<sup>6</sup> late had been —

<sup>1</sup> " Nerium Oleander. In Cyprus it retains its ancient name, Rhododaphne, and the Cypriots adorn their churches with the flowers on feast days." — *Journal of Dr. Sibthorpe, Walpole's Turkey.*

<sup>2</sup> Id.

<sup>3</sup> *Lonicera Caprifolium*, used by the girls of Patmos for garlands.

<sup>4</sup> *Cuscuta europæa*. " From the twisting and twining of

the stems, it is compared by the Greeks to the dishevell'd hair of the Nereids." — *Walpole's Turkey.*

<sup>5</sup> " The produce of the island in these acorns alone amounts annually to fifteen thousand quintals." — *Clarke's Travels.*

<sup>6</sup> Now Santa Maura — the island, from whose cliffs Sappho leaped into the sea

Had stood, beneath the evening sun,  
 On its white towering cliffs, and seen  
 The very spot where Sappho sung  
 Her swanlike music, ere she sprung  
 (Still holding, in that fearful leap,  
 By her loved lyre,) into the deep,  
 And dying quench'd the fatal fire,  
 At once, of both her heart and lyre.

Mutely they listen'd all — and well  
 Did the young travell'd maiden tell  
 Of the dread height to which that steep  
 Beetles above the eddy deep<sup>1</sup> —  
 Of the lone sea birds, wheeling round  
 The dizzy edge with mournful sound —  
 And of those scented lilies<sup>2</sup> found  
 Still blooming on that fearful place —  
 As if call'd up by Love, to grace  
 The immortal spot, o'er which the last  
 Bright footsteps of his martyr pass'd!

While fresh to every listener's thought  
 These legends of Leucadia brought  
 All that of Sappho's hapless flame  
 Is kept alive, still watch'd by Fame —  
 The maiden, tuning her soft lute,  
 While all the rest stood round her, mute,  
 Thus sketch'd the languishment of soul,  
 That o'er the tender Lesbian stole;  
 And, in a voice, whose thrilling tone  
 Fancy might deem the Lesbian's own,  
 One of those fervid fragments gave,  
 Which still, — like sparkles of Greek Fire,  
 Undying, ev'n beneath the wave, —  
 Burn on through Time, and ne'er expire.

SONG.

As o'er her loom the Lesbian Maid  
 In lovesick languor hung her head,  
 Unknowing where her fingers stray'd,  
 She weeping turn'd away, and said,  
 "O, my sweet Mother — 'tis in vain —  
 "I cannot weave, as once I wove —  
 "So wilder'd is my heart and brain  
 "With thinking of that youth I love!"<sup>3</sup>

Again the web she tried to trace,  
 But tears fell o'er each tangled thread;

<sup>1</sup> "The precipice, which is fearfully dizzy, is about one hundred and fourteen feet from the water, which is of a profound depth, as appears from the dark-blue color and the eddy that plays round the pointed and projecting rocks." — *Goodisson's Ionian Isles.*

While, looking in her mother's face,  
 Who watchful o'er her lean'd, she said,  
 "O, my sweet Mother — 'tis in vain —  
 "I cannot weave, as once I wove —  
 "So wilder'd is my heart and brain  
 "With thinking of that youth I love!"

A silence follow'd this sweet air,  
 As each in tender musing stood,  
 Thinking, with lips that mov'd in pray'r,  
 Of Sappho and that fearful flood:  
 While some, who ne'er till now had known  
 How much their hearts resembled hers,  
 Felt as they made her griefs their own,  
 That *they*, too, were Love's worshippers.

At length a murmur, all but mute,  
 So faint it was, came from the lute  
 Of a young melancholy maid,  
 Whose fingers, all uncertain, play'd  
 From chord to chord, as if in chase  
 Of some lost melody, some strain  
 Of other times, whose faded trace  
 She sought among those chords again.  
 Slowly the half-forgotten theme  
 (Though born in feelings ne'er forgot)  
 Came to her memory — as a beam  
 Falls broken o'er some shaded spot; —  
 And while her lute's sad symphony  
 Fill'd up each sighing pause between;  
 And Love himself might weep to see  
 What ruin comes where he hath been —  
 As wither'd still the grass is found  
 Where fays have danced their merry round —  
 Thus simply to the listening throng  
 She breath'd her melancholy song: —

SONG.

Weeping for thee, my love, through the long day,  
 Lonely and wearily life wears away.  
 Weeping for thee, my love, through the long  
 night —  
 No rest in darkness, no joy in light!  
 Nought left but Memory, whose dreary tread  
 Sounds through this ruin'd heart, where all lies  
 dead —  
 Wakening the echoes of joy long fled!

<sup>2</sup> See Mr. Goodisson's very interesting description of all these circumstances.

<sup>3</sup> I have attempted, in these four lines, to give some idea of that beautiful fragment of Sappho, beginning *Γλακίτια μάτηρ*, which represents so truly (as Warton remarks) "the languor and listlessness of a person deeply in love."



Of many a stanza, this alone  
Had 'scaped oblivion — like the one  
Stray fragment of a wreck, which thrown,  
With the lost vessel's name, ashore,  
Tells who they were that live no more.

When thus the heart is in a vein  
Of tender thought, the simplest strain  
Can touch it with peculiar power —  
As when the air is warm, the scent  
Of the most wild and rustic flower  
Can fill the whole rich element —  
And, in such moods, the homeliest tone  
That's link'd with feelings, once our own —  
With friends or joys gone by — will be  
Worth choirs of loftiest harmony!

But some there were, among the group  
Of damsels there, too light of heart  
To let their spirits longer droop,  
Ev'n under music's melting art;  
And one upspringing, with a bound,  
From a low bank of flowers, look'd round  
With eyes that, though so full of light,  
Had still a trembling tear within;  
And, while her fingers, in swift flight,  
Flew o'er a fairy mandolin,  
Thus sang the song her lover late  
Had sung to her — the eve before  
That joyous night, when, as of yore,  
All Zea met, to celebrate  
The Feast of May, on the sea shore.

—  
SONG.

When the Balaika<sup>1</sup>  
Is heard o'er the sea,  
I'll dance the Romaika  
By moonlight with thee.  
If waves then, advancing,  
Should steal on our play,  
Thy white feet, in dancing,  
Shall chase them away.<sup>2</sup>  
When the Balaika  
Is heard o'er the sea,

Thou'lt dance the Romaika,  
My own love, with me.

Then, at the closing  
Of each merry lay,  
How sweet 'tis reposing,  
Beneath the night ray!  
Or if, declining,  
The moon leave the skies,  
We'll talk by the shining  
Of each other's eyes.

O then, how featly  
The dance we'll renew,  
Treading so fleetly  
Its light mazes through:<sup>3</sup>  
Till stars, looking o'er us  
From heaven's high bow'rs,  
Would change their bright chorus  
For one dance of ours!  
When the Balaika  
Is heard o'er the sea,  
Thou'lt dance the Romaika,  
My own love, with me.

—  
How changingly forever veers  
The heart of youth, 'twixt smiles and tears!  
Ev'n as in April, the light vane  
Now points to sunshine, now to rain.  
Instant this lively lay dispell'd  
The shadow from each blooming brew,  
And Dancing, joyous Dancing, held  
Full empire o'er each fancy now.

But say — *what* shall the measure be?  
“Shall we the old Romaika tread,  
(Some eager ask'd) “as anciently  
“'Twas by the maids of Delos led,  
“When, slow at first, then circling fast,  
“As the gay spirits rose — at last,  
“With hand in hand, like links, enlock'd,  
“Through the light air they seem'd to flit  
“In labyrinthine maze, that mock'd  
“The dazzled eye that follow'd it?”

<sup>1</sup> This word is defranded here, I suspect, of a syllable; Dr. Clarke, if I recollect right, makes it “Balalaika.”

<sup>2</sup> “I saw above thirty parties engaged in dancing the Romaika upon the sand; in some of those groups, the girl who led them chased the retreating wave.” — *Douglas on the Modern Greeks.*

<sup>3</sup> “In dancing the Romaika (says Mr. Douglas) they begin in slow and solemn step till they have gained the time, but by degrees the air becomes more sprightly; the con-

ductress of the dance sometimes setting to her partner, sometimes darting before the rest, and leading them through the most rapid revolutions; sometimes crossing under the hands, which are held up to let her pass, and giving as much liveliness and intricacy as she can to the figures, into which she conducts her companions, while their business is to follow her in all her movements, without breaking the chain, or losing the measure.”



Some call'd aloud "the Fountain Dance!" —

While one young, dark-ey'd Amazon,  
Whose step was air-like, and whose glance

Flash'd, like a sabre in the sun,

Sportively said, "Shame on these soft

"And languid strains we hear so oft.

"Daughters of Freedom! have not we

"Learn'd from our lovers and our sires

"The Dance of Greece, while Greece was free —

"That Dance, where neither flutes nor lyres,

"But sword and shield clash on the ear,

"A music tyrants quake to hear? <sup>1</sup>

"Heroines of Zea, arm with me,

"And dance the dance of Victory!"

Thus saying, she, with playful grace,

Loosed the wide hat, that o'er her face

(From Anatolia <sup>2</sup> came the maid)

Hung, shadowing each sunny charm;

And, with a fair young armorer's aid,

Fixing it on her rounded arm,

A mimic shield with pride display'd;

Then, springing towards a grove that spread

Its canopy of foliage near,

Pluck'd off a lance-like twig, and said,

"To arms, to arms!" while o'er her head

She waved the light branch, as a spear.

Promptly the laughing maidens all

Obe'd their Chief's heroic call; —

Round the shield arm of each was tied

Hat, turban, shawl, as chance might be;

The grove, their verdant armory,

Falchion and lance <sup>3</sup> alike supplied;

And as their glossy locks, let free,

Fell down their shoulders carelessly,

You might have dream'd you saw a throng

Of youthful Thyads, by the beam

Of a May moon, bounding along

Peneus' silver-eddied <sup>4</sup> stream!

And now they stepp'd, with measured tread,

Martially, o'er the shining field;

Now, to the mimic combat led

(A heroine at each squadron's head),

Struck lance to lance and sword to shield:

While still, through every varying feat,

Their voices, heard in contrast sweet

With some, of deep but soften'd sound,

From lips of aged sires around,

Who smiling watch'd their children's play —

Thus sung the ancient Pyrrhic lay: —

### SONG.

"Raise the buckler — poise the lance —

"Now here — now there — retreat — advance!"

Such were the sounds, to which the warrior ooy

Danced in those happy days, when Greece  
was free;

When Sparta's youth, ev'n in the hour of joy,

Thus train'd their steps to war and victory.

"Raise the buckler — poise the lance —

"Now here — now there — retreat — advance!"

Such was the Spartan warriors' dance.

"Grasp the falchion — gird the shield —

"Attack — defend — do all but yield."

Thus did thy sons, O Greece, one glorious  
night,

Dance by a moon like this, till o'er the sea,

That morning dawn'd by whose immortal light

They nobly died for thee and liberty! <sup>5</sup>

"Raise the buckler — poise the lance —

"Now here — now there — retreat — advance!"

Such was the Spartan heroes' dance.

Scarce had they closed this martial lay

When, flinging their light spears away,

The combatants, in broken ranks,

All breathless from the war field fly;

And down, upon the velvet banks

And flowery slopes, exhausted lie,

Like rosy huntresses of Thrace,

Resting at sunset from the chase.

"Fond girls!" an aged Zean said —

One who, himself, had fought and bled,

And now, with feelings, half delight,

Half sadness, watch'd their mimic fight —

"Fond maids! who thus with War can jest —

"Like Love, in Mars's helmet dress'd,

"When, in his childish innocence,

"Pleased with the shade that helmet flings,

"He thinks not of the blood, that thence

"Is dropping o'er his snowy wings.

<sup>1</sup> For a description of the Pyrrhic Dance see De Guys, &c. — It appears from Apuleius (lib. x.) that this war dance was, among the ancients, sometimes performed by females.

<sup>2</sup> See the *costume* of the Greek women of Natolia in *Cassell's Manners des O'lympe*.

<sup>3</sup> The sword was the weapon chiefly used in this dance

<sup>4</sup> Homer, Il. 2, 753.

<sup>5</sup> It is said that Leonidas and his companions employed themselves, on the eve of the battle, in music and the gymnastic exercises of their country.

"Ay — true it is, young patriot maids,  
 "If Honor's arm still won the fray,  
 "If luck but shone on righteous blades,  
 "War were a game for gods to play!  
 "But, no, alas! — hear one, who well  
 "Hath track'd the fortunes of the brave —  
 "Hear *me*, in mournful ditty, tell  
 "What *glory* waits the patriot's grave:" —

## SONG.

As by the shore, at break of day,  
 A vanquish'd Chief expiring lay,  
 Upon the sands, with broken sword,  
 He traced his farewell to the Free;  
 And, there, the last unfinish'd word  
 He dying wrote was "Liberty!"

At night a Sea Bird shriek'd the knell  
 Of him who thus for Freedom fell;  
 The words he wrote, ere evening came,  
 Were cover'd by the sounding sea; —  
 So pass away the cause and name  
 Of him who dies for Liberty!

That tribute of subdued applause  
 A charm'd, but timid, audience pays,  
 That murmur, which a minstrel draws  
 From hearts, that feel, but fear to praise,  
 Follow'd this song, and left a pause  
 Of silence after it, that hung  
 Like a fix'd spell on every tongue.

At length, a low and tremulous sound  
 Was heard from 'midst a group, that round  
 A bashful maiden stood, to hide  
 Her blushes, while the lute she tried —  
 Like roses, gathering round to veil  
 The song of some young nightingale,  
 Whose trembling notes steal out between  
 The cluster'd leaves, herself unseen.  
 And, while that voice, in tones that more  
 Through feeling than through weakness err'd,  
 Came, with a stronger sweetness, o'er  
 Th' attentive ear, this strain was heard: —

## SONG.

I saw, from yonder silent cave,<sup>1</sup>  
 Two Fountains running, side by side.

The one was Mem'ry's limpid wave,  
 The other cold Oblivion's tide.  
 "O Love!" said I, in thoughtless mood,  
 As deep I drank of Lethe's stream,  
 "Be all my sorrows in this flood  
 "Forgotten like a vanish'd dream!"

But who could bear that gloomy blank,  
 Where joy was lost as well as pain?  
 Quickly of Mem'ry's fount I drank,  
 And brought the past all back again;  
 And said, "O Love! whate'er my lot,  
 "Still let this soul to thee be true —  
 "Rather than have one bliss forgot,  
 "Be all my pains remember'd too!"

The group that stood around, to shade  
 The blushes of that bashful maid,  
 Had, by degrees, as came the lay  
 More strongly forth, retired away,  
 Like a fair shell, whose valves divide,  
 To show the fairer pearl inside:  
 For such she was — a creature, bright  
 And delicate as those day flow'rs,  
 Which, while they last, make up, in light  
 And sweetness, what they want in hours.

So rich upon the ear had grown  
 Her voice's melody — its tone  
 Gathering new courage, as it found  
 An echo in each bosom round —  
 That, ere the nymph, with downcast eye  
 Still on the chords, her lute laid by,  
 "Another Song," all lips exclaim'd,  
 And each some matchless favorite named;  
 While blushing, as her fingers ran  
 O'er the sweet chords, she thus began: —

## SONG.

O, Memory, how coldly  
 Thou paintest joy gone by:  
 Like rainbows, thy pictures  
 But mournfully shine and die.  
 Or, if some tints thou keepest,  
 That former days recall,  
 As o'er each line thou weapest,  
 Thy tears efface them all.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup> This morning we paid our visit to the Cave of Trophonius, and the Fountains of Memory and Oblivion, just

upon the water of Hercyna, which flows through stupendous rocks." — *Williams's Travels in Greece.*

But, Memory, too truly  
 Thou paintest grief that's past ;  
 Joy's colors are fleeting,  
 But those of Sorrow last.  
 And, while thou bring'st before us  
 Dark pictures of past ill,  
 Life's evening, closing o'er us,  
 But makes them darker still.

So went the moonlight hours along,  
 In this sweet glade ; and so, with song  
 And witching sounds — not such as they,  
 The cymbalists of Ossa, play'd,  
 To chase the moon's eclipse away,<sup>1</sup>  
 But soft and holy — did each maid  
 Lighten her heart's eclipse a while,  
 And win back Sorrow to a smile.

Not far from this secluded place,  
 On the sea shore a ruin stood ; —  
 A relic of th' extinguish'd race,  
 Who once look'd o'er that foamy flood,  
 When fair Ioulis,<sup>2</sup> by the light  
 Of golden sunset, on the sight  
 Of mariners who sail'd that sea,  
 Rose, like a city of chrysolite,  
 Call'd from the wave by witchery.  
 This ruin — now by barbarous hands  
 Debased into a motley shed,  
 Where the once splendid column stands,  
 Inverted on its leafy head —  
 Form'd, as they tell, in times of old,  
 The dwelling of that bard, whose lay  
 Could melt to tears the stern and cold,  
 And sadden, 'mid their mirth, the gay —  
 Simonides,<sup>3</sup> whose fame, through years  
 And ages past, still bright appears —  
 Like Hesperus, a star of tears !

'Twas hither now to catch a view  
 Of the white waters, as they play'd  
 Silently in the light — a few  
 Of the more restless damsels stray'd ;  
 And some would linger 'mid the scent  
 Of hanging foliage, that perfumed  
 The ruin'd walls ; while others went,  
 Culling whatever floweret bloom'd  
 In the lone leafy space between  
 Where gilded chambers once had been ;

Or, turning sadly to the sea,  
 Sent o'er the wave a sigh unblest'd  
 To some brave champion of the Free —  
 Thinking, alas, how cold might be,  
 At that still hour, his place of rest !

Meanwhile there came a sound of song  
 From the dark ruins — a faint strain,  
 As if some echo, that among  
 Those minstrel halls had slumbered long,  
 Were murmuring into life again.

But, no — the nymphs knew well the tone —  
 A maiden of their train, who loved,  
 Like the night bird, to sing alone,  
 Had deep into those ruins roved,  
 And there, all other thoughts forgot,  
 Was warbling o'er, in lone delight,  
 A lay that, on that very spot,  
 Her lover sung one moonlight night : —

SONG.

Ah ! where are they, who heard, in former hours,  
 The voice of Song in these neglected bow'rs ?  
 They are gone — all gone !

The youth, who told his pain in such sweet tone,  
 That all, who heard him, wish'd his pain their  
 own —  
 He is gone — he is gone !

And she, who, while he sung, sat list'ning by,  
 And thought, to strain like these 'twere sweet  
 to die —  
 She is gone — she too is gone !

'Tis thus, in future hours, some bard will say  
 Of her, who weeps, and him, who sings this lay —  
 They are gone — they both are gone !

The moon was now, from heaven's steep,  
 Bending to dip her silvery urn  
 Into the bright and silent deep —  
 And the young nymphs, on their return  
 From those romantic ruins, found  
 Their other playmates, ranged around

<sup>1</sup> This superstitious custom of the Thessalians exists also, as Pietro della Valle tells us, among the Persians.

<sup>2</sup> An ancient city of Zea, the walls of which were of marble. Its remains (says Clarke) "extend from the shore,

quite into a valley watered by the streams of a fountain, whence Ioulis received its name."

<sup>3</sup> Zea was the birthplace of this poet, whose verses are by Catullus called "tears."

The sacred Spring, prepared to tune  
Their parting hymn,<sup>1</sup> ere sunk the moon,  
To that fair Fountain, by whose stream  
Their hearts had form'd so many a dream.

Who has not read the tales, that tell  
Of old Eleusis' sacred Well,  
Or heard what legend songs recount  
Of Syra, and its holy Fount,<sup>2</sup>  
Gushing, at once, from the hard rock  
Into the laps of living flowers —  
Where village maidens loved to flock,  
On summer nights, and, like the Hours,  
Link'd in harmonious dance and song,  
Charm'd the unconscious night along ;  
While holy pilgrims, on their way  
To Delos' isle, stood looking on,  
Enchanted with a scene so gay,  
Nor sought their boats, till morning shone.

Such was the scene this lovely glade  
And its fair inmates now display'd,  
As round the Fount, in linked ring,  
They went, in cadence slow and light,  
And thus to that enchanted Spring  
Warbled their Farewell for the night :—

—  
SONG.

Here, while the moonlight dim  
Falls on that mossy brim,  
Sing we our Fountain Hymn,  
Maidens of Zea !  
Nothing but Music's strain,  
When Lovers part in pain,  
Soothes, till they meet again,  
O, Maids of Zea !

Bright Fount, so clear and cold,  
Round which the nymphs of old  
Stood, with their locks of gold,  
Fountain of Zea !  
Not even Castaly,  
Famed though its streamlet be,

<sup>1</sup> These "Songs of the Well," as they were called among the ancients, still exist in Greece. *De Guys* tells us that he has seen "the young women in Prince's Island, assembled in the evening at a public well, suddenly strike up a dance, while others sung in concert to them."

<sup>2</sup> "The inhabitants of Syra, both ancient and modern, may be considered as the worshippers of water. The old fountain, at which the nymphs of the island assembled in the earliest ages, exists in its original state ; the same rendezvous as it was formerly, whether of love and gallantry,

Murmurs or shines like thee,  
O, Fount of Zea !

Thou, while our hymn we sing,  
Thy silver voice shalt bring,  
Answering, answering,  
Sweet Fount of Zea !  
For, of all rills that run,  
Sparkling by moon or sun,  
Thou art the fairest one,  
Bright Fount of Zea !

Now, by those stars that glance  
Over heav'n's still expanse,  
Weave we our mirthful dance,  
Daughters of Zea !  
Such as, in former days,  
Danced they, by Dian's rays,  
Where the Eurotas strays,<sup>3</sup>  
O, Maids of Zea !

But when to merry feet  
Hearts with no echo beat,  
Say, can the dance be sweet ?  
Maidens of Zea !  
No, nought but Music's strain,  
When lovers part in pain,  
Soothes, till they meet again,  
O, Maids of Zea !

—  
SECOND EVENING.

SONG.

WHEN evening shades are falling  
O'er Ocean's sunny sleep,  
To pilgrims' hearts recalling  
Their home beyond the deep ;  
When, rest o'er all descending,  
The shores with gladness smile,  
And lutes, their echoes blending,  
Are heard from isle to isle,  
Then, Mary, Star of the Sea,<sup>4</sup>  
We pray, we pray to thee !

or of gossiping and tale telling. It is near to the town, and the most limpid water gushes continually from the solid rock. It is regarded by the inhabitants with a degree of religious veneration ; and they preserve a tradition, that the pilgrims of old time, in their way to Delos, resorted thither for purification." — *Clarke*.

<sup>3</sup> "Qualis in Eurotæ ripis, aut per juga Cynthi  
Exeret Diana choros." — *Virgil*.

<sup>4</sup> One of the titles of the Virgin : — "Marie illuminatrix  
sive Stella Maris." — *Isidor*.

The noonday tempest over,  
 Now Ocean toils no more,  
 And wings of halcyons hover,  
 Where all was strife before.  
 O thus may life, in closing  
 Its short tempestuous day,  
 Beneath heaven's smile reposing,  
 Shine all its storms away :  
 Thus, Mary, Star of the Sea,  
 We pray, we pray, to thee !

On Helle's sea the light grew dim,  
 As the last sounds of that sweet hymn  
 Floated along its azure tide —  
 Floated in light, as if the lay  
 Had mix'd with sunset's fading ray,  
 And light and song together died.  
 So soft through evening's air had breath'd  
 That choir of youthful voices, wreath'd  
 In many-linked harmony,  
 That boats, then hurrying o'er the sea,  
 Paused, when they reach'd this fairy shore,  
 And linger'd till the strain was o'er.

Of those young maids who've met to fleet  
 In song and dance this evening's hours,  
 Far happier now the bosoms beat,  
 Than when they last adorn'd these bowers ;  
 For tidings of glad sound had come,  
 At break of day, from the far isles —  
 Tidings like breath of life to some —  
 That Zea's sons would soon wing home,  
 Crown'd with the light of Victory's smiles,  
 To meet that brightest of all meeds  
 That wait on high, heroic deeds,  
 When gentle eyes that scarce, for tears,  
 Could trace the warrior's parting track,  
 Shall, like a misty morn that clears,  
 When the long-absent sun appears,  
 Shine out, all bliss, to hail him back.

How fickle still the youthful breast ! —  
 More fond of change than a young moon,  
 No joy so new was e'er possess'd  
 But Youth would leave for newer soon.  
 These Zean nymphs, though bright the spot,  
 Where first they held their evening play,  
 As ever fell to fairy's lot  
 To wanton o'er by midnight's ray,  
 Had now exchanged that shelter'd scene  
 For a wide glade beside the sea —  
 A lawn, whose soft expanse of green  
 Turn'd to the west sun smilingly,

As though, in conscious beauty bright,  
 It joy'd to give him light for light.

And ne'er did evening more serene  
 Look down from heaven on lovelier scene.  
 Calm lay the flood around, while fleet,  
 O'er the blue shining element,  
 Light barks, as if with fairy feet  
 That stir'd not the hush'd waters, went ;  
 Some that, ere rosy eve fell o'er  
 The blushing wave, with mainsail free,  
 Had put forth from the Attic shore,  
 Or the near Isle of Ebony ; —  
 Some, Hydriot barks, that deep in caves  
 Beneath Colonna's pillar'd cliffs,  
 Had all day lurk'd, and o'er the waves  
 Now shot their long and dart-like skiffs.  
 Woe to the craft, however fleet,  
 These sea hawks in their course shall meet,  
 Laden with juice of Lesbian vines,  
 Or rich from Naxos' emery mines ;  
 For not more sure, when owlets flee  
 O'er the dark crags of Penedee,  
 Doth the night falcon mark his prey,  
 Or pounce on it more fleet than they.

And what a moon now lights the glade  
 Where these young island nymphs are met .  
 Full orb'd, yet pure, as if no shade  
 Had touch'd its virgin lustre yet ;  
 And freshly bright, as if just made  
 By Love's own hands, of new-born light  
 Stol'n from his mother's star to-night.

On a bold rock, that o'er the flood  
 Jutted from that soft glade, there stood  
 A Chapel, fronting towards the sea, —  
 Built in some by-gone century, —  
 Where, nightly, as the seaman's mark,  
 When waves rose high or clouds were dark,  
 A lamp, bequeath'd by some kind Saint,  
 Shed o'er the wave its glimmer faint,  
 Waking in way-worn men a sigh  
 And prayer to heaven, as they went by.  
 'Twas there, around that rock-built shrine,  
 A group of maidens and their sires  
 Had stood to watch the day's decline,  
 And, as the light fell o'er their lyres,  
 Sung to the Queen Star of the Sea  
 That soft and holy melody.

But lighter thoughts and lighter song  
 Now woo the coming hours along.  
 For, mark, where smooth the herbage lies,  
 Yon gay pavilion, curtain'd deep



With silken folds, through which, bright eyes,  
 From time to time, are seen to peep ;  
 While twinkling lights that, to and fro,  
 Beneath those veils, like meteors, go,  
 Tell of some spells at work, and keep  
 Young fancies chain'd in mute suspense,  
 Watching what next may shine from thence.  
 Nor long the pause, ere hands unseen  
 That mystic curtain backward drew,  
 And all, that late but shone between,  
 In half-caught gleams, now burst to view.

A picture 'twas of the early days  
 Of glorious Greece, ere yet those rays  
 Of rich, immortal Mind were hers  
 That made mankind her worshippers ;  
 While, yet unsung, her landscapes shone  
 With glory lent by heaven alone ;  
 Nor temples crown'd her nameless hills,  
 Nor Muse immortalized her rills ;  
 Nor aught but the mute poesy  
 Of sun, and stars, and shining sea  
 Illumed that land of bards to be.  
 While, prescient of the gifted race  
 That yet would realm so blest adorn,  
 Nature took pains to deck the place  
 Where glorious Art was to be born.

Such was the scene that mimic stage  
 Of Athens and her hills portray'd ;  
 Athens, in her first, youthful age,  
 Ere yet the simple violet braid,<sup>1</sup>  
 Which then adorn'd her, had shone down  
 The glory of earth's loftiest crown.  
 While yet undream'd, her seeds of Art  
 Lay sleeping in the marble mine —  
 Sleeping till Genius bade them start  
 To all but life, in shapes divine ;  
 Till deified the quarry shone,  
 And all Olympus stood in stone !

There, in the foreground of that scene,  
 On a soft bank of living green,  
 Sate a young nymph, with her lap full  
 Of newly-gather'd flowers, o'er which  
 She graceful lean'd, intent to cull  
 All that was there of hue most rich,  
 To form a wreath, such as the eye  
 Of her young lover, who stood by,  
 With pallet mingled fresh, might choose  
 To fix by Painting's rainbow hues.

The wreath was form'd ; the maiden raised  
 Her speaking eyes to his, while he —

O not upon the flowers now gaz'd,  
 But on that bright look's witchery.  
 While, quick as if but then the thought,  
 Like light, had reach'd his soul, he caught  
 His pencil up, and, warm and true  
 As life itself, that love look drew ;  
 And, as his raptur'd task went on,  
 And forth each kindling feature shone,  
 Sweet voices, through the moonlight air,  
 From lips as moonlight fresh and pure,  
 Thus hail'd the bright dream passing there,  
 And sung the Birth of Portraiture.<sup>2</sup>

## SONG.

As once a Grecian maiden wove  
 Her garland 'mid the summer bowers,  
 There stood a youth, with eyes of love,  
 To watch her while she wreath'd the flowers  
 The youth was skill'd in Painting's art,  
 But ne'er had studied woman's brow,  
 Nor knew what magic hues the heart  
 Can shed o'er Nature's charms, till now.

## CHORUS.

Blest be Love, to whom we owe  
 All that's fair and bright below.

His hand had pictured many a rose,  
 And sketch'd the rays that light the brook ;  
 But what were these, or what were those,  
 To woman's blush, to woman's look ?  
 "O, if such magic power there be,  
 "This, this," he cried, "is all my prayer,  
 "To paint that living light I see,  
 "And fix the soul that sparkles there."

His prayer, as soon as breath'd, was heard ;  
 His pallet, touch'd by Love, grew warm,  
 And Painting saw her hues transferr'd  
 From lifeless flowers to woman's form.  
 Still as from tint to tint he stole,  
 The fair design shone out the more,  
 And there was now a life, a soul,  
 Where only colors glow'd before.

Then first carnations learn'd to speak,  
 And lilies into life were brought ;  
 While, mantling on the maiden's cheek,  
 Young roses kindled into thought.  
 Then hyacinths their darkest dyes  
 Upon the locks of Beauty threw ;

<sup>1</sup> "Violet-crowned Athens." — Pindar.

<sup>2</sup> The whole of this scene was suggested by Pliny's ac-

count of the artist Pausias and his mistress Glycera, Lib. 35  
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And violets, transform'd to eyes,  
Eushrin'd a soul within their blue.

## CHORUS.

Blest be Love, to whom we owe  
All that's fair and bright below.  
Song was cold and Painting dim  
Till song and Painting learn'd from him.

Soon as the scene had closed, a cheer  
Of gentle voices, old and young,  
Rose from the groups that stood to hear  
This tale of yore so aptly sung ;  
And while some nymphs, in haste to tell  
The workers of that fairy spell  
How crown'd with praise their task had been,  
Stole in behind the curtain'd scene,  
The rest, in happy converse stray'd —  
Talking that ancient love tale o'er —  
Some, to the groves that skirt the glade,  
Some, to the chapel by the shore,  
To look what lights were on the sea,  
And think of th' absent silently.

But soon that summons, known so well  
Through bower and hall, in Eastern lands,  
Whose sound, more sure than gong or bell,  
Lovers and slaves alike commands, —  
The clapping of young female hands,  
Calls back the groups from rock and field  
To see some new-form'd scene reveal'd ; —  
And fleet and eager, down the slopes  
Of the green glade, like antelopes,  
When, in their thirst, they hear the sound  
Of distant rills, the light nymphs bound.

Far different now the scene — a waste  
Of Lybian sands, by moonlight's ray ;  
An ancient well, whereon were traced  
The warning words, for such as stray  
Unarmed there, " Drink and away ! " <sup>1</sup>  
While, near it, from the night ray screen'd,  
And like his bells, in hush'd repose,

<sup>1</sup> The traveller Shaw mentions a beautiful rill in Barbary, which is received into a large bason called *Shrub wee krub*, " Drink and away " — there being great danger of meeting with thieves and assassins, in such places.

<sup>2</sup> The Arabian shepherd has a peculiar ceremony in weaning the young camel : when the proper time arrives, he turns the camel towards the rising star, Canopus, and says, " Do you see Canopus ? from this moment you taste not another drop of milk. " — *Richardson*.

<sup>3</sup> " Whoever returns from a pilgrimage to Mecca hangs this plant (the mitre-shaped Aloe) over his street door, as a

A camel slept — young as if wean'd  
When last the star, Canopus, rose. <sup>2</sup>

Such was the background's silent scene ; —  
While nearer lay, fast slumbering too,  
In a rude tent, with brow serene,  
A youth whose cheeks of way-worn hue  
And pilgrim bonnet, told the tale  
That he had been to Mecca's Vale :  
Haply in pleasant dreams, ev'n now  
Thinking the long-wish'd hour is come  
When, o'er the well-known porch at home,  
His hand shall hang the aloe bough —  
Trophy of his accomplish'd vow. <sup>3</sup>  
But brief his dream — for now the call  
Of the camp chiefs from rear to van,  
" Bind on your burdens, " <sup>4</sup> wakes up all  
The widely-slumbering caravan ;  
And thus meanwhile, to greet the ear  
Of the young pilgrim as he wakes,  
The song of one who, lingering near,  
Had watch'd his slumber, cheerly breaks.

## SONG.

Up and march ! the timbrel's sound  
Wakes the slumb'ring camp around ;  
Fleet thy hour of rest hath gone,  
Armed sleeper, up, and on !  
Long and weary is our way  
O'er the burning sands to-day ;  
But to pilgrim's homeward feet  
Ev'n the desert's path is sweet.

When we lie at dead of night,  
Looking up to heaven's light,  
Hearing but the watchman's tone  
Faintly chanting " God is one, " <sup>5</sup>  
O what thoughts then o'er us come  
Of our distant village home,  
Where that chant, when evening set,  
Sounds from all the minarets.

Cheer thee ! — soon shall signal lights,  
Kindling o'er the Red Sea heights,

token of his having performed this holy journey. — *Hasselquist*.

<sup>4</sup> This form of notice to the caravans to prepare for marching was applied by Hafiz to the necessity of relinquishing the pleasures of this world, and preparing for death : — " For me what room is there for pleasure in the bower of Beauty when every moment the bell makes proclamation, ' Bind on your burdens ? ' " <sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> The watchmen, in the camp of the caravans, go their rounds, crying one after another, " God is one, " &c. &c.

Kindling quick from man to man,  
Hail our coming caravan : <sup>1</sup>  
Think what bliss that hour will be !  
Looks of home again to see,  
And our names again to hear  
Murmur'd out by voices dear.

So pass'd the desert dream away,  
Flecting as his who heard this lay.  
Nor long the pause between, nor moved  
The spell-bound audience from that spot ;  
While still, as usual, Fancy roved  
On to the joy that yet was not ; —  
Fancy, who hath no present home,  
But builds her bower in scenes to come,  
Walking forever in a light  
That flows from regions out of sight.

But see, by gradual dawn descried,  
A mountain realm — rugged as e'er  
Uprais'd to heav'n its summits bare,  
Or told to earth, with frown of pride,  
That Freedom's falcon nest was there,  
Too high for hand of lord or king  
To hood her brow, or chain her wing.

'Tis Maina's land — her ancient hills,  
The abode of nymphs <sup>2</sup> — her countless rills  
And torrents, in their downward dash,  
Shining, like silver, through the shade  
Of the sea pine and flowering ash —  
All with a truth so fresh portray'd  
As wants but touch of life to be  
A world of warm reality.

And now, light bounding forth, a band  
Of mountaineers, all smiles, advance —  
Nymphs with their lovers, hand in hand,  
Link'd in the Ariadne dance ; <sup>3</sup>  
And while, apart from that gay throng,  
A minstrel youth, in varied song,  
Tells of the loves, the joys, the ills  
Of these wild children of the hills,  
The rest by turns, or fierce or gay,  
As war or sport inspires the lay,  
Follow each change that wakes the strings,  
And act what thus the lyrist sins : —

## SONG.

No life is like the mountaineer's,  
His home is near the sky,  
Where, throned above this world, he hears  
Its strife at distance die.  
Or, should the sound of hostile drum  
Proclaim below, " We come — we come,"  
Each crag that towers in air  
Gives answer, " Come who dare !"  
While, like bees, from dell and dingle,  
Swift the swarming warriors mingle,  
And their cry " Hurrah !" will be,  
" Hurrah, to victory !"

Then, when battle's hour is over,  
See the happy mountain lover,  
With the nymph, who'll soon be bride,  
Seated blushing by his side, —  
Every shadow of his lot  
In her sunny smile forgot.  
O, no life is like the mountaineer's,  
His home is near the sky,  
Where, throned above this world, he hears  
Its strife at distance die.  
Nor only thus through summer suns  
His blithe existence cheerly runs —  
Ev'n winter, bleak and dim,  
Brings joyous hours to him ;  
When, his rifle behind him flinging,  
He watches the roebuck springing,  
And away, o'er the hills away  
Reëchocs his glad " hurrah."

Then how blest, when night is closing,  
By the kindled hearth reposing,  
To his rebee's drowsy song,  
He beguiles the hour along ;  
Or, provoked by merry glances,  
To a brisker movement dances,  
Till, weary at last, in slumber's chain,  
He dreams o'er chase and dance again,  
Dreams, dreams them o'er again.

As slow that minstrel, at the close,  
Sunk, while he sung, to feign'd repose,  
Aptly did they, whose mimic art  
Follow'd the changes of his lay,

<sup>1</sup> " It was customary," says Irwin, " to light up fires on the mountains, within view of Cossair, to give notice of the approach of the caravans that came from the Nile."

<sup>2</sup> ——— virginibus bacchata Laconis  
Taygeta.

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<sup>3</sup> See, for an account of this dance, De Guy's *Trave* 2

Portray the lull, the nod, the start,  
Through which, as faintly died away  
His lute and voice, the minstrel pass'd,  
'Till voice and lute lay hush'd at last.

But now far other song came o'er  
Their startled ears — song that, at first,  
As solemnly the night wind bore  
Across the wave its mournful burst,  
Seen'd to the fancy, like a dirge  
Of some lone Spirit of the Sea,  
Singing o'er Helle's ancient surge  
The requiem of her Brave and Free.

Sudden, amid their pastime, pause  
The wondering nymphs ; and, as the sound  
Of that strange music nearer draws,  
With mute inquiring eye look round,  
Asking each other what can be  
The source of this sad minstrelsy ?  
Nor longer can they doubt, the song  
Comes from some island bark, which now  
Courses the bright waves swift along,  
And soon, perhaps, beneath the brow  
Of the Saint's Rock will shoot its prow.

Instantly all, with hearts that sigh'd  
'Twixt fear's and fancy's influence,  
Flew to the rock, and saw from thence  
A red-sail'd pinnacle towards them glide,  
Whose shadow, as it swept the spray,  
Scatter'd the moonlight's smiles away.  
Soon as the mariners saw that throng  
From the cliff gazing, young and old,  
Sudden they slack'd their sail and song,  
And, while their pinnace idly roll'd  
On the light surge, these tidings told : —

'Twas from an isle of mournful name,  
From Missolonghi, last they came —  
Sad Missolonghi, sorrowing yet  
O'er him, the noblest Star of Fame  
That e'er in life's young glory set ! —  
And now were on their mournful way,  
Wafting the news through Helle's isles ; —  
News that would cloud ev'n Freedom's ray,  
And sadden Victory 'mid her smiles.  
Their tale thus told, and heard, with pain,  
Out spread the galliot's wings again ;  
And, as she sped her swift career,  
Again that Hymn rose on the ear —  
"Thou art not dead — thou art not dead !"  
As oft 'twas sung in ages flown,  
Of him, the Athenian, who, to shed  
A tyrant's blood, pour'd out his own.

## SONG.

Thou art not dead — thou art not dead !<sup>1</sup>  
No, dearest Harmodius no.  
Thy soul, to realms above us fled,  
Though, like a star, it dwells o'erhead,  
Still lights this world below.  
Thou art not dead — thou art not dead !  
No, dearest Harmodius, no.

Through isles of light, where heroes tread  
And flowers ethereal blow,  
Thy godlike Spirit now is led,  
Thy lip, with life ambrosial fed,  
Forgets all taste of woe.  
Thou art not dead — thou art not dead !  
No, dearest Harmodius, no.

The myrtle, round that falchion spread  
Which struck the immortal blow,  
Throughout all time, with leaves unshed —  
The patriot's hope, the tyrant's dread —  
Round Freedom's shrine shall grow.  
Thou art not dead — thou art not dead !  
No, dearest Harmodius, no.

Where hearts like thine have broke or bled,  
Though quench'd the vital glow,  
Their memory lights a flame, instead,  
Which, ev'n from out the narrow bed  
Of death its beams shall throw.  
Thou art not dead — thou art not dead !  
No, dearest Harmodius, no.

Thy name, by myriads sung and said,  
From age to age shall go,  
Long as the oak and ivy wed,  
As bees shall haunt Hymettus' head,  
Or Helle's waters flow.  
Thou art not dead — thou art not dead !  
No, dearest Harmodius, no.

'Mong those who linger'd listening there, —  
Listening, with ear and eye, as long  
As breath of night could towards them bear  
A murmur of that mournful song, —  
A few there were, in whom the lay  
Had call'd up feelings far too sad  
To pass with the brief strain away,  
Or turn at once to theme more glad,  
And who, in mood untuned to meet  
The 'ight laugh of the happier train,

<sup>1</sup> Φιλαρτὸς Ἀρμόδιος ὀππὼ τῶν ἑλλήνων.

Wander'd to seek some moonlight seat  
Where they might rest, in converse sweet,  
Till vanish'd smiles should come again.

And seldom e'er hath noon of night  
To sadness lent more soothing light.  
On one side, in the dark-blue sky,  
Lonely and radiant, was the eye  
Of Jove himself, while, on the other,  
'Mong tiny stars that round her gleam'd,  
The young moon, like the Roman mother  
Among her living "jewels," beamed.

Touch'd by the lovely scenes around,  
A pensive maid — one who, though young,  
Had known what 'twas to see unwound  
The ties by which her heart had clung —  
Waken'd her soft tamboura's sound,  
And to its faint accords thus sung : —

## SONG.

Calm as, beneath its mother's eyes,  
In sleep the smiling infant lies,  
So, watch'd by all the stars of night,  
Yon landscape sleeps in light.  
And while the night breeze dies away,  
Like relics of some faded strain,  
Loved voices, lost for many a day,  
Seem whispering round again.  
O youth ! O love ! ye dreams, that shed  
Such glory once — where are ye fled ?

Pure ray of light that, down the sky,  
Art pointing, like an angel's wand,  
As if to guide to realms that lie  
In that bright sea beyond :  
Who knows but, in some brighter deep  
Than even that tranquil, moonlit main,  
Some land may lie, where those who weep  
Shall wake to smile again !

With cheeks that had regain'd their power  
And play of smiles, — and each bright eye,  
Like violets after morning's shower,  
The brighter for the tears gone by,  
Back to the scene such smiles should grace  
These wandering nymphs their path retrace,  
And reach the spot with rapture new,  
Just as the veils asunder flew,  
And a fresh vision burst to view.

There, by her own bright Attic flood,  
The blue-ey'd Queen of Wisdom stood ; —  
Not as she haunts the sage's dreams,  
With brow unveil'd, divine, severe ;  
But soften'd, as on bards she beams,  
When fresh from Poesy's high sphere,  
A music, not her own, she brings,  
And, through the veil which Fancy flings  
O'er her stern features, gently sings.

But who is he — that urchin nigh,  
With quiver on the rose trees hung,  
Who seems just dropp'd from yonder sky,  
And stands to watch that maid, with eye  
So full of thought, for one so young ? —  
That child — but, silence ! lend thine ear,  
And thus in song the tale thou'lt hear : —

## SONG.

As Love, one summer eve, was straying,  
Whom should he see, at that soft hour,  
But young Minerva, gravely playing  
Her flute within an olive bower !  
I need not say, 'tis Love's opinion  
That, grave or merry, good or ill,  
The sex all bow to his dominion,  
As woman will be woman still.

Though seldom yet the boy hath given  
To learned dames his smiles or sighs,  
So handsome Pallas look'd, that even,  
Love quite forgot the maid was wise.  
Besides, a youth of his discerning  
Knew well that, by a shady rill,  
At sunset hour, whate'er her learning,  
A woman will be woman still.

Her flute he praised in terms ecstatic, —  
Wishing it dumb, nor cared how soon ; —  
For Wisdom's notes, how'er chromatic,  
To Love seem always out of tune.  
But long as he found face to flatter,  
The nymph found breath to shake and thrill ;  
As, weak or wise — it doesn't matter —  
Woman, at heart, is woman still.

Love changed his plan, with warmth exclaiming  
"How rosy was her lips' soft dye !"  
And much that flute, the flatterer, blaming,  
For twisting lips so sweet awry.  
The nymph look'd down, beheld her features  
Reflected in the passing rill,



And started, shock'd — for, ah, ye creatures !  
 Ev'n when divine, you're women still.

Quick from the lips it made so odious,  
 That graceless flute the Goddess took,  
 And, while yet fill'd with breath melodious,  
 Flung it into the glassy brook ;  
 Where, as its vocal life was fleeting  
 Adown the current, faint and shrill,  
 'Twas heard in plaintive tone repeating,  
 " Woman, alas, vain woman still ! "

An interval of dark repose —  
 Such as the summer lightning knows,  
 'Twas flash and flash, as still more bright  
 The quick revelation comes and goes,  
 Opening each time the veils of night,  
 To show, within, a world of light —  
 Such pause, so brief, now pass'd between  
 This last gay vision and the scene,  
 Which now its depth of light disclosed.

A bower it seem'd, an Indian bower,  
 Within whose shade a nymph reposed,  
 Sleeping away noon's sunny hour —  
 Lovely as she, the Sprite, who weaves  
 Her mansion of sweet Durva leaves,  
 And there, as Indian legends say,  
 Dreams the long summer hours away.  
 And mark, how charm'd this sleeper seems  
 With some hid fancy — she, too, dreams !  
 O for a wizard's art to tell  
 The wonders that now bless her sight !  
 'Tis done — a truer, holier spell  
 Than e'er from wizard's lip yet fell  
 Thus brings her vision all to light : —

#### SONG.

" Who comes so gracefully  
 " Gliding along,  
 " While the blue rivulet  
 Sleeps to her song ;  
 " Song, richly vying  
 " With the faint sighing  
 " Which swans, in dying,  
 " Sweetly prolong ? "

So sung the shepherd boy  
 By the stream's side,  
 Watching that fairy boat  
 Down the flood glide,  
 Like a bird winging,  
 Through the waves bringing

That Siren, singing  
 To the hush'd tide.

" Stay," said the shepherd boy,  
 " Fairy boat, stay,  
 " Linger, sweet minstrelsy,  
 " Linger, a day."  
 But vain his pleading,  
 Past him, unheeding,  
 Song and boat, speeding,  
 Glided away.

So to our youthful eyes  
 Joy and hope shone ;  
 So, while we gazed on them,  
 Fast they flew on ; —  
 Like flowers, declining  
 Ev'n in the twining,  
 One moment shining,  
 And, the next, gone !

Soon as the imagin'd dream went by,  
 Uprose the nymph, with anxious eye  
 Turn'd to the clouds, as though some boon  
 She waited from that sun-bright dome,  
 And marvell'd that it came not soon  
 As her young thoughts would have it come.

But joy is in her glance ! — the wing  
 Of a white bird is seen above ;  
 And O, if round his neck he bring  
 The long-wished tidings from her love,  
 Not half so precious in her eyes  
 Ev'n that high-omen'd bird<sup>1</sup> would be,  
 Who dooms the brow o'er which he flies  
 To wear a crown of Royalty.

She had herself, last evening, sent  
 A winged messenger, whose flight  
 Through the clear, roseate element,  
 She watch'd till, lessening out of sight,  
 Far to the golden West it went,  
 Wafting to him, her distant love,  
 A missive in that language wrought  
 Which flowers can speak, when aptly wove,  
 Each hue a word, each leaf a thought.

And now — O speed of pinion, known  
 To love's light messengers alone ! —  
 Ere yet another evening takes  
 Its farewell of the golden lakes,

<sup>1</sup> The Huma.

She sees another envoy fly,  
With the wish'd answer, through the sky.

Welcome, sweet bird, through the sunny air  
winging,

Swift hast thou come o'er the far-shining  
sea,

Like Seba's dove, on thy snowy neck bringing  
Love's written vows from my lover to me.

O, in thy absence, what hours did I number! —  
Saying oft, "Idle bird, how could he rest?"

But thou art come at last, take now thy slum-  
ber,

And lull thee in dreams of all thou lov'st best.

Yet dost thou droop — even now while I utter  
Love's happy welcome, thy pulse dies away;  
Cheer thee, my bird — were it life's ebbing  
flutter,

This fondling bosom should woo it to stay.

But no — thou'rt dying — thy last task is over,  
Farewell, sweet martyr to Love and to me!

The smiles thou hast waken'd by news from my  
lover,

Will now all be turn'd into weeping for thee.

While thus this scene of song (their last  
For the sweet summer season) pass'd,  
A few presiding nymphs, whose care  
Watch'd over all, invisibly,

As do those guardian sprites of air,  
Whose watch we feel, but cannot see,  
Had from the circle — scarcely missed,  
Ere they were sparkling there again —  
Glided, like fairies, to assist

Their handmaids on the moonlight plain,  
Where, hid by intercepting shade  
From the stray glance of curious eyes,  
A feast of fruits and wines was laid —  
Soon to shine out, a glad surprise!

And now the moon, her ark of light  
Steering through Heaven, as though she bore  
In safety through that deep of night,  
Spirits of earth, the good, the bright,  
To some remote immortal shore,

Had half way sped her glorious way,  
When, round reclined on hillocks green,  
In groups, beneath that tranquil ray,  
The Zeus at their feast were seen.

The picture — every maid  
Whom late the lighted scene display'd,  
Still in her fancy garb array'd; —

The Arabian pilgrim, smiling here  
Beside the nymph of India's sky;  
While there the Mainiote mountaineer  
Whisper'd in young Minerva's ear,  
And urchin Love stood laughing by.

Meantime the elders round the board,  
By mirth and wit themselves made young,  
High cups of juice Zacynthian pour'd  
And, while the flask went round, thus sung: —

## SONG.

Up with the sparkling brimmer,  
Up to the crystal rim;  
Let not a moonbeam glimmer  
'Twi'x the flood and brim.  
When hath the world set eyes on  
Aught to match this light,  
Which, o'er our cup's horizon,  
Dawns in bumpers bright?

Truth in a deep well lieth —  
So the wise aver:  
But Truth the fact denieth —  
Water suits not her.

No, her abode's in brimmers,  
Like this mighty cup —  
Waiting till we, good swimmers,  
Dive to bring her up.

Thus circled round the song of glee,  
And all was tuneful mirth the while,  
Save on the checks of some, whose smile,  
As fix'd they gaze upon the sea,  
Turns into paleness suddenly!  
What see they there? a bright blue light  
That, like a meteor, gliding o'er  
The distant wave, grows on the sight,  
As though 'twere wing'd to Zea's shore.

To some, 'mong those who came to gaze,  
It seem'd the night light, far away,  
Of some lone fisher, by the blaze  
Of pine torch, luring on his prey;  
While others, as, 'twixt awe and mirth,  
They breath'd the bless'd Panaya's<sup>1</sup> name,  
Vow'd that such light was not of earth,  
But of that drear, ill-omen'd flame,  
Which mariners see on sail or mast,  
When Death is coming in the blast.

<sup>1</sup> The name which the Greeks give to the Virgin Mary

While marvelling thus they stood, a maid,  
 Who sat apart, with downcast eye,  
 Nor yet had, like the rest, surveyed  
 That coming light which now was nigh,  
 Soon as it met her sight, with cry  
 Of pain-like joy, " 'Tis he ! 'tis he !"  
 Loud she exclaim'd, and, hurrying by  
 The assembled throng, rush'd towards the sea.

At burst so wild, alarm'd, amazed,  
 All stood, like statues, mute, and gazed  
 Into each other's eyes, to seek  
 What meant such mood, in maid so meek ?

Till now, the tale was known to few,  
 But now from lip to lip it flew :—  
 A youth, the flower of all the band,  
 Who late had left this sunny shore,  
 When last he kiss'd that maiden's hand,  
 Lingering, to kiss it o'er and o'er,  
 By his sad brow too plainly told  
 Th' ill-omen'd thought which cross'd him  
 then,

That once those hands should lose their hold,  
 They ne'er would meet on earth again !  
 In vain his mistress, sad as he,  
 But with a heart from Self as free  
 As generous woman's only is,  
 Veil'd her own fears to banish his :—  
 With frank rebuke, but still more vain,  
 Did a rough warrior, who stood by,  
 Call to his mind this martial strain,  
 His favorite once, ere Beauty's eye  
 Had taught his soldier heart to sigh :—

### SONG.

March ! nor heed those arms that hold thee,  
 Though so fondly close they come ;  
 Closer still will they unfold thee,  
 When thou bring'st fresh laurels home.  
 Dost thou dote on woman's brow ?  
 Dost thou live but in her breath ?  
 March ! — one hour of victory now  
 Wins thee woman's smile till death.

O what bliss, when war is over,  
 Beauty's long-miss'd smile to meet,  
 And, when wreaths our temples cover,  
 Lay them shining at her feet.  
 Who would not, that hour to reach,  
 Breathe out life's expiring sigh, —  
 Proud as waves that on the beach  
 Lay their war crests down, and die.

There ! I see thy soul is burning —  
 She herself, who clasps thee so,  
 Paints, ev'n now, thy glad returning,  
 And, while clasping, bids thee go.  
 One deep sigh, to passion given,  
 One last glowing tear, and then —  
 March ! — nor rest thy sword, till Heaven  
 Brings thee to those arms again.

Even then, ere loath their hands could part,  
 A promise the youth gave, which bore  
 Some balm unto the maiden's heart,  
 That, soon as the fierce fight was o'er,  
 To home he'd speed, if safe and free —  
 Nay, ev'n if dying, still would come,  
 So the blest word of " Victory !"  
 Might be the last he'd breathe at home.  
 " By day," he cried, " thou'lt know my bark ;  
 " But, should I come through midnight dark,  
 " A blue light on the prow shall tell  
 " That Greece hath won, and all is well !"

Fondly the maiden, every night,  
 Had stolen to seek that promised light ;  
 Nor long her eyes had now been turn'd  
 From watching, when the signal burn'd.  
 Signal of joy — for her, for all —  
 Fleetly the boat now nears the land,  
 While voices, from the shore edge, call  
 For tidings of the long-wish'd band.

O the blest hour, when those who've been  
 Through peril's paths by land or sea,  
 Lock'd in our arms again are seen  
 Smiling in glad security ;  
 When heart to heart we fondly strain,  
 Questioning quickly o'er and o'er —  
 Then hold them off, to gaze again,  
 And ask, though answer'd oft before,  
 If they, *indeed*, are ours once more ?

Such is the scene, so full of joy,  
 Which welcomes now this warrior boy,  
 As fathers, sisters, friends all run  
 Bounding to meet him — all but one,  
 Who, slowest on his neck to fall,  
 Is yet the happiest of them all.

And now behold him, circled round  
 With beaming faces, at that board,  
 While cups, with laurel foliage crown'd,  
 Are to the coming warriors pour'd --  
 Coming, as he, their herald, told,  
 With blades from victory scarce yet cold,

With hearts untouch'd by Moslem steel,  
And wounds that home's sweet breath will heal.

"Ere morn," said he,— and, while he spoke,  
Turn'd to the east, where, clear, and pale,  
The star of dawn already broke —  
"We'll greet, on yonder wave, their sail!"  
Then, wherefore part? all, all agree  
To wait them here, beneath this bower;  
And thus, while even amidst their glee,  
Each eye is turn'd to watch the sea,  
With song they cheer the anxious hour.

SONG.

"'Tis the Vine! 'tis the Vine!" said the cup-  
loving boy,  
As he saw it spring bright from the earth,  
And call'd the young Genii of Wit, Love, and  
Joy,  
To witness and hallow its birth.  
The fruit was full grown, like a ruby it flamed  
Till the sunbeam that kiss'd it look'd pale:  
"'Tis the Vine! 'tis the Vine!" ev'ry Spirit  
exclaim'd,  
"Hail, hail to the Wine Tree, all hail!"  
First, fleet as a bird, to the summons Wit  
flew,  
While a light on the vine leaves there broke,

In flashes so quick and so brilliant, all knew  
'Twas the light from his lips as he spoke.  
"Bright tree! let thy nectar but cheer me," he  
cried,  
"And the fount of Wit never can fail:"  
"'Tis the Vine! 'tis the Vine!" hills and val-  
leys reply,  
"Hail, hail to the Wine Tree, all hail!"

Next, Love, as he leaned o'er the plant to admire  
Each tendril and cluster it wore,  
From his rosy mouth sent such a breath of  
desire,  
As made the tree tremble all o'er.  
O, never did flower of the earth, sea, or sky,  
Such a soul-giving odor inhale:  
"'Tis the Vine! 'tis the Vine!" all reëcho the  
cry,  
"Hail, hail to the Wine Tree, all hail!"

Last, Joy, without whom even Love and Wit die,  
Came to crown the bright hour with his ray;  
And scarce had that mirth-waking tree met his  
eye,  
When a laugh spoke what Joy could not  
say;—  
A laugh of the heart, which was echoed around  
Till, like music, it swell'd on the gale;  
"'Tis the Vine! 'tis the Vine!" laughing  
myriads resound,  
"Hail, hail to the Wine Tree, all hail!"

LEGENDARY BALLADS.

TO  
THE MISS FEILDINGS,  
THIS VOLUME

IS INSCRIBED, BY THEIR FAITHFUL FRIEND AND SERVANT,  
THOMAS MOORE.

THE VOICE.

It came o'er her sleep, like a voice of those days,  
When love, only love, was the light of her ways;  
And, soft as in moments of bliss long ago,  
It whisper'd her name from the garden below.

"Alas," sigh'd the maiden, "how fancy can  
cheat!  
"The world once had lips that could whisper  
thus sweet;  
"But cold now they slumber in yon fatal deep,  
"Where, O that beside them this heart too could  
sleep!"

She sunk on her pillow—but no, 'twas in  
vain  
To chase the illusion, that Voice came again!  
She flew to the casement—but, hush'd as the  
grave,  
In moonlight lay slumbering woodland and  
wave.

"O sleep, come and shield me," in anguish she said,

"From that call of the buried, that cry of the Dead!"

And sleep came around her — but, starting, she woke,

For still from the garden that spirit Voice spoke!

"I come," she exclaimed, "be thy home where it may,

"On earth or in heaven, that call I obey;"

Then forth through the moonlight, with heart beating fast

And loud as a death watch, the pale maiden pass'd.

Still round her the scene all in loveliness shone;

And still, in the distance, that Voice led her on;

But whither she wander'd, by wave or by shore,

None ever could tell, for she came back no more.

No, ne'er came she back, — but the watchman who stood,

That night, in the tower which o'ershadows the flood,

Saw dimly, 'tis said, o'er the moon-lighted spray  
A youth on a steed bear the maiden away.

#### CUPID AND PSYCHE.

THEY told her that he, to whose vows she had listen'd

Through night's fleeting hours, was a Spirit unblest'd; —

Unholy the eyes, that beside her had glisten'd,  
And evil the lips she in darkness had press'd.

"When next in thy chamber the bridegroom reclineth,

"Bring near him thy lamp, when in slumber he lies;

"And there, as the light o'er his dark features shineth,

"Thou'lt see what a demon hath won all thy sighs!"

Too fond to believe them, yet doubting, yet fearing,

When calm lay the sleeper she stole with her light;

And saw — such a vision! — no image appearing  
To bards in their daydreams, was ever so bright.

A youth, but just passing from childhood's sweet morning,

While round him still linger'd its innocent ray;

Though gleams, from beneath his shut eyelids gave warning

Of summer-noon lightnings that under them lay.

His brow had a grace more than mortal around it,  
While, glossy as gold from a fairyland mine,

His sunny hair hung, and the flowers that crown'd it

Seem'd fresh from the breeze of some garden divine.

Entranced stood the bride, on that miracle gazing,

What late was but love is idolatry now;

But, ah — in her tremor the fatal lamp raising —  
A sparkle flew from it and dropp'd on his brow.

All's lost — with a start from his rosy sleep waking,

The Spirit flash'd o'er her his glances of fire;

Then, slow from the clasp of her snowy arms breaking,

Thus said, in a voice more of sorrow than ire:

"Farewell — what a dream thy suspicion hath broken!

"Thus ever Affection's fond vision is cross'd;

"Dissolved are her spells when a doubt is but spoken,

"And love, once distrusted, forever is lost!"

#### HERO AND LEANDER.

THE night wind is moaning with mournful sigh,

There gleameth no moon in the misty sky,  
No star over Helle's sea;

"Yet, yet, there is shining one holy light,

"One love-kindled star through the deep of night,

"To lead me, sweet Hero, to thee!"

Thus saying, he plunged in the foamy stream,  
Still fixing his gaze on that distant beam

No eye but a lover's could see;

And still, as the surge swept over his head,

"To-night," he said tenderly, "living or dead,  
"Sweet Hero, I'll rest with thee!"



But fiercer around him the wild waves speed ;  
 O, Love ! in that hour of thy votary's need,  
 Where, where could thy Spirit be ?  
 He struggles — he sinks — while the hurricane's  
 Leath  
 Bears rudely away his last farewell in death —  
 "Sweet Hero, I die for thee !"

## THE LEAF AND THE FOUNTAIN.

"TELL me, kind Seer, I pray thee,  
 "So may the stars obey thee,  
 "So may each airy  
 "Moon elf and fairy  
 "Nightly their homage pay thee !  
 "Say, by what spell, above, below,  
 "In stars that wink or flowers that blow,  
 "I may discover,  
 "Ere night is over,  
 "Whether my love loves me, or no,  
 "Whether my love loves me."

"Maiden, the dark tree nigh thee  
 "Hath charms no gold could buy thee ;  
 "Its stem enchanted,  
 "By moon elves planted,  
 "Will all thou seek'st supply thee.  
 "Climb to yon boughs that highest grow,  
 "Bring thence their fairest leaf below ;  
 "And thou'lt discover,  
 "Ere night is over,  
 "Whether thy love loves thee or no,  
 "Whether thy love loves thee."

"See, up the dark tree going,  
 "With blossoms round me blowing,  
 "From thence, O Father,  
 "This leaf I gather,  
 "Fairest that there is growing.  
 "Say, by what sign I now shall know  
 "If in this leaf lie bliss or woe ;  
 "And thus discover,  
 "Ere night is over,  
 "Whether my love loves me or no,  
 "Whether my love loves me."

"Fly to yon fount that's welling  
 "Where moonbeam ne'er had dwelling,

"Dip in its water  
 "That leaf, O Daughter,  
 "And mark the tale 'tis telling ;<sup>1</sup>  
 "Watch thou if pale or bright it grow,  
 "List thou, the while, that fountain's flow,  
 "And thou'lt discover  
 "Whether thy lover,  
 "Loved as he is, loves thee or no,  
 "Loved as he is, loves thee."

Forth flew the nymph, delighted,  
 To seek that fount benighted ;  
 But, scarce a minute  
 The leaf lay in it,  
 When lo, its bloom was blighted !  
 And as she ask'd, with voice of woe —  
 Listening, the while, that fountain's flow —  
 "Shall I recover  
 "My truant lover ?"  
 The fountain seem'd to answer, "No ;"  
 The fountain answered, "No."

## CEPHALUS AND PROCRIS.

A HUNTER once in that grove reclined,  
 To shun the noon's bright eye,  
 And oft he wooed the wandering wind,  
 To cool his brow with its sigh.  
 While mute lay even the wild bee's hum,  
 Nor breath could stir the aspen's hair,  
 His song was still "Sweet air, O come !"  
 While Echo answered, "Come, sweet Air !"

But, hark, what sounds from the thicket rise !  
 What meaneth that rustling spray ?  
 "Tis the white-horn'd doe," the Hunter cries,  
 "I have sought since break of day."  
 Quick o'er the sunny glade he springs,  
 The arrow flies from his sounding bow,  
 "Hilliho — hilliho !" he gayly sings,  
 While Echo sighs forth "Hilliho !"

Alas, 'twas not the white-horn'd doe  
 He saw in the rustling grove,  
 But the bridal veil, as pure as snow,  
 Of his own young wedded love.  
 And, ah, too sure that arrow sped,  
 For pale at his feet he sees her lie ; —  
 "I die, I die," was all she said,  
 While Echo murmur'd, "I die, I die !"

<sup>1</sup> The ancients had a mode of divination somewhat similar to this ; and we find the Emperor Adrian, when he went

to consult the Fountain of Castalia, plucking a bay leaf and dipping it into the sacred water.

YOUTH AND AGE.<sup>1</sup>

"TELL me, what's Love?" said Youth, one day,  
To drooping Age, who crossed his way. —

"It is a sunny hour of play,  
"For which repentance dear doth pay ;

"Repentance! Repentance!  
"And this is Love, as wise men say."

"Tell me, what's Love?" said Youth once  
more ;

Fearful, yet fond, of Age's lore. —  
"Soft as a passing summer's wind,  
"Wouldst know the blight it leaves behind?  
"Repentance! Repentance!  
"And this is Love — when love is o'er."

"Tell me, what's Love?" said Youth again,  
Trusting the bliss, but not the pain.

"Sweet as a May tree's scented air —  
"Mark ye what bitter fruit 'twill bear,  
"Repentance! Repentance!  
"This, this is Love — sweet Youth, beware."

Just then, young Love himself came by,  
And cast on Youth a smiling eye ;  
Who could resist that glance's ray?  
In vain did Age his warning say,  
"Repentance! Repentance!"  
Youth laughing went with Love away.

## THE DYING WARRIOR.

A WOUNDED Chieftain, lying  
By the Danube's leafy side,  
Thus faintly said, in dying,  
"O, bear, thou foaming tide,  
"This gift to my lady bride."

'Twas then, in life's last quiver,  
He flung the scarf he wore  
Into the foaming river,  
Which, ah too quickly, bore  
That pledge of one no more!

With fond impatience burning,  
The Chieftain's lady stood,  
To watch her love returning  
In triumph down the flood,  
From that day's field of blood.

But, field, alas, ill fated!  
The lady saw, instead  
Of the bark whose speed she waited,  
Her hero's scarf, all red  
With the drops his heart had shed.

One shriek — and all was over —  
Her life pulse ceased to beat ;  
The gloomy waves now cover  
That bridal flower so sweet,  
And the scarf is her winding sheet!

## THE MAGIC MIRROR.

"COME, if thy magic Glass have power  
"To call up forms we sigh to see ;  
"Show me my love, in that rosy bower,  
"Where last she pledged her truth to me."

The Wizard show'd him his Lady bright,  
Where lone and pale in her bow'r she lay ;  
"True-hearted maid," said the happy Knight,  
"She's thinking of one, who is far away."

But, lo! a page, with looks of joy,  
Brings tidings to the lady's ear ;  
"Tis," said the Knight, "the same bright  
boy  
"Who used to guide me to my dear."

The Lady now, from her fav'rite tree,  
Hath, smiling, pluck'd a rosy flower ;  
"Such," he exclaim'd, "was the gift that she  
"Each morning sent me from that bower!"

She gives her page the blooming rose,  
With looks that say, "Like lightning, fly!"  
"Thus," thought the Knight, "she soothes her  
woes,  
"By fancying, still, her true love nigh."

But the page returns, and — O, what a sight,  
For trusting lover's eyes to see! —  
Leads to that bower another Knight,  
As young, and, alas, as loved as he!

"Such," quoth the Youth, "is Woman's love!"  
Then, darting forth, with furious bound,  
Dash'd at the Mirror his iron glove,  
And strew'd it all in fragments round.

<sup>1</sup> The air, to which I have adapted these words, was composed by Mrs. Arkwright to some old verses, "Tell me what's love, kind shepherd, pray?" and it has been my ob-

ject to retain as much of the structure and phraseology of the original words as possible.

## MORAL.

Such ills would never have come to pass,  
 Had he ne'er sought that fatal view ;  
 The Wizard would still have kept his Glass,  
 And the Knight still thought his Lady true.

## THE PILGRIM.

STILL thus, when twilight gleam'd,  
 Far off his Castle seem'd,  
 Traced on the sky ;  
 And still, as fancy bore him  
 To those dim towers before him,  
 He gazed, with wishful eye,  
 And thought his home was nigh.

"Hall of my Sires !" he said,  
 "How long, with weary tread,  
 "Must I toil on ?  
 "Each eve, as thus I wander,  
 "Thy towers seem rising yonder,  
 "But, scarce hath daylight shone,  
 "When, like a dream, thou'rt gone !"

So went the Pilgrim still,  
 Down dale and over hill,  
 Day after day ;  
 That glimpse of home, so cheering,  
 At twilight still appearing,  
 But still, with morning's ray,  
 Melting, like mist, away !

Where rests the Pilgrim now ?  
 Here, by this cypress bough,  
 Closed his career ;  
 That dream, of fancy's weaving,  
 No more his steps deceiving,  
 Alike past hope and fear,  
 The Pilgrim's home is here.

## THE HIGH-BORN LADYE.

IN vain all the Knights of the Underwald wooed  
 her,  
 Though brightest of maidens, the proudest  
 was she ;  
 Brave chieftains they sought, and young min-  
 strels they sued her,  
 But worthy were none of the high-born Ladye.

"Whomsoever I wed," said this maid, so ex-  
 celling,  
 "That Knight must the conqu'ror of con-  
 querors be ;

"He must place me in halls fit for monarchs to  
 dwell in ; —  
 "None else shall be Lord of the high-born  
 Ladye !"

Thus spoke the proud damsel, with scorn look-  
 ing round her  
 On Knights and on Nobles of highest degree ;  
 Who humbly and hopelessly left as they found  
 her,  
 And worshipp'd at distance the high-born  
 Ladye.

At length came a Knight, from a far land to  
 woo her,  
 With plumes on his helm like the foam of  
 the sea ;  
 His visor was down — but, with voice that  
 thrill'd through her,  
 He whisper'd his vows to the high-born Ladye.

"Proud maiden ! I come with high spousals to  
 grace thee,  
 "In me the great conqu'ror of conquerors see ;  
 "Enthroned in a hall fit for monarchs I'll place  
 thee,  
 "And mine thou'rt forever, thou high-born  
 Ladye !"

The maiden she smiled, and in jewels array'd her,  
 Of thrones and tiaras already dreamt she ;  
 And proud was the step, as her bridegroom con-  
 vey'd her  
 In pomp to his home, of that high-born Ladye.

"But whither," she starting, exclaims, "have  
 you led me ?  
 "Here's nought but a tomb and a dark cy-  
 press tree ;  
 "Is *this* the bright palace in which thou wouldst  
 wed me ?"  
 With scorn in her glance said the high-born  
 Ladye.

"'Tis the home," he replied, "of earth's loftiest  
 creatures" —  
 Then lifted his helm for the fair one to see ;  
 But she sunk on the ground — 'twas a skeleton's  
 features,  
 And Death was the Lord of the high-born  
 Ladye !

## THE INDIAN BOAT.

'Twas midnight dark,  
 The seaman's bark,

Swift o'er the waters bore him,  
 When, through the night,  
 He spied a light  
 Shoot o'er the wave before him.  
 "A sail! a sail!" he cries;  
 "She comes from the Indian shore,  
 "And to-night shall be our prize,  
 "With her freight of golden ore:  
 "Sail on! sail on!"  
 When morning shone  
 He saw the gold still clearer;  
 But, though so fast  
 The waves he pass'd,  
 That boat seem'd never the nearer.

Bright daylight came,  
 And still the same  
 Rich bark before him floated;  
 While on the prize  
 His wishful eyes  
 Like any young lover's doated:  
 "More sail! more sail!" he cries,  
 While the waves o'ertrp the mast;  
 And his bounding galley flies,  
 Like an arrow before the blast.  
 Thus on, and on,  
 Till day was gone,  
 And the moon through heaven did hie her,  
 He swept the main,  
 But all in vain,  
 That boat seem'd never the nigher.

And many a day  
 To night gave way,  
 And many a morn succeeded:  
 While still his flight,  
 Through day and night,  
 That restless mariner speeded.  
 Who knows — who knows what seas  
 He is now careering o'er?  
 Behind, the eternal breeze,  
 And that mocking bark, before!  
 For, O, till sky  
 And earth shall die,  
 And their death leave none to rue it,  
 That boat must flee  
 O'er the boundless sea,  
 And that ship in vain pursue it.

#### THE STRANGER.

Come list, while I tell of the heart-wounded  
 Stranger  
 Who sleeps her last slumber in this haunted  
 ground;

Where often, at midnight, the lonely wood  
 ranger  
 Hears soft fairy music reëcho around.

None e'er knew the name of that heart-stricken  
 lady,  
 Her language, though sweet, none could e'er  
 understand;  
 But her features so sunn'd, and her eyelash so  
 shady,  
 Bespoke her a child of some far Eastern land.

'Twas one summer night, when the village lay  
 sleeping,  
 A soft strain of melody came o'er our ears;  
 So sweet, but so mournful, half song and half  
 weeping,  
 Like music that Sorrow had steep'd in her  
 tears.

We thought 'twas an anthem some angel had  
 sung us; —  
 But, soon as the daybeams had gush'd from  
 on high,  
 With wonder we saw this bright stranger among  
 us,  
 All lovely and lone, as if stray'd from the sky.

Nor long did her life for this sphere seem in-  
 tended,  
 For pale was her cheek, with that spirit-like  
 hue,  
 Which comes when the day of this world is  
 nigh ended,  
 And light from another already shines through

Then her eyes, when she sung — O, but once to  
 have seen them —  
 Left thoughts in the soul that can never de-  
 part;  
 While her looks and her voice made a language  
 between them,  
 That spoke more than holiest words to the  
 heart.

But she pass'd like a daydream, no skill could  
 restore her —  
 Whate'er was her sorrow, its ruin came fast;  
 She died with the same spell of mystery o'er her,  
 That song of past days on her lips to the  
 last.

Nor ev'n in the grave is her sad heart reposing —  
 Still hovers the spirit of grief round her tomb,  
 For oft, when the shadows of midnight are  
 closing,  
 The same strain of music is heard through  
 the gloom.

## A MELOLOGUE UPON NATIONAL MUSIC.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

THESE verses were written for a Benefit at the Dublin Theatre, and were spoken by Miss Smith, with a degree of success, which they owed solely to her admirable manner of reciting them. I wrote them in haste; and it very rarely happens that poetry, which has cost but little labor to the writer, is productive of any great pleasure to the reader. Under this impression, I certainly should not have published them if they had not found their way into some of the newspapers, with such an addition of errors to their own original stock, that I thought it but fair to limit their responsibility to those faults alone which really belong to them.

With respect to the title which I have invented for this Poem, I feel even more than the scruples of the Emperor Tiberius, when he humbly asked pardon of the Roman Senate for using "the outlandish term, *monopoly*." But the truth is, having written the Poem with the sole view of serving a Benefit, I thought that an unintelligible word of this kind would not be without its attraction for the multitude, with whom, "If 'tis not sense, at least 'tis Greek." To some of my readers, however, it may not be superfluous to say, that by "Melologue," I mean that mixture of recitation and music, which is frequently adopted in the performance of Collins's Ode on the Passions, and of which the most striking example I can remember is the prophetic speech of Joad in the *Athalie* of Racine. T. M.

## A SHORT STRAIN OF MUSIC FROM THE ORCHESTRA.

There breathes a language, known and felt  
Far as the pure air spreads its living zone;  
Wherever rage can rouse, or pity melt,  
That language of the soul is felt and known.  
From those meridian plains,  
Where oft, of old, on some high tower,

The soft Peruvian pour'd his midnight straits,  
And call'd his distant love with such sweet  
power,

That, when she heard the lonely lay,  
Not worlds could keep her from his arms away  
To the bleak climes of polar night,  
Where blithe, beneath a sunless sky,  
The Lapland lover bids his reindeer fly,  
And sings along the lengthening waste of snow,  
Gayly as if the blessed light  
Of vernal Phœbus burn'd upon his brow;  
O Music! thy celestial claim  
Is still resistless, still the same;  
And, faithful as the mighty sea  
To the pale star that o'er its realm presides,  
The spell-bound tides  
Of human passion rise and fall for thee!

## GREEK AIR.

List! 'tis a Grecian maid that sings,  
While, from Ilissus' silvery springs,  
She draws the cool lymph in her graceful urn  
And by her side, in Music's charm dissolving,  
Some patriot youth, the glorious past revolving,  
Dreams of bright days that never can return;  
When Athens nursed her olive bough,  
With hands by tyrant power unchain'd;  
And braided for the muse's brow  
A wreath by tyrant touch unstain'd.  
When heroes trod each classic field  
Where coward feet now faintly falter;  
When every arm was Freedom's shield,  
And every heart was Freedom's altar!

## FLOURISH OF TRUMPETS.

Hark! 'tis the sound that charms  
The war steed's wakening ears!—  
O, many a mother folds her arms  
Round her boy-soldier when that call she hears:  
And, though her fond heart sink with fears,  
Is proud to feel his young pulse bound  
With valor's fever at the sound.  
See, from his native hills afar  
The rude Helvetian flies to war,

1 "A certain Spaniard, one night late, met an Indian woman in the streets of Cozco, and would have taken her to his home, but she cried out, 'For God's sake, Sir, let me go; for that pipe, which you hear in yonder tower, calls me

with great passion, and I cannot refuse the summons; for love constrains me to go, that I may be his wife, and he my husband.'" — *Garcilasso de la Vega*, in Sir Paul Rycout's translation.



Careless for what, for whom he fights,  
For slave or despot, wrongs or rights;

A conqueror oft — a hero never —  
Yet lavish of his lifeblood still,  
As if 'twere like his mountain rill,  
And gush'd forever!

Yes, Music, here, even here,  
Amid this thoughtless, vague career,  
Thy soul-felt charm asserts its wondrous power,  
There's a wild air which oft, among the rocks  
Of his own lov'd land, at evening hour,  
Is heard, when shepherds homeward pipe  
their flocks,  
Whose every note hath power to thrill his mind  
With tenderest thoughts; to bring around  
his knees  
The rosy children whom he left behind,  
And fill each little angel eye  
With speaking tears, that ask him why  
He wander'd from his hut for scenes like  
these.  
Vain, vain is then the trumpet's brazen roar;  
Sweet notes of home, of love, are all he hears;  
And the stern eyes, that look'd for blood before,  
Now melting, mournful, lose themselves in  
tears.

SWISS AIR. — "RANZ DES VACHES.

But wake the trumpet's blast again,  
And rouse the ranks of warrior men!  
O War, when Truth thy arm employs,  
And Freedom's spirit guides the laboring storm,  
'Tis then thy vengeance takes a hallow'd form,

And, like Heaven's lightning, sacredly de-  
stroy.

Nor, Music, through thy breathing sphere,  
Lives there a sound more grateful to the ear  
Of Him who made all harmony,  
Than the bless'd sound of fetters breaking,  
And the first hymn that man, awaking  
From Slavery's slumber, breathes to Liberty.

SPANISH CHORUS.

Hark! from Spain, indignant Spain,  
Bursts the bold, enthusiast strain,  
Like morning's music on the air;  
And seems, in every note, to swear  
By Saragossa's ruin'd streets,  
By brave Gerona's deathful story,  
That, while *one* Spaniard's lifeblood beats,  
That blood shall stain the conqueror's  
glory.

SPANISH AIR. — "YA DESPERTO."

But ah! if vain the patriot's zeal,  
If neither valor's force nor wisdom's light  
Can break or melt that blood-cemented seal,  
Which shuts so close the book of Europe's  
right —  
What song shall then in sadness tell  
Of broken pride, of prospects shaded,  
Of buried hopes, remember'd well,  
Of ardor quench'd, and honor faded?  
What muse shall mourn the breathless brave,  
In sweetest dirge at Memory's shrine?  
What harp shall sigh o'er Freedom's grave?  
O Erin, Thine!

SET OF GLEES.

MUSIC BY MOORE.

THE MEETING OF THE SHIPS.

WHEN o'er the silent seas alone,  
For days and nights we've cheerless gone,  
O they who've felt it know how sweet,  
Some sunny morn a sail to meet.

Sparkling at once is ev'ry eye,  
"Ship ahoy!" our joyful cry;  
While answering back the sounds we hear,  
"Ship ahoy!" what cheer? what cheer?

Then sails are back'd, we nearer come,  
Kind words are said of friends and home;  
And soon, too soon, we part with pain,  
To sail o'er silent seas again.

HIP, HIP, HURRAH!

COME, fill round a bumper, fill up to the brim,  
He who shrinks from a bumper I pledge not to  
him;

Here's the girl that each loves, be her eye of  
what hue,

Or lustre, it may, so her heart is but true.

Charge! (drinks) hip, hip, hurrah, hurrah!

Come charge high, again, boy, nor let the full  
wine

Leave a space in the brimmer, where daylight  
may shine;

Here's "the friends of our youth — though of  
some we're bereft,

May the links that are lost but endear what are  
left!"

Charge! (drinks) hip, hip, hurrah, hurrah!

Once more fill a bumper — ne'er talk of the  
hour;

On hearts thus united old Time has no power.

May our lives, though, alas! like the wine of  
to-night,

They must soon have an end, to the last flow as  
bright.

Charge! (drinks) hip, hip, hurrah, hurrah!

Quick, quick, now I'll give you, since Time's  
glass will run

Ev'n faster than ours doth, three bumpers in one,  
Here's the poet who sings — here's the warrior  
who fights —

Here's the statesman who speaks, in the cause  
of men's rights!

Charge! (drinks) hip, hip, hurrah, hurrah!

Come, once more a bumper! — then drink as  
you please,

Though, *who* could fill half way to toast such as  
these?

Here's our next joyous meeting — and O when  
we meet,

May our wine be as bright and our union as  
sweet!

Charge! (drinks) hip, hip, hurrah, hurrah!

### HUSH, HUSH!

"Hush, hush!" — how well

That sweet word sounds,

When Love, the little sentinel,

Walks his night rounds;

Then, if a foot but dare

One rose leaf crush,

Myriads of voices in the air

Whisper, "Hush, hush!"

"Hark, hark, 'tis he!"

The night elves cry,

And hush their fairy harmony,

While he steals by;

But if his silv'ry feet

One dewdrop brush,

Voices are heard in chorus sweet,

Whispering "Hush, hush!"

### THE PARTING BEFORE THE BATTLE.

HE.

ON to the field, our doom is seal'd,

To conquer or be slaves;

This sun shall see our nation free,

Or set upon our graves.

SHE.

Farewell, O farewell, my love,

May Heaven thy guardian be,

And send bright angels from above

To bring thee back to me.

HE.

ON to the field, the battle field,

Where freedom's standard waves,

This sun shall see our tyrant yield,

Or shine upon our graves.

### THE WATCHMAN.

A TRIO.

WATCHMAN.

PAST twelve o'clock — past twelve.

Good night, good night, my dearest —

How fast the moments fly!

'Tis time to part, thou hearest

That hateful watchman's cry.

WATCHMAN.

Past one o'clock — past one.

Yet stay a moment longer —

Alas! why is it so,

The wish to stay grows stronger,

The more 'tis time to go?

WATCHMAN.

Past two o'clock — past two.

Now wrap thy cloak about thee —

The hours must sure go wrong,

For when they're pass'd without thee,  
They're, O, ten times as long.

WATCHMAN.

Past three o'clock — past three.

Again that dreadful warning!  
Had ever time such flight?  
And see the sky, 'tis morning —  
So now, *indeed*, good night.

WATCHMAN.

Past three o'clock — past three.

Good night, good night.

### SAY, WHAT SHALL WE DANCE?

SAY, what shall we dance?  
Shall we bound along the moonlight plain,  
To music of Italy, Greece, or Spain?

Say, what shall we dance?  
Shall we, like those who rove  
Through bright Grenada's grove,  
To the light Bolero's measures move?  
Or choose the Guaracia's languishing lay,  
And thus to its sound die away?

Strike the gay chords,  
Let us hear each strain from ev'ry shore  
That music haunts, or young feet wander o'er.  
Hark! 'tis the light march, to whose measured  
time,

The Polish lady, by her lover led,  
Delights through gay saloons with step untired  
to tread,

Or sweeter still, through moonlight walks  
Whose shadows serve to hide  
The blush that's raised by him who talks  
Of love the while by her side,  
Then comes the smooth waltz, to whose floating  
sound  
Like dreams we go gliding around,  
Say, which shall we dance? which shall we  
dance?

### THE EVENING GUN.

REMEMBER'ST thou that setting sun,  
The last I saw with thee,  
When loud we heard the evening gun  
Peal o'er the twilight sea?  
Boom! — the sounds appear'd to sweep  
Far o'er the verge of day,  
Till, into realms beyond the deep,  
They seem'd to die away.

Oft, when the toils of day are done,  
In pensive dreams of thee,  
I sit to hear that evening gun,  
Peal o'er the stormy sea.  
Boom! — and while o'er billows curl'd,  
The distant sounds decay,  
I weep and wish, from this rough world  
Like them to die away.

## BALLADS, SONGS, MISCELLANEOUS POEMS, ETC.

### TO-DAY, DEAREST! IS OURS.

TO-DAY, dearest! is ours;  
Why should Love carelessly lose it?  
This life shines or low'rs  
Just as we, weak mortals, use it.  
'Tis time enough, when its flow'rs decay,  
To think of the thorns of Sorrow;  
And Joy, if left on the stem to-day,  
May wither before to-morrow.

Then why, dearest! so long  
Let the sweet moments fly over?

Though now, blooming and young,  
Thou hast me devoutly thy lover,  
Yet Time from both, in his silent lapse,  
Some treasure may steal or borrow;  
Thy charms may be less in bloom, perhaps,  
Or I less in love to-morrow.

### WHEN ON THE LIP THE SIGH DELAYS

WHEN on the lip the sigh delays,  
As if 'twould linger there forever;

When eyes would give the world to gaze,  
Yct still look down, and venture never ;  
When, though with fairest nymphs we rove,  
There's one we dream of more than any —  
If all this is not real love,  
'Tis something wond'rous like it, Fanny !

To think and ponder, when apart,  
On all we've got to say at meeting ;  
And yet when near, with heart to heart,  
Sit mute, and listen to their beating :  
To see but one bright object move,  
The only moon, where stars are many —  
If all this is not downright love,  
I prithee say what *is*, my Fanny !

When Hope foretells the brightest, best,  
Though Reason on the darkest reckons ;  
When Passion drives us to the west,  
Though Prudence to the eastward beckons ;  
When all turns round, below, above,  
And our own heads the most of any —  
If this is not stark, staring love,  
Then you and I are sages, Fanny.

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#### HERE, TAKE MY HEART.

HERE, take my heart — 'twill be safe in thy  
keeping,  
While I go wand'ring o'er land and o'er sea ;  
Smiling or sorrowing, waking or sleeping,  
What need I care, so my heart is with thee ?

If, in the race we are destined to run, love,  
They who have light hearts the happiest be,  
Then, happier still must be they who have none,  
love,  
And that will by *my* case when mine is with  
thee.

It matters not where I may now be a rover,  
I care not how many bright eyes I may see ;  
Should Venus herself come and ask me to love  
her,  
I'd tell her I couldn't — my heart is with thee.

And there let it lie, growing fonder and fonder —  
For, even should Fortune turn truant to me,  
Why, let her go — I've a treasure beyond  
her,  
As long as my heart's out at int'rest with  
thee !

#### O, CALL IT BY SOME BETTER NAME.

O, CALL it by some better name,  
For Friendship sounds too cold,  
While Love is now a worldly flame,  
Whose shrine must be of gold ;  
And Passion, like the sun at noon,  
That burns o'er all he sees,  
A while as warm, will set as soon —  
Then, call it none of these.

Imagine something purer far,  
More free from stain of clay  
Than Friendship, Love, or Passion are,  
Yet human still as they :  
And if thy lip, for love like this,  
No mortal word can frame,  
Go, ask of angels what it is,  
And call it by that name !

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#### POOR WOUNDED HEART.

POOR wounded heart, farewell !  
Thy hour of rest is come ;  
Thou soon wilt reach thy home,  
Poor wounded heart, farewell !  
The pain thou'lt feel in breaking  
Less bitter far will be,  
Than that long, deadly aching,  
This life has been to thee.

There — broken heart, farewell !  
The pang is o'er —  
The parting pang is o'er ;  
Thou now wilt bleed no more,  
Poor broken heart, farewell !  
No rest for thee but dying —  
Like waves, whose strife is pass'd,  
On death's cold shore thus lying,  
Thou sleep'st in peace at last —  
Poor broken heart, farewell !

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#### THE EAST INDIAN.

COME, May, with all thy flowers,  
Thy sweetly-scented thorn,  
Thy cooling ev'ning showers,  
Thy fragrant breath at morn :  
When May flies haunt the willow,  
When May birds tempt the bee  
Then o'er the shining billow  
My love will come to me.

From Eastern Isles she's winging  
 Through wat'ry wilds her way,  
 And on her cheek is bringing  
 The bright sun's orient ray:  
 O, come and court her hither,  
 Ye breezes mild and warm —  
 One winter's gale would wither  
 So soft, so pure a form.

The fields where she was straying  
 Are blest with endless light,  
 With zephyrs always playing  
 Through gardens always bright.  
 Then now, sweet May! be sweeter  
 Than e'er thou'st been before;  
 Let sighs from roses meet her  
 When she comes near our shore.

#### POOR BROKEN FLOWER.

Poor broken flow'r! what art can now recover  
 thee?

Torn from the stem that fed thy rosy breath —  
 In vain the sunbeams seek  
 To warm that faded cheek;

The dews of heav'n, that once like balm fell over  
 thee,

Now are but tears, to weep thy early death.

So droops the maid whose lover hath forsaken  
 her, —

Thrown from his arms, as lone and lost as thou;  
 In vain the smiles of all  
 Like sunbeams round her fall;

The only smile that could from death awaken her,  
 That smile, alas! is gone to others now.

#### THE PRETTY ROSE TREE.

BEING weary of love,  
 I flew to the grove,

And chose me a tree of the fairest;

Saying, "Pretty Rose Tree,

"Thou my mistress shalt be,

"And I'll worship each bud thou bearest.

"For the hearts of this world are hollow,

"And fickle the smiles we follow;

"And 'tis sweet, when all

"Their witch'ries pall

"To have a pure love to fly to:

"So my pretty Rose Tree,

"Thou my mistress shalt be,

"And the only one now I shall sigh to."

When the beautiful hue  
 Of thy cheek through the dew  
 Of morning is bashfully peeping,  
 "Sweet tears," I shall say  
 (As I brush them away),  
 "At least there's no art in this weeping.  
 Although thou shouldst die to-morrow  
 'Twill not be from pain or sorrow;  
 And the thorns of thy stem  
 Are not like them  
 With which men wound each other:  
 So my pretty Rose Tree,  
 Thou my mistress shalt be,  
 And I'll ne'er again sigh to another.

#### SHINE OUT, STARS!

SHINE out, Stars! let Heav'n assemble  
 Round us every festal ray,  
 Lights that move not, lights that tremble,  
 All to grace this Eve of May.  
 Let the flow'r beds all lie waking,  
 And the odors shut up there,  
 From their downy prisons breaking,  
 Fly abroad through sea and air.

And would Love, too, bring his sweetness,  
 With our other joys to weave,  
 O what glory, what completeness,  
 Then would crown this bright May Eve!  
 Shine out, Stars! let night assemble  
 Round us every festal ray,  
 Lights that move not, lights that tremble,  
 To adorn this Eve of May.

#### THE YOUNG MULETEERS OF GRENADA

O, THE joys of our ev'ning posada,  
 Where, resting at close of day,  
 We, young Muleteers of Grenada,  
 Sit and sing the sunshine away;  
 So merry, that even the slumbers,  
 That round us hung, seem gone;  
 Till the lute's soft drowsy numbers  
 Again beguile them on.  
 O the joys, &c.

Then as each to his lov'd sultana  
 In sleep still breathes the sigh,  
 The name of some black-eyed Tirana  
 Escapes our lips as we lie.  
 Till, with morning's rosy twinkle,  
 Again we're up and gone —



While the mule bell's drowsy tinkle  
 Beguiles the rough way on.  
 O the joys of our merry posada,  
 Where, resting at close of day,  
 We, young Muleteers of Grenada,  
 Thus sing the gay moments away.

—  
 TELL HER, O, TELL HER.

TELL her, O, tell her, the lute she left lying  
 Beneath the green arbor, is still lying there;  
 And breezes, like lovers, around it are sighing,  
 But not a soft whisper replies to their pray'r.

Tell her, O, tell her, the tree that, in going,  
 Beside the green arbor she playfully set,  
 As lovely as ever is blushing and blowing,  
 And not a bright leaflet has fall'n from it yet.

So while away from that arbor forsaken,  
 The maiden is wandering, still let her be  
 As true as the lute, that no sighing can waken,  
 And blooming forever, unchanged as the tree!

—  
 NIGHTS OF MUSIC.

NIGHTS of music, nights of loving,  
 Lost too soon, remember'd long,  
 When we went by moonlight roving,  
 Hearts all love and lips all song.  
 When this faithful lute recorded  
 All my spirit felt to thee;  
 And that smile the song rewarded —  
 Worth whole years of fame to me!

Nights of song, and nights of splendor,  
 Fill'd with joys too sweet to last —  
 Joys that, like the starlight, tender,  
 While they shone, no shadow cast.  
 Though all other happy hours  
 From my fading mem'ry fly,  
 Of that starlight, of those bowers,  
 Not a beam, a leaf shall die!

—  
 OUR FIRST YOUNG LOVE.

OUR first young love resembles  
 That short but brilliant ray,  
 Which smiles, and weeps, and trembles  
 Through April's earliest day.  
 And not all life before us,  
 How'er its lights may play,

Can shed a lustre o'er us  
 Like that first April ray.

Our summer sun may squander  
 A blaze serener, grander;  
 Our autumn beam  
 May, like a dream  
 Of heaven, die calm away;  
 But, no — let life before us  
 Bring all the light it may,  
 'Twill ne'er shed lustre o'er us  
 Like that first youthful ray.

—  
 BLACK AND BLUE EYES.

THE brilliant black eye  
 May in triumph let fly  
 All its darts without caring who feels 'em;  
 But the soft eye of blue,  
 Though it scatter wounds too,  
 Is much better pleased when it heals 'em —  
 Dear Fanny!  
 Is much better pleased when it heals 'em.

The black eye may say,  
 "Come and worship my ray —  
 "By adoring, perhaps you may move me!"  
 But the blue eye, half hid,  
 Says, from under its lid,  
 "I love, and am yours, if you love me!"  
 Yes, Fanny!  
 The blue eye, half hid,  
 Says, from under its lid,  
 "I love, and am yours, if you love me!"

Come tell me, then, why,  
 In that lovely blue eye,  
 Not a charm of its tint I discover;  
 O why should you wear  
 The only blue pair  
 That ever said "No" to a lover?  
 Dear Fanny!  
 O, why should you wear  
 The only blue pair  
 That ever said "No" to a lover?

—  
 DEAR FANNY.

"SHE has beauty, but still you must keep your  
 heart cool;  
 "She has wit, but you mustn't be caught so:"  
 Thus Reason advises, but Reason's a fool,

And 'tis not the first time I have thought so,  
Dear Fanny.  
'Tis not the first time I have thought so.

"She is lovely; then love her, nor let the bliss fly;  
" 'Tis the charm of youth's vanishing season:"  
Thus Love has advised me, and who will deny  
That Love reasons much better than Reason,  
Dear Fanny?  
Love reasons much better than Reason.

#### FROM LIFE WITHOUT FREEDOM.

FROM life without freedom, say, who would  
not fly?  
For one day of freedom, O, who would not die,  
Hark! — hark! 'tis the trumpet! the call of  
the brave,  
The death song of tyrants, the dirge of the slave.  
Our country lies bleeding — haste, haste to her  
aid;  
One arm that defends is worth hosts that invade.

In death's kindly bosom our last hope remains —  
The dead fear no tyrants, the grave has no chains,  
On, on to the combat! the heroes that bleed  
For virtue and mankind are heroes indeed.  
And O, ev'n if Freedom from *this* world be driven,  
Despair not — at least we shall find her in heaven.

#### HERE'S THE BOWER.

HERE's the bower she loved so much,  
And the tree she planted;  
Here's the harp she used to touch —  
O, how that touch enchanted!  
Roses now unheeded sigh;  
Where's the hand to wreath them?  
Songs around neglected lie;  
Where's the lip to breathe them?  
Here's the bower, &c.

Spring may bloom, but she we loved  
Ne'er shall feel its sweetness;  
Time, that once so fleetly moved,  
Now hath lost its fleetness.  
Years were days, when here she stray'd,  
Days were moments near her;  
Heaven ne'er form'd a brighter maid,  
No! Pity wept a dearer!  
Here's the bower, &c.

#### I SAW THE MOON RISE CLEAR.

A FINLAND LOVE SONG.

I SAW the moon rise clear  
O'er hills and vales of snow,  
Nor told my fleet reindeer  
The track I wish'd to go.  
Yet quick he bounded forth;  
For well my reindeer knew  
I've but one path on earth —  
The path which leads to you.

The gloom that winter cast  
How soon the heart forgets,  
When Summer brings, at last,  
Her sun that never sets!  
So dawn'd my love for you;  
So fix'd through joy and pain,  
Than summer sun more true,  
'Twill never set again.

#### LOVE AND THE SUNDIAL.

YOUNG Love found a Dial once, in a dark shade,  
Where man ne'er had wander'd nor sunbeam  
play'd;  
"Why thus in darkness lie?" whisper'd young  
Love,  
"Thou, whose gay hours in sunshine should  
move."  
"I ne'er," said the Dial, "have seen the warm  
sun,  
"So noonday and midnight to me, Love, are  
one."

Then Love took the Dial away from the shade,  
And placed her where Heav'n's beam warmly  
play'd.  
There she reclined, beneath Love's gazing eye,  
While, mark'd all with sunshine, her hours  
flew by.  
"O, how," said the Dial, "can any fair maid,  
"That's born to be shone upon, rest in the  
shade?"

But night now comes on, and the sunbeam's o'er,  
And Love stops to gaze on the Dial no more.  
Alone and neglected, while bleak rain and winds  
Are storming around her, with sorrow she finds  
That Love had but number'd a few sunny  
hours, —  
Then left the remainder to darkness and showers!

## LOVE AND TIME.

'Tis said — but whether true or not  
 Let bards declare who've seen 'em —  
 That Love and Time have only got  
 One pair of wings between 'em,  
 In courtship's first delicious hour,  
 The boy full oft can spare 'em;  
 So, loitering in his lady's bower,  
 He lets the graybeard wear 'em.  
 Then is Time's hour of play;  
 O, how he flies, flies away!

But short the moments, short as bright,  
 When he the wings can borrow;  
 If Time to-day has had his flight,  
 Love takes his turn to-morrow.  
 Ah! Time and Love, your change is then  
 The saddest and most trying,  
 When one begins to limp again,  
 And t'other takes to flying.  
 Then is Love's hour to stray;  
 O, how he flies, flies away!

But there's a nymph, whose chains I feel,  
 And bless the silken fetter,  
 Who knows, the dear one, how to deal  
 With Love and Time much better.  
 So well she checks their wanderings,  
 So peacefully she pairs 'em,  
 That Love with her ne'er thinks of wings,  
 And Time forever wears 'em.  
 This is Time's holiday;  
 O, how he flies, flies away!

## LOVE'S LIGHT SUMMER CLOUD.

PAIN and sorrow shall vanish before us —  
 Youth may wither, but feeling will last;  
 All the shadow that e'er shall fall o'er us,  
 Love's light summer cloud only shall cast.  
 O, if to love thee more  
 Each hour I number o'er —  
 If this a passion be  
 Worthy of thee,  
 Then be happy, for thus I adore thee.  
 Charms may wither, but feeling shall last:  
 All the shadow that e'er shall fall o'er thee,  
 Love's light summer cloud sweetly shall cast.  
 Rest, dear bosom, no sorrows shall pain thee,  
 Sighs of pleasure alone shalt thou steal;  
 Beam, bright eyelid, no weeping shall stain thee,  
 Tears of rapture alone shalt thou feel.

O, if there be a charm  
 In love, to banish harm —  
 If pleasure's truest spell  
 Be to love well,

Then be happy, for thus I adore thee.  
 Charms may wither, but feeling shall last:  
 All the shadow that e'er shall fall o'er thee,  
 Love's light summer cloud sweetly shall cast

LOVE, WAND'RING THROUGH THE  
GOLDEN MAZE.

Love, wand'ring through the golden maze  
 Of my beloved's hair,  
 Traced every lock with fond delays,  
 And, doting, linger'd there.  
 And soon he found 'twere vain to fly;  
 His heart was close confined,  
 For, every ringlet was a tie —  
 A chain by beauty twined.

## MERRILY EVERY BOSOM BOUNDETH.

## THE TYROLESE SONG OF LIBERTY.

MERRILY every bosom boundeth,  
 Merrily, O!  
 Where the song of Freedom soundeth.  
 Merrily, O!  
 There the warrior's arms  
 Shed more splendor;  
 There the maiden's charms  
 Shine more tender;  
 Every joy the land surroundeth,  
 Merrily, O, merrily, O!

Wearily every bosom pineth,  
 Wearily, O!  
 Where the bond of slavery twineth  
 Wearily, O!  
 There the warrior's dart  
 Hath no fleetness;  
 There the maiden's heart  
 Hath no sweetness —  
 Every flower of life declineth,  
 Wearily, O! wearily, O!

Cheerily then from hill and valley,  
 Cheerily, O!  
 Like your native fountains sally,  
 Cheerily, O!  
 If a glorious death,  
 Won by bravery,

Sweeter be than breath  
Sigh'd in slavery,  
Round the flag of Freedom rally,  
Cheerily, O ! cheerily, O !

## REMEMBER THE TIME.

## THE CASTILIAN MAID.

REMEMBER the time, in La Mancha's shades,  
When our moments so blissfully flew ;  
When you call'd me the flower of Castilian  
maids,  
And I blush'd to be call'd so by you ;  
When I taught you to warble the gay seguedille,  
And to dance to the light castanet ;  
O, never, dear youth, let you roam where you  
will,  
The delight of those moments forget.

They tell me, you lovers from Erin's green isle,  
Every hour a new passion can feel ;  
And that soon, in the light of some lovelier  
smile,  
You'll forget the poor maid of Castile.  
But they know not how brave in the battle you  
are,  
Or they never could think you would rove ;  
For 'tis always the spirit most gallant in war  
That is fondest and truest in love.

## O, SOON RETURN.

OUR white sail caught the evening ray,  
The wave beneath us seem'd to burn,  
When all the weeping maid could say  
Was, " O, soon return ! "  
Through many a clime our ship was driven,  
O'er many a billow rudely thrown ;  
Now chill'd beneath a northern heaven,  
Now sunn'd in summer's zone :  
And still, where'er we bent our way,  
When evening bid the west wave burn,  
I fancied still I heard her say,  
" O, soon return ! "

If ever yet my bosom found  
Its thoughts one moment turn'd from thee,  
'Twas when the combat raged around,  
And brave men look'd to me.  
But though the war field's wild alarm  
For gentle Love was all unmeet,  
He lent to Glory's brow the charm,  
Which made even danger sweet.

And still, when victory's calm came o'er  
The hearts where rage had ceased to burn,  
Those parting words I heard once more,  
" O, soon return ! — O, soon return ! "

## LOVE THEE ?

LOVE thee ? — so well, so tenderly  
Thou'rt loved, adored by me,  
Fame, fortune, wealth, and liberty,  
Were worthless without thee.  
Though brimm'd with blessings, pure and rare,  
Life's cup before me lay,  
Unless thy love were mingled there,  
I'd spurn the draught away.  
Love thee ? — so well, so tenderly  
Thou'rt loved, adored by me,  
Fame, fortune, wealth, and liberty,  
Are worthless without thee.

Without thy smile, the monarch's lot  
To me were dark and lone,  
While, *with* it, ev'n the humblest cot  
Were brighter than his throne.  
Those worlds, for which the conqueror sighs,  
For me would have no charms ;  
My only world thy gentle eyes —  
My throne thy circling arms !  
O, yes, so well, so tenderly  
Thou'rt loved, adored by me,  
Whole realms of light and liberty  
Were worthless without thee.

## ONE DEAR SMILE.

COULDEST thou look as dear as when  
First I sigh'd for thee ;  
Couldst thou make me feel again  
Every wish I breath'd thee then,  
O, how blissful life would be !  
Hopes, that now beguiling leave me,  
Joys, that lie in slumber cold —  
All would wake, couldst thou but give me  
One dear smile like those of old.

NO — there's nothing left us now,  
But to mourn the past ;  
Vain was every ardent vow —  
Never yet did Heaven allow  
Love so warm, so wild, to last.  
Not even hope could now deceive me --  
Life itself looks dark and cold :  
O, thou never more canst give me  
One dear smile like those of old.

## YES, YES, WHEN THE BLOOM.

Yes, yes, when the bloom of Love's boyhood is  
o'er,

He'll turn into friendship that feels no decay ;  
And, though Time may take from him the wings  
he once wore,

The charms that remain will be bright as before,  
And he'll lose but his young trick of flying  
away.

Then let it console thee, if Love should not stay,  
That Friendship our last happy moments will  
crown :

Like the shadows of morning, Love lessens  
away,

While Friendship, like those at the closing of  
day,

Will linger and lengthen as life's sun goes  
down.

## THE DAY OF LOVE.

THE beam of morning trembling  
Stole o'er the mountain brook,

With timid ray resembling  
Affection's early look.

Thus love begins — sweet morn of love !

The noontide ray ascended,  
And o'er the valley's stream  
Diffused a glow as splendid  
As passion's riper dream.

Thus love expands — warm noon of love !

But evening came, o'ershading  
The glories of the sky,  
Like faith and fondness fading  
From passion's alter'd eye.

Thus love declines — cold eve of love !

## LUSITANIAN WAR SONG.

THE song of war shall echo through our moun-  
tains,

Till not one hateful link remains  
Of slavery's lingering chains ;

Till not one tyrant tread our plains,  
Nor traitor lip pollute our fountains.

No ! never till that glorious day  
Shall Lusitania's sons be gay,

Or hear, O Peace, thy welcome lay  
Resounding through her sunny mountains.

The song of war shall echo through our moun-  
tains,

Till Victory's self shall, smiling, say,  
" Your cloud of foes hath pass'd away,

" And Freedom comes, with new-born ray,  
" To gild your vines and light your fountains."

O, never till that glorious day

Shall Lusitania's sons be gay,

Or hear, sweet Peace, thy welcome lay  
Resounding through her sunny mountains.

## THE YOUNG ROSE.

THE young rose I give thee, so dewy and bright,  
Was the flow'ret most dear to the sweet bird of  
night,

Who oft, by the moon, o'er her blushes hath  
hung,

And thrill'd every leaf with the wild lay he  
sung.

O, take thou this young rose, and let her life be  
Prolong'd by the breath she will borrow from  
thee ;

For, while o'er her bosom thy soft notes sha'l  
thrill,

She'll think the sweet night bird is courting  
her still.

## WHEN 'MIDST THE GAY I MEET.

WHEN 'midst the gay I meet

That gentle smile of thine,

Though still on me it turns most sweet

I scarce can call it mine :

But when to me alone

Your secret tears you show,

O, then I feel those tears my own,

And claim them while they flow.

Then still with bright looks bless

The gay, the cold, the free ;

Give smiles to those who love you less,

But keep your tears for me.

The snow on Jura's steep

Can smile in many a beam,

Yet still in chains of coldness sleep,

How bright soe'er it seem.

But, when some deep-felt ray,

Whose touch is fire, appears,

O, then the smile is warm'd away,

And, melting, turns to tears.

Then still with bright looks bless

The gay, the cold, the free ;



Give smiles to those who love you less,  
But keep your tears for me.

#### WHEN TWILIGHT DEWS.

WHEN twilight dews are falling soft  
Upon the rosy sea, love,  
I watch the star, whose beam so oft  
Has lighted me to thee, love.  
And thou too, on that orb so dear,  
Dost often gaze at even,  
And think, though lost forever here,  
Thou'lt yet be mine in heaven.

There's not a garden walk I tread,  
There's not a flower I see, love,  
But brings to mind some hope that's fled,  
Some joy that's gone with thee, love.  
And still I wish that hour was near,  
When, friends and foes forgiven,  
The pains, the ills we've wept through here,  
May turn to smiles in heaven.

#### YOUNG JESSICA.

YOUNG Jessica sat all the day,  
With heart o'er idle love thoughts pining;  
Her needle bright beside her lay,  
So active once! — now idly shining.  
Ah, Jessy, 'tis in idle hearts  
That love and mischief are most nimble;  
The safest shield against the darts  
Of Cupid, is Minerva's thimble.

The child, who with a magnet plays,  
Well knowing all its arts, so wily,  
The tempter near a needle lays,  
And laughing says, "We'll steal it slyly."  
The needle, having nought to do,  
Is pleased to let the magnet wheedle;  
Till closer, closer come the two,  
And — off, at length, elopes the needle.

Now, had this needle turn'd its eye  
To some gay reticule's construction,  
It ne'er had stray'd from duty's tie,  
Nor felt the magnet's sly seduction.  
Thus, girls would you keep quiet hearts,  
Your snowy fingers must be nimble;  
The safest shield against the darts  
Of Cupid, is Minerva's thimble.

#### HOW HAPPY, ONCE.

How happy, once, though wing'd with sighs,  
My moments flew along,  
While looking on those smiling eyes,  
And list'ning to thy magic song!  
But vanish'd now, like summer dreams,  
Those moments smile no more;  
For me that eye no longer beams,  
That song for me is o'er.  
Mine the cold brow,  
That speaks thy alter'd vow,  
While others feel thy sunshine now.

O, could I change my love like thee,  
One hope might yet be mine —  
Some other eyes as bright to see,  
And hear a voice as sweet as thine:  
But never, never can this heart  
Be waked to life again;  
With thee it lost its vital part,  
And wither'd then!  
Cold its pulse lies,  
And mute are ev'n its sighs,  
All other grief it now defies.

#### I LOVE BUT THEE.

IF, after all, you still will doubt and fear me,  
And think this heart to other loves will stray,  
If I must swear, then, lovely doubter, hear  
me;  
By ev'ry dream I have when thou'rt away,  
By ev'ry throb I feel when thou art near me,  
I love but thee — I love but thee!

By those dark eyes, where light is ever playing,  
Where Love, in depth of shadow, holds his  
throne,  
And by those lips, which give whate'er thou'rt  
saying,  
Or grave or gay, a music of its own,  
A music far beyond all minstrel's playing,  
I love but thee — I love but thee!

By that fair brow, where Innocence reposes,  
As pure as moonlight sleeping upon snow,  
And by that cheek, whose fleeting blush dis-  
closes  
A hue too bright to bless this world below,  
And only fit to dwell on Eden's roses,  
I love but thee — I love but thee!

## LET JOY ALONE BE REMEMBER'D NOW.

LET thy joys alone be remember'd now,  
 Let thy sorrows go sleep a while;  
 Or if thought's dark cloud come o'er thy  
 brow,

Let Love light it up with his smile.  
 For thus to meet, and thus to find,  
 That Time, whose touch can chill  
 Each flower of form, each grace of mind,  
 Hath left thee blooming still, —  
 O, joy alone should be thought of now,  
 Let our sorrows go sleep a while;  
 Or, should thought's dark cloud come o'er thy  
 brow,  
 Let Love light it up with his smile.

When the flowers of life's sweet garden fade,  
 If but *one* bright leaf remain,  
 Of the many that once its glory made,  
 It is not for us to complain.  
 But thus to meet and thus to wake  
 In all Love's early bliss;  
 O, Time all other gifts may take,  
 So he but leaves us this!  
 Then let joy alone be remember'd now,  
 Let our sorrows go sleep a while;  
 Or if thought's dark cloud come o'er the  
 brow,  
 Let Love light it up with his smile?

## LOVE THEE, DEAREST? LOVE THEE?

LOVE thee, dearest? love thee?  
 Yes, by yonder star I swear,  
 Which through tears above thee  
 Shines so sadly fair;  
 Though often dim,  
 With tears like him,  
 Like him my truth will shine,  
 And — love thee, dearest? love thee?  
 Yes, till death I'm thine.

Leave thee, dearest? leave thee?  
 No, that star is not more true;  
 When my vows deceive thee,  
 He will wander too.  
 A cloud of night  
 May veil his light,  
 And death shall darken mine —  
 But — leave thee, dearest? leave thee?  
 No, till death I'm thine.

## MY HEART AND LUTE.

I GIVE thee all — I can no more  
 Though poor the offering be;  
 My heart and lute are all the store  
 That I can bring to thee.  
 A lute whose gentle song reveals  
 The soul of love full well;  
 And, better far, a heart that feels  
 Much more than lute could tell.

Though love and song may fail, alas!  
 To keep life's cloud away,  
 At least 'twill make them lighter pass,  
 Or gild them if they stay.  
 And ev'n if Care, at moments, flings  
 A discord o'er life's happy strain,  
 Let Love but gently touch the strings,  
 'Twill all be sweet again!

## PEACE, PEACE TO HIM THAT'S GONE!

WHEN I am dead,  
 Then lay my head  
 In some lone, distant dell,  
 Where voices ne'er  
 Shall stir the air,  
 Or break its silent spell.

If any sound  
 Be heard around,  
 Let the sweet bird alone,  
 That weeps in song,  
 Sing all night long,  
 "Peace, peace to him that's gone!"

Yet, O, were mine  
 One sigh of thine,  
 One pitying word from thee,  
 Like gleams of heaven,  
 To sinners given,  
 Would be that word to me.

Howe'er unblest,  
 My shade would rest  
 While list'ning to that tone;  
 Enough 'twould be  
 To hear from thee,  
 "Peace, peace to him that's gone!"

## ROSE OF THE DESERT.

ROSE of the Desert! thou, whose blushing ray  
 Lonely and lovely, fleets unseen away;

No hand to cull thee, none to woo thy sigh, —  
In vestal silence left to live and die, —  
Rose of the Desert ! thus should woman be,  
Shining, uncourted, lone and safe, like thee.

Rose of the Garden, how unlike thy doom !  
Destined for others, not thyself, to bloom :  
Cull'd e'er thy beauty lives through half its day ;  
A moment cherish'd, and then cast away ;  
Rose of the Garden ! such is woman's lot, —  
Worshipp'd, while blooming — when she fades,  
forgot.

'TIS ALL FOR THEE.

If life for me hath joy or light,  
'Tis all from thee,  
My thoughts by day, my dreams by night,  
Are but of thee, of only thee.  
Whate'er of hope or peace I know,  
My zest in joy, my balm in woe,  
To those dear eyes of thine I owe,  
'Tis all from thee.

My heart, ev'n ere I saw those eyes,  
Seem'd doom'd to thee ;  
Kept pure till then from other ties,  
'Twas all for thee, for only thee.  
Like plants that sleep, till sunny May  
Calls forth their life, my spirit lay,  
Till, touch'd by Love's awak'ning ray,  
It lived for thee, it lived for thee.

When Fame would call me to her heights,  
She speaks by thee ;  
And dim would shine her proudest lights,  
Unshared by thee, unshared by thee.  
Whene'er I seek the Muse's shrine,  
Where Bards have hung their wreaths divine,  
And wish those wreaths of glory mine,  
'Tis all for thee, for only thee.

THE SONG OF THE OLDEN TIME.<sup>1</sup>

THERE'S a song of the olden time,  
Falling sad o'er the ear,  
Like the dream of some village chime,  
Which in youth we loved to hear.  
And ev'n amidst the grand and gay,  
When Music tries her gentlest art,

I never hear so sweet a lay,  
Or one that hangs so round my heart,  
As that song of the olden time,  
Falling sad o'er the ear,  
Like the dream of some village chime,  
Which in youth we loved to hear.

And when all of this life is gone, —  
Ev'n the hope, ling'ring now,  
Like the last of the leaves left on  
Autumn's sere and faded bough, —  
'Twill seem as still those friends were near  
Who loved me in youth's early day,  
If in that parting hour I hear  
The same sweet notes, and die away, —  
To that song of the olden time,  
Breath'd, like Hope's farewell strain,  
To say, in some brighter clime,  
Life and youth will shine again !

WAKE THEE, MY DEAR.

WAKE thee, my dear — thy dreaming  
Till darker hours will keep ;  
While such a moon is beaming,  
'Tis wrong towards Heaven to sleep.

Moments there are we number,  
Moments of pain and care,  
Which to oblivious slumber  
Gladly the wretch would spare.  
But now, — who'd think of dreaming  
When Love his watch should keep ?  
While such a moon is beaming,  
'Tis wrong towards Heaven to sleep.

If e'er the fates should sever  
My life and hopes from thee, love,  
The sleep that lasts forever  
Would then be sweet to me, love ;  
But now, — away with dreaming !  
Till darker hours 'twill keep :  
While such a moon is beaming,  
'Tis wrong towards Heaven to sleep.

THE BOY OF THE ALPS<sup>2</sup>

LIGHTLY, Alpine rover,  
Tread the mountains over ;

<sup>1</sup> In this song, which is one of the many set to music by myself, the occasional lawlessness of the metre arises, I need hardly say, from the peculiar structure of the air.

<sup>2</sup> This and the Songs that follow (as far as page 266,) have been published, with music, by Messrs. Addison and Beale, Regent Street.

Rude is the path thou'st yet to go ;  
 Snow cliffs hanging o'er thee,  
 Fields of ice before thee,  
 While the hid torrent moans below.  
 Hark, the deep thunder,  
 Through the vales yonder !  
 'Tis the huge av'lanche downward cast :  
 From rock to rock  
 Rebounds the shock.  
 But courage, boy ! the danger's past.  
 Onward, youthful rover,  
 Tread the glacier over,  
 Safe shalt thou reach thy home at last.  
 On, ere light forsake thee,  
 Soon will dusk o'ertake thee :  
 O'er yon ice bridge lies thy way !  
 Now, for the risk prepare thee :  
 Safe it yet may bear thee,  
 Though 'twill melt in morning's ray.

Hark, that dread howling !  
 'Tis the wolf prowling, —  
 Secret of thy track the foe hath got ;  
 And cliff and shore  
 Resound his roar.  
 But courage, boy, — the danger's past !  
 Watching eyes have found thee,  
 Loving arms are round thee,  
 Safe hast thou reach'd thy father's cot.

#### FOR THEE ALONE.

For thee alone I brave the boundless deep,  
 Those eyes my light through every distant  
 sea ;  
 My waking thoughts, the dream that gilds my  
 sleep,  
 The noontide rev'ry, are all given to thee,  
 To thee alone, to thee alone.

Though future scenes present to Fancy's eye  
 Fair forms of light that crowd the distant air,  
 When nearer view'd, the fairy phantoms fly,  
 The crowds dissolve, and thou alone art there.  
 Thou, thou alone.

To win thy smile, I speed from shore to shore,  
 While Hope's sweet voice is heard in every  
 blast,  
 Still whisp'ring on, that when some years are  
 o'er,  
 One bright reward shall crown my toil at last,  
 Thy smile alone, thy smile alone.

O place beside the transport of that hour  
 All earth can boast of fair, of rich, and bright,  
 Wealth's radiant mines, the lofty thrones of  
 power, —  
 Then ask where first thy lover's choice would  
 light ?  
 On thee alone, on thee alone.

#### HER LAST WORDS, AT PARTING.

HER last words, at parting, how *can* I forget ?  
 Deep treasured through life, in my heart they  
 shall stay ;  
 Like music, whose charm in the soul lingers yet,  
 When its sounds from the ear have long  
 melted away.  
 Let Fortune assail me, her threat'nings are vain ;  
 Those still-breathing words shall my talisman  
 be, —  
 "Remember, in absence, in sorrow, and pain,  
 "There's one heart, unchanging, that beats  
 but for thee."

From the desert's sweet well though the pil-  
 grim must hie,  
 Never more of that fresh-springing fountain  
 to taste,  
 He hath still of its bright drops a treasured  
 supply,  
 Whose sweetness lends life to his lips through  
 the waste.  
 So, dark as my fate is still doom'd to remain,  
 These words shall my well in the wilderness  
 be, —  
 "Remember, in absence, in sorrow, and pain,  
 "There's one heart, unchanging, that beats  
 but for thee."

#### LET'S TAKE THIS WORLD AS SOME WIDE SCENE.

Let's take this world as some wide scene  
 Through which, in frail, but buoyant boat,  
 With skies now dark and now serene,  
 Together thou and I must float ;  
 Beholding oft, on either shore,  
 Bright spots where we should love to stay ;  
 But Time plies swift his flying oar,  
 And away we speed, away, away.

Should chilling winds and rains come on,  
 We'll raise our awning 'gainst the show'r ;

Sit closer till the storm is gone,  
 And, smiling, wait a sunnier hour.  
 And if that sunnier hour should shine,  
 We'll know its brightness cannot stay,  
 But happy, while 'tis thine and mine,  
 Complain not when it fades away.

So shall we reach at last that Fall  
 Down which life's currents all must go, —  
 The dark, the brilliant, destined all  
 To sink into the void below.  
 Nor ev'en that hour shall want its charms  
 If, side by side, still fond we keep,  
 And calmly, in each other's arms  
 Together link'd, go down the steep.

#### LOVE'S VICTORY.

SING to Love — for, O, 'twas he  
 Who won the glorious day;  
 Strew the wreaths of victory  
 Along the conqu'ror's way.  
 Yoke the Muses to his car,  
 Let them sing each trophy won;  
 While his mother's joyous star  
 Shall light the triumph on.

Hail to Love, to mighty Love,  
 Let spirits sing around;  
 While the hill, the dale, and grove,  
 With "mighty Love" resound;  
 Or, should a sigh of sorrow steal  
 Amid the sounds thus echo'd o'er,  
 'Twill but teach the god to feel  
 His victories the more.

See his wings, like amethyst  
 Of sunny Ind their hue;  
 Bright as when, by Psyche kiss'd,  
 They trembled through and through.  
 Flowers spring beneath his feet;  
 Angel forms beside him run;  
 While unnumber'd lips repeat  
 "Love's victory is won!"  
 Hail to Love, to mighty Love, &c.

#### SONG OF HERCULES TO HIS DAUGHTER.<sup>1</sup>

"I've been, O, sweet daughter,  
 "To fountain and sea,

<sup>1</sup> Founded on the fable reported by Arrian (in Indidis) of Hercules having searched the Indian Ocean, to find the pearl with which he adorned his daughter Pandæa.

"To seek in their water  
 "Some bright gem for thee.  
 "Where diamonds were sleeping,  
 "Their sparkle I sought,  
 "Where crystal was weeping,  
 "Its tears I have caught.

"The sea nymph I've courted  
 "In rich coral halls;  
 "With Naiads have sported  
 "By bright waterfalls.  
 "But sportive or tender,  
 "Still sought I around  
 "That gem, with whose splendor  
 "Thou yet shalt be crown'd.

"And see, while I'm speaking,  
 "Yon soft light afar; —  
 "The pearl I've been seeking  
 "There floats like a star!  
 "In the deep Indian Ocean  
 "I see the gem shine,  
 "And quick as light's motion  
 "Its wealth shall be thine."

Then eastward, like lightning,  
 The hero god flew,  
 His sunny looks bright'ning  
 The air he went through.  
 And sweet was the duty,  
 And hallow'd the hour,  
 Which saw thus young Beauty  
 Embellish'd by Power.

#### THE DREAM OF HOME.

Who has not felt how sadly sweet  
 The dream of home, the dream of home,  
 Steals o'er the heart, too soon to fleet,  
 When far o'er sea or land we roam?  
 Sunlight more soft may o'er us fall,  
 To greener shores our bark may come;  
 But far more bright, more dear than all,  
 That dream of home, that dream of home.

Ask of the sailor youth when far  
 His light bark bounds o'er ocean's foam,  
 What charms him most, when ev'ning's star  
 Smiles o'er the wave? to dream of home.  
 Fond thoughts of absent friends and loves  
 At that sweet hour around him come;  
 His heart's best joy where'er he roves,  
 That dream of home, that dream of home.



THEY TELL ME THOU'RT THE FAVOR'D  
GUEST.<sup>1</sup>

THEY tell me thou'rt the favor'd guest  
Of every fair and brilliant throng ;  
No wit like thine to wake the jest,  
No voice like thine to breathe the song ;  
And none could guess, so gay thou art,  
That thou and I are far apart.

Alas ! alas ! how different flows  
With thee and me the time away !  
Not that I wish thee sad — heav'n knows —  
Still if thou canst, be light and gay ;  
I only know, that without thee  
The sun himself is dark to me.

Do I thus haste to hall and bower,  
Among the proud and gay to shine ?  
Or deck my hair with gem and flower,  
To flatter other eyes than thine ?  
Ah, no, with me love's smiles are past,  
Thou hadst the first, thou hadst the last.

## THE YOUNG INDIAN MAID.

THERE came a nymph dancing  
Gracefully, gracefully,  
Her eye a light glancing  
Like the blue sea ;  
And while all this gladness  
Around her steps hung,  
Such sweet notes of sadness  
Her gentle lips sung,

That ne'er while I live from my mem'ry shall fade  
The song, or the look, of that young Indian maid.

Her zone of bells ringing  
Cheerily, cheerily,  
Chimed to her singing  
Light echoes of glee ;  
But in vain did she borrow  
Of mirth the gay tone,  
Her voice spoke of sorrow,  
And sorrow alone.

Ner e'er while I live from my mem'ry shall fade  
The song, or the look, of that young Indian maid.

## THE HOMEWARD MARCH.

BE still my heart : I hear them come :  
Those sounds announce my lover near :

The march that brings our warriors home  
Proclaims he'll soon be here.

Hark, the distant tread  
O'er the mountain's head,  
While hills and dales repeat the sound ;  
And the forest deer  
Stand still to hear,  
As those echoing steps ring round.

Be still my heart, I hear them come,  
Those sounds that speak my soldier near ;  
Those joyous steps seem wing'd for home, —  
Rest, rest, he'll soon be here.

But hark, more faint the footsteps grow,  
And now they wind to distant glades ;  
Not here their home, — alas, they go  
To gladden happier maids !

Like sounds in a dream,  
The footsteps seem,  
As down the hills they die away ;  
And the march, whose song  
So peal'd along,  
Now fades like a funeral lay.

'Tis past, 'tis o'er, — hush, heart, thy pain !  
And though not here, alas, they come,  
Rejoice for those, to whom that strain  
Brings sons and lovers home.

## WAKE UP, SWEET MELODY.

WAKE up, sweet melody !  
Now is the hour  
When young and loving hearts  
Feel most thy power.  
One note of music, by moonlight's soft ray —  
O, 'tis worth thousands heard coldly by day.  
Then wake up, sweet melody !  
Now is the hour  
When young and loving hearts  
Feel most thy power.

Ask the fond nightingale,  
When his sweet flower  
Loves most to hear his song,  
In her green bower ?  
O, he will tell thee, through summer nights long,  
Fondest she lends her whole to his song.

<sup>1</sup> Part of a translation of some Latin verses, supposed to have been addressed by Hippolyta Taurella to her husband,

during his absence at the gay court of Leo the Tenth. The verses may be found in the Appendix to Roscoe's Work.

Then wake up, sweet melody !  
 Now is the hour  
 When young and loving hearts  
 Feel most thy power.

—  
 CALM BE THY SLEEP.

CALM be thy sleep as infants' slumbers !  
 Pure as angel thoughts thy dreams !  
 May every joy this bright world numbers  
 Shed o'er thee their mingled beams !  
 Or if, where Pleasure's wing hath glided,  
 There ever must some pang remain,  
 Still be thy lot with me divided, —  
 Thine all the bliss, and mine the pain !

Day and night my thoughts shall hover  
 Round thy steps where'er they stray ;  
 As, ev'n when clouds his idol cover,  
 Fondly the Persian tracks its ray.  
 If this be wrong, if Heav'n offended  
 By worship to its creature be,  
 Then let my vows to both be blended,  
 Half breathed to Heav'n and half to thee.

—  
 THE EXILE.

NIGHT waneth fast, the morning star  
 Saddens with light the glimm'ring sea,  
 Whose waves shall soon to realms afar  
 Waft me from hope, from love, and thee.  
 Coldly the beam from yonder sky  
 Looks o'er the waves that onward stray ;  
 But colder still the stranger's eye  
 To him whose home is far away.

O, not at hour so chill and bleak,  
 Let thoughts of me come o'er thy breast ;  
 But of the lost one think and speak,  
 When summer suns sink calm to rest.  
 So, as I wander, Fancy's dream  
 Shall bring me o'er the sunset seas,  
 Thy look, in every melting beam,  
 Thy whisper, in each dying breeze.

—  
 THE FANCY FAIR.

COME, maids and youths, for here we sell  
 All wondrous things of earth and air ;  
 Whatever wild romancers tell,  
 Or poets sing, or lovers swear,  
 You'll find at this our Fancy Fair.

Here eyes are made like stars to shine,  
 And kept, for years, in such repair,  
 That ev'n when turn'd of thirty-nine,  
 They'll hardly look the worse for wear,  
 If bought at this our Fancy Fair.

We've lots of tears for bards to shower,  
 And hearts that such ill usage bear,  
 That, though they're broken ev'ry hour,  
 They'll still in rhyme fresh breaking bear,  
 If purchased at our Fancy Fair.

As fashions change in ev'ry thing,  
 We've goods to suit each season's air,  
 Eternal friendships for the spring,  
 And endless loves for summer wear, —  
 All sold at this our Fancy Fair.

We've reputations white as snow,  
 That long will last, if used with care,  
 Nay, safe through all life's journey go,  
 If pack'd and mark'd as "brittle ware," —  
 Just purchased at the Fancy Fair.

—  
 IF THOU WOULDST HAVE ME SING  
 AND PLAY.

IF thou wouldst have me sing and play,  
 As once I play'd and sung,  
 First take this time-worn lute away,  
 And bring one freshly strung.  
 Call back the time when pleasure's sigh  
 First breathed among the strings ;  
 And Time himself, in flitting by,  
 Made music with his wings.

But how is this ? though new the lute,  
 And shining fresh the chords,  
 Beneath this hand they slumber mute,  
 Or speak but dreamy words.  
 In vain I seek the soul that dwelt  
 Within that once sweet shell,  
 Which told so warmly what it felt,  
 And felt what nought could tell.

O, ask not then for passion's lay,  
 From lyre so coldly strung ;  
 With this I ne'er can sing or play,  
 As once I play'd and sung.  
 No, bring that long-loved lute again, —  
 Though chill'd by years it be,  
 If *thou* wilt call the slumb'ring strain,  
 'Twill wake again for thee.

Though time have frozen the tuneful stream  
 Of thoughts that gush'd along,

One look from thee, like summer's beam,  
 Will thaw them into song.  
 Then give, O give, that wakening ray,  
 And once more blithe and young,  
 Thy bard again will sing and play,  
 As once he play'd and sung.

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#### STILL WHEN DAYLIGHT.

STILL when daylight o'er the wave  
 Bright and soft its farewell gave,  
 I used to hear, while light was falling,  
 O'er the wave a sweet voice calling,  
 Mournfully at distance calling.

Ah ! once how blest that maid would come,  
 To meet her sea-boy hast'ning home ;  
 And through the night those sounds repeating,  
 Hail his bark with joyous greeting,  
 Joyously his light bark greeting.

But, one sad night, when winds were high,  
 Nor earth, nor heaven, could hear her cry,  
 She saw his boat come tossing over  
 Midnight's wave, — but not her lover !  
 No, never more her lover.

And still that sad dream loath to leave,  
 She comes with wand'ring mind at eve,  
 And oft we hear, when night is falling,  
 Faint her voice through twilight calling,  
 Mournfully at twilight calling.

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#### THE SUMMER WEBS.

THE summer webs that float and shine,  
 The summer dews that fall,  
 Though light they be, this heart of mine  
 Is lighter still than all.  
 It tells me every cloud is pass'd  
 Which lately seem'd to lower ;  
 That Hope hath wed young Joy at last,  
 And now's their nuptial hour !

With light thus round, within, above,  
 With nought to wake one sigh,  
 Except the wish, that all we love  
 Were at this moment nigh, —  
 It seems as if life's brilliant sun  
 Had stopp'd in full career,  
 To make this hour its brightest one,  
 And rest in radiance here.

#### MIND NOT THOUGH DAYLIGHT.

MIND not though daylight around us <sup>is</sup> break-  
 ing, —  
 Who'd think now of sleeping when morn's but  
 just waking ?  
 Sound the merry viol, and daylight or not,  
 Be all for one hour in the gay dance forgot.

See young Aurora, up heav'n's hill advancing,  
 Though fresh from her pillow, ev'n she too is  
 dancing :  
 While thus all creation, earth, heaven, and sea,  
 Are dancing around us, O, why should not we ?

Who'll say that moments we use thus are wasted ?  
 Such sweet drops of time only flow to be tasted ;  
 While hearts are high beating, and harps full in  
 tune,  
 The fault is all morning's for coming so soon.

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#### THEY MET BUT ONCE.

THEY met but once, in youth's sweet hour,  
 And never since that day  
 Hath absence, time, or grief had power  
 To chase that dream away.  
 They've seen the suns of other skies,  
 On other shores have sought delight ;  
 But never more, to bless their eyes,  
 Can come a dream so bright !  
 They met but once, — a day was all  
 Of Love's young hopes they knew ;  
 And still their hearts that day recall,  
 As fresh as then it flew.

Sweet dream of youth ! O, ne'er again  
 Let either meet the brow  
 They left so smooth and smiling then,  
 Or see what it is now.  
 For, Youth, the spell was only thine ;  
 From thee alone th' enchantment flows,  
 That makes the world around thee shine  
 With light thyself bestows.  
 They met but once, — O, ne'er again  
 Let either meet the brow  
 They left so smooth and smiling then,  
 Or see what it is now.

#### WITH MOONLIGHT BEAMING.

WITH moonlight beaming  
 Thus o'er the deep,

Who'd linger dreaming  
 In idle sleep?  
 Leave joyless souls to live by day, —  
 Our life begins with yonder ray;  
 And while thus brightly  
 The moments flee,  
 Our barks skim lightly  
 The shining sea.

To halls of splendor  
 Let great ones hie;  
 Through light more tender  
 Our pathways lie.  
 While round, from banks of brook or lake,  
 Our company blithe echoes make;  
 And, as we lend 'em  
 Sweet word or strain,  
 Still back they send 'em,  
 More sweet, again.

#### CHILD'S SONG. FROM A MASK.

I HAVE a garden of my own,  
 Shining with flowers of every hue;  
 I loved it dearly while alone,  
 But I shall love it more with you:  
 And there the golden bees shall come,  
 In summer time at break of morn,  
 And wake us with their busy hum  
 Around the Siha's fragrant thorn.

I have a fawn from Aden's land,  
 On leafy buds and berries nurs'd,  
 And you shall feed him from your hand,  
 Though he may start with fear at first.  
 And I will lead you where he lies  
 For shelter in the noontide heat;  
 And you may touch his sleeping eyes,  
 And feel his little silv'ry feet.

#### THE HALCYON HANGS O'ER OCEAN.

THE halcyon hangs o'er ocean,  
 The scalark skims the brine;  
 This bright world's all in motion,  
 No heart seems sad but mine.

To walk through sun-bright places,  
 With heart all cold the while;  
 To look in smiling faces,  
 When we no more can smile;

To feel, while earth and heaven  
 Around thee shine with bliss,

To thee no light is given, —  
 O, what a doom is this!

#### THE WORLD WAS HUSH'D.

THE world was hush'd, the moon above  
 Sail'd through ether slowly,  
 When, near the casement of my love,  
 Thus I whisper'd lowly, —  
 "Awake, awake, how canst thou sleep?"  
 "The field I seek to-morrow  
 "Is one where man hath fame to reap,  
 "And woman gleans but sorrow."

"Let battle's field be what it may,"  
 Thus spoke a voice replying,  
 "Think not thy love, while thou'rt away,  
 "Will here sit idly sighing.  
 "No — woman's soul, if not for fame,  
 "For love can brave all danger!"  
 Then forth from out the casement came  
 A plumed and armed stranger.

A stranger? No; 'twas she, the maid,  
 Herself before me beaming,  
 With casque array'd, and falchion blade  
 Beneath her girdle gleaming!  
 Close side by side, in freedom's fight,  
 That blessed morning found us;  
 In Viet'ry's light we stood ere night,  
 And Love, the morrow, crown'd us!

#### THE TWO LOVES.

THERE are two Loves, the poet sings,  
 Both born of Beauty at a birth:  
 The one, akin to heaven, hath wings,  
 The other, earthly, walks on earth.  
 With *this* through bowers below we play,  
 With *that* through clouds above we soar;  
 With both, perchance, may lose our way: —  
 Then, tell me which,  
 Tell me which shall we adore?

The one, when tempted down from air,  
 At Pleasure's fount to lave his lip,  
 Nor lingers long, nor oft will dare  
 His wing within the wave to dip.  
 While, plunging deep and long beneath,  
 The other bathes him o'er and o'er  
 In that sweet current, ev'n to death: —  
 Then, tell me which,  
 Tell me which shall we adore?

The boy of heav'n, even while he lies  
 In Beauty's lay, recalls his home ;  
 And when most happy, inly sighs  
 For something happier still to come.  
 While he of earth, too fully bless'd  
 With this bright world to dream of more,  
 Sees all his heav'n on Beauty's breast : —  
 Then, tell me which,  
 Tell me which shall we adore ?

The maid who heard the poet sing  
 These twin desires of earth and sky,  
 And saw, while one inspired his string,  
 The other glisten'd in his eye, —  
 To name the earthlier boy ashamed,  
 To choose the other fondly loath,  
 At length, all blushing, she exclaim'd, —  
 " Ask not which,  
 " O, ask not which — we'll worship both.

" Th' extremes of each thus taught to shun,  
 " With hearts and souls between them given,  
 " When weary of this earth with one,  
 " We'll with the other wing to heaven."  
 Thus pledged the maid her vow of bliss ;  
 And while *one* Love wrote down the oath,  
 The other seal'd it with a kiss ;  
 And Heav'n look'd on,  
 Heav'n look'd on, and hallow'd both.

#### THE LEGEND OF PUCK THE FAIRY.

WOULDST know what tricks, by the pale moon-  
 light,  
 Are play'd by me, the merry little Sprite,  
 Who wing through air from the camp to the  
 court,  
 From king to clown, and of all make sport ;  
 Singing, I am the Sprite  
 Of the merry midnight,  
 Who laugh at weak mortals, and love the moon-  
 light.

To a miser's bed, where he snoring slept  
 And dreamt of his cash, I slyly crept ;  
 Chink, chink, o'er his pillow like money I rang,  
 And he waked to catch — but away I sprang,  
 Singing, I am the Sprite, &c.

I saw through the leaves, in a damsel's bower,  
 She was waiting her love at that starlight hour :  
 " Hist — hist ! " quoth I, with an amorous sigh,  
 And she flew to the door, but away flew I,  
 Singing, I am the Sprite, &c.

While a bard sat inditing an ode to his love,  
 Like a pair of blue meteors I stared from above,  
 And he swoon'd — for he thought 'twas the  
 ghost, poor man !  
 Of his lady's eyes, while away I ran,  
 Singing, I am the Sprite, &c.

#### BEAUTY AND SONG.

Down in yon summer vale,  
 Where the rill flows,  
 Thus said a Nightingale  
 To his loved Rose : —  
 " Though rich the pleasures  
 " Of song's sweet measures,  
 " Vain were its melody.  
 " Rose, without thee."

Then from the green recess  
 Of her night bower,  
 Beaming with bashfulness,  
 Spoke the bright flower : —  
 " Though morn should lend her  
 " Its sunniest splendor,  
 " What would the Rose be,  
 " Unsung by thee ! "

Thus still let Song attend  
 Woman's bright way ;  
 Thus still let woman lend  
 Light to the lay.  
 Like stars, through heaven's sea,  
 Floating in harmony,  
 Beauty should glide along,  
 Circled by Song.

#### WHEN THOU ART NIGH.

WHEN thou art nigh, it seems  
 A new creation round ;  
 The sun hath fairer beams,  
 The lute a softer sound.  
 Though thee alone I see,  
 And hear alone thy sigh,  
 'Tis light, 'tis song to me,  
 'Tis all — when thou art nigh.

When thou art nigh, no thought  
 Of grief comes o'er my heart ;  
 I only think — could aught  
 But joy be where thou art ?  
 Life seems a waste of breath,  
 When far from thee I sigh ;



And death — ay, even death  
Were sweet, if thou wert nigh.

SONG OF A HYPERBOREAN.

I COME from a land in the sun-bright deep,  
Where golden gardens grow ;  
Where the winds of the north, becalm'd in sleep,  
Their conch shells never blow.<sup>1</sup>  
Haste to that holy Isle with me,  
Haste — haste !

So near the track of the stars are we,<sup>2</sup>  
That oft, on night's pale beams,  
The distant sounds of their harmony  
Come to our ear, like dreams.  
Then, haste to that holy Isle with me, &c.

The Moon, too, brings her world so nigh,<sup>3</sup>  
That when the night seer looks  
To that shadowless orb, in a vernal sky,  
He can number its hills and brooks.  
Then, haste, &c. &c.

To the Sun-god all our hearts and lyres<sup>4</sup>  
By day, by night, belong ;  
And the breath we draw from his living fires,  
We give him back in song.  
Then, haste, &c. &c.

From us descends the maid who brings  
To Delos gifts divine ;  
And our wild bees lend their rainbow wings  
To glitter on Delphi's shrine.<sup>5</sup>  
Then, haste to that holy Isle with me,  
Haste — haste !

THOU BIDD'ST ME SING.

THOU bidd'st me sing the lay I sung to thee  
In other days, ere joy had left this brow ;  
But think, though still unchanged the notes  
may be,  
How different feels the heart that breathes  
them now !  
The rose thou wear'st to night is still the same  
We saw this morning on its stem so gay ;

1 On the Tower of the Winds, at Athens, there is a conch shell placed in the hands of Boreas. — See *Stuart's Antiquities*. “The north wind,” says Herodotus, in speaking of the Hyperboreans, “never blows with them.”

2 “Sub ipso siderum cardine jacent.” — POMPON. MELA.

But, ah ! that dew of dawn, that breath which  
came  
Like life o'er all its leaves, hath pass'd away.

Since first that music touch'd thy heart and  
mine,  
How many a joy and pain o'er both have  
pass'd, —  
The joy, a light too precious long to shine,  
The pain, a cloud whose shadows always last.  
And though that lay would like the voice of  
home  
Breathe o'er our ear, 'twould waken now a  
sigh —  
Ah ! not, as then, for fancied woes to come,  
But, sadder far, for real bliss gone by.

CUPID ARMED.

PLACE the helm on thy brow,  
In thy hand take the spear ; —  
Thou art arm'd, Cupid, now,  
And thy battle hour is near.  
March on ! march on ! thy shaft and bow  
Were weak against such charms ;  
March on ! march on ! so proud a foe  
Scorns all but martial arms.

See the darts in her eyes,  
Tipp'd with scorn, how they shine !  
Ev'ry shaft, as it flies,  
Mocking proudly at thine.  
March on ! march on ! thy feather'd darts  
Soft bosoms soon might move ;  
But ruder arms to ruder hearts  
Must teach what 'tis to love.  
Place the helm on thy brow ;  
In thy hand take the spear, —  
Thou art arm'd, Cupid, now,  
And thy battle hour is near.

ROUND THE WORLD GOES.

ROUND the world goes by day and night,  
While with it also round go we ;  
And in the flight of one day's light  
An image of all life's course we see.

3 “They can show the moon very near.” — DIODOR. SICUL.

4 Hecateus tells us, that this Hyperborean island was dedicated to Apollo ; and most of the inhabitants were either priests or songsters.

5 Pausan.

Round, round, while thus we go round,  
The best thing a man can do,  
Is to make it, at least, a merry-go-round,  
By — sending the wine round too.

Our first gay stage of life is when  
Youth, in its dawn, salutes the eye —  
Season of bliss! O, who wouldn't then  
Wish to cry, "Stop!" to earth and sky?  
But, round, round, both boy and girl  
Are whisk'd through that sky of blue;  
And much would their hearts enjoy the whirl,  
If — their heads did'nt whirl round too.

Next, we enjoy our glorious noon,  
Thinking all life a life of light;  
But shadows come on, 'tis evening soon,  
And, ere we can say, "How short!" — 'tis  
night.  
Round, round, still all goes round,  
Ev'n while I'm thus singing to you;  
And the best way to make it a merry-go-round,  
Is to — chorus my song round too.

O, DO NOT LOOK SO BRIGHT AND  
BLEST.

O, do not look so bright and blest,  
For still there comes a fear,  
When brow like thine looks happiest,  
That grief is then most near.  
There lurks a dread in all delight,  
A shadow near each ray,  
That warns us then to fear their flight,  
When most we wish their stay.  
Then look not thou so bright and blest,  
For ah! there comes a fear,  
When brow like thine looks happiest,  
That grief is then most near.

Why is it thus that fairest things  
The soonest fleet and die? —  
That when most light is on their wings,  
They're then but spread to fly!  
And, sadder still, the pain will stay —  
The bliss no more appears;  
As rainbows take their light away,  
And leave us but the tears!  
Then look not thou so bright and blest,  
For ah! there comes a fear,  
When brow like thine looks happiest,  
That grief is then most near.

THE MUSICAL BOX.

"Look here," said Rose, with laughing eyes,  
"Within this box, by magic hid,  
"A tuneful Sprite imprison'd lies,  
"Who sings to me when'er he's bid.  
"Though roving once his voice and wing,  
"He'll now lie still the whole day long;  
"Till thus I touch the magic spring —  
"Then hark, how sweet and blithe his song!"  
(*A symphony.*)

"Ah, Rose," I cried, "the poet's lay  
"Must ne'er ev'n Beauty's slave become;  
"Through earth and air his song may stray,  
"If all the while his heart's at home.  
"And though in freedom's air he dwell,  
"Nor bond nor chain his spirit knows,  
"Touch but the spring thou know'st so well,  
"And — hark, how sweet the love song flows!"  
(*A symphony.*)

Thus pleaded I for freedom's right;  
But when young Beauty takes the field,  
And wise men seek defence in flight,  
The doom of poets is to yield.  
No more my heart th' enchantress braves,  
I'm now in Beauty's prison hid;  
The Sprite and I are fellow-slaves,  
And I, too, sing when'er I'm bid.

WHEN TO SAD MUSIC SILENT YOU  
LISTEN.

WHEN to sad Music silent you listen,  
And tears on those eyelids tremble like dew,  
O, then there dwells in those eyes as they glisten  
A sweet holy charm that mirth never knew.  
But when some lively strain resounding  
Lights up the sunshine of joy on that brow,  
Then the young reindeer o'er the hills bounding  
Was ne'er in its mirth so graceful as thou.

When on the skies at midnight thou gazest,  
A lustre so pure thy features then wear,  
That, when to some star that bright eye thou  
raigest,  
We feel 'tis thy home thou'rt looking for there.  
But when the word for the gay dance is given,  
So buoyant thy spirit, so heartfelt thy mirth,  
O then we exclaim, "Ne'er leave earth for  
heaven,  
"But linger still here, to make heaven of  
earth."

## THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS.

FLY swift, my light gazelle,  
 To her who now lies waking,  
 To hear thy silver bell  
 The midnight silence breaking.  
 And, when thou com'st, with gladsome feet,  
 Beneath her lattice springing,  
 Ah, well she'll know how sweet  
 The words of love thou'rt bringing.

Yet, no — not words, for they  
 But half can tell love's feeling ;  
 Sweet flowers alone can say  
 What passion fears revealing.  
 A once bright rose's wither'd leaf,  
 A tow'ring lily broken, —  
 O these may paint a grief  
 No words could e'er have spoken.

Not such, my gay gazelle,  
 The wreath thou speedest over  
 Yon moonlight dale, to tell  
 My lady how I love her.  
 And, what to her will sweeter be  
 Than gems the richest, rarest, —  
 From Truth's immortal tree <sup>1</sup>  
 One fadeless leaf thou bearest.

## THE DAWN IS BREAKING O'ER US.

THE dawn is breaking o'er us,  
 See, heaven hath caught its hue,

<sup>1</sup> The tree called in the East Amrita, or the Immortal.

We've day's long light before us,  
 What sport shall we pursue ?  
 The hunt o'er hill and lea ?  
 The sail o'er summer sea ?  
 O let not hour so sweet  
 Unwing'd by pleasure fleet.  
 The dawn is breaking o'er us,  
 See, heaven hath caught its hue !  
 We've day's long light before us,  
 What sport shall we pursue ?

But see, while we're deciding,  
 What morning sport to play,  
 The dial's hand is gliding,  
 And morn hath pass'd away !  
 Ah, who'd have thought that roon  
 Would o'er us steal so soon, —  
 That morn's sweet hour of prime  
 Would last so short a time ?  
 But come, we've day before us,  
 Still heaven looks bright and blue,  
 Quick, quick, ere eve comes o'er us,  
 What sport shall we pursue ?

Alas ! why thus delaying ?  
 We're now at evening's hour ;  
 Its farewell beam is playing  
 O'er hill and wave and bower.  
 That light we thought would last,  
 Behold, ev'n now, 'tis pass'd ;  
 And all our morning dreams  
 Have vanish'd with its beams !  
 But come ! 'twere vain to borrow  
 Sad lessons from this lay,  
 For man will be to-morrow —  
 Just what he's been to-day.

## SONGS FROM THE GREEK ANTHOLOGY.

HERE AT THY TOMB.<sup>1</sup>

BY MELEAGER.

HERE, at thy tomb, these tears I shed,  
 Tears, which though vainly now they roll,  
 Are all love hath to give the dead,  
 And wept o'er thee with all love's soul ; —

<sup>1</sup> Δακρυα σοι και νερθε δια χθονος, Ηλιοδωρα.

AP. ВАНСК.

Wept in remembrance of that light,  
 Which nought on earth, without thee, gives  
 Hope of my heart ! now quench'd in night,  
 But dearer, dead, than aught that lives.

Where is she ? where the blooming bough  
 That once my life's sole lustre made ?  
 Torn off by death, 'tis with'ring now,  
 And all its flowers in dust are laid.

O earth! that to thy matron breast,  
Hast taken all those angei charms,  
Gently, I pray thee, let her rest,—  
Gently, as in a mother's arms.

SALE OF CUPID.<sup>1</sup>

BY MELEAGER.

WHO'LL buy a little boy? Look, yonder is he,  
Fast asleep, sly rogue, on his mother's knee;  
So bold a young imp 'tisin't safe to keep,  
So I'll part with him now, while he's sound  
asleep.

See his arch little nose, how sharp 'tis curled,  
His wings, too, even in sleep unfurl'd;  
And those fingers, which still ever ready are  
found  
For mirth or for mischief, to tickle, or wound.

He'll try with his tears your heart to beguile;  
But never you mind—he's laughing all the  
while;

For little he cares, so he has his own whim,  
And weeping or laughing are all one to him.  
His eye is as keen as the lightning's flash,  
His tongue like the red bolt quick and rash;  
And so savage is he, that his own dear mother  
Is scarce more safe in his hands than another.

In short, to sum up this darling's praise,  
He's a downright pest in all sorts of ways;  
And if any one wants such an imp to employ,  
He shall have a dead bargain of this little boy.  
But see, the boy wakes—his bright tears flow—  
His eyes seem to ask could I sell him? O no,  
Sweet child no, no—though so naughty you be,  
You shall live evermore with my Lesbia and me.

TO WEAVE A GARLAND FOR THE  
ROSE.<sup>2</sup>

BY PAUL, THE SILENTIARY.

To weave a garland for the rose,  
And think thus crown'd 'twould lovelier be,  
Were far less vain than to suppose  
That silks and gems add grace to thee.

Where is the pearl whose orient lustre  
Would not, beside thee, look less bright?  
What gold could match the glossy cluster  
Of those young ringlets full of light?

Bring from the land, where fresh it gleams,  
The bright blue gem of India's mine,  
And see how soon, though bright its beams,  
'Twill pale before one glance of thine:  
Those lips, too, when their sounds have blest us  
With some divine, mellifluous air,  
Who would not say that Beauty's cestus  
Had let loose all its witch'ries there?<sup>3</sup>

Here, to this conqu'ring host of charms  
I now give up my spell-bound heart,  
Nor blush to yield ev'n Reason's arms,  
When thou her bright-ey'd conqueror art  
Thus to the wind all fears are given;  
Henceforth those eyes alone I see,  
Where Hope, as in her own blue heaven,  
Sits beck'ning me to bliss and thee!

WHY DOES SHE SO LONG DELAY?<sup>4</sup>

BY PAUL, THE SILENTIARY.

WHY does she so long delay?  
Night is waning fast away;  
Thrice have I my lamp renew'd,  
Watching here in solitude.  
Where can she so long delay?  
Where, so long delay?

Vainly now have two lamps shone;  
See the third is nearly gone:<sup>5</sup>  
O that Love would, like the ray  
Of that weary lamp, decay!  
But no, alas, it burns still on,  
Still, still burns on.

Gods, how oft the traitress dear  
Swore, by Venus, she'd be here!  
But to one so false as she  
What is man or deity?  
Neither doth this proud one fear,—  
No, neither doth she fear.

<sup>1</sup> Πωλεισθῶ, καὶ μητρὸς ἐν κόλποισι καθενδῶν.Ap. BRUNCK. *Analect.* xcvi.<sup>2</sup> Οὐτε βόδων στεφανῶν ἐπιδενεσαι, οὔτε συ πεπλων.

Ap. BRUNCK. xvii.

<sup>3</sup> — καὶ ἡ μελιφύρτος ἐκείνη  
Ἥθεος ἄρμοιη, κέστος ἐφ' Παφίης.<sup>4</sup> Δηθνεὶ Κλεοφαντίς.

Ap. BRUNCK. xxviii.

<sup>5</sup> ὁ δὲ τρίτος ἀρχεταὶ ἡδὲ  
Αὐχνοσ ὑποκλαζεῖν.

TWIN'ST THOU WITH LOFTY WREATH  
THY BROW? <sup>1</sup>

BY PAUL, THE SILENTIARY.

TWIN'ST thou with lofty wreath thy brow?

Su h glory then thy beauty sheds,  
I almost think, while awed I bow,  
'Tis Rhea's self before me treads.  
Be what thou wilt, — this heart  
Adores whate'er thou art!

Dost thou thy loosen'd ringlets leave,  
Like sunny waves to wander free?  
Then, such a chain of charms they weave,  
As draws my inmost soul from me.  
Do what thou wilt, — I must  
Be charm'd by all thou dost!

Ev'n when, enwrapped in silvery veils,<sup>2</sup>  
Those sunny locks elude the sight, —  
O, not ev'n then their glory fails  
To haunt me with its unseen light.  
Change as thy beauty may,  
It charms in every way.

For, thee the Graces still attend,  
Presiding o'er each new attire,  
And lending every dart they send  
Some new, peculiar touch of fire.  
Be what thou wilt, — this heart  
Adores whate'er thou art!

WHEN THE SAD WORD.<sup>3</sup>

BY PAUL, THE SILENTIARY.

WHEN the sad word, "Adieu," from my lip is  
nigh falling,  
And with it, Hope passes away,  
Ere the tongue hath half breathed it, my fond  
heart recalling  
That fatal farewell, bids me stay.  
For O, tis a pounce so weary  
One hour from thy presence to be,  
That death to this soul were less dreary,  
Less dark than long absence from thee.

<sup>1</sup> Κερυφαλοὶ σφιγγοῦσι τὴν τρίχα;  
AP. BRUNCK. xxxiv.

<sup>2</sup> Ἀργενναῖς ὀθοναὶ κατηφορὰ βουστρυχα κευθεῖς.

<sup>3</sup> Σώζεο σοὶ μέλλον ἐνεπιμ.

AP. BRUNCK. xxxix.

<sup>4</sup> Ἡμεῖ γὰρ σοὶ φέγγος ὄμοιον. ἀλλὰ τὸ μὲν πον  
Ἀφρογῶν.

Thy beauty, like Day, o'er the dull world  
breaking,

Brings life to the heart it shines o'er,  
And, in mine, a new feeling of happiness waking,  
Made light what was darkness before.

But mute is the Day's sunny glory,

While thine hath a voice,<sup>4</sup> on whose breath,  
More sweet than the Siren's sweet story,<sup>5</sup>

My hopes hang, through life and through  
death!

MY MOPSA IS LITTLE.<sup>6</sup>

BY PHILODEMUS.

My Mopsa is little, my Mopsa is brown,  
But her cheek is as smooth as the peach's soft  
down;

And, for blushing, no rose can come near her;  
In short, she has woven such nets round my heart,  
That I ne'er from my dear little Mopsa can  
part, —

Unless I can find one that's dearer.

Her voice hath a music that dwells on the ear,  
And her eye from its orb gives a daylight so  
clear,

That I'm dazzled whenever I meet her;  
Her ringlets, so curly, are Cupid's own net,  
And her lips, O their sweetness I ne'er shall  
forget —

Till I light upon lips that are sweeter.

But 'tis not her beauty that charms me alone,  
'Tis her mind, 'tis that language whose eloquent  
tone

From the depths of the grave could revive one:  
In short, here I swear, that if death were her  
doom,

I would instantly join my dead love in the  
tomb —

Unless I could meet with a live one.

STILL, LIKE DEW IN SILENCE FALL-  
ING.<sup>7</sup>

BY MELBAGER.

STILL, like dew in silence falling,  
Drops for thee the nightly tear;

<sup>6</sup> Σὺ δ' ἐμοὶ καὶ τὸ λαλήμα φέρεις  
κεῖνο, τὸ Σειρηναίων γλυκυτεραιότερον.

<sup>7</sup> Μικρὴ καὶ μελανένσα Φιλιννίων.

AP. BRUNCK. x.

<sup>7</sup> Αἶτι μοι δύνει μὲν ἐν οὐρανῷ ἤχος Ἐρωτός.

AP. BRUNCK. liii



Still that voice the past recalling,  
Dwells, like echo, on my ear,  
Still, still!

Day and night the spell hangs o'er me,  
Here forever fix'd thou art;  
As thy form first shone before me,  
So 'tis graven on this heart,  
Deep, deep!

Love, O Love, whose bitter sweetness,  
Dooms me to this lasting pain,  
Thou who cam'st with so much fleetness,  
Why so slow to go again? <sup>1</sup>  
Why? why?

#### UP, SAILOR BOY, 'TIS DAY.

UP, sailor boy, 'tis day!  
The west wind blowing,  
The spring tide flowing,  
Summon thee hence away.

Didst thou not hear yon soaring swallow sing?

Chirp, chirp, — in every note he seem'd to say

'Tis Spring, 'tis Spring.

Up boy, away, —

Who'd stay on land to-day?

The very flowers

Would from their bowers

Delight to wing away!

• Ω πτανοι, μη και ποτ' επιπτασθαι μεν, Ερωτες,  
Οιδαν', αποπτηναι δ' ουδ' ουον ισχυετε.

Leave languid youths to pine  
On silken pillows;  
But be the billows  
Of the great deep thine.

Hark, to the sail the breeze sings, "Let us fly;"  
While soft the sail, replying to the breeze,  
Says, with a yielding sigh,  
"Yes, where you please."  
Up, boy! the wind, the ray,  
The blue sky o'er thee,  
The deep before thee,  
All cry aloud, "Away!"

#### IN MYRTLE WREATHS.

BY ALCÆUS.

In myrtle wreaths my votive sword I'll cover,  
Like them of old whose one immortal blow  
Struck off the galling fetters that hung over  
Their own bright land, and laid her tyrant low.  
Yes, lov'd Harmodius, thou'rt undying;  
Still 'midst the brave and free,  
In isles, o'er ocean lying,  
Thy home shall ever be.

In myrtle leaves my sword shall hide its light-  
ning,

Like his, the youth, whose ever-glorious blade  
Leap'd forth like flame, the midnight banquet  
bright'ning,

And in the dust a despot victim laid.

Blest youths, how bright in Freedom's story

Your wedded names shall be;

A tyrant's death your glory,

Your meed, a nation free!

#### UNPUBLISHED SONGS, ETC.

##### ASK NOT IF STILL I LOVE.

Ask not if still I love,

Too plain these eyes have told thee;

Too well their tears must prove

How near and dear I hold thee.

If, where the brightest shine,

To see no form but thine,

To feel that earth can show

No bliss above thee, —

If this be love, then know

That thus, that thus, I love thee.

'Tis not in pleasure's idle hour

That thou canst know affection's power.

No, try its strength in grief or pain;

Attempt, as now, its bonds to sever,

Thou'lt find true love's a chain

That binds forever!

## DEAR? YES.

DEAR? yes, though mine no more,  
 Ev'n this but makes thee dearer:  
 And love, since hope is o'er,  
 But draws thee nearer.

Change as thou wilt to me,  
 The same thy charm must be;  
 New loves may come to weave  
 Their witchery o'er thee,  
 Yet still, though false, believe  
 That I adore thee, yes, still adore thee.  
 Think'st thou that aught but death could end  
 A tie not falsehood's self can rend?  
 No, when alone, far off I die,  
 No more to see, no more caress thee,  
 Ev'n then, my life's last sigh  
 Shall be to bless thee, yes, still to bless thee.

## UNBIND THEE, LOVE.

UNBIND thee, love, unbind thee, love,  
 From those dark ties unbind thee;  
 Though fairest hand the chain hath wove,  
 Too long its links have twined thee.  
 Away from earth! — thy wings were made  
 In yon mid sky to hover,  
 With earth beneath their dovelike shade,  
 And heav'n all radiant over.

Awake thee, boy, awake thee, boy,  
 Too long thy soul is sleeping;  
 And thou mayst from this minute's joy  
 Wake to eternal weeping.  
 O, think, this world is not for thee;  
 Though hard its links to sever;  
 Though sweet and bright and dear they be,  
 Break, or thou'rt lost forever.

## THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE.

(A BUFFO SONG.)

THERE'S something strange, I know not what,  
 Come o'er me,  
 Some phantom I've forever got  
 Before me.  
 I look on high, and in the sky  
 'Tis shining;  
 On earth, its light with all things bright  
 Seems twining.

In vain I try this goblin's spells  
 To sever;  
 Go where I will, it round me dwells  
 Forever.

And then what tricks by day and night  
 It plays me;  
 In ev'ry shape the wicked sprite  
 Waylays me.  
 Sometimes like two bright eyes of blue  
 'Tis glancing;  
 Sometimes like feet, in slippers neat,  
 Comes dancing.  
 By whispers round of every sort  
 I'm taunted.  
 Never was mortal man, in short,  
 So haunted.

## NOT FROM THEE.

Nor from thee the wound should come,  
 No, not from thee.  
 I care not what or whence my doom,  
 So not from thee!  
 Cold triumph! first to make  
 This heart thy own;  
 And then the mirror break  
 Where fix'd thou shin'st alone.  
 Not from thee the wound should come,  
 O, not from thee.  
 I care not what, or whence, my doom,  
 So not from thee.

Yet no — my lips that wish recall;  
 From thee, from thee —  
 If ruin o'er this head must fall,  
 'Twill welcome be.  
 Here to the blade I bare  
 This faithful heart;  
 Wound deep — thou'lt find that there,  
 In every pulse thou art.  
 Yes from thee I'll bear it all:  
 If ruin be  
 The doom that o'er this heart must fall,  
 'Twere sweet from thee.

## GUESS, GUESS.

I LOVE a maid, a mystic maid,  
 Whose form no eyes but mine can see;  
 She comes in light, she comes in shade,  
 And beautiful in both is she.  
 Her shape in dreams I oft behold,  
 And oft she whispers in my ear

Such words as when to others told,  
 A wake the sigh, or wring the tear ;—  
 Then guess, guess, who she,  
 The lady of my love, may be.

I find the lustre of her brow,  
 Come o'er me in my darkest ways ;  
 And feel as if her voice, ev'n now,  
 Were echoing far off my lays.  
 There is no scene of joy or woe  
 But she doth gild with influence bright ;  
 And shed o'er all so rich a glow  
 As makes ev'n tears seem full of light :  
 Then guess, guess, who she,  
 The lady of my love, may be.

#### WHEN LOVE, WHO RULED.

WHEN Love, who ruled as Admiral o'er  
 His rosy mother's isles of light,  
 Was cruising off the Paphian shore,  
 A sail at sunset hove in sight.  
 "A chase, a chase ! my Cupids all,"  
 Said Love, the little Admiral.

Aloft the winged sailors sprung,  
 And, swarming up the mast like bees,  
 The snow-white sails expanding flung,  
 Like broad magnolias to the breeze.  
 "Yo ho, yo ho, my Cupids all !"  
 Said Love, the little Admiral.

The chase was o'er — the bark was caught,  
 The winged crew her freight explored ;  
 And found 'twas just as Love had thought,  
 For all was contraband aboard.  
 "A prize, a prize, my Cupids all !"  
 Said Love, the little Admiral.

Safe stow'd in many a package there,  
 And labell'd slyly o'er, as "Glass,"  
 Were lots of all th' illegal ware,  
 Love's Custom House forbids to pass.  
 "O'erhaul, o'erhaul, my Cupids all !"  
 Said Love, the little Admiral.

False curls they found, of every hue,  
 With rosy blushes ready made ;  
 And teeth of ivory, good as new,  
 For veterans in the smiling trade.  
 "Ho ho, ho ho, my Cupids all,"  
 Said Love, the little Admiral.

Mock sighs, too, — kept in bags for use,  
 Like breezes bought of Lapland seers, —

Lay ready here to be let loose,  
 When wanted, in young spinsters' ears.  
 "Ha ha, ha ha, my Cupids all,"  
 Said Love, the little Admiral.

False papers next on board were found,  
 Sham invoices of flames and darts,  
 Professedly for Paphos bound,  
 But meant for Hymen's golden marts.  
 "For shame, for shame, my Cupids all !"  
 Said Love, the little Admiral.

Nay, still to every fraud awake,  
 Those pirates all Love's signals knew,  
 And hoisted oft his flag, to make  
 Rich wards and heiresses *bring-to*.<sup>1</sup>  
 "A foe, a foe, my Cupids all !"  
 Said Love, the little Admiral.

"This must not be," the boy exclaims,  
 "In vain I rule the Paphian seas,  
 "If Love's and Beauty's sovereign names  
 "Are lent to cover frauds like these.  
 "Prepare, prepare, my Cupids all !"  
 Said Love, the little Admiral.

Each Cupid stood with lighted match —  
 A broadside struck the smuggling foe,  
 And swept the whole unhallow'd batch  
 Of falsehood to the depths below.  
 "Huzza, huzza ! my Cupids all !"  
 Said Love, the little Admiral.

#### STILL THOU FLIEST.

STILL thou fliest, and still I woo thee,  
 Lovely phantom, — all in vain ;  
 Restless ever, my thoughts pursue thee,  
 Fleeting ever, thou mock'st their pain.  
 Such doom, of old, that youth betided,  
 Who wooed, he thought, some angel's charms,  
 But found a cloud that from him glided, —  
 As thou dost from these outstretched arms.

Scarce I've said, "How fair thou shinest,"  
 Ere thy light hath vanish'd by ;  
 And 'tis when thou look'st divinest  
 Thou art still most sure to fly.  
 Ev'n as the lightning, that, dividing  
 The clouds of night, saith, "Look on me,"  
 Then flits again, its splendor hiding, —  
 Ev'n such the glimpse I catch of thee.

<sup>1</sup> "To BRING-TO, to check the course of a ship." — *Fa  
 coner*

## THEN FIRST FROM LOVE.

THEN first from Love, in Nature's bow'rs,  
 Did Painting learn her fairy skill,  
 And cull the hues of loveliest flow'rs,  
 To picture woman lovelier still.  
 For vain was ev'ry radiant hue,  
 Till Passion lent a soul to art,  
 And taught the painter, ere he drew,  
 To fix the model in his heart.

Thus smooth his toil a while went on,  
 Till, lo, one touch his art defies ;  
 The brow, the lip, the blushes shone,  
 But who could dare to paint those eyes ?  
 'Twas all in vain the painter strove ;  
 So turning to that boy divine,  
 "Here take," he said, "the pencil, Love,  
 "No hand should paint such eyes, but thine."

## HUSH, SWEET LUTE.

HUSH, sweet Lute, thy songs remind me  
 Of past joys, now turn'd to pain ;  
 Of ties that long have ceased to bind me,  
 But whose burning marks remain.  
 In each tone, some echo falleth  
 On my ear of joys gone by ;  
 Ev'ry note some dream recalleth  
 Of bright hopes but born to die.

Yet, sweet Lute, though pain it bring me,  
 Once more let thy numbers thrill ;  
 Though death were in the strain they sing me,  
 I must woo its anguish still.  
 Since no time can e'er recover  
 Love's sweet light when once 'tis set, —  
 Better to weep such pleasures over,  
 Than smile o'er any left us yet.

## BRIGHT MOON.

BRIGHT moon, that high in heav'n art shining,  
 All smiles, as if within thy bower to-night  
 Thy own Endymion lay reclining,  
 And thou wouldst wake him with a kiss of  
 light ! —  
 By all the Bliss thy beam discovers,  
 By all those visions far too bright for day,  
 Which dreaming bards and waking lovers  
 Behold, this night, beneath thy ling'ring ray, —

I pray thee, queen of that bright heaven,  
 Quench not to-night thy love lamp in the sea,  
 Till Anthe, in this bower, hath given  
 Beneath thy beam, her long-vow'd kiss to me.  
 Guide hither, guide her steps benighted,  
 Ere thou, sweet moon, thy bashful crescent  
 hide ;  
 Let Love but in this bow'r be lighted,  
 Then shroud in darkness all the world beside.

## LONG YEARS HAVE PASS'D.

LONG years have pass'd, old friend, since we  
 First met in life's young day ;  
 And friends long loved by thee and me,  
 Since then have dropp'd away ; —  
 But enough remain to cheer us on,  
 And sweeten, when thus we're met,  
 The glass we fill to the many gone,  
 And the few who're left us yet.

Our locks, old friend, now thinly grow,  
 And some hang white and chill ;  
 While some, like flow'rs 'mid Autumn's snow,  
 Retain youth's color still.  
 And so, in our hearts, though one by one,  
 Youth's sunny hopes have set,  
 Thank heav'n, not all their light is gone —  
 We've some to cheer us yet.

Then here's to thee, old friend, and long  
 May thou and I thus meet,  
 To brighten still with wine and song  
 This short life, ere it fleet.  
 And still as death comes stealing on,  
 Let's never, old friend, forget,  
 Ev'n while we sigh o'er blessings gone,  
 How many are left us yet.

## DREAMING FOREVER.

DREAMING forever, vainly dreaming,  
 Life to the last pursues its flight ;  
 Day hath its visions fairly beaming,  
 But false as those of night.  
 The one illusion, the other real,  
 But both the same brief dreams at last ;  
 And when we grasp the bliss ideal,  
 Soon as it shines, 'tis past.

Here, then, by this dim lake reposing,  
 Calmly I'll watch, while light and gloom

Flit o'er its face till night is closing —  
 Emblem of life's short doom !  
 But though, by turns, thus dark and shining,  
 'Tis still unlike man's changeful day,  
 Whose light returns not, once declining,  
 Whose cloud, once come, will stay.

THOUGH LIGHTLY SOUNDS THE SONG  
 I SING.

A SONG OF THE ALPS.

THOUGH lightly sounds the song I sing to thee,  
 Though like the lark's its soaring music be,  
 Thou'lt find ev'n here some mournful note that  
 tells  
 How near such April joy to weeping dwells.  
 'Tis 'mong the gayest scenes that oft'nest steal  
 Those saddening thoughts we fear, yet love to  
 feel ;  
 And music never half so sweet appears,  
 As when her mirth forgets itself in tears.

Then say not thou this Alpine song is gay —  
 It comes from hearts that, like their mountain  
 lay,  
 Mix joy with pain, and oft when pleasure's breath  
 Most warms the surface, feel most sad beneath.  
 The very beam in which the snow wreath  
 wears  
 Its gayest smile is that which wins its tears, —

And passion's pow'r can never lend the glow  
 Which wakens bliss, without some touch of woe.

THE RUSSIAN LOVER.

FLEETLY o'er the moonlight snows  
 Speed we to my lady's bow'r ;  
 Swift our sledge as lightning goes,  
 Nor shall stop till morning's hour.  
 Bright, my steed, the northern star  
 Lights us from yon jewell'd skies ;  
 But, to greet us, brighter far,  
 Morn shall bring my lady's eyes.

Lovers, lull'd in sunny bow'rs,  
 Sleeping out their dream of time,  
 Know not half the bliss that's ours,  
 In this snowy, icy clime.  
 Like yon star that livelier gleams  
 From the frosty heavens around,  
 Love himself the keener beams  
 When with snows of coyness crown'd.

Fleet then on, my merry steed,  
 Bound, my sledge, o'er hill and dale ;—  
 What can match a lover's speed ?  
 See, 'tis daylight, breaking pale !  
 Brightly hath the northern star  
 Lit us from yon radiant skies ;  
 But, behold, how brighter far  
 Yonder shine my lady's eyes !

LALLA ROOKH.

PREFACE

TO THE SIXTH VOLUME.

THE Poem, or Romance, of LALLA ROOKH, having now reached, I understand, its twentieth edition, a short account of the origin and progress of a work which has been hitherto so very fortunate in its course, may not be deemed, perhaps, superfluous or misplaced.

It was about the year 1812 that, far more through the encouraging suggestions of friends than from any confident promptings of my own ambition, I conceived the design of writing a

Poem upon some Oriental subject, and of those quarto dimensions which Scott's successful publications in that form had then rendered the regular poetical standard. A negotiation on the subject was opened with the Messrs. Longman, in the same year ; but, from some causes which I cannot now recollect, led to no decisive result ; nor was it till a year or two after, that any further steps were taken in the matter, — their house being the only one, it is right to add, with which, from first to last, I held any communication upon the subject.

On this last occasion, Mr. Perry kindly offered himself as my representative in the



treaty; and, what with the friendly zeal of my negotiator on the one side, and the prompt and liberal spirit with which he was met on the other, there has seldom, I think, occurred any transaction in which Trade and Poesy have shone out so advantageously in each other's eyes. The short discussion that then took place, between the two parties, may be comprised in a very few sentences. "I am of opinion," said Mr. Perry, — enforcing his view of the case by arguments which it is not for me to cite, — "that Mr. Moore ought to receive for his Poem the largest price that has been given, in our day, for such a work." "That was," answered the Messrs. Longman, "three thousand guineas." "Exactly so," replied Mr. Perry, "And no less a sum ought he to receive."

It was then objected, and very reasonably, on the part of the firm, that they had never yet seen a single line of the Poem; and that a perusal of the work ought to be allowed to them, before they embarked so large a sum in the purchase. But, no; — the romantic view which my friend, Perry, took of the matter, was, that this price should be given as a tribute to reputation already acquired, without any condition for a previous perusal of the new work. This high tone, I must confess, not a little startled and alarmed me; but, to the honor and glory of Romance, — as well on the publishers' side as the poet's, — this very generous view of the transaction was, without any difficulty, acceded to, and the firm agreed, before we separated, that I was to receive three thousand guineas for my Poem.

At the time of this agreement, but little of the work, as it stands at present, had yet been written. But the ready confidence in my success shown by others, made up for the deficiency of that requisite feeling, within myself; while a strong desire not wholly to disappoint this "auguring hope," became almost a substitute for inspiration. In the year 1815, therefore, having made some progress in my task, I wrote to report the state of the work to the Messrs. Longman, adding, that I was now most willing and ready, should they desire it, to submit the manuscript for their consideration. Their answer to this offer was as follows: — "We are certainly impatient for the perusal of the Poem; but solely for our gratification. Your sentiments are always honorable."<sup>1</sup>

I continued to pursue my task for another year, being likewise occasionally occupied with the Irish Melodies, two or three numbers of which made their appearance, during the period employed in writing Lalla Rookh. At length, in the year 1816, I found my work sufficiently advanced to be placed in the hands of the publishers. But the state of distress to which England was reduced, in that dismal year, by the exhausting effects of the series of wars she had just then concluded, and the general embarrassment of all classes both agricultural and commercial, rendered it a juncture the least favorable that could well be conceived for the first launch into print of so light and costly a venture as Lalla Rookh. Feeling conscious, therefore, that, under such circumstances, I should act but honestly in putting it in the power of the Messrs. Longman to reconsider the terms of their engagement with me, — leaving them free to postpone, modify, or even, should such be their wish, relinquish it altogether, I wrote them a letter to that effect, and received the following answer: — "We shall be most happy in the pleasure of seeing you in February. We agree with you, indeed, that the times are most inauspicious for 'poetry and thousands;' but we believe that your poetry would do more than that of any other living poet at the present moment."<sup>2</sup>

The length of time I employed in writing the few stories strung together in Lalla Rookh will appear, to some persons, much more than was necessary for the production of such easy and "light o' love" fictions. But, besides that I have been, at all times, a far more slow and painstaking workman than would ever be guessed, I fear, from the result, I felt that, in this instance, I had taken upon myself a more than ordinary responsibility, from the immense stake risked by others on my chance of success. For a long time, therefore, after the agreement had been concluded, though generally at work with a view to this task, I made but very little real progress in it; and I have still by me the beginnings of several stories, continued, some of them, to the length of three or four hundred lines, which, after in vain endeavoring to mould them into shape, I threw aside, like the tale of Cambuscan, "left half told." One of these stories, entitled the Peri's Daughter, was meant to relate the loves of a nymph of this aerial extraction with a youth of mortal

<sup>1</sup> April 10, 1815.

<sup>2</sup> November 9, 1816.

race, the rightful Prince of Ormuz, who had been, from his infancy, brought up, in seclusion, on the banks of the River Amou, by an aged guardian named Mohassan. The story opens with the first meeting of these destined lovers, then in their childhood; the Peri having wafted her daughter to this holy retreat, in a bright, enchanted boat, whose first appearance is thus described:—

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For, down the silvery tide afar,  
There came a boat, as swift and bright  
As shines, in heav'n, some pilgrim star,  
That leaves its own high home, at night,  
To shoot to distant shrines of light.

"It comes, it comes," young Orian cries,  
And panting to Mohassan flies.  
Then, down upon the flowery grass  
Reclines to see the vision pass;  
With partly joy and partly fear,  
To find its wondrous light so near,  
And hiding off his dazzled eyes  
Among the flowers on which he lies.

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Within the boat a baby slept,  
Like a young pearl within its shell;  
While one, who seem'd of riper years,  
But not of earth, or earth-like spheres,  
Her watch beside the slumberer kept;  
Gracefully waving, in her hand,  
The feathers of some holy bird,  
With which, from time to time, she stirr'd  
The fragrant air, and coolly fann'd  
The baby's brow, or brush'd away  
The butterflies that, bright and blue  
As on the mountains of Malay,  
Around the sleeping infant flew.  
And now the fairy boat hath stopp'd  
Beside the bank,—the nymph has dropp'd  
Her golden anchor in the stream;

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A song is sung by the Peri in approaching, of which the following forms a part:—

My child she is but half divine,  
Her father sleeps in the Caspian water;  
Seaweeds twine  
His funeral shrine,  
But he lives again in the Peri's daughter.  
Pain would I fly from mortal sight  
To my own sweet bowers of Peristan;  
But, there, the flowers are all too bright  
For the eyes of a baby born of man.  
On flowers of earth her feet must tread;  
So hither my light-wing'd bark hath brought her;  
Stranger, spread  
Thy leafiest bed,  
To rest the wandering Peri's daughter.

In another of these inchoate fragments, a proud female saint, named Banou, plays a principal part; and her progress through the streets

of Cufa, on the night of a great illuminated festival, I find thus described:—

It was a scene of mirth that drew  
A smile from ev'n the Saint Banou,  
As, through the hush'd, admiring throng,  
She went with stately steps along,  
And counted o'er, that all might see,  
The rubies of her rosary.  
But none might see the worldly smile  
That lurk'd beneath her veil, the while:—  
Alla forbid! for, who would wait  
Her blessing at the temple's gate,—  
What holy man would ever run  
To kiss the ground she knelt upon,  
If once, by luckless chance, he knew  
She look'd and smil'd as others do.  
Her hands were join'd, and from each wrist  
By threads of pearl and golden twist  
Hung relics of the saints of yore,  
And scraps of talismanic lore,—  
Charms for the old, the sick, the frail,  
Some made for use, and all for sale  
On either side, the crowd withdrew,  
To let the Saint pass proudly through;  
While turban'd heads, of every hue,  
Green, white, and crimson, bow'd around,  
And gay tiaras touch'd the ground,—  
As tulip bells, when o'er their beds  
The musk wind passes, bend their heads.  
Nay, some there were, among the crowd  
Of Moslem heads that round her bow'd,  
So fill'd with zeal, by many a draught  
Of Shiraz wine profanely quaff'd,  
That, sinking low in reverence then,  
They never rose till morn again.

There are yet two more of these unfinished sketches, one of which extends to a much greater length than I was aware of; and, as far as I can judge from a hasty renewal of my acquaintance with it, is not incapable of being yet turned to account.

In only one of these unfinished sketches, the tale of The Peri's Daughter, had I yet ventured to invoke that most homefelt of all my inspirations, which has lent to the story of The Fire Worshipers its main attraction and interest. That it was my intention, in the concealed Prince of Ormuz, to shadow out some imperfection of this feeling, I take for granted from the prophetic words supposed to be addressed to him by his aged guardian:—

Bright child of destiny! even now  
I read the promise on that brow,  
That tyrants shall no more defile  
The glories of the Green Sea Isle,  
But Ormuz shall again be free,  
And hail her native Lord in thee!

In none of the other fragments do I find any trace of this sort of feeling, either in the sub-

ject or the personages of the intended story; and this was the reason, doubtless, though hardly known, at the time, to myself, that, finding my subjects so slow in kindling my own sympathies, I began to despair of their ever touching the hearts of others; and felt often inclined to say,

"O no, I have no voice or hand  
For such a song, in such a land."

Had this series of disheartening experiments been carried on much further, I must have thrown aside the work in despair. But, at last, fortunately, as it proved, the thought occurred to me of founding a story on the fierce struggle so long maintained between the Ghebers,<sup>1</sup> or ancient Fire Worshipers of Persia, and their haughty Moslem masters. From that moment, a new and deep interest in my whole task took possession of me. The cause of tolerance was again my inspiring theme; and the spirit that had spoken in the melodies of Ireland soon found itself at home in the East.

Having thus laid open the secrets of the workshop to account for the time expended in *writing* this work, I must also, in justice to my own industry, notice the pains I took in long and laboriously *reading* for it. To form a storehouse, as it were, of illustration purely Oriental, and so familiarize myself with its various treasures, that, as quick as Fancy required the aid of fact, in her spiritings, the memory was ready, like another Ariel, at her "strong bidding," to furnish materials for the spell-work, — such was, for a long while, the sole object of my studies; and whatever time and trouble this preparatory process may have cost me, the effects resulting from it, as far as the humble merit of truthfulness is concerned, have been such as to repay me more than sufficiently for my pains. I have not forgotten how great was my pleasure, when told by the late Sir James Mackintosh, that he was once asked by Colonel W——s, the historian of British India, "whether it was true that Moore had never been in the East?" "Never," answered Mackintosh. "Well, that shows me," replied Colonel W——s, "that reading over D'Herbelot is as good as riding on the back of a camel."

I need hardly subjoin to this lively speech,

that although D'Herbelot's valuable work was, of course, one of my manuals, I took the whole range of all such Oriental reading as was accessible to me; and became, for the time, indeed, far more conversant with all relating to that distant region, than I have ever been with the scenery, productions, or modes of life of any of those countries lying most within my reach. We know that D'Anville, though never in his life out of Paris, was able to correct a number of errors in a plan of the Troad taken by De Choiseul, on the spot; and, for my own very different, as well as far inferior, purposes, the knowledge I had thus acquired of distant localities, seen only by me in my daydreams, was no less ready and useful.

An ample reward for all this painstaking has been found in such welcome tributes as I have just now cited; nor can I deny myself the gratification of citing a few more of the same description. From another distinguished authority on Eastern subjects, the late Sir John Malcolm, I had myself the pleasure of hearing a similar opinion publicly expressed; — that eminent person, in a speech spoken by him at a Literary Fund Dinner, having remarked, that together with those qualities of the poet which he much too partially assigned to me was combined also "the truth of the historian."

Sir William Ouseley, another high authority, in giving his testimony to the same effect, thus notices an exception to the general accuracy for which he gives me credit: — "Dazzled by the beauties of this composition,<sup>2</sup> few readers can perceive, and none surely can regret, that the poet, in his magnificent catastrophe, has forgotten, or boldly and most happily violated, the precept of Zoroaster, above noticed, which held it impious to consume any portion of a human body by fire, especially by that which glowed upon their altars." Having long lost, I fear, most of my Eastern learning, I can only cite, in defence of my catastrophe, an old Oriental tradition, which relates, that Nimrod, when Abraham refused, at his command, to worship the fire, ordered him to be thrown into the midst of the flames.<sup>3</sup> A precedent so ancient for this sort of use of the worshipped element, would appear, for all purposes at least of poetry, fully sufficient.

<sup>1</sup> Voltaire, in his tragedy of "Les Guèbres," written with a similar undercurrent of meaning, was accused of having transformed his Fire Worshipers into Jansenists: — "Quelques figuristes," he says, "prétendent que les Guèbres sont les Jansenistes."

<sup>2</sup> The Fire Worshipers.

<sup>3</sup> Tradunt autem Hebræi hanc fabulam quod Abraham in ignem missus sit quia ignem adorare noluit. — ST. Hieron. in *quest. in Genesim*.

In addition to these agreeable testimonies, I have also heard, and, need hardly add, with some pride and pleasure, that parts of this work have been rendered into Persian, and have found their way to Ispahan. To this fact, as I am willing to think it, allusion is made in some lively verses, written many years since, by my friend, Mr. Luttrell:—

“I'm told, dear Moore, your lays are sung,  
(Can it be true, you lucky man?)  
By moonlight, in the Persian tongue,  
Along the streets of Ispahan.”

That some knowledge of the work may have really reached that region, appears not improbable from a passage in the Travels of Mr. Frazer, who says, that “being delayed for some time at a town on the shores of the Caspian, he was lucky enough to be able to amuse himself with a copy of Lalla Rookh, which a Persian had lent him.”

Of the description of Balbec, in “Paradise and the Peri,” Mr. Carne, in his Letters from the East, thus speaks: “The description in Lalla Rookh of the plain and its ruins is exquisitely faithful. The minaret is on the declivity near at hand, and there wanted only the muezzin's cry to break the silence.”

I shall now tax my readers' patience with but one more of these generous vouchers. Whatever of vanity there may be in citing such tributes, they show, at least, of what great value, even in poetry, is that prosaic quality, industry; since, as the reader of the foregoing pages is now fully apprised, it was in a slow and laborious collection of small facts, that the first foundations of this fanciful Romance were laid.

The friendly testimony I have just referred to, appeared, some years since, in the form in which I now give it, and, if I recollect right, in the Athenæum:—

“I embrace this opportunity of bearing my individual testimony (if it be of any value) to the extraordinary accuracy of Mr. Moore, in his topographical, antiquarian, and characteristic details, whether of costume, manners, or less changing monuments, both in his Lalla Rookh and in the Epicurean. It has been my fortune to read his Atlantic, Bermudean, and American Odes and Epistles, in the countries and among the people to which and to whom

they related; I enjoyed also the exquisite delight of reading his Lalla Rookh, in Persia itself: and I have perused the Epicurean, while all my recollections of Egypt and its still existing wonders are as fresh as when I quitted the banks of the Nile for Arabia:—I owe it, therefore, as a debt of gratitude (though the payment is most inadequate), for the great pleasure I have derived from his productions, to bear my humble testimony to their local fidelity.

“J. S. B.”

Among the incidents connected with this work, I must not omit to notice the splendid Divertissement, founded upon it, which was acted at the Château Royal of Berlin, during the visit of the Grand Duke Nicholas to that capital, in the year 1822. The different stories composing the work were represented in Tableaux Vivans and songs; and among the crowd of royal and noble personages engaged in the performances, I shall mention those only who represented the principal characters, and whom I find thus enumerated in the published account of the Divertissement.<sup>1</sup>

“Fadladin, Grand Nasir, . . .	{	Comte Haack, ( <i>Maréchal de Cour</i> ).
Aliris, Roi de Bucharie . . .	{	S. A. I. Le Grand Duc.
Lalla Roukh . . . . .	{	S. A. I. La Grande Duchesse.
Aurungzeb, le Grand Mogol . . . . .	{	S. A. R. Le Prince Guillaume, frère du Roi.
Abdallah, Père d'Aliris . . . . .	{	S. A. R. Le Duc de Cumberland.
La Reine, son épouse . . . . .	{	S. A. R. La Princesse Louise Radziwill.”

Besides these and other leading personages, there were also brought into action, under the various denominations of Seigneurs et Dames de Bucharie, Dames de Cachemire, Seigneurs et Dames dansans à la Fête des Roses, &c. nearly 150 persons.

Of the manner and style in which the Tableaux of the different stories are described in the work from which I cite, the following account of the performance of Paradise and the Peri will afford some specimen:—

“La décoration représentoit les portes brillantes du Paradis, entourées de nuages. Dans le premier tableau on voyoit la Péri, triste et desolée, couchée sur le seuil des portes fermées, et l'Ange de lumière qui lui adresse des consolations et des conseils. Le second représente

<sup>1</sup> Lalla Roukh, Divertissement mêlé de Chants et de Danses, Berlin, 1822. The work contains a series of colored

engravings, representing groups, processions, &c., in different Oriental costumes.



le moment, où la Peri, dans l'espoir que ce don lui ouvrira l'entrée du Paradis recueille la dernière goutte de sang que vient de verser le jeune guerrier Indien. . . . .

"La Peri et l'Ange de lumière répondoient plainement à l'image et à l'idée qu'on est tenté de se faire de ces deux individus, et l'impression qu'a faite généralement la suite des tableaux de cet épisode délicat et intéressant est loin de s'effacer de notre souvenir."

In this grand Fête, it appears, originated the translation of Lalla Rookh into German verse, by the Baron de la Motte Fouqué; and the circumstances which led him to undertake the task, are described by himself, in a Dedicatory Poem to the Empress of Russia, which he has prefixed to his translation. As soon as the performance, he tells us, had ended, Lalla Rookh (the Empress herself) exclaimed, with a sigh, "Is it, then, all over? are we now at the close of all that has given us so much delight? and lives there no poet who will impart to others, and to future times, some notion of the happiness we have enjoyed this evening?" On hearing this appeal, a Knight of Cashmere (who is no other than the poetical Baron himself) comes forward and promises to attempt to present to the world "the Poem itself in the measure of the original:"—whereupon Lalla Rookh, it is added, approvingly smiled.

TO

SAMUEL ROGERS, ESQ.

THIS EASTERN ROMANCE

IS INSCRIBED BY HIS VERY GRATEFUL AND AFFECTIONATE FRIEND,

THOMAS MOORE.

May 19, 1817.

In the eleventh year of the reign of Aurungzebe, Abdalla, King of the Lesser Bucharia, a lineal descendant from the Great Zingis, having abdicated the throne in favor of his son, set out on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Prophet; and, passing into India through the delightful

valley of Cashmere, rested for a short time at Delhi on his way. He was entertained by Aurungzebe in a style of magnificent hospitality, worthy alike of the visitor and the host, and was afterwards escorted with the same splendor to Surat, where he embarked for Arabia.<sup>1</sup> During the stay of the Royal Pilgrim at Delhi, a marriage was agreed upon between the Prince, his son, and the youngest daughter of the Emperor, LALLA ROOKH;<sup>2</sup>—a Princess described by the poets of her time as more beautiful than Leila,<sup>3</sup> Shirine,<sup>4</sup> Dewildé,<sup>5</sup> or any of those heroines whose names and loves embellish the songs of Persia and Hindostan. It was intended that the nuptials should be celebrated at Cashmere; where the young King, as soon as the cares of empire would permit, was to meet, for the first time, his lovely bride, and, after a few months' repose in that enchanting valley, conduct her over the snowy hills into Bucharia.

The day of LALLA ROOKH's departure from Delhi was as splendid as sunshine and pageantry could make it. The bazaars and baths were all covered with the richest tapestry; hundreds of gilded barges upon the Jumna floated with their banners shining in the water; while through the streets groups of beautiful children went strewing the most delicious flowers around, as in that Persian festival called the Scattering of the Roses;<sup>6</sup> till every part of the city was as fragrant as if a caravan of musk from Khoten had passed through it. The Princess, having taken leave of her kind father, who at parting hung a carnelian of Yemen round her neck, on which was inscribed a verse from the Koran, and having sent a considerable present to the Fakirs, who kept up the Perpetual Lamp in her sister's tomb, meekly ascended the palanquin prepared for her; and, while Aurungzebe stood to take a last look from his balcony, the procession moved slowly on the road to Lahore.

Seldom had the Eastern world seen a cavalcade so superb. From the gardens in the suburbs to the Imperial palace, it was one unbroken line of splendor. The gallant appearance of the Rajahs and Mogul Lords, distinguished by those

<sup>1</sup> These particulars of the visit of the King of Bucharia to Aurungzebe are found in *Dow's History of Hindostan*, vol. iii. p. 392.

<sup>2</sup> Tulip cheek.

<sup>3</sup> The mistress of Mejnnon, upon whose story so many Romances in all the languages of the East are founded.

<sup>4</sup> For the loves of this celebrated beauty with Khosrou

and with Ferhad, see *D'Herbelot, Gibbon, Oriental Collections*, &c.

<sup>5</sup> "The history of the loves of Dewildé and Chizer, the son of the Emperor Alla, is written in an elegant poem, by the noble Chusero."—*Ferishta*.

<sup>6</sup> Gul Reazee.



insignia of the Emperor's favor,<sup>1</sup> the feathers of the egret of Cashmere in their turbans, and the small silver-rimmed kettledrums at the bows of their saddles;—the costly armor of their cavaliers, who vied, on this occasion, with the guards of the great Keder Khan,<sup>2</sup> in the brightness of their silver battle axes and the massiveness of their maces of gold;—the glittering of the gilt pine apples<sup>3</sup> on the tops of the palanquins;—the embroidered trappings of the elephants, bearing on their backs small turrets, in the shape of little antique temples, within which the Ladies of LALLA ROOKH lay as it were enshrined;—the rose-colored veils of the Princess's own sumptuous litter,<sup>4</sup> at the front of which a fair young female slave sat fanning her through the curtains, with feathers of the Argus pheasant's wing;<sup>5</sup>—and the lovely troop of Tartarian and Cashmerian maids of honor, whom the young King had sent to accompany his bride, and who rode on each side of the litter, upon small Arabian horses;—all was brilliant, tasteful, and magnificent, and pleased even the critical and fastidious FADLADEEN, Great Nazir or Chamberlain of the Harem, who was borne in his palanquin immediately after the Princess, and considered himself not the least important personage of the pageant.

1 "One mark of honor or knighthood bestowed by the Emperor is the permission to wear a small kettledrum at the bows of their saddles, which at first was invented for the training of hawks, and to call them to the lure, and is worn in the field by all sportsmen to that end."—*Fryer's Travels*.

2 "Those on whom the King has conferred the privilege must wear an ornament of jewels on the right side of the turban, surmounted by a high plume of the feathers of a kind of egret. This bird is found only in Cashmere, and the feathers are carefully collected for the King, who bestows them on his nobles."—*Ephinstone's Account of Cabul*.

3 "Khedar Khan, the Khakan, or King of Turkestan beyond the Gihon (at the end of the eleventh century), whenever he appeared abroad was preceded by seven hundred horsemen with silver battle axes, and was followed by an equal number bearing maces of gold. He was a great patron of poetry, and it was he who used to preside at public exercises of genius, with four basins of gold and silver by him to distribute among the poets who excelled."—*Richardson's Dissertation* prefixed to his Dictionary.

4 "The kubdeh, a large golden knob, generally in the shape of a pine apple, on the top of the canopy over the litter or palanquin."—*Scott's Notes on the Bahardanush*.

5 In the Poem of Zohair, in the Moallakat, there is the following lively description of "a company of maidens seated on camels."

"They are mounted in carriages covered with costly awnings, and with rose-colored veils, the linings of which have the hue of crimson Andem wood.

"When they ascend from the bosom of the vale, they sit

FADLADEEN was a judge of every thing, from the pencilling of a Circassian's eyelids to the deepest questions of science and literature; from the mixture of a conserve of rose leaves to the composition of an epic poem: and such influence had his opinion upon the various *astes* of the day, that all the cooks and poets of Delhi stood in awe of him. His political conduct and opinions were founded upon that line of Sadi,— "Should the Prince at noonday say, It is night, declare that you behold the moon and stars."—And his zeal for religion, of which Aurungzebe was a munificent protector,<sup>6</sup> was about as disinterested as that of the goldsmith who fell in love with the diamond eyes of the idol of Jaghernaut.<sup>7</sup>

During the first days of their journey, LALLA ROOKH, who had passed all her life within the shadow of the Royal Gardens of Delhi,<sup>8</sup> found enough in the beauty of the scenery through which they passed to interest her mind, and delight her imagination; and when at evening, or in the heat of the day, they turned off from the high road to those retired and romantic places which had been selected for her encampments, —sometimes on the banks of a small rivulet, as clear as the waters of the Lake of Pearl;<sup>9</sup> sometimes under the sacred shade of a Banyan

forward on the saddlecloth, with every mark of a voluptuous gayety.

"Now, when they have reached the brink of yon blue-gushing rivulet, they fix the poles of their tents like the Arab with a settled mansion."

6 See *Bernier's* description of the attendants on Rauchana-Begum, in her progress to Cashmere.

7 This hypocritical Emperor would have made a worthy associate of certain Holy Leagues.—"He held the cloak of religion (says Dow) between his actions and the vulgar; and impiously thanked the Divinity for a success which he owed to his own wickedness. When he was murdering and persecuting his brothers and their families, he was building a magnificent mosque at Delhi, as an offering to God for his assistance to him in the civil wars. He acted as high priest at the consecration of this temple; and made a practice of attending divine service there, in the humble dress of a Fakir. But when he lifted one hand to the Divinity, he, with the other, signed warrants for the assassination of his relations."—*History of Hindostan*, vol. iii, p. 335. See also the curious letter of Aurungzebe, given in the *Oriental Collections*, vol. i. p. 320.

8 "The idol at Jaghernat has two fine diamonds for eyes. No goldsmith is suffered to enter the Pagoda, one having stole one of these eyes, being locked up all night with the idol."—*Tavernier*.

9 See a description of these royal Gardens in "An Account of the present State of Delhi, by Lieut. W. Franklin."—*Asiatic Research*, vol. iv. p. 417.

10 "In the neighborhood is Notte Gill, or the Lake of Pearl, which receives this name from its pellucid water" — *Pennant's Hindostan*.

tree, from which the view opened upon a glade covered with antelopes; and often in those hidden, embowered spots, described by one from the Isles of the West,<sup>1</sup> as "places of melancholy, delight, and safety, where all the company around was wild peacocks and turtle doves;" — she felt a charm in these scenes, so lovely and so new to her, which, for a time, made her indifferent to every other amusement. But LALLA ROOKH was young, and the young love variety; nor could the conversation of her Ladies and the Great Chamberlain, FADLADEEN, (the only persons, of course, admitted to her pavilion,) sufficiently enliven those many vacant hours, which were devoted neither to the pillow nor the palanquin. There was a little Persian slave who sung sweetly to the Vina, and who, now and then, lulled the Princess to sleep with the ancient ditties of her country, about the loves of Wamak and Ezra,<sup>2</sup> the fair-haired Zal and his mistress Rodahver;<sup>3</sup> not forgetting the combat of Rustam with the terrible White Demon.<sup>4</sup> At other times she was amused by those graceful dancing girls of Delhi, who had been permitted by the Bramins of the Great Pagoda to attend her, much to the horror of the good Mussulman FADLADEEN, who could see nothing graceful or agreeable in idolaters, and to whom the very tinkling of their golden anklets<sup>5</sup> was an abomination.

But these and many other diversions were repeated till they lost all their charm, and the nights and noondays were beginning to move

"Nasir Jung encamped in the vicinity of the Lake of Tonoor, amused himself with sailing on that clear and beautiful water, and gave it the fanciful name of Motee Talah, 'the Lake of Pearls,' which it still retains." — *Wilks's* South of India.

<sup>1</sup> Sir Thomas Roe, Ambassador from James I. to Jehanguir.

<sup>2</sup> "The romance Wemakwezra, written in Persian verse, which contains the loves of Wamak and Ezra, two celebrated lovers who lived before the time of Mahomet." — *Note on the Oriental Tales.*

<sup>3</sup> Their amour is recounted in the Shah-Namêh of Ferousi; and there is much beauty in the passage which describes the slaves of Rodahver sitting on the bank of the river and throwing flowers into the stream, in order to draw the attention of the young Hero who is encamped on the opposite side. — See *Champion's* translation.

<sup>4</sup> Rustam is the Hercules of the Persians. For the particulars of his victory over the Sepeed Deeve, or White Demon, see *Oriental Collections*, vol. ii. p. 45. — Near the city of Shirauz is an immense quadrangular monument, in commemoration of this combat, called the Kelaat-i-Deev Sepeed, or castle of the White Giant, which Father Angelo, in his *Gazophiliacium Persicum*, p. 127, declares to have been the

heavily, when, at length, it was recollected that among the attendants sent by the bridegroom, was a young poet of Cashmere, much celebrated throughout the Valley for his manner of reciting the Stories of the East, on whom his Royal Master had conferred the privilege of being admitted to the pavilion of the Princess, that he might help to beguile the tediousness of the journey by some of his most agreeable recitals. At the mention of a poet, FADLADEEN elevated his critical eyebrows, and, having refreshed his faculties with a dose of that delicious opium<sup>6</sup> which is distilled from the black poppy of the Thebais, gave orders for the minstrel to be forthwith introduced into the presence.

The Princess, who had once in her life seen a poet from behind the screens of gauze in her Father's hall, and had conceived from that specimen no very favorable ideas of the Caste, expected but little in this new exhibition to interest her; — she felt inclined, however, to alter her opinion on the very first appearance of FERAMORZ. He was a youth about LALLA ROOKH's own age, and graceful as that idol of women, Crishna,<sup>7</sup> — such as he appears to their young imaginations, heroic, beautiful, breathing music from his very eyes, and exalting the religion of his worshippers into love. His dress was simple, yet not without some marks of costliness; and the Ladies of the Princess were not long in discovering that the cloth, which encircled his high Tartarian cap, was of the most delicate kind that the shawl goats of Tibet supply.<sup>8</sup>

most memorable monument of antiquity which he had seen in Persia. — See *Ouseley's* Persian Miscellanies.

<sup>5</sup> "The women of the Idol, or dancing girls of the Pagoda, have little golden bells, fastened to their feet, the soft harmonious tinkling of which vibrates in unison with the exquisite melody of their voices." — *Maurice's* Indian Antiquities.

"The Arabian courtesans, like the Indian women, have little golden bells fastened round their legs, neck, and elbows, to the sound of which they dance before the King. The Arabian princesses wear golden rings on their fingers, to which little bells are suspended, as well as in the flowing tresses of their hair, that their superior rank may be known, and they themselves receive in passing the homage due to them." — See *Calmet's* Dictionary, art. Bells.

<sup>6</sup> "Abou-Tige, ville de la Thebaïde, où il croit beaucoup de pavot noir, dont se fait le meilleur opium." — *D'Herbelot.*

<sup>7</sup> The Indian Apollo. — "He and the three Râmas are described as youths of perfect beauty; and the princesses of Hindustân were all passionately in love with Crishna, who continues to this hour the darling God of the Indian women." — *Sir W. Jones*, on the Gods of Greece, Italy, and India.

<sup>8</sup> See *Turner's* Embassy for a description of this animal

Here and there, too, over his vest, which was confined by a flowered girdle of Kashan, hung strings of fine pearl, disposed with an air of studied negligence; — nor did the exquisite embroidery of his sandals escape the observation of these fair critics; who, however they might give way to FADLADEEN upon the unimportant topics of religion and government, had the spirit of martyrs in every thing relating to such momentous matters as jewels and embroidery.

For the purpose of relieving the pauses of recitation by music, the young Cashmerian held in his hand a kitar; — such as, in old times, the Arab maids of the West used to listen to by moonlight in the gardens of the Alhambra — and, having premised, with much humility, that the story he was about to relate was founded on the adventures of that Veiled Prophet of Khorassan,<sup>1</sup> who, in the year of the Hegira 163, created such alarm throughout the Eastern Empire, made an obeisance to the Princess, and thus began: —

#### THE VEILED PROPHET OF KHORASSAN.<sup>2</sup>

IN that delightful Province of the Sun,  
The first of Persian lands he shines upon,  
Where all the loveliest children of his beam,  
Flow'rets and fruits, blush over every stream,<sup>3</sup>  
And, fairest of all streams, the MURGA roves  
Among MEROU'S<sup>4</sup> bright palaces and groves; —  
There on that throne, to which the blind belief  
Of millions rais'd him, sat the Prophet Chief,  
The Great MOKANNA. O'er his features hung  
The Veil, the Silver Veil, which he had flung

“the most beautiful among the whole tribe of goats.” The material for the shawls (which is carried to Cashmere) is found next the skin.

<sup>1</sup> For the real history of this Impostor, whose original name was Hakem ben Haschem, and who was called Moccanna from the veil of silver gauze (or, as others say, gold-en) which he always wore, see *D'Herbelot*.

<sup>2</sup> Khorassan signifies, in the old Persian language, Province or Region of the Sun. — *Sir W. Jones*.

<sup>3</sup> “The fruits of Meru are finer than those of any other place; and one cannot see in any other city such palaces with groves, and streams, and gardens.” — *Ebn Haukal's Geography*.

<sup>4</sup> One of the royal cities of Khorassan

<sup>6</sup> Moses.

<sup>8</sup> “Ses disciples assuroient qu'il se couvroit le visage, pour ne pas éblouir ceux qui l'approchoient par l'éclat de son visage comme Moïse.” — *D'Herbelot*.

<sup>7</sup> Black was the color adopted by the Caliphs of the House of Abbas, in their garments, turbans, and standards. — “Il

In mercy there to hide from mortal sight  
His dazzling orow, till man could bear its  
light.

For, far less luminous, his votaries said,  
Were ev'n the gleams, miraculously shed  
O'er MOUSSA'S<sup>5</sup> cheek,<sup>6</sup> when down the Mount  
he trod,

All glowing from the presence of his God!

On either side, with ready hearts and hands,  
His chosen guard of bold Believers stands;  
Young fire-eyed disputants, who deem their  
swords,

On points of faith, more eloquent than words;  
And such their zeal, there's not a youth with  
brand

Uplifted there, but, at the Chief's command,  
Would make his own devoted heart its sheath,  
And bless the lips that doom'd so dear a death!  
In hatred to the Caliph's hue of night,<sup>7</sup>  
Their vesture, helms and all, is snowy white;  
Their weapons various — some equipp'd, for  
speed,

With javelins of the light Kathaian reed;<sup>8</sup>  
Or bows of buffalo horn and shining quivers  
Fill'd with the stems<sup>9</sup> that bloom on IRAN'S  
rivers;<sup>10</sup>

While some, for war's more terrible attacks,  
Wield the huge mace and ponderous battle  
axe;

And as they wave aloft in morning's beam  
The milk-white plumage of their helms, they  
seem

Like a chinar-tree grove<sup>11</sup> when winter throws  
O'er all its tufted heads his feathering snows.

Between the porphyry pillars, that uphold  
The rich moresque work of the roof of gold,

faut remarquer ici touchant les habits blancs des disciples de Hakem, que la couleur des habits, des coiffures et des étendards des Khalifes Abassides étant la noire, ce chef de Rebelles ne pouvoit pas choisir une qui lui fût plus opposée.” — *D'Herbelot*.

<sup>8</sup> “Our dark javelins, exquisitely wrought of Kathaian reeds, slender and delicate.” — *Poem of Amru*.

<sup>9</sup> Pichula, used anciently for arrows by the Persians.

<sup>10</sup> The Persians call this plant Gaz. The celebrated shaft of Isfendiar, one of their ancient heroes, was made of it. — “Nothing can be more beautiful than the appearance of this plant in flower during the rains on the banks of rivers, where it is usually interwoven with a lovely twining asclepias.” — *Sir W. Jones, Botanical Observations on Select Indian Plants*.

<sup>11</sup> The oriental plane. “The chinar is a delightful tree; its boll is of a fine white and smooth bark; and its foliage, which grows in a tuft at the summit, is of a bright green.” — *Morier's Travels*.

Aloft the Harem's curtain'd galleries rise,  
 Where through the silken network, glancing  
 eyes,  
 From time to time, like sudden gleams that glow  
 Through autumn clouds, shine o'er the pomp  
 below. —  
 What impious tongue, ye blushing saints, would  
 dare  
 To hint that aught but Heav'n hath plac'd you  
 there ?  
 Or that the loves of this light world could bind,  
 In their gross chain, your Prophet's soaring  
 mind ?  
 No — wrongful thought ! — commission'd from  
 above  
 To people Eden's bowers with shapes of love,  
 (Creatures so bright, that the same lips and  
 eyes  
 They wear on earth will serve in Paradise.)  
 There to recline among Heav'n's native maids,  
 And crown th' Elect with bliss that never  
 fades —  
 Well hath the Prophet Chief his bidding done ;  
 And every beauteous race beneath the sun,  
 From those who kneel at BRAHMA'S burning  
 fount,<sup>1</sup>  
 To the fresh nymphs bounding o'er YEMEN'S  
 mounts ;  
 From PERSIA'S eyes of full and fawnlike ray,  
 To the small, half-shut glances of KATHAY ;<sup>2</sup>  
 And GEORGIA'S bloom, and AZAB'S darker smiles,  
 And the gold ringlets of the Western Isles ;  
 All, all are there ; — each Land its flower hath  
 given,  
 To form that fair young Nursery for Heaven !

But why this pageant now ? this arm'd array ?  
 What triumph crowds the rich Divan to-day  
 With turban'd heads, of every hue and race,  
 Bowing before that veil'd and awful face,  
 Like tulip beds,<sup>3</sup> of different shape and dyes,  
 Bending beneath th' invisible West wind's sighs !  
 What new-made mystery now, for Faith to  
 sign,  
 And blood to seal, as genuine and divine,  
 What dazzling mimicry of God's own power  
 Hath the bold Prophet plann'd to grace this  
 hour ?

<sup>1</sup> The burning fountains of Brahma near Chittogong, esteemed as holy. — *Turner*.

<sup>2</sup> China.

<sup>3</sup> "The name of tulip is said to be of Turkish extraction, and given to the flower on account of its resembling a turban." — *Beckmann's History of Inventions*.

<sup>4</sup> "The inhabitants of Bucharia wear a round cloth bon-

net, shaped much after the Polish fashion, having a large fur border. They tie their kaftans about the middle with a girdle of a kind of silk crape, several times round the body." — *Account of Independent Turkey, in Pinkerton's Collection*.

Not such the pageant now, though not less  
 proud ;  
 Yon warrior youth, advancing from the crowd,  
 With silver bow, with belt of broider'd crape,  
 And fur-bound bonnet of Bucharian shape,<sup>4</sup>  
 So fiercely beautiful in form and eye,  
 Like war's wild planet in a summer sky ;  
 That youth to-day, — a proselyte, worth hordes  
 Of cooler spirits and less practis'd swords, —  
 Is come to join, all bravery and belief,  
 The creed and standard of the heav'n-sent Chief.

Though few his years, the West already knows  
 Young AZIM'S fame ; — beyond th' Olympian  
 snows  
 Ere manhood darken'd o'er his downy cheek,  
 O'erwhelm'd in fight and captive to the Greek,<sup>5</sup>  
 He linger'd there, till peace dissolved his  
 chains ; —  
 O, who could, ev'n in bondage, tread the plains  
 Of glorious GREECE, nor feel his spirit rise  
 Kindling within him ? who, with heart and eyes,  
 Could walk where Liberty had been, nor see  
 The shining footprints of her Deity,  
 Nor feel those godlike breathings in the air,  
 Which mutely told her spirit had been there ?  
 Not he, that youthful warrior, — no, too well  
 For his soul's quiet work'd th' awakening spell ;  
 And now, returning to his own dear land,  
 Full of those dreams of good that, vainly grand,  
 Haunt the young heart, — proud views of  
 humankind,  
 Of men to Gods exalted and refin'd, —  
 False views, like that horizon's fair deceit,  
 Where earth and heav'n but seem, alas, to meet !  
 Soon as he heard an Arm Divine was rais'd  
 To right the nations, and beheld, emblaz'd  
 On the white flag MOKANNA'S host unfurl'd,  
 Those words of sunshine, "Freedom to the  
 World,"  
 At once his faith, his sword, his soul obey'd  
 Th' inspiring summons ; every chosen blade  
 That fought beneath that banner's sacred text  
 Seem'd doubly edg'd, for this world and the  
 next ;  
 And ne'er did Faith with her smooth bandage  
 bind  
 Eyes more devoutly willing to be blind,

net, shaped much after the Polish fashion, having a large fur border. They tie their kaftans about the middle with a girdle of a kind of silk crape, several times round the body." — *Account of Independent Turkey, in Pinkerton's Collection*.

<sup>5</sup> In the war of the Caliph Mahadi against the Empress Irene, for an account of which vide *Gibbon*, vol. x.



In virtue's cause ; — never was soul inspir'd  
 With livelier trust in what it most desir'd,  
 Than his, th' enthusiast there, who kneeling,  
     pale  
 With pious awe, before that Silver Veil,  
 Believes the form, to which he bends his knee,  
 Some pure, redeeming angel, sent to free  
 This fetter'd world from every bond and  
     stain,  
 And bring its primal glories back again !

Low as young AZIM knelt, that motley crowd  
 Of all earth's nations sunk the knee and bow'd,  
 With shouts of "ALLA!" echoing long and  
     loud ;

While high in air, above the Prophet's head,  
 Hundreds of banners, to the sunbeam spread,  
 Wav'd, like the wings of the white birds that  
     fan

The flying throne of star-taught SOLIMAN.<sup>1</sup>  
 Then thus he spoke : — " Stranger, though new  
     the frame

" Thy soul inhabits now, I've track'd its flame  
 " For many an age,<sup>2</sup> in every chance and change  
 " Of that existence, through whose varied  
     range, —

" As through a torch race, where, from hand to  
     hand

" The flying youths transmit their shining brand,  
 " From frame to frame the unextinguish'd soul  
 " Rapidly passes, till it reach the goal !

" Nor think 'tis only the gross Spirits, warm'd  
 " With duskier fire and for earth's medium  
     form'd,

" That run this course ; — Beings, the most  
     divine,

" Thus deign through dark mortality to shine.

" Such was the Essence that in ADAM dwelt,  
 " To which all Heav'n, except the Proud One,  
     knelt :<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This wonderful Throne was called The Star of the Genii. For a full description of it, see the Fragment, translated by Captain Franklin, from a Persian MS. entitled "The History of Jerusalem," *Oriental Collections*, vol. i. p. 235. — When Soliman travelled, the eastern writers say, "He had a carpet of green silk on which his throne was placed, being of a prodigious length and breadth, and sufficient for all his forces to stand upon, the men placing themselves on his right hand, and the spirits on his left ; and that when all were in order, the wind, at his command, took up the carpet, and transported it, with all that were upon it, wherever he pleased ; the army of birds at the same time flying over their heads, and forming a kind of canopy to shade them from the sun." — *Sale's Koran*, vol. ii. p. 214, note.

<sup>2</sup> The transmigration of souls was one of his doctrines. — *Vide D'Herbelot*.

" Such the refin'd Intelligence that glow'd  
 " In MOUSSA'S<sup>4</sup> frame, — and, thence descend-  
     ing, flow'd

" Through many a Prophet's breast ;<sup>5</sup> — in ISSA<sup>6</sup>  
     shone,

" And in MOHAMMED burn'd ; till, hastening  
     on,

" (As a bright river that, from fall to fall

" In many a maze descending, bright through  
     all,

" Finds some fair region where, each labyrinth  
     pass'd,

" In one full lake of light it rests at last)

" That Holy Spirit, settling calm and free  
 " From lapse or shadow, centers all in me !"

Again, throughout th' assembly at these words,  
 Thousands of voices rung : the warrior's swords  
 Were pointed up to heaven ; a sudden wind  
 In th' open banners play'd, and from behind  
 Those Persian hangings, that but ill could screen  
 The Harem's loveliness, white hands were seen  
 Waving embroider'd scarfs, whose motion gave  
 A perfume forth — like those the Houris wave  
 When beck'ning to their bowers th' immortal  
     Brave.

" But these," pursued the Chief, " are truths  
     sublime,

" That claim a holier mood and calmer time

" Than earth allows us now ; — this swora must  
     first

" The darkling prison house of Mankind burst,  
 " Ere Peace can visit them, or Truth let in

" Her wakening daylight on a world of sin.

" But then, — celestial warriors, then, when all  
 " Earth's shrines and thrones before our banner  
     fall ;

" When the glad Slave shall at these feet lay  
     down

" His broken chain, the tyrant Lord his crown,

<sup>3</sup> " And when we said unto the angels, Worship Adam, they all worshipped him except Eblis (Lucifer), who refused." — *The Koran*, chap. ii.

<sup>4</sup> Moses.

<sup>5</sup> This is according to D'Herbelot's account of the doctrines of Mokanna : — "Sa doctrine étoit, que Dieu avoit pris une forme et figure humaine, depuis qu'il eut commandé aux Anges d'adorer Adam, le premier des hommes. Qu'après la mort d'Adam, Dieu étoit apparu sous la figure de plusieurs Prophètes, et autres grands hommes qu'il avoit choisis, jusqu'à ce qu'il prit celle d'Abu Moslem, Prince de Khorassan, lequel professoit l'erreur de la Tenassukhia ou Metempsychose ; et qu'après la mort de ce Prince, la Divinité étoit passée, et descendue en sa personne."

<sup>6</sup> Jesus.



"The Priest his book, the Conqueror his wreath,  
 "And from the lips of Truth one mighty breath  
 "Shall, like a whirlwind, scatter in its breeze  
 "That whole dark pile of human mockeries; —  
 "Then shall the reign of mind commence on  
 earth,  
 "And starting fresh as from a second birth,  
 "Man, in the sunshine of the world's new spring,  
 "Shall walk transparent, like some holy thing!  
 "Then, too, your Prophet from his angel brow  
 "Shall cast the Veil that hides its splendors now,  
 "And gladden'd Earth shall, through her wide  
 expanse,  
 "Bask in the glories of this countenance!

"For thee, young warrior, welcome! — thou  
 hast yet  
 "Some tasks to learn, some frailties to forget,  
 "Ere the white war plume o'er thy brow can  
 wave; —  
 "But, once my own, mine all till in the grave!"

The pomp is at an end — the crowds are  
 gone —  
 Each ear and heart still haunted by the tone  
 Of that deep voice, which thrill'd like ALLA'S  
 own!  
 The Young all dazzled by the plumes and lances,  
 The glittering throne, and Harem's half-caught  
 glances;  
 The Old deep pondering on the promis'd reign  
 Of peace and truth; and all the female train  
 Ready to risk their eyes, could they but gaze  
 A moment on that brow's miraculous blaze!

But there was one, among the chosen maids,  
 Who blush'd behind the gallery's silken shades,  
 One, to whose soul the pageant of to-day  
 Has been like death: — you saw her pale dismay,  
 Ye wondering sisterhood, and heard the burst  
 Of exclamation from her lips, when first  
 She saw that youth, too well, too dearly known,  
 Silently kneeling at the Prophet's throne.

Ah ZELICA! there *was* a time, when bliss  
 Shone o'er thy heart from every look of his;  
 When but to see him, hear him, breathe the air  
 In which he dwelt, was thy soul's fondest prayer;  
 When round him hung such a perpetual spell,  
 Whate'er he did, none ever did so well.  
 Too happy days! when, if he touch'd a flower  
 Or gem of thine, 'twas sacred from that hour;

When thou didst study him till every tone  
 And gesture and dear look became thy own, —  
 Thy voice like his, the changes of his face  
 In thine reflected with still lovelier grace,  
 Like echo, sending back sweet music, fraught  
 With twice th' aerial sweetness it had brought!  
 Yet now he comes, — brighter than even he  
 E'er beam'd before, — but, ah! not bright for  
 thee;  
 No — dread, unlook'd for, like a visitant  
 From th' other world, he comes as if to haunt  
 Thy guilty soul with dreams of lost delight,  
 Long lost to all but memory's aching sight: —  
 Sad dreams! as when the Spirit of our Youth  
 Returns in sleep, sparkling with all the truth  
 And innocence once ours, and leads us back,  
 In mournful mockery, o'er the shining track  
 Of our young life, and points out every ray  
 Of hope and peace we've lost upon the way!

Once happy pair! — In proud BOKHARA'S  
 groves,  
 Who had not heard of their first youthful loves?  
 Born by that ancient flood,<sup>1</sup> which from its  
 spring  
 In the dark Mountains swiftly wandering,  
 Enrich'd by every pilgrim brook that shines  
 With relics from BUCHARIA'S ruby mines,  
 And, lending to the CASPIAN half its strength,  
 In the cold Lake of Eagles sinks at length; —  
 There, on the banks of that bright river born,  
 The flowers, that hung above its wave at morn,  
 Bless'd not the waters, as they murmur'd by,  
 With holier scent and lustre, than the sigh  
 And virgin glance of first affection cast  
 Upon their youth's smooth current, as it pass'd:  
 But war disturb'd this vision, — far away  
 From her fond eyes summon'd to join th' array  
 Of PERSIA'S warriors on the hills of THRACE,  
 The youth exchange'd his sylvan dwelling-place  
 For the rude tent and war field's deathful clash!  
 His ZELICA'S sweet glances for the flash  
 Of Grecian wildfire, and Love's gentle chains  
 For bleeding bondage on BYZANTIUM'S plains.

Month after month, in widowhood of soul  
 Drooping, the maiden saw two summers roll  
 Their suns away — but, ah, how cold and dim  
 Ev'n summer suns, when not beheld with him!  
 From time to time ill-omen'd rumors came,  
 Like spirit tongues, mutt'ring the sick man's  
 name,

<sup>1</sup> The Amoo, which rises in the Belur Tag, or Dark Mountains, and running nearly from east to west, splits into

two branches; one of which falls into the Caspian sea, and the other into Aral Nahr, or the Lake of Eagles.

Just ere he dies: — at length those sounds of  
dread

Fell withering on her soul, "AZIM is dead!"  
O Grief, beyond all other griefs, when fate  
First leaves the young heart lone and desolate  
In the wide world, without that only tie  
For which it lov'd to live or fear'd to die; —  
Lorn as the hung-up lute, that ne'er hath spoken  
Since the sad day its master chord was broken!

Fond maid, the sorrow of her soul was such,  
Ev'n reason sunk, — blighted beneath its touch;  
And though, ere long, her sanguine spirit  
rose

Above the first dead pressure of its woes,  
Though health and bloom return'd, the delicate  
chain

Of thought, once tangled, never clear'd again.  
Warm, lively, soft, as in youth's happiest day,  
The mind was still all there, but turn'd astray; —  
A wandering bark, upon whose pathway shone  
All stars of heaven, except the guiding one!  
Again she smil'd, nay, much and brightly smil'd,  
But 'twas a lustre, strange, unreal, wild;  
And when she sung to her lute's touching strain,  
'Twas like the notes, half ecstasy, half pain,  
The bulbul<sup>1</sup> utters, ere her soul depart,  
When, vanquish'd by some minstrel's powerful  
art,  
She dies upon the lute whose sweetness broke  
her heart!

Such was the mood in which that mission  
found

Young ZELICA, — that mission which around  
The Eastern world, in every region blest  
With woman's smile, sought out its loveliest,  
To grace that galaxy of lips and eyes  
Which the Veil'd Prophet destin'd for the  
skies: —

And such quick welcome as a spark receives  
Dropp'd on a bed of Autumn's wither'd leaves,  
Did every tale of these enthusiasts find  
In the wild maiden's sorrow-blighted mind.  
All fire at once the madd'ning zeal she caught;  
Elect of Paradise! blest, rapturous thought!  
Predestin'd bride, in heaven's eternal dome,  
Of some brave youth — ha! durst they say  
"of some?"

No — of the one, one only object trac'd  
In her heart's core too deep to be effac'd;  
The one whose memory, fresh as life, is twin'd  
With every broken link of her lost mind;

<sup>1</sup> The nightingale.

Whose image lives, though Reason's self be  
wreck'd,

Safe 'mid the ruins of her intellect!

Alas, poor ZELICA! it needed all  
The fantasy, which held thy mind in thrall,  
To see in that gay Harem's glowing maids  
A sainted colony for Eden's shades;  
Or dream that he, — of whose unholy flame  
Thou wert too soon the victim, — shining came  
From Paradise, to people its pure sphere  
With souls like thine, which he hath ruin'd  
here!

No — had not reason's light totally set,  
And left thee dark, thou hadst an amulet  
In the lov'd image, graven on thy heart,  
Which would have sav'd thee from the tempt-  
er's art,

And kept alive, in all its bloom of breath,  
That purity, whose fading is love's death! —  
But lost, inflam'd, — a restless zeal took place  
Of the mild virgin's still and feminine grace;  
First of the Prophet's favorites, proudly first  
In zeal and charms, — too well th' Impostor  
nurs'd

Her soul's delirium, in whose active flame,  
Thus lighting up a young, luxuriant frame,  
He saw more potent sorceries to bind  
To his dark yoke the spirits of mankind,  
More subtle chains than hell itself e'er twin'd.  
No art was spar'd, no witchery; — all the skill  
His demons taught him was employ'd to fill  
Her mind with gloom and ecstasy by turns —  
That gloom, through which Frenzy but fiercer  
burns;

That ecstasy, which from the depth of sadness  
Glares like the maniac's moon, whose light is  
madness!

'Twas from a brilliant banquet, where the  
sound

Of poesy and music breath'd around,  
Together picturing to her mind and ear  
The glories of that heav'n, her destin'd sphere,  
Where all was pure, where every stain that lay  
Upon the spirit's light should pass away,  
And, realizing more than youthful love  
E'er wish'd or dream'd, she should forever rove  
Through fields of fragrance by her AZIM's side,  
His own bless'd, purified, eternal bride! —  
'Twas from a scene, a witching trance like this,  
He hurried her away, yet breathing bliss,  
To the dim charnel house; — through all its  
steams

Of damp and death, led only by those gleams

Which four Corruption lights, as with design  
To show the gay and proud *she* too can shine —  
And, passing on through upright ranks of Dead,  
Which to the maiden, doubly craz'd by dread,  
Seem'd through the bluish death light round  
them cast,

To move their lips in mutterings as she pass'd —  
There, in that awful place, when each had quaff'd  
And pledg'd in silence such a fearful draught,  
Such — O, the look and taste of that red bowl  
Will haunt her till she dies — he bound her soul  
By a dark oath, in hell's own language fram'd,  
Never, while earth his mystic presence claim'd,  
While the blue arch of day hung o'er them  
both,

Never, by that all-imprecating oath,  
In joy or sorrow from his side to sever. —  
She swore, and the wide charnel echoed, "Never,  
never!"

From that dread hour, entirely, wildly given  
To him and — she believ'd, lost maid! — to  
heaven;

Her brain, her heart, her passions all inflam'd,  
How proud she stood, when in full Harem nam'd  
The Priestess of the Faith! — how flash'd her  
eyes

With light, alas, that was not of the skies,  
When round, in trances, only less than hers,  
she saw the Harem kneel, her prostrate wor-  
shippers.

Well might MOKANNA think that form alone  
Had spells enough to make the world his own: —  
Light, lovely limbs, to which the spirit's play  
Gave motion, airy as the dancing spray,  
When from its stem the small bird wings away:  
Lips in whose rosy labyrinth, when she smil'd,  
The soul was lost; and blushes, swift and wild  
As are the momentary meteors sent  
Across th' uncalm, but beauteous firmament.  
And then her look — O, where's the heart so wise  
Could unbewilder'd meet those matchless eyes?  
Quick, restless, strange, but exquisite withal,  
Like those of angels, just before their fall;  
Now shadow'd with the shames of earth — now  
cross'd

By glimpses of the Heav'n her heart had lost;  
In every glance there broke, without control,  
The flashes of a bright, but troubled soul,  
Where sensibility still wildly play'd,  
Like lightning, round the ruins it had made!

And such was now young ZELICA — so  
chang'd  
From her who, some years since, delighted rang'd

The almond groves that shade BOKHARA's tide,  
All life and bliss, with AZIM by her side!  
So alter'd was she now, this festal day,  
When, 'mid the proud Divan's dazzling array,  
The vision of that Youth whom she had lov'd,  
Had wept as dead, before her breath'd and  
mov'd; —

When — bright, she thought, as if from Eden's  
track

But half way trodden, he had wander'd back  
Again to earth, glistening with Eden's light —  
Her beauteous AZIM shone before her sight.

O Reason! who shall say what spells renew,  
When least we look for it, thy broken clew!  
Through what small vistas o'er the darken'd  
brain

Thy intellectual daydream bursts again;  
And how, like forts, to which beleaguers win  
Unhop'd-for entrance through some friend  
within,

One clear idea, wakened in the breast  
By memory's magic, lets in all the rest.  
Would it were thus, unhappy girl, with thee!  
But though light came, it came but partially;  
Enough to show the maze, in which thy sense  
Wander'd about, — but not to guide it thence,  
Enough to glimmer o'er the yawning wave,  
But not to point the harbor which might save.  
Hours of delight and peace, long left behind,  
With that dear form came rushing o'er her mind;  
But, O, to think how deep her soul had gone  
In shame and falsehood since those moments  
shone;

And, then, her oath — *there* madness lay again,  
And, shuddering, back she sunk into her chain  
Of mental darkness, as if blest to flee  
From light, whose every glimpse was agony!  
Yet, *one* relief this glance of former years  
Brought, mingled with its pain, — tears, floods  
of tears,

Long frozen at her heart, but now like rills  
Let loose in spring time from the snowy hills,  
And gushing warm, after a sleep of frost,  
Through valleys where their flow had long been  
lost.

Sad and subdued, for the first time her frame  
Trembled with horror, when the summons came  
(A summons proud and rare, which all but she,  
And she, till now, had heard with ecstasy.)  
To meet MOKANNA at his place of prayer,  
A garden oratory, cool and fair,  
By the stream's side, where still at close of day  
The Prophet of the Veil retir'd to pray;

Sometimes alone — but, oftener far, with one,  
One chosen nymph to share his orison.

Of late none found such favor in his sight  
As the young Priestess ; and though, since that  
night

When the death caverns echoed every tone  
Of the dire oath that made her all his own,  
Th' Impostor, sure of his infatuate prize,  
Had, more than once, thrown off his soul's dis-  
guise,

And utter'd such unheav'nly, monstrous things,  
As ev'n across the desperate wanderings  
Of a weak intellect, whose lamp was out,  
Threw startling shadows of dismay and doubt ; —  
Yet zeal, ambition, her tremendous vow,  
The thought, still haunting her, of that bright  
brow,

Whose blaze, as yet from mortal eye conceal'd,  
Would soon, proud triumph ! be to her reveal'd,  
To her alone ; — and then the hope, most dear,  
Most wild of all, that her transgression here  
Was but a passage through earth's grosser  
fire,

From which the spirit would at last aspire,  
Ev'n purer than before, — as perfumes rise  
Through flame and smoke, most welcome to the  
skies —

And that when AZIM's fond, divine embrace  
Should circle her in heav'n, no darkening trace  
Would on that bosom he once lov'd remain,  
But all be bright, be pure, be *his* again ! —  
These were the wildering dreams, whose curs'd  
deceit

Had chain'd her soul beneath the tempter's feet,  
And made her think ev'n damning falsehood  
sweet.

But now that Shape, which had appall'd her  
view,

That Semblance — O how terrible, if true !  
Which came across her frenzy's full career  
With shock of consciousness, cold, deep, severe,  
As when, in northern seas, at midnight dark,  
An isle of ice encounters some swift bark,  
And, startling all its wretches from their sleep,  
By one cold impulse hurls them to the deep ; —  
So came that shock not frenzy's self could bear,

<sup>1</sup> The cities of Com (or Koom) and Cashan are full of mosques, mausoleums, and sepulchres of the descendants of Ali, the Saints of Persia. — *Chardin*.

<sup>2</sup> An island in the Persian Gulf, celebrated for its white wine.

<sup>3</sup> The miraculous well at Mecca ; so called, says Sale, from the murmuring of its waters.

<sup>4</sup> The god Hannaman. — "Apes are in many parts of India highly venerated, out of respect to the God Hanna

And waking up each long-lull'd image there,  
But check'd her headlong soul, to sink it in  
despair !

Wan and dejected, through the evening dusk  
She now went slowly to that small kiosk,  
Where, pondering alone his impious schemes,  
MOKANNA waited her — too rapt in dreams  
Of the fair ripening future's rich success,  
To heed the sorrow, pale and spiritless,  
That sat upon his victim's downcast brow,  
Or mark how slow her step, how alter'd now  
From the quick, ardent Priestess, whose light  
bound

Came like a spirit's o'er th' unechoing ground,  
From that wild ZELICA, whose every glance  
Was thrilling fire, whose every thought a trance !

Upon his couch the Veil'd MOKANNA lay,  
While lamps around — not such as lend their  
ray,

Glimmering and cold, to those who nightly pray  
In holy KOOM,<sup>1</sup> or MECCA's dim arcades, —  
But brilliant, soft, such lights as lovely maids  
Look loveliest in, shed their luxurious glow  
Upon his mystic Veil's white glittering flow.  
Beside him, 'stead of beads and books of prayer,  
Which the world fondly thought he mused on  
there,

Stood Vases, fill'd with KISHMEE'S<sup>2</sup> golden wine,  
And the red weepings of the SHIRAZ vine ;  
Of which his curtain'd lips full many a draught  
Took zealously, as if each drop they quaff'd,  
Like ZEMZEM'S Spring of Holiness,<sup>3</sup> had power  
To freshen the soul's virtues into flower !  
And still he drank and ponder'd — nor could see  
Th' approaching maid, so deep his revery ;  
At length, with fiendish laugh, like that which  
broke

From EBLIS at the Fall of Man, he spoke : —  
" Yes, ye vile race, for hell's amusement given,  
" Too mean for earth, yet claiming kin with  
heaven ;  
" God's images, forsooth ! — such gods as he  
" Whom INDIA serves, the monkey deity ;<sup>4</sup> —  
" Ye creatures of a breath, proud things of cl<sup>y</sup>,  
" To whom if LUCIFER, as grandams say,

man, a deity partaking of the form of that race." — *Pennant's Hindoostan*.

See a curious account, in *Stephen's Persia*, of a solema embassy from some part of the Indies to Goa, when the Portuguese were there, offering vast treasures for the recovery of a monkey's tooth, which they held in great veneration, and which had been taken away upon the conquest of the kingdom of Jafanapatan.



"Refus'd, though at the forfeit of heaven's light,  
 "To bend in worship, LUCIFER was right! <sup>1</sup> —  
 "Soon shall I plant this foot upon the neck  
 "Of your foul race, and without fear or check,  
 "Luxuriating in hate, avenge my shame,  
 "My deep-felt, long-nurs'd loathing of man's  
 name! —  
 "Soon at the head of myriads, blind and fierce  
 "As hooded falcons, through the universe  
 "I'll sweep my darkening, desolating way,  
 "Weak man my instrument, curs'd man my  
 prey!

"Ye wise, ye learn'd, who grope your dull  
 way on  
 "By the dim twinkling gleams of ages gone,  
 "Like superstitious thieves, who think the light  
 "From dead men's marrow guides them best at  
 night <sup>2</sup> —  
 "Ye shall have honors — wealth, — yes, Sages,  
 yes —  
 "I know, grave fools, your wisdom's nothing-  
 ness;  
 "Undazzled it can track yon starry sphere,  
 "But a gilt stick, a bawble blinds it here.  
 "How I shall laugh, when trumpeted along,  
 "In lying speech, and still more lying song,  
 "By these learn'd slaves, the meanest of the  
 throng;  
 "Their wits bought up, their wisdom shrunk  
 so small,  
 "A sceptre's puny point can wield it all!

"Ye too, believers of incredible creeds,  
 "Whose faith enshrines the monsters which it  
 breeds;  
 "Who, bolder ev'n than NEMROD, think to rise,  
 "By nonsense heap'd on nonsense, to the skies;  
 "Ye shall have miracles, ay, sound ones too,  
 "Seen, heard, attested, every thing — but true.  
 "Your preaching zealots, too inspir'd to seek  
 "One grace of meaning for the things they  
 speak;  
 "Your martyrs, ready to shed out their blood,

"For truths too heavenly to be understood;  
 "And your State Priests, sole venders of the  
 lore,  
 "That works salvation; — as, on AVA's shore,  
 "Where none *but* priests are privileg'd to trade  
 "In that best marble of which Gods are made;  
 "They shall have mysteries — ay, precious stuff  
 "For knaves to thrive by — mysteries enough;  
 "Dark, tangled doctrines, dark as fraud can  
 weave,  
 "Which simple votaries shall on trust receive,  
 "While craftier feign belief, till they believe.  
 "A Heav'n too ye must have, ye lords of dust, —  
 "A splendid Paradise, — pure souls, ye must:  
 "That Prophet ill sustains his holy call,  
 "Who finds not heav'n's to suit the tastes of all;  
 "Houris for boys, omniscience for sages,  
 "And wings and glories for all ranks and ages.  
 "Vain things! — as lust or vanity inspires,  
 "The heav'n of each is but what each desires,  
 "And, soul or sense, what'er the object be,  
 "Man would be man to all eternity!  
 "So let him — EBLIS! grant this crowning curse,  
 "But keep him what he is; no Hell were worse."

"O my lost soul!" exclaim'd the skuddering  
 maid,  
 Whose ears had drunk like poison all he said:  
 MOKANNA started — not abash'd, afraid, —  
 He knew no more of fear than one who dwells  
 Beneath the tropics knows of icicles!  
 But, in those dismal words that reach'd his  
 ear,  
 "O my lost soul!" there was a sound so drear,  
 So like that voice, among the sinful dead,  
 In which the legend o'er Hell's Gate is read,  
 That, new as 'twas from her, whom nought  
 could dim  
 Or sink till now, it startled even him.

"Ha, my fair Priestess!" — thus, with ready  
 wile,  
 Th' impostor turn'd to greet her — "thou,  
 whose smile

<sup>1</sup> This resolution of Eblis not to acknowledge the new  
 creature, man, was, according to Mahometan tradition, thus  
 adopted: — "The earth (which God had selected for the  
 materials of his work) was carried into Arabia to a place  
 between Mecca and Tayef, where, being first kneaded by  
 the angels, it was afterwards fashioned by God himself into  
 a human form, and left to dry for the space of forty days, or,  
 as others say, as many years; the angels, in the mean time,  
 often visiting it, and Eblis (then one of the angels nearest  
 to God's presence, afterwards the devil) among the rest; but  
 he, not contented with looking at it, kicked it with his foot  
 till it rung; and knowing God designed that creature to be

his superior, took a secret resolution never to acknowledge  
 him as such." — *Sale* on the Koran.

<sup>2</sup> A kind of lantern formerly used by robbers, called the  
 Hand of Glory, the candle for which was made of the fat  
 of a dead malefactor. This, however, was rather a western  
 than an eastern superstition.

<sup>3</sup> The material of which images of Gaudma (the Birman  
 Deity) are made, is held sacred. "Birmans may not pur-  
 chase the marble in mass, but are suffered, and indeed en-  
 couraged, to buy figures of the Deity ready made." — *Symes'*  
*Ava*, vol. ii. p. 376.



"Hath inspiration in its rosy beam  
 "Beyond th' Enthusiast's hope or Prophet's  
 dream ;  
 "Light of the Faith! who twin'st religion's  
 zeal  
 "So close with love's, men know not which they  
 feel,  
 "Nor which to sigh for, in their trance of heart,  
 "The heav'n thou preachest or the heav'n thou  
 art !  
 "What should I be without thee? without  
 thee  
 "How dull were power, how joyless victory !  
 "Though borne by angels, if that smile of thine  
 "Bless'd not my banner, 'twere but half divine.  
 "But — why so mournful, child? those eyes,  
 that shone  
 "All life last night — what! — is their glory  
 gone?  
 "Come, come — this morn's fatigue hath made  
 them pale,  
 "They want rekindling — suns themselves  
 would fail  
 "Did not their comets bring, as I to thee,  
 "From light's own fount supplies of brilliancy.  
 "Thou seest this cup — no juice of earth is  
 here,  
 "But the pure waters of that upper sphere,  
 "Whose rills o'er ruby beds and topaz flow,  
 "Catching the gem's bright color, as they go.  
 "Nightly my Genii come and fill these urns —  
 "Nay, drink — in every drop life's essence  
 burns ;  
 "Twill make that soul all fire, those eyes all  
 light —  
 "Come, come, I want thy loveliest smiles to-  
 night :  
 "There is a youth — why start? — thou saw'st  
 him then ;  
 "Look'd he not nobly? such the godlike men  
 "Thou'lt have to woo thee in the bowers above ;  
 "Though *he*, I fear, hath thoughts too stern for  
 love,  
 "Too rul'd by that cold enemy of bliss  
 "The world calls virtue — we must conquer  
 this :  
 "Nay, shrink not, pretty sage! 'tis not for thee  
 "To scan the mazes of Heav'n's mystery :  
 "The steel must pass through fire, ere it can  
 yield  
 "Fit instruments for mighty hands to wield.  
 "This very night I mean to try the art  
 "Of powerful beauty on that warrior's heart.  
 "All that my Harem boasts of bloom and wit,  
 "Of skill and charms, most rare and exquisite,

"Shall tempt the boy ; — young MIRZALA's blue  
 eyes,  
 "Whose sleepy lid like snow on violets lies ;  
 "AROUYA's cheek, warm as a spring-day sun,  
 "And lips that, like the seal of SOLOMON,  
 "Have magic in their pressure ; ZEBBA's lute,  
 "And LILLA's dancing feet, that gleam and  
 shoot  
 "Rapid and white as sea birds o'er the deep  
 "All shall combine their witching powers to  
 steep  
 "My convert's spirit in that softening trance,  
 "From which to heav'n is but the next advance ;  
 "That glowing, yielding fusion of the breast,  
 "On which Religion stamps her image best.  
 "But hear me, Priestess! — though each nymph  
 of these  
 "Hath some peculiar, practis'd power to please,  
 "Some glance or step which, at the mirror  
 tried,  
 "First charms herself, then all the world beside ;  
 "There still wants *one*, to make the victory  
 sure,  
 "One who in every look joins every lure ;  
 "Through whom all beauty's beams concen-  
 tred pass,  
 "Dazzling and warm, as through love's burning  
 glass ;  
 "Whose gentle lips persuade without a word,  
 "Whose words, ev'n when unmeaning, are  
 ador'd,  
 "Like inarticulate breathings from a shrine,  
 "Which our faith takes for granted are divine !  
 "Such is the nymph we want, all warmth and  
 light,  
 "To crown the rich temptations of to-night ;  
 "Such the refin'd enchantress that must be  
 "This hero's vanquisher, — and thou art she !"

With her hands clasp'd, her lips apart and  
 pale,  
 The maid had stood, gazing upon the Veil  
 From which these words, like south winds  
 through a fence  
 Of Kerzrah flow'rs, came fill'd with pestilence ;  
 So boldly utter'd too! as if all dread  
 Of frowns from her, of virtuous frowns, were  
 fled,  
 And the wretch felt assur'd that, once plung'd  
 in,  
 Her woman's soul would know no pause in sin !

1 "It is commonly said in Persia, that if a man breathe in the hot south wind, which in June or July passes over that flower (the Kerzereh), it will kill him." — *Thevnot*.

At first, though mute she listen'd, like a dream  
Seem'd all he said: nor could her mind, whose  
beam'

As yet was weak, penetrate half his scheme.

But when, at length, he utter'd, "Thou art  
she!"

All flash'd at once, and shrieking piteously,  
"O not for worlds!" she cried — "Great God!  
to whom

"I once knelt innocent, is this my doom?

"Are all my dreams, my hopes of heavenly  
bliss,

"My purity, my pride, then come to this, —

"To live, the wanton of a fiend! to be

"The pander of his guilt — O infamy!

"And sunk, myself, as low as hell can steep

"In its hot flood, drag others down as deep!

"Others — ha! yes — that youth who came to-  
day —

"Not him I lov'd — not him — O! do but say,

"But swear to me this moment 'tis not he,

"And I will serve, dark fiend, will worship  
even thee!"

"Beware, young raving thing! — in time be-  
ware,

"Nor utter what I cannot, must not bear,

"Ev'n from *thy* lips. Go try thy lute, thy  
voice,

"The boy must feel their magic; — I rejoice

"To see those fires, no matter whence they rise,

"Once more illuming my fair Priestess' eyes;

"And should the youth, whom soon those eyes  
shall warm,

"Indeed resemble thy dead lover's form,

"So much the happier wilt thou find thy doom,

"As one warm lover, full of life and bloom,

"Excels ten thousand cold ones in the tomb.

"Nay, nay, no frowning, sweet! — those eyes  
were made

"For love, not anger — I must be obey'd."

"Obey'd! — 'tis well — yes, I deserve it all —

"On me, on me Heaven's vengeance cannot fall

"Toc heavily — but AZIM, brave and true

"And beautiful — must *he* be ruin'd too?

"Must *he* too, glorious as he is, be driven

"A renegade like me from Love and Heaven?

"Like me? — weak wretch, I wrong him — not  
like me;

"No — he's all truth and strength and purity!

"Fill up your madd'ning hell cup to the brim,

"Its witchery, fiends, will have no charm for him,

"Let loose your glowing wantons from their  
bowers,

"He loves, he loves, and can defy their powers!

"Wretch as I am, in *his* heart still I reign

"Pure as when first we met, without a stain!

"Though ruin'd — lost — my memory, like a  
charm

"Left by the dead, still keeps his soul from harm.

"O, never let him know how deep the brow

"He kiss'd at parting is dishonor'd now; —

"Ne'er tell him how debas'd, how sunk is she,

"Whom once he lov'd — once! — *still* loves  
dotingly.

"Thou laugh'st, tormentor, — what! — thou't  
brand my name?

"Do, do — in vain — he'll not believe my shame,

"He thinks me true, that nought beneath God's  
sky

"Could tempt or change me, and — so once  
thought I.

"But this is past — though worse than death  
my lot,

"Than hell — 'tis nothing while *he* knows it not.

"Far off to some benighted land I'll fly,

"Where sunbeam ne'er shall enter till I die;

"Where none will ask the lost one whence she  
came,

"But I may fade and fall without a name.

"And thou — curs'd man or fiend, whate'er thou  
art,

"Who found'st this burning plague spot in my  
heart,

"And spread'st it — O, so quick! — through  
soul and frame,

"With more than demon's art, till I became

"A loathsome thing, all pestilence, all flame! —

"If, when I'm gone —"

"Hold, fearless maniac, hold,

"Nor tempt my rage — by Heaven, not half so  
bold

"The puny bird, that dares with teasing hum

"Within the crocodile's stretch'd jaws to come!

"And so thou'lt fly, forsooth? — what! — give  
up all

"Thy chaste dominion in the Harem Hall,

"Where now to Love and now to ALLA given,

"Half mistress and half saint, thou haug'st as  
even

"As doth MEDINA's tomb, 'twixt hell and heaven

1 The hummingbird is said to run this risk for the purpose of picking the crocodile's teeth. The same circumstance is related of the lapwing, as a fact to which he was witness, by Paul Lucas, Voyage fait en 1714.

The ancient story concerning the Trochilus, or hummingbird, entering with impunity into the mouth of the crocodile is firmly believed at Java. — Barrow's Cochinchina.

"Thou'lt fly? — as easily may reptiles run,  
 "The gaunt snake once hath fix'd his eyes upon;  
 "As easily, when caught, the prey may be  
 "Pluck'd from his loving folds, as thou from me.  
 "No, no, 'tis fix'd — let good or ill betide,  
 "Thou'rt mine till death, till death MOKANNA'S  
 bride!  
 "Hast thou forgot thy oath?" —

At this dread word,  
 The Maid, whose spirit his rude taunts had stir'd  
 Through all its depths, and rous'd an anger there,  
 That burst and lighten'd even through her de-  
 spair —  
 Shrunk back, as if a blight were in the breath  
 That spoke that word, and stagger'd pale as  
 death.

"Yes, my sworn bride, let others seek in  
 bowers  
 "Their bridal place — the charnel vault was  
 ours!  
 "Instead of scents and balms, for thee and me  
 "Rose the rich steams of sweet mortality;  
 "Gay, flickering death lights shone while we  
 were wed,  
 "And, for our guests, a row of goodly Dead,  
 "(Immortal spirits in their time, no doubt)  
 "From reeking shrouds upon the rite look'd out!  
 "That oath thou heard'st more lips than thine  
 repeat —  
 "That cup — thou shudderest, Lady, — was it  
 sweet?  
 "That cup we pledg'd, the charnel's choicest  
 wine,  
 "Hath bound thee — ay — body and soul all  
 mine;  
 "Bound thee by chains that, whether blest or  
 curs'd  
 "No matter now, not hell itself shall burst!  
 "Hence, woman, to the Harem, and look gay,  
 "Look wild, look — any thing but sad; yet  
 stay —  
 "One moment more — from what this night  
 hath pass'd,  
 "I see thou know'st me, know'st me *well* at  
 last.

"Ha! ha! and so, fond thing, thou thought'st  
 all true,  
 "And that I love mankind? — I do, I do —  
 "As victims, love them; as the sea dog doats  
 "Upon the small, sweet fry that round him floats;  
 "Or, as the Nile bird loves the slime that gives  
 "That rank and venomous food on which she  
 lives! —

"And, now thou seest my *soul's* angelic hue,  
 "'Tis time these *features* were uncurtain'd  
 too; —  
 "This brow, whose light — O rare celestial  
 light!  
 "Hath been reserv'd to bless thy favor'd sight;  
 "These dazzling eyes, before whose shrouded  
 night  
 "Thou'st seen immortal Man kneel down and  
 quake —  
 "Would that they *were* heaven's lightnings for  
 his sake!  
 "But turn and look — then wonder, if thou wilt,  
 "That I should hate, should take revenge, by  
 guilt,  
 "Upon the hand, whose mischief or whose mirth  
 "Sent me thus maim'd and monstrous upon  
 earth;  
 "And on that race who, though more vile they  
 be  
 "Than mowing apes, are demigods to me!  
 "Here — judge if hell, with all its power to  
 damn,  
 "Can add one curse to the foul thing I am!" —

He rais'd his veil — the Maid turn'd slowly  
 round,  
 Look'd at him — shriek'd — and sunk upon the  
 ground!

On their arrival, next night, at the place of  
 encampment, they were surprised and delighted  
 to find the groves all around illuminated; some  
 artists of Yamtcheou<sup>2</sup> having been sent on pre-  
 viously for the purpose. On each side of the  
 green alley, which led to the Royal Pavilion,

<sup>1</sup> Circum eadem ripas (Nili, viz.) ales est Ibis. Ea ser-  
 pentium populatur ova, gratissimamque ex his escam nidis  
 suis refert. — *Solinus*.

<sup>2</sup> "The feast of Lanterns is celebrated at Yamtcheou  
 with more magnificence than any where else; and the re-  
 port goes, that the illuminations there are so splendid, that  
 an Emperor once, not daring openly to leave his Court to go  
 thither, committed himself with the Queen and several  
 Princesses of his family into the hands of a magician, who

promised to transport them thither in a trice. He made  
 them in the night to ascend magnificent thrones that were  
 borne up by swans, which in a moment arrived at Yamt-  
 cheou. The Emperor saw at his leisure all the solemnity  
 being carried upon a cloud that hovered over the city and  
 descended by degrees; and came back again with the same  
 speed and equipage, nobody at court perceiving his absence."  
 — *The present State of China*, p. 156.

artificial sceneries of bamboo work<sup>1</sup> were erected, representing arches, minarets, and towers, from which hung thousands of silken lanterns, painted by the most delicate pencils of Canton. — Nothing could be more beautiful than the leaves of the mango trees and acacias, shining in the light of the bamboo scenery, which shed a lustre round as soft as that of the nights of Peristan.

LALLA ROOKH, however, who was too much occupied by the sad story of ZELICA and her lover, to give a thought to any thing else, except, perhaps, him who related it, hurried on through this scene of splendor to her pavilion, — greatly to the mortification of the poor artists of Yamtheou, — and was followed with equal rapidity by the Great Chamberlain, cursing, as he went, that ancient Mandarin, whose parental anxiety in lighting up the shores of the lake, where his beloved daughter had wandered and been lost, was the origin of these fantastic Chinese illuminations.<sup>2</sup>

Without a moment's delay, young FERAMORZ was introduced, and FADLADEEN, who could never make up his mind as to the merits of a poet, till he knew the religious sect to which he belonged, was about to ask him whether he was a Shia or a Sooni, when LALLA ROOKH impatiently clapped her hands for silence, and the youth, being seated upon the musnud near her, proceeded : —

PREPARE thy soul, young AZIM ! — thou hast  
braved  
The bands of GREECE, still mighty, though en-  
slaved ;  
Hast faced her phalanx, arm'd with all its fame,  
Her Macedonian pikes and globes of flame ;

<sup>1</sup> See a description of the nuptials of Vizier Alee in the *Isiatic Annual Register* of 1804.

<sup>2</sup> "The vulgar ascribe it to an accident that happened in the family of a famous mandarin, whose daughter walking one evening upon the shore of a lake, fell in and was drowned ; this afflicted father, with his family, ran thither, and, the letter to find her, he caused a great company of lanterns to be lighted. All the inhabitants of the place thronged after him with torches. The year ensuing they made fires upon the shores the same day ; they continued the ceremony every year, every one lighted his lantern, and by degrees it commenced into a custom." — *Present State of China*.

<sup>3</sup> "Thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes." — *Sol. Song*.

<sup>4</sup> "They tinged the ends of her fingers scarlet with Hen-

All this hast fronted, with firm heart and brow,  
But a more perilous trial waits thee now, —  
Woman's bright eyes, a dazzling host of eyes  
From every land where woman smiles or sighs ;  
Of every hue, as Love may chance to raise  
His black or azure banner in their blaze ;  
And each sweet mode of warfare, from the flash  
That lightens boldly through the shadowy lash,  
To the sly, stealing splendors, almost hid,  
Like swords half sheath'd, beneath the downcast  
lid ; —

Such, AZIM, is the lovely, luminous host  
Now led against thee ; and, let conquerors boast  
Their fields of fame, he who in virtue arms  
A young, warm spirit against beauty's charms,  
Who feels her brightness, yet defies her thrall,  
Is the best, bravest conqueror of them all.

Now, through the Harem chambers, moving  
lights  
And busy shapes proclaim the toilet's rites ; —  
From room to room the ready handmaids hie,  
Some skill'd to wreath the turban tastefully,  
Or hang the veil, in negligence of shade,  
O'er the warm blushes of the youthful maid,  
Who, if between the folds but *one* eye shone,  
Like SEBA'S Queen could vanquish with that one.<sup>3</sup>  
While some bring leaves of Henna, to imbue  
The fingers' ends with a bright roseate hue,<sup>4</sup>  
So bright, that in the mirror's depth they seem  
Like tips of coral branches in the stream :  
And others mix the Kohol's jetty dye,  
To give that long, dark languish to the eye,<sup>5</sup>  
Which makes the maids, whom kings are proud  
to cull  
From fair Circassia's vales, so beautiful.  
All is in motion ; rings and plumes and pearls  
Are shining every where : — some younger girls  
Are gone by moonlight to the garden beds,  
To gather fresh, cool chaplets for their heads ; —

na, so that they resembled branches of coral." — *Story of Prince Futtun in Bahardanush*.

<sup>5</sup> "The women blacken the inside of their eyelids with a powder named the black Kohol." — *Russel*.

"None of these ladies," says *Shaw*, "take themselves to be completely dressed, till they have tinged the hair and edges of their eyelids with the powder of lead ore. Now, as this operation is performed by dipping first into the powder a small wooden bodkin of the thickness of a quill, and then drawing it afterwards through the eyelids over the ball of the eye, we shall have a lively image of what the Prophet (Jer. iv. 30) may be supposed to mean by *rending the eyes with painting*. This practice is no doubt of great antiquity, for besides the instance already taken notice of, we find that where Jezebel is said (2 Kings, ix. 30) to have painted her face, the original words are, *she adjusted her eyes with the powder of lead ore.*" — *Shaw's Travels*.

Gay creatures ! sweet, though mournful, 'tis to see

How each prefers a garland from that tree  
Which brings to mind her childhood's innocent day,

And the dear fields and friendships far away.  
The maid of INDIA, blest again to hold  
In her full lap the Champac's leaves of gold,<sup>1</sup>  
Thinks of the time when, by the GANGES' flood,  
Her little playmates scatter'd many a bud  
Upon her long black hair, with glossy gleam  
Just dripping from the consecrated stream ;  
While the young Arab, haunted by the smell  
Of her own mountain flowers, as by a spell, —  
The sweet Elcaya,<sup>2</sup> and that courteous tree  
Which bows to all who seek its canopy,<sup>3</sup>  
Sees, call'd up round her by these magic scents,  
The well, the camels, and her father's tents ;  
Sighs for the home she left with little pain,  
And wishes ev'n its sorrows back again !

Meanwhile, through vast illuminated halls,  
Silent and bright, where nothing but the falls  
Of fragrant waters, gushing with cool sound  
From many a Jasper fount, is heard around,  
Young AZIM roams bewild'rd, — nor can guess  
What means this maze of light and loneliness.  
Here, the way leads, o'er tessellated floors  
Or mats of CAIRO, through long corridors,  
Where, rang'd in cassolets and silver urns,  
Sweet wood of aloe or of sandal burns ;  
And spicy rods, such as illumine at night  
The bowers of TIBET,<sup>4</sup> send forth odorous light,  
Like Peris' wands, when pointing out the road  
For some pure Spirit to its best abode : —  
And here, at once, the glittering saloon  
Bursts on his sight, boundless and bright as noon ;  
Where, in the midst, reflecting back the rays  
In broken rainbows, a fresh fountain plays

<sup>1</sup> The appearance of the blossoms of the gold-colored Champac on the black hair of the Indian women has supplied the Sanscrit Poets with many elegant allusions." — See *Asiatic Researches*, vol. iv.

<sup>2</sup> A tree famous for its perfume, and common on the hills of Yemen. — *Niebuhr*.

<sup>3</sup> Of the genus *mimosa*, "which droops its branches whenever any person approaches it, seeming as if it saluted those who retire under its shade." — *Ibid*.

<sup>4</sup> Cloves are a principal ingredient in the composition of the perfumed rods, which men of rank keep constantly burning in their presence." — *Turner's Tibet*.

<sup>5</sup> "C'est d'où vient le bois d'aloës, que les Arabes appellent Oud Comari, et celui du sandal, qui s'y trouve en grande quantité." — *D'Herbelot*.

<sup>6</sup> Thousands of variegated loories visit the coral reefs." — *Barrow*.

<sup>7</sup> In Mecca there are quantities of blue pigeons, which

High as th' enamell'd cupola, which towers  
All rich with Arabesques of gold and flowers :  
And the mosaic floor beneath shines through  
The sprinkling of that fountain's silv'ry dew,  
Like the wet, glistening shells, of every dye,  
That on the margin of the Red Sea lie.

Here too he traces the kind visitings  
Of woman's love in those fair, living things  
Of land and wave, whose fate — in bondage  
thrown

For their weak loveliness — is like her own !  
On one side gleaming with a sudden grace  
Through water, brilliant as the crystal vase  
In which it undulates, small fishes shine,  
Like golden ingots from a fairy mine ; —  
While, on the other, latticed lightly in  
With odoriferous woods of COMORIN,<sup>5</sup>  
Each brilliant bird that wings the air is seen ; —  
Gay, sparkling loories, such as gleam between  
'The crimson blossoms of the coral tree<sup>6</sup>  
In the warm isles of India's sunny sea :  
Mecca's blue sacred pigeon,<sup>7</sup> and the thrush  
Of Hindostan,<sup>8</sup> whose holy warblings gush,  
At evening, from the tall pagoda's top ; —  
Those golden birds that, in the spice time,  
drop

About the gardens, drunk with that sweet food<sup>9</sup>  
Whose scent hath lur'd them o'er the summer  
flood ;<sup>10</sup>

And those that under Araby's soft sun  
Build their high nests of budding cinnamon ;<sup>11</sup>  
In short, all rare and beauteous things, that fly  
Through the pure element, here calmly lie  
Sleeping in light, like the green birds<sup>12</sup> that dwell  
In Eden's radiant fields of asphodel !

So on, through scenes past all imagining,  
More like the luxuries of that impious King,<sup>13</sup>

none will affright or abuse, much less kill." — *Pitt's Account* of the Mahometans.

<sup>8</sup> "The Pagoda Thrush is esteemed among the first choristers of India. It sits perched on the sacred pagodas, and from thence delivers its melodious song." — *Pennant's Hindostan*.

<sup>9</sup> *Tavernier* adds, that while the Birds of Paradise lie in this intoxicated state, the ennets come and eat off their legs ; and that hence it is they are said to have no feet

<sup>10</sup> Birds of Paradise, which, at the nutmeg season, come in flights from the southern isles to India ; and "the strength of the nutmeg," says *Tavernier*, "so intoxicates them that they fall dead drunk to the earth."

<sup>11</sup> "That bird which liveth in Arabia, and buildeth its nest with cinnamon." — *Brown's Vulgar Errors*.

<sup>12</sup> "The spirits of the martyrs will be lodged in the crops of green birds." — *Gibbon*, vol. ix. p. 421.

<sup>13</sup> Shedad, who made the delicious gardens of Irim, in mi



Whom Death's dark Angel, with his lightning  
torch,  
Struck down and blasted even in Pleasure's  
porch,  
Than the pure dwelling of a Prophet sent,  
Arm'd with Heav'n's sword, for man's enfran-  
chisement —  
Young AZIM wander'd, looking sternly round,  
His simple garb and war-boots' clanking sound  
But ill according with the pomp and grace  
And silent lull of that voluptuous place.

"Is this, then," thought the youth, "is this  
the way  
"To free man's spirit from the deadening sway  
"Of worldly sloth, — to teach him while he lives,  
"To know no bliss but that which virtue gives,  
"And when he dies, to leave his lofty name  
"A light, a landmark on the cliffs of fame?  
"It was not so, Land of the generous thought  
"And daring deed, thy godlike sages taught;  
"It was not thus, in bowers of wanton ease,  
"Thy Freedom nurs'd her sacred energies;  
"O, not beneath th' enfeebling, withering glow  
"Of such dull luxury did those myrtles grow,  
"With which she wreath'd her sword, when  
she would dare  
"Immortal deeds; but in the bracing air  
"Of toil, — of temperance, — of that high, rare  
"Ethereal virtue, which alone can breathe  
"Life, health, and lustre into Freedom's wreath.  
"Who, that surveys this span of earth we  
press, —  
"This speck of life in time's great wilderness,  
"This narrow isthmus 'twixt two boundless  
seas,  
"The past, the future, two eternities! —  
"Would sully the bright spot, or leave it bare,  
"When he might build him a proud temple  
there,  
"A name, that long shall hallow all its space,  
"And be each purer soul's high resting-place.  
"But no — it cannot be, that one, whom God  
"Has sent to break the wizard Falsehood's  
rod, —  
"A Prophet of the Truth, whose mission draws  
"Its rights from Heaven, should thus profane  
its cause  
"With the world's vulgar pomps; — no, no, —  
I see —  
"He thinks me weak — this glare of luxury

"Is but to tempt, to try the eaglet gaze  
"Of my young soul — shine on, 'twill stand the  
blaze!"

So thought the youth; — but, ev'n while he  
defied  
This witching scene, he felt its witchery glide  
Through ev'ry sense. The perfume breatling  
round,  
Like a pervading spirit; — the still sound  
Of falling waters, lulling as the song  
Of Indian bees at sunset, when they throng  
Around the fragrant NILICA, and deep  
In its blue blossoms hum themselves to sleep;<sup>1</sup>  
And music, too — dear music! that can touch  
Beyond all else the soul that loves it much —  
Now heard far off, so far as but to seem  
Like the faint, exquisite music of a dream;  
All was too much for him, too full of bliss,  
The heart could nothing feel, that felt not this:  
Soften'd he sunk upon a couch, and gave  
His soul up to sweet thoughts, like wave on  
wave  
Succeeding in smooth seas, when storms are laid  
He thought of ZELICA, his own dear maid,  
And of the time when, full of blissful sighs,  
They sat and look'd into each other's eyes,  
Silent and happy — as if God had given  
Nought else worth looking at on this side heaven.

"O, my lov'd mistress, thou, whose spirit still  
"Is with me, round me, wander where I will —  
"It is for thee, for thee alone I seek  
"The paths of glory; to light up thy cheek  
"With warm approval — in that gentle look,  
"To read my praise, as in an angel's book,  
"And think all toils rewarded, when from thee  
"I gain a smile worth immortality!  
"How shall I bear the moment, when restor'd  
"To that young heart where I alone am Lord,  
"Though of such bliss unworthy, — since the  
best  
"Alone deserve to be the happiest. —  
"When from those lips, unbreathed upon for  
years,  
"I shall again kiss off the soul-felt tears,  
"And find those tears warm as when last they  
started,  
"Those sacred kisses pure as when we parted.  
"O my own life! — why should a single day,  
"A moment keep me from those arms away?"

tation of Paradise, and was destroyed by lightning the first time he attempted to enter them.

<sup>1</sup> "My Pandits assure me that the plant before us (the

Nilica) is their Sephalica, thus named because the bees are supposed to sleep on its blossoms." — Sir W. Jones:

While thus he thinks, still nearer on the breeze  
Come those delicious, dream-like harmonies,  
Each note of which but adds new, downy links  
To the soft chain in which his spirit sinks.  
He turns him toward the sound, and far away  
Through a long vista, sparkling with the play  
Of countless lamps, — like the rich track which

## Day

Leaves on the waters, when he sinks from us,  
So long the path, its light so tremulous ; —  
He sees a group of female forms advance,  
Some chain'd together in the mazy dance  
By fetters, forg'd in the green sunny bowers,  
As they were captives to the King of Flowers ;<sup>1</sup>  
And some sporting round, unlik'd and free,  
Who seem'd to mock their sister's slavery ;  
And round and round them still, in wheeling  
flight

Went, like gay moths about a lamp at night ;  
While others wak'd, as gracefully along  
Their feet kept time, the very soul of song  
From psaltery, pipe, and lutes of heavenly thrill,  
Or their own youthful voices, heavenlier still.  
And now they come, now pass before his eye,  
Forms such as Nature moulds, when she would  
vie

With Fancy's pencil, and give birth to things  
Lovely beyond its fairest picturings.  
A while they dance before him, then divide,  
Breaking, like rosy clouds at eventide  
Around the rich pavilion of the sun, —  
Till silently dispersing, one by one,  
Through many a path, that from the chamber  
leads

To gardens, terraces, and moonlight meads,  
Their distant laughter comes upon the wind,  
And but one trembling nymph remains behind, —  
Beck'ning them back in vain, for they are  
gone,

And she is left in all that light alone ;  
No veil to curtain o'er her beauteous brow,  
In its young bashfulness more beauteous now ;  
But a light golden chainwork round her hair,<sup>2</sup>  
Such as the maids of YEZD<sup>3</sup> and SHIRAZ wear,  
From which, on either side, gracefully hung  
A golden amulet, in th' Arab tongue,

<sup>1</sup> "They deferred it till the King of Flowers should ascend his throne of enamelled foliage." — *The Bahardanush*.

<sup>2</sup> "One of the headdresses of the Persian women is composed of a light golden chainwork, set with small pearls, with a thin gold plate pendant, about the bigness of a crown piece, on which is impressed an Arabian prayer, and which hangs upon the cheek below the ear." — *Hanway's Travels*.

<sup>3</sup> "Certainly the women of Yezd are the handsomest

Engraven o'er with some immortal line  
From Holy Writ, or bard scarce less divine ;  
While her left hand, as shrinkingly she stood,  
Held a small lute of gold and sandal wood,  
Which, once or twice, she touch'd with hurried  
strain,

Then took her trembling fingers off again.  
But when at length a timid glance she stole  
At AZIM, the sweet gravity of soul  
She saw through all his features calm'd her fear,  
And, like a half-tam'd antelope, more near,  
Though shrinking still, she came ; — then sat  
her down

Upon a musnud's<sup>4</sup> edge, and bolder grown,  
In the pathetic mode of ISFAHAN<sup>5</sup>  
Touch'd a preluding strain, and thus began : —

There's a bower of roses by BENDMEER'S<sup>6</sup>  
stream,  
And the nightingale sings round it all the day  
long ;  
In the time of my childhood 'twas like a sweet  
dream,  
To sit in the roses and hear the bird's song.

That bower and its music I never forget,  
But oft when alone, in the bloom of the year,  
I think — is the nightingale singing there yet ?  
Are the roses still bright by the calm BEN-  
DEMEER ?

No, the roses soon wither'd that hung o'er the  
wave,  
But some blossoms were gather'd, while freshly  
they shone,  
And a dew was distill'd from their flowers, that  
gave  
All the fragrance of summer, when summer  
was gone.

Thus memory draws from delight, ere it dies,  
An essence that breathes of it many a year ;  
Thus bright to my soul, as 'twas then to my  
eyes,  
Is that bower on the banks of the calm BEN  
DEMEER !

women in Persia. The proverb is, that to live happy a man must have a wife of Yezd, eat the bread of Yezdecas, and drink the wine of Shiraz." — *Tavernier*.

<sup>4</sup> Musnuds are cushioned seats, usually reserved for persons of distinction.

<sup>5</sup> The Persians, like the ancient Greeks, call their musical modes or Perdas by the names of different countries of cities, as the mode of Isfahan, the mode of Irak, &c.

<sup>6</sup> A river which flows near the ruins of Chilminar.

“Poor maiden!” thought the youth, “if thou wert sent,  
 “With thy soft lute and beauty’s blandishment,  
 “To wake unholy wishes in this heart,  
 “Or tempt its truth, thou little know’st the art.  
 “For though thy lip should sweetly counsel wrong,  
 “Those vestal eyes would disavow its song.  
 “But thou hast breath’d such purity, thy lay  
 “Returns so fondly to youth’s virtuous day,  
 “And leads thy soul — if e’er it wander’d thence —  
 “So gently back to its first innocence,  
 “That I would sooner stop the unchained dove,  
 “When swift returning to its home of love,  
 “And round its snowy wing new fetters twine,  
 “Than turn from virtue one pure wish of thine!”

Scarce had this feeling pass’d, when, sparkling through  
 The gently open’d curtains of light blue  
 That veil’d the breezy casement, countless eyes,  
 Peeping like stars through the blue evening skies,  
 Look’d laughing in, as if to mock the pair  
 That sat so still and melancholy there : —  
 And now the curtains fly apart, and in  
 From the cool air, ’mid showers of jessamine  
 Which those without fling after them in play,  
 Two lightsome maidens spring, — lightsome as they  
 Who live in th’ air on odors, — and around  
 The bright saloon, scarce conscious of the ground,  
 Chase one another, in a varying dance  
 Of mirth and languor, coyness and advance,  
 Too eloquently like love’s warm pursuit : —  
 While she, who sung so gently to the lute  
 Her dream of home, steals timidly away,  
 Shrinking as violets do in summer’s ray, —  
 But takes with her from Azim’s heart that sigh  
 We sometimes give to forms that pass us by  
 In the world’s crowd, too lovely to remain,  
 Creatures of light we never see again !

Around the white necks of the nymphs who danc’d  
 Hung carcanets of orient gems, that glanc’d

1 “To the north of us (on the coast of the Caspian, near Badku) was a mountain, which sparkled like diamonds, arising from the sea glass and crystals with which it abounds.” — *Journey of the Russian Ambassador to Persia*, 1746.

2 “To which will be added the sound of the bells, hang-

More brilliant than the sea glass glittering o’er  
 The hills of crystal on the Caspian shore ;<sup>1</sup>  
 While from their long, dark tresses, in a fall  
 Of curls descending, bells as musical  
 As those that, on the golden-shafted trees  
 Of EDEN, shake in the eternal breeze,<sup>2</sup>  
 Rung round their steps, at every bound more sweet,  
 As ’twere th’ ecstatic language of their feet.  
 At length the chase was o’er, and they stood wreath’d  
 Within each other’s arms ; while soft there breath’d  
 Through the cool casement, mingled with the sighs  
 Of moonlight flowers, music that seem’d to rise  
 From some still lake, so liquidly it rose ;  
 And, as it swell’d again at each faint close,  
 The ear could track through all that maze of chords  
 And young sweet voices, these impassion’d words : —

A Spirit there is, whose fragrant sigh  
 Is burning now through earth and air ;  
 Where cheeks are blushing, the Spirit is nigh,  
 Where lips are meeting, the Spirit is there !

His breath is the soul of flowers like these,  
 And his floating eyes — O, they resemble<sup>3</sup>  
 Blue water lilies,<sup>4</sup> when the breeze  
 Is making the stream around them tremble.

Hail to thee, hail to thee, kindling power !  
 Spirit of Love, Spirit of Bliss !  
 Thy holiest time is the moonlight hour,  
 And there never was moonlight so sweet as this.

By the fair and brave  
 Who blushing unite,  
 Like the sun and wave,  
 When they meet at night ;

By the tear that shows  
 When passion is nigh,  
 As the raindrop flows  
 From the heat of the sky ;

ing on the trees, which will be put in motion by the wind proceeding from the throne of God, as often as the blessed wish for music.” — *Sale*.

3 “Whose wanton eyes resemble blue water lilies, agitated by the breeze.” — *Jayadeva*.

4 The blue lotos, which grows in Cashmere and in Persia

By the first love beat  
Of the youthful heart,  
By the bliss to meet,  
And the pain to part;

By all that thou hast  
To mortals given,  
Which — O, could it last,  
This earth were heaven!

We call thee hither, entrancing Power!  
Spirit of Love! Spirit of Bliss!  
Thy holiest time is the moonlight hour,  
And there never was moonlight so sweet as  
this.

Impatient of a scene, whose luxuries stole,  
Spite of himself, too deep into his soul,  
And where, 'midst all that the young heart loves  
most,

Flowers, music, smiles, to yield was to be lost,  
The youth had started up, and turn'd away  
From the light nymphs, and their luxurious lay,  
To muse upon the pictures that hung round,<sup>1</sup> —  
Bright images, that spoke without a sound,  
And views, like vistas into fairy ground.  
But here again new spells came o'er his sense: —  
All that the pencil's mute omnipotence  
Could call up into life, of soft and fair,  
Of fond and passionate, was glowing there;  
Nor yet too warm, but touch'd with that fine art,  
Which paints of pleasure but the purer part;  
Which knows ev'n Beauty when half veiled is  
best, —

Like her own radiant planet of the west,  
Whose orb when half retired looks loveliest.<sup>2</sup>  
There hung the history of the Genii King,  
Trac'd through each gay, voluptuous wandering

With her from SABA'S bowers, in whose bright  
eyes

He read that to be blest is to be wise;<sup>3</sup> —  
*Here fond ZULEIKA*<sup>4</sup> woos with open arms  
The Hebrew boy, who flies from her young  
charms,

Yet, flying, turns to gaze, and, half undone,  
Wishes that Heav'n and she could *both* be won;  
And here MOHAMMED, born for love and guile,  
Forgets the Koran in his MARY'S smile; —  
Then beckons some kind angel from above  
With a new text to consecrate their love.<sup>5</sup>

With rapid step, yet pleas'd and lingering eye,  
Did the youth pass these pictur'd stories by,  
And hasten'd to a casement, where the light  
Of the calm moon came in, and freshly bright  
The fields without were seen, sleeping as still  
As if no life remain'd in breeze or rill.  
Here paus'd he, while the music, now less near,  
Breath'd with a holier language on his ear,  
As though the distance, and that heavenly ray  
Through which the sounds came floating, took  
away  
All that had been too earthly in the lay.

O, could he listen to such sounds unmov'd,  
And by that light — nor dream of her he lov'd?  
Dream on, unconscious boy! while yet thou  
mayst;  
'Tis the last bliss thy soul shall ever taste.  
Clasp yet a while her image to thy heart,  
Ere all the light, that made it dear, depart.  
Think of her smiles as when thou saw'st them  
last,  
Clear, beautiful, by nought of earth o'ercast;  
Recall her tears, to thee at parting given,  
Pure as they weep, *if* angels weep, in Heaven.

<sup>1</sup> It has been generally supposed that the Mahometans prohibit all pictures of animals; but *Toderini* shows that, though the practice is forbidden by the Koran, they are not more averse to painted figures and images than other people. From Mr. Murphy's work, too, we find that the Arabs of Spain had no objection to the introduction of figures into painting.

<sup>2</sup> This is not quite astronomically true. "Dr. Hadley (says Keil) has shown that Venus is brightest when she is about forty degrees removed from the sun; and that then but *only a fourth part* of her lucid disk is to be seen from the earth."

<sup>3</sup> For the loves of King Solomon (who was supposed to preside over the whole race of Genii) with Bolkis, the Queen of Sheba or Saba, see *D'Herbelot*, and the *Notes on the Koran*, chap. 2.

<sup>4</sup> In the palace which Solomon ordered to be built against the arrival of the Queen of Saba, the floor or pavement was of transparent glass, laid over running water, in which fish

were swimming." This led the Queen into a very natural mistake, which the Koran has not thought beneath its dignity to commemorate. "It was said unto her, 'Enter the palace.' And when she saw it she imagined it to be a great water; and she discovered her legs, by lifting up her robe to pass through it. Whereupon Solomon said to her, 'Verily, this is the place evenly floored with glass.'" — Chap. 27.

<sup>5</sup> The wife of Potiphar, thus named by the Orientals. The passion which this frail beauty of antiquity conceived for her young Hebrew slave has given rise to a much esteemed poem in the Persian language, entitled *Yusef vau Z'likha*, by *Noureddin Jami*: the manuscript copy of which, in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, is supposed to be the finest in the whole world." — *Note upon Nutt's Translation of Hafes*.

<sup>6</sup> The particulars of Mahomet's amour with Mary, the Coptic girl, in justification of which he added a new chapter to the Koran, may be found in *Gagnier's Notes upon Abulfeda*, p. 151.

Think, in her own still bower she waits thee  
 now,  
 With the same glow of heart and bloom of brow,  
 Yet shrin'd in solitude — thine all, thine only,  
 Like the one star above thee, bright and lonely.  
 O, that a dream so sweet, so long enjoy'd,  
 Should be so sadly, cruelly destroy'd!

The song is hush'd, the laughing nymphs are  
 flown,  
 And he is left, musing of bliss, alone; —  
 Alone? — no, not alone — that heavy sigh,  
 That sob of grief, which broke from some one  
 sigh —

Whose could it be? — alas! is misery found  
 Here, even here, on this enchanted ground?  
 He turns, and sees a female form, close veil'd,  
 Leaning, as if both heart and strength had fail'd,  
 Against a pillar near; — not glittering o'er  
 With gems and wreaths, such as the others wore,  
 But in that deep blue, melancholy dress,<sup>1</sup>  
 BOKHARA'S maidens wear in mindfulness  
 Of friends or kindred, dead or far away; —  
 And such as ZELICA had on that day  
 He left her — when, with heart too full to speak,  
 He took away her last warm tears upon his  
 cheek.

A strange emotion stirs within him, — more  
 Than mere compassion ever wak'd before;  
 Unconsciously he opes his arms, while she  
 Springs forward, as with life's last energy,  
 But, swooning in that one convulsive bound,  
 Sinks, ere she reach his arms, upon the ground; —  
 Her veil falls off — her faint hands clasp his  
 knees —

'Tis she herself! — 'tis ZELICA he sees!  
 But, ah, so pale, so chang'd — none but a lover  
 Could in that wreck of beauty's shrine discover  
 The once ador'd divinity — ev'n he  
 Stood for some moments mute, and doubtingly  
 Put back the ringlets from her brow, and gaz'd  
 Upon those lids, where once such lustre blaz'd,  
 Ere he could think she was *indeed* his own,  
 Own darling maid, whom he so long had known  
 In joy and sorrow, beautiful in both;  
 Who, ev'n when grief was heaviest — when loath  
 He left her for the wars — in that worst hour  
 Sat in her sorrow like the sweet night flower,<sup>2</sup>  
 When darkness brings its weeping glories out,  
 And spreads its sighs like frankincense about.

<sup>1</sup> "Deep blue is their mourning color." — *Hanway*.

<sup>2</sup> The sorrowful nictanthus, which begins to spread its  
 rich odor after sunset.

<sup>3</sup> "Concerning the vipers, which Pliny says were frequent

"Look up, my ZELICA — one moment show  
 "Those gentle eyes to me, that I may know  
 "Thy life, thy loveliness is not all gone,  
 "But *there*, at least, shines as it ever shone.  
 "Come, look upon thy AZIM — one dear glance,  
 "Like those of old, were heav'n! whatever  
 chance  
 "Hath brought thee here, O, 'twas a blessed one!  
 "There — my lov'd lips — they move — that  
 kiss hath run  
 "Like the first shoot of life through every  
 vein,  
 "And now I clasp her, mine, all mine again.  
 "O the delight — now, in this very hour,  
 "When had the whole rich world been in my  
 power,  
 "I should have singled out thee, only thee,  
 "From the whole world's collected treasury —  
 "To have thee here — to hang thus fondly o'er  
 "My own, best, purest ZELICA once more!"

It was indeed the touch of those fond lips  
 Upon her eyes that chas'd their short eclipse,  
 And, gradual as the snow, at Heaven's breath,  
 Melts off and shows the azure flowers beneath,  
 Her lids unclos'd, and the bright eyes were  
 seen

Gazing on his — not, as they late had been,  
 Quick, restless, wild, but mournfully serene;  
 As if to lie, ev'n for that tranced minute,  
 So near his heart, had consolation in it;  
 And thus to wake in his belov'd caress  
 Took from her soul one half its wretchedness  
 But, when she heard him call her good and pure,  
 O, 'twas too much — too dreadful to endure!  
 Shuddering she broke away from his embrace,  
 And, hiding with both hands her guilty face,  
 Said, in a tone whose anguish would have riven  
 A heart of very marble, "Pure, O Heaven!" —

That tone — those looks so chang'd — the  
 withering blight,  
 That sin and sorrow leave where'er they light;  
 The dead despondency of those sunk eyes,  
 Where once, had he thus met her by surprise,  
 He would have seen himself, too happy boy,  
 Reflected in a thousand lights of joy;  
 And then the place, — that bright, unholy place,  
 Where vice lay hid beneath each winning grace  
 And charm of luxury, as the viper weaves  
 Its wily covering of sweet balsam leaves,<sup>3</sup> —

among the balsam trees, I made very particular inquiry;  
 several were brought me alive both to Yambo and Jidda."

— *Bruce*.



All struck upon his heart, sudden and cold  
As death itself; — it needs not to be told —  
No, no — he sees it all, plain as the brand  
Of burning shame can mark — whate'er the  
hand

That could from Heav'n and him such brightness  
sever,

'Tis done — to Heav'n and him she's lost forever!  
It was a dreadful moment; not the tears,  
The lingering, lasting misery of years  
Could match that minute's anguish — all the  
worst

Of sorrow's elements in that dark burst  
Broke o'er his soul, and, with one crash of  
fate,

Laid the whole hopes of his life desolate.

"O, curse me not," she cried, as wild he toss'd  
His desperate hand towards Heav'n — "though  
I am lost,

"Think not that guilt, that falsehood made me  
fall,

"No, no — 'twas grief, 'twas madness did it all!  
"Nay, doubt me not — though all thy love hath  
ceas'd —

"I know it hath — yet, yet believe, at least,  
"That every spark of reason's light must be  
"Quench'd in this brain, ere I could stray from  
thee.

"They told me thou wert dead — why, AZIM,  
why

"Did we not, both of us, that instant die  
"When we were parted? O, couldst thou but  
know

"With what a deep devotedness of woe  
"I wept thy absence — o'er and o'er again  
"Thinking of thee, still thee, till thought grew  
pain,

"And memory, like a drop that, night and  
day,

"Falls cold and ceaseless, wore my heart away.  
"Didst thou but know how pale I sat at home,  
"My eyes still turn'd the way thou wert to  
come,

"And, all the long, long night of hope and fear,  
"Thy voice and step still sounding in my ear —  
"O God! thou would'st not wonder that, at last,

"When every hope was all at once o'ercast,  
"When I heard frightful voices round me say

"Azim is dead! — this wretched brain gave way,  
"And I became a wreck, at random driven,

"Without one glimpse of reason or of Heaven —  
"All wild — and even this quenchless love  
within

"Turn'd to foul fires to light me into sin! —

"Thou pitiest me — I knew thou wouldst —  
that sky

"Hath nought beneath it half so lorn as I.

"The fiend, who lur'd me hither — hist! come  
near,

"Or thou too, *thou* art lost, if he should hear —

"Told me such things — O, with such devilish  
art,

"As would have ruin'd ev'n a holier heart —

"Of thee, and of that ever-radiant sphere,

"Where bless'd at length, if I but serv'd *him*  
here,

"I should forever live in thy dear sight,

"And drink from those pure eyes eternal light.

"Think, think how lost, how madden'd I must  
be,

"To hope that guilt could lead to God or thee!

"Thou weep'st for me — do weep — O, that I  
durst

"Kiss off that tear! but, no — these lips are  
curs'd,

"They must not touch thee; — one divine caress,

"One blessed moment of forgetfulness

"I've had within those arms, and *that* shall lie,

"Shrin'd in my soul's deep memory till I die;

"The last of joy's last relics here below,

"The one sweet drop, in all this waste of woe,

"My heart has treasur'd from affection's spring,

"To soothe and cool its deadly withering!

"But thou — yes, thou must go — forever go;

"This place is not for thee — for thee! O no,

"Did I but tell thee half, thy tortur'd brain

"Would burn like mine, and mine go wild again!

"Enough, that Guilt reigns here — that hearts,  
once good,

"Now tainted, chill'd, and broken, are his  
food. —

"Enough, that we are parted — that there rolls

"A flood of headlong fate between our souls,

"Whose darkness severs me as wide from thee

"As hell from heav'n, to all eternity!"

"ZELICA, ZELICA!" the youth exclaim'd,

In all the tortures of a mind inflam'd

Almost to madness — "by that sacred Heav'n,

"Where yet, if pray'rs can move, thou'lt be  
forgiven,

"As thou art here — here, in this writhing heart,

"All sinful, wild, and ruin'd as thou art!

"By the remembrance of our once pure love,

"Which, like a churchyard light, still burns  
above

"The grave of our lost souls — which guilt in  
thee

"Cannot extinguish, nor despair in me!

"I do conjure, implore thee to fly hence —  
 "If thou hast yet one spark of innocence,  
 "Fly with me from this place ———"

"With thee! O bliss!

"'Tis worth whole years of torment to hear this.  
 "What! take the lost one with thee? — let her  
 rove

"By thy dear side, as in those days of love,  
 "When we were both so happy, both so pure —  
 "Too heavenly dream! if there's on earth a cure  
 "For the sunk heart, 'tis this — day after day  
 "To be the blest companion of thy way;  
 "To hear thy angel eloquence — to see  
 "Those virtuous eyes forever turn'd on me;  
 "And, in their light re chasten'd silently,  
 "Like the stain'd web that whitens in the  
 sun,

"Grow pure by being purely shone upon!  
 "And thou wilt pray for me — I know thou  
 wilt —

"At the dim vesper hour, when thoughts of guilt  
 "Come heaviest o'er the heart, thou'lt lift thine  
 eyes,

"Full of sweet tears, unto the dark'ning skies,  
 "And plead for me with Heav'n, till I can  
 dare

"To fix my own weak, sinful glances there;  
 "Till the good angels, when they see me cling  
 "Forever near thee, pale and sorrowing,  
 "Shall for thy sake pronounce my soul forgiven,  
 "And bid thee take thy weeping slave to  
 Heaven!

"O yes, I'll fly with thee ———"

Scarce had she said

These breathless words, when a voice deep and  
 dread

As that of MONKER, waking up the dead  
 From their first sleep — so startling 'twas to  
 both —

Rung through the casement near, "Thy oath!  
 thy oath!"

O Heav'n, the ghastliness of that Maid's look! —  
 " 'Tis he," faintly she cried, while terror shook  
 Her inmost core, nor durst she lift her eyes,  
 Though through the casement, now, nought but  
 the skies

And moonlight fields were seen, calm as before —

" 'Tis he, and I am his — all, all is o'er —  
 "Go — fly this instant, or thou'rt ruin'd too —  
 "My oath, my oath, O God! 'tis all too true,  
 "True as the worm in this cold heart it is —  
 "I am MOKANNA'S bride — his, AZIM, his —

"The Dead stood round us while I spoke that  
 vow,

"Their blue lips echo'd it — I hear them now!  
 "Their eyes glar'd on me, while I pledg'd that  
 bowl,

"'Twas burning blood — I feel it in my soul!  
 "And the Veil'd Bridegroom — hist — I've seen  
 to-night

"What angels know not of — so foul a sight,  
 "So horrible — O, never mayst thou see  
 "What *there* lies hid from all but hell and me!  
 "But I must hence — off, off — I am not thine,  
 "Nor Heav'n's, nor Love's, nor aught that is  
 divine —

"Hold me not — ha! think'st thou the fiends  
 that sever

"Hearts, cannot sunder hands? — thus, then —  
 forever!"

With all that strength, which madness lends  
 the weak,  
 She flung away his arm; and, with a shriek,  
 Whose sound, though he should linger out more  
 years

Than wretch ere told, can never leave his ears —  
 Flew up through that long avenue of light,  
 Fleetly as some dark, ominous bird of night,  
 Across the sun, and soon was out of sight!

LALLA ROOKH could think of nothing all day  
 but the misery of these two young lovers. Her  
 gayety was gone, and she looked pensively even  
 upon FADLADEEN. She felt, too, without know-  
 ing why, a sort of uneasy pleasure in imagining  
 that AZIM must have been just such a youth  
 as FERAMORZ; just as worthy to enjoy all the  
 blessings, without any of the pangs, of that il-  
 lusive passion, which too often, like the sunny  
 apples of Istkahar,<sup>1</sup> is all sweetness on one side,  
 and all bitterness on the other.

As they passed along a sequestered river after  
 sunset, they saw a young Hindoo girl upon the  
 bank,<sup>2</sup> whose employment seemed to them so  
 strange, that they stopped their palanquins to  
 observe her. She had lighted a small lamp,  
 filled with oil of cocoa, and placing it in an  
 earthen dish, adorned with a wreath of flow-  
 ers, had committed it with a trembling hand to  
 the stream; and was now anxiously watching

<sup>1</sup> "In the territory of Istkahar there is a kind of apple,  
 half of which is sweet and half sour." — *Ebn Haukal*.

<sup>2</sup> For an account of this ceremony, see *Grandpre's Voyage*  
 in the Indian Ocean.

its progress down the current, heedless of the gay cavalcade which had drawn up beside her. LALLA ROOKH was all curiosity;—when one of her attendants, who had lived upon the banks of the Ganges, (where this ceremony is so frequent, that often, in the dusk of the evening, the river is seen glittering all over with lights, like the Oton-tala or Sea of Stars,<sup>1</sup>) informed the Princess that it was the usual way, in which the friends of those who had gone on dangerous voyages offered up vows for their safe return. If the lamp sunk immediately, the omen was disastrous; but if it went shining down the stream, and continued to burn till entirely out of sight, the return of the beloved object was considered as certain.

LALLA ROOKH, as they moved on, more than once looked back, to observe how the young Hindoo's lamp proceeded; and, while she saw with pleasure that it was still unextinguished, she could not help fearing that all the hopes of this life were no better than that feeble light upon the river. The remainder of the journey was passed in silence. She now, for the first time, felt that shade of melancholy, which comes over the youthful maiden's heart, as sweet and transient as her own breath upon a mirror; nor was it till she heard the lute of FERAMORZ, touched lightly at the door of her pavilion, that she waked from the revery in which she had been wandering. Instantly her eyes were lighted up with pleasure; and, after a few unheard

remarks from FADLADEEN upon the indecorum of a poet seating himself in presence of a Princess, every thing was arranged as on the preceding evening, and all listened with eagerness, while the story was thus continued:—

WHOSE are the gilded tents that crowd the way,  
Where all was waste and silent yesterday?  
This City of War, which, in a few short hours,  
Hath sprung up here,<sup>2</sup> as if the magic powers  
Of Him who, in the twinkling of a star,  
Built the high pillar'd halls of CHILMINAR,<sup>3</sup>  
Had conjur'd up, far as the eye can see,  
This world of tents, and domes, and sun-bright  
armory:—

Princely pavilions, screen'd by many a fold  
Of crimson cloth, and topp'd with balls of  
gold:—  
Steeds, with their housings of rich silver spun,  
Their chains and poytrels glittering in the sun;  
And camels, tufted o'er with Yemen's shells,<sup>4</sup>  
Shaking in every breeze their light-ton'd bells!

But yestereve, so motionless around,  
So mute was this wide plain, that not a sound  
But the far torrent, or the locust bird<sup>5</sup>  
Hunting among the thickets, could be heard;—  
Yet hark! what discords now, of every kind,  
Shouts, laughs, and screams are revelling in the  
wind;  
The neigh of cavalry;—the tinkling throngs  
Of laden camels and their drivers' songs;<sup>6</sup>—

except the flags of the chiefs, which usually mark the centres of a congeries of these masses; the only regular part of the encampment being the streets of shops, each of which is constructed nearly in the manner of a booth at an English fair."—*Historical Sketches of the South of India.*

<sup>3</sup> The edifices of Chilminar and Balbec are supposed to have been built by the Genii, acting under the orders of Jan ben Jan, who governed the world long before the time of Adam.

<sup>4</sup> "A superb camel, ornamented with strings and tufts of small shells."—*Ali Bey.*

<sup>5</sup> A native of Khorassan, and allured southward by means of the water of a fountain between Shiraz and Ispahan, called the Fountain of Birds, of which it is so fond that it will follow wherever that water is carried.

<sup>6</sup> "Some of the camels have bells about their necks, and some about their legs, like those which our carriers put about their fore-horses' necks, which together with the servants (who belong to the camels, and travel on foot,) singing all night, make a pleasant noise, and the journey passes away delightfully."—*Puff's Account of the Mahometans.*

"The camel driver follows the camels singing, and some times playing upon his pipe; the louder he sings and pipes, the faster the camels go. Nay, they will stand still when he gives over his music."—*Tavernier.*

<sup>1</sup> "The place where the Whangho, a river of Tibet, rises, and where there are more than a hundred springs, which sparkle like stars; whence it is called Hotun-nor, that is, the Sea of Stars."—*Description of Tibet in Pinkerton.*

<sup>2</sup> "The Lescar or Imperial Camp is divided, like a regular town, into squares, alleys, and streets, and from a rising ground furnishes one of the most agreeable prospects in the world. Starting up in a few hours in an uninhabited plain, it raises the idea of a city built by enchantment. Even those who leave their houses in cities to follow the prince in his progress are frequently so charmed with the Lescar, when situated in a beautiful and convenient place, that they cannot prevail with themselves to remove. To prevent this inconvenience to the court, the Emperor, after sufficient time is allowed to the tradesmen to follow, orders them to be burnt out of their tents."—*Dow's Hindostan.*

Colonel Wilks gives a lively picture of an Eastern encampment:—"His camp, like that of most Indian armies, exhibited a motley collection of covers from the scorching sun and dews of the night, variegated according to the taste or means of each individual, by extensive enclosures of colored calico surrounding superb suits of tents; by ragged cloths or blankets stretched over sticks or branches; palm leaves hastily spread over similar supports; handsome tents and splendid canopies; horses, oxen, elephants, and camels; all intermixed without any exterior mark of order or design,

Ring of arms, and flapping in the breeze  
Of streamers from ten thousand canopies; —  
War music, bursting out from time to time,  
With gong and tymbalon's tremendous chime; —  
Or, in the pause, when harsher sounds are mute,  
The mellow breathings of some horn or flute,  
That far off, broken by the eagle note  
Of th' Abyssinian trumpet,<sup>1</sup> swell and float.

Who leads this mighty army? — ask ye  
“who?”

And mark ye not those banners of dark hue,  
The Night and Shadow,<sup>2</sup> over yonder tent? —  
It is the CALIPH's glorious armament.  
Rous'd in his Palace by the dread alarms,  
That hourly came, of the false Prophet's arms,  
And of his host of infidels, who hurl'd  
Defiance fierce at Islam<sup>3</sup> and the world, —  
Though worn with Grecian warfare, and behind  
The veils of his bright Palace calm reel'd,  
Yet brook'd he not such blasphemy should  
stain,

Thus unreveng'd, the evening of his reign;  
But, having sworn upon the Holy Grave<sup>4</sup>  
To conquer or to perish, once more gave  
His shadowy banners proudly to the breeze,  
And with an army, nurs'd in victories,  
Here stands to crush the rebels that o'errun  
His blest and beautiful Province of the Sun.

Ne'er did the march of MAHADI display  
Such pomp before; — not ev'n when on his way  
To Mecca's Temple, when both land and sea  
Were spoil'd to feed the Pilgrim's luxury;<sup>5</sup>  
When round him, 'mid the burning sands, he saw  
Fruits of the North in icy freshness thaw,  
And cool'd his thirsty lip, beneath the glow  
Of Mecca's sun, with urns of Persian snow:<sup>6</sup> —

<sup>1</sup> “This trumpet is often called, in Abyssinia, *nesser cano*, which signifies the Note of the Eagle.” — *Notes of Bruce's Editor*.

<sup>2</sup> The two black standards borne before the Caliphs of the House of Abbas were called, allegorically, *The Night and The Shadow*. — See *Gibbon*.

<sup>3</sup> The Mahometan religion.

<sup>4</sup> “The Persians swear by the Tomb of Shah Besade, who is buried at Casbin; and when one desires another to asseverate a matter, he will ask him, if he dare swear by the Holy Grave.” — *Struy*.

<sup>5</sup> Mahadi, in a single pilgrimage to Mecca, expended six millions of dinars of gold.

<sup>6</sup> *Nivem Meccam* apportavit, rem ibi aut nunquam aut raro visum. — *Abulfeda*.

<sup>7</sup> The inhabitants of Hejaz or Arabia Petraea, called by an Eastern writer “The People of the Rock.” — *Ebn Haukal*.

<sup>8</sup> “Those horses, called by the Arabians *Kochlani*, of whom a written genealogy has been kept for 2000 years.

Nor e'er did armament more grand than that  
Pour from the kingdoms of the Caliphate.  
First, in the van, the People of the Rock,<sup>7</sup>  
On their light mountain steeds, of royal stock;  
Then, chieftains of DAMASCUS, proud to see  
The flashing of their swords' rich marquetry;<sup>8</sup> —  
Men from the regions near the VOLGA's mouth,  
Mix'd with the rude, black archers of the South;  
And Indian lancers, in white turban'd ranks,  
From the far SINDE, or ATTOCK's sacred banks,  
With dusky legions from the Land of Myrrh,<sup>10</sup>  
And many a mace-arm'd Moor and Mid-sea  
islander.

Nor less in number, though more new and  
rude

In warfare's school, was the vast multitude  
That, fir'd by zeal, or by oppression wrong'd,  
Round the white standard of th' impostor  
throng'd.

Beside his thousands of Believers — blind,  
Burning and headlong as the Samiel wind —  
Many who felt, and more who fear'd to feel  
The bloody Islamite's converting steel,  
Flock'd to his banner; — Chiefs of th' UZBEK  
race,

Waving their heron crests with martial grace;<sup>11</sup>  
TURKOMANS, countless as their flocks, led forth  
From th' aromatic pastures of the North;  
Wild warriors of the turkois hills,<sup>12</sup> — and those  
Who dwell beyond the everlasting snows  
Of HINDOO KOSH,<sup>13</sup> in stormy freedom bred,  
Their fort the rock, their camp the torrent's bed.  
But none, of all who own'd the Chief's command,  
Rush'd to that battle field with bolder hand  
Or sterner hate, than IRAN's outlaw'd men,  
Her Worshipers of Fire<sup>14</sup> — all panting then  
For vengeance on th' accursed Saracen;

They are said to derive their origin from King Solomon's steeds.” — *Niebuhr*.

<sup>9</sup> “Many of the figures on the blades of their swords are wrought in gold or silver, or in marquetry with small gems.” — *Asiat. Misc.* v. i.

<sup>10</sup> Azab or Saba.

<sup>11</sup> “The chiefs of the Uzbek Tartars wear a plume of white heron's feathers in their turbans.” — *Account of Independent Tartary*.

<sup>12</sup> In the mountains of Nishapour and Tous (in Khorasan) they find turkoises. — *Ebn Haukal*.

<sup>13</sup> For a description of these stupendous ranges of mountains, see *El, hinstone's Caubal*.

<sup>14</sup> The Ghebers or Guebres, those original natives of Persia, who adhered to their ancient faith, the religion of Zoroaster, and who, after the conquest of their country by the Arabs, were either persecuted at home, or forced to become wanderers abroad.



Vengeance at last for their dear country spurn'd,  
Her throne usurp'd, and her bright shrines o'er-  
turn'd.

From YEZD's<sup>1</sup> eternal Mansion of the Fire,  
Where aged saints in dreams of Heav'n expire ;  
From BAKU, and those fountains of blue flame  
That burn into the CASPIAN,<sup>2</sup> fierce they came,  
Careless for what or whom the blow was sped,  
So vengeance triumph'd, and their tyrants  
bled.

Such was the wild and miscellaneous host,  
That high in air their motley banners toss'd  
Around the Prophet Chief — all eyes still bent  
Upon that glittering Veil, where'er it went,  
That beacon through the battle's stormy flood,  
That rainbow of the field, whose showers were  
blood !

Twice hath the sun upon their conflict set,  
And risen again, and found them grappling yet ;  
While streams of carnage in his noontide blaze,  
Smoke up to Heav'n — hot as that crimson haze,  
By which the prostrate Caravan is aw'd,<sup>3</sup>  
In the red Desert, when the wind's abroad.

"On, Swords of God!" the panting CALIPH  
calls, —

"Thrones for the living — Heav'n for him who  
falls!" —

"On, brave avengers, on," MOKANNA cries,  
"And EBLIS blast the recreant slave that flies!"  
Now comes the brunt, the crisis of the day —  
They clash — they strive — the CALIPH's troops  
give way !

MOKANNA's self plucks the black Banner down,  
And now the Orient World's Imperial crown  
Is just within his grasp — when, hark, that shout !  
Some hand hath check'd the flying Moslem's  
rout ;

And now they turn, they rally — at their head  
A warrior, (like those angel youths who led,  
In glorious panoply of Heav'n's own mail,  
The Champions of the Faith through BEDER's  
vale,<sup>4</sup>)

<sup>1</sup> Yezd, the chief residence of those ancient natives, who worship the Sun and the Fire, which latter they have carefully kept lighted, without being once extinguished for a moment, about 3000 years, on a mountain near Yezd, called Ater Quedah, signifying the House or Mansion of the Fire. He is reckoned very unfortunate who dies off that mountain. — *St phen's Persia*.

<sup>2</sup> "When the weather is hazy, the springs of Naphtha (on an island near Baku) boil up the higher, and the Naphtha often takes fire on the surface of the earth, and runs in a flame into the sea to a distance almost incredible." — *Hanway on the Everlasting Fire at Baku*.

Bold as if gifted with ten thousand lives,  
Turns on the fierce pursuers' blades, and drives  
At once the multitudinous torrent back —  
While hope and courage kindle in his track ;  
And, at each step, his bloody falchion makes  
Terrible vistas through which victory breaks !  
In vain MOKANNA, 'midst the general flight,  
Stands, like the red moon, on some stormy  
night,

Among the fugitive clouds that, hurrying by,  
Leave only her unshaken in the sky —  
In vain he yells his desperate curses out,  
Deals death promiscuously to all about,  
To foes that charge and coward friends that  
fly,

And seems of *all* the Great Arch enemy.  
The panic spreads — "A miracle!" through-  
out

The Möslem ranks, "a miracle!" they shout,  
All gazing on that youth, whose coming seems  
A light, a glory, such as breaks in dreams ;  
And every sword, true as o'er billows dim  
The needle tracks the loadstar, following him !

Right towards MOKANNA now he cleaves his  
path,

Impatient cleaves, as though the bolt of wrath  
He bears from Heav'n withheld its awful burst  
From weaker heads, and souls but half way  
curs'd,

To break o'er Him, the mightiest and the worst !  
But vain his speed — though, in that hour o  
blood,

Had all God's seraphs round MOKANNA stood,  
With swords of fire, ready like fate to fall,  
MOKANNA's soul would have defied them all ;  
Yet now, the rush of fugitives, too strong  
For human force, hurries ev'n *him* along ;  
In vain he struggles 'mid the wedg'd array  
Of flying thousands — he is borne away ;  
And the sole joy his baffled spirit knows,  
In this forc'd flight, is — murdering as he goes !  
As a grim tiger, whom the torrent's might  
Surprises in some parch'd ravine at night,

<sup>3</sup> *Sivary* says of the south wind, which blows in Egypt from February to May, "Sometimes it appears only in the shape of an impetuous whirlwind, which passes rapidly and is fatal to the traveller, surprised in the middle of the deserts. Torrents of burning sand roll before it, the firmament is enveloped in a thick veil, and the sun appears of the color of blood. Sometimes whole caravans are buried in it."

<sup>4</sup> In the great victory gained by Mahomed at Beder, he was assisted, say the Mussulmans, by three thousand angels, led by Gabriel, mounted on his horse Hizzum. — See *The Koran and its Commentators*.



Turns, ev'n in drowning, on the wretched flocks,  
Swept with him in that snow flood from the  
rocks,  
And, to the last, devouring on his way,  
Bloodies the stream he hath not power to stay.

"Alla illa Alla!" — the glad shout renew —  
"Alla Akbar!"<sup>1</sup> — the Caliph's in MEROU.  
Hang out your gilded tapestry in the streets,  
And light your shrines and chant your zira-  
lects.<sup>2</sup>

The Swords of God have triumph'd — on his  
throne

Your Caliph sits, and the veil'd Chief hath flown.  
Who does not envy that young warrior now,  
To whom the Lord of Islam bends his brow,  
In all the graceful gratitude of power,  
For his throne's safety in that perilous hour?  
Who doth not wonder, when, amidst th' acclaim  
Of thousands, heralding to heaven his name —  
'Mid all those holier harmonies of fame,  
Which sound along the path of virtuous souls,  
Like music round a planet as it rolls, —  
He turns away — coldly, as if some gloom  
Hung o'er his heart no triumphs can illumine; —  
Some sightless grief, upon whose blasted gaze  
Through glory's light may play, in vain it plays.  
Yes, wretched AZIM! thine is such a grief,  
Beyond all hope, all terror, all relief;  
A dark, cold calm, which nothing now can break,  
Or warm or brighten, — like that Syrian Lake,<sup>3</sup>  
Upon whose surface morn and summer shed  
Their smiles in vain, for all beneath is dead. —  
Hearts there have been, o'er which this weight  
of woe

Came by long use of suffering, tame and slow;  
But thine, lost youth! was sudden — over thee  
It broke at once, when all seem'd ecstasy;  
When Hope look'd up, and saw the gloomy  
Past

Melt into splendor, and Bliss dawn at last —  
'Twas then, ev'n then, o'er joys so freshly blown,  
This mortal blight of misery came down;  
Ev'n then, the full, warm gushings of thy heart  
Were check'd — like fount drops, frozen as they  
start —

And there, like them, cold, sunless relics hang,  
Each fix'd and chill'd into a lasting pang.

<sup>1</sup> The Techir, or cry of the Arabs. "Alla Acbar!" says Ockley, means, "God is most mighty."

<sup>2</sup> The ziralect is a kind of chorus, which the women of the East sing upon joyful occasions. — *Russel*.

<sup>3</sup> The Dead Sea, which contains neither animal nor vegetable life.

<sup>4</sup> The ancient Oxus

One sole desire, one passion now remains  
To keep life's fever still within his veins,  
Vengeance! — dire vengeance on the wretch  
who cast

O'er him and all he lov'd that ruinous blast.  
For this, when rumors reach'd him in his flight  
Far, far away, after that fatal night, —  
Rumors of armies, thronging to th' attack  
Of the Veil'd Chief, — for this he wing'd him  
back,  
Fleet as the vulture speeds to flags unfurl'd,  
And, when all hope seem'd desp'rate, wildly  
hur'l'd

Himself into the scale, and sav'd a world.  
For this he still lives on, careless of all  
The wreaths that Glory on his path lets fall;  
For this alone exists — like lightning fire,  
To speed one bolt of vengeance, and expire!

But safe as yet that Spirit of Evil lives;  
With a small band of desperate fugitives,  
The last sole stubborn fragment, left unruin'd,  
Of the proud host that late stood fronting  
Heaven,

He gain'd MEROU — breath'd a short curse of  
blood  
O'er his lost throne — then pass'd the JIHON'S  
flood,<sup>4</sup>

And gathering all, whose madness of belief  
Still saw a Savior in their down-fall'n Chief,  
Rais'd the white banner within NEKSHEB'S  
gates,<sup>5</sup>  
And there, untam'd, th' approaching conqueror  
waits.

Of all his Harem, all that busy hive,  
With music and with sweets sparkling alive,  
He took but one, the partner of his flight,  
One — not for love — not for her beauty's  
light —

No. ZELICA stood withering 'midst the gay,  
Wan as the blossom that fell yesterday  
From th' Alma tree and dies, while overhead  
To-day's young flower is springing in its stead.<sup>6</sup>  
O, not for love — the deepest Damn'd must be  
Touch'd with Heaven's glory, ere such fiends  
as he

Can see. one glimpse of Love's divinity.

<sup>5</sup> A city of Transoxiana.

<sup>6</sup> "You never can cast your eyes on this tree, but you meet there either blossoms or fruit; and as the blossom drops underneath on the ground (which is frequently covered with these purple-colored flowers), others come forth in their stead," &c. &c. — *Nicuhoff*.

But no, she is his victim ; — *there* lie all  
Her charms for him — charms that can never  
pall,

As long as hell within his heart can stir,  
Or one faint trace of Heaven is left in her.  
To work an angel's ruin, — to behold  
As white a page as Virtue e'er unroll'd  
Blacken, beneath his touch, into a scroll  
Of damning sins, seal'd with a burning soul —  
Thus is his triumph ; this the joy accrues'd,  
That ranks him among demons all but first :  
This gives the victim, that before him lies  
Blighted and lost, a glory in his eyes,  
A light like that with which hell fire illumines  
The ghastly, writhing wretch whom it consumes !

But other tasks now wait him — tasks that  
need  
All the deep daringness of thought and deed  
With which the Dives<sup>1</sup> have gifted him — for  
mark,

Over yon plains, which night had else made dark,  
Those lanterns, countless as the winged lights  
That spangle INDIA's fields on showery nights,<sup>2</sup>  
Far as their formidable gleams they shed,  
The mighty tents of the beleaguener spread,  
Glimmering along th' horizon's dusky line,  
And thence in nearer circles, till they shine  
Among the founts and groves, o'er which the  
town

In all its arm'd magnificence looks down.  
Yet fearless, from his lofty battlements  
MOKANNA views that multitude of tents ;  
Nay, smiles to think that, though entoild, beset,  
Not less than myriads dare to front him yet ; —  
That friendless, throneless, he thus stands at bay,  
Ev'n thus a match for myriads such as they.  
"O, for a sweep of that dark Angel's wing,  
"Who brush'd the thousands of th' Assyrian  
King<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Demons of the Persian mythology

<sup>2</sup> Carrièr mentions the fireflies in India during the rainy season. — See his Travels.

<sup>3</sup> Sennacherib, called by the Orientals King of Moussal. — *D'Herbelot*.

<sup>4</sup> Chesroes. For the description of his Throne or Palace, see *Gibbon* and *D'Herbelot*.

There were said to be under this Throne or Palace of Khosrou Parviz a hundred vaults filled with "treasures so immense that some Mahometan writers tell us, their Prophet, to encourage his disciples, carried them to a rock, which at his command opened, and gave them a prospect through it of the treasures of Khosrou." — *On versal History*.

<sup>5</sup> "The crown of Gerashid is cloudy and tarushed before the heron tuft of thy turban." — From one of the elegies or songs in praise of Ali, written in characters of gold round the gallery of Abbas's tomb. — See *Chardin*.

"To darkness in a moment, that I might  
"People Hell's chambers with yon host to-night !  
"But, come what may, let who will grasp the  
throne,  
"Caliph or Prophet, Man alike shall groan ;  
"Let who will torture him, Priest — Caliph —  
King —  
"Alike this loathsome world of his shall ring  
"With victims' shrieks and howlings of the slave,  
"Sounds, that shall glad me ev'n within my  
grave !"

Thus, to himself — but to the scanty train  
Still left around him, a far different strain : —  
"Glorious Defenders of the sacred Crown  
"I bear from Heav'n, whose light nor blood shall  
drown

"Nor shadow of earth eclipse ; — before whose  
gems

"The paly pomp of this world's diadems,  
"The crown of GERASHID, the pillar'd throne  
"Of PARVIZ,<sup>4</sup> and the heron crest that shone,<sup>5</sup>  
"Magnificent, o'er ALI's beauteous eyes,<sup>6</sup>  
"Fade like the stars when morn is in the skies :  
"Warriors, rejoice — the port to which we've  
pass'd

"O'er Destiny's dark wave, beams out at last !  
"Victory's our own — 'tis written in that Book  
"Upon whose leaves none but the angels look,  
"That ISLAM's sceptre shall beneath the power  
"Of her great foe fall broken in that hour,  
"When the moon's mighty orb, before all eyes,  
"From NEKSHEB's Holy Well portentously shall  
rise !

"Now turn and see !" —

They turn'd, and, as he spoke,  
A sudden splendor all around them broke,  
And they beheld an orb, ample and bright,  
Rise from the Holy Well,<sup>7</sup> and cast its light  
Round the rich city and the plain for miles,<sup>8</sup> —  
Flinging such radiance o'er the gilded tiles

<sup>6</sup> The beauty of Ali's eyes was so remarkable, that when ever the Persians would describe any thing as very lovely, they say it is Ayn Hali, or the Eyes of Ali. — *Chardin*.

<sup>7</sup> We are not told more of this trick of the Impostor, than that it was "une machine, qu'il disoit être la Lune." According to Richardson, the miracle is perpetuated in Neks cheb — "Nakshab, the name of a city in Transoxiana, where they say there is a well, in which the appearance of the moon is to be seen night and day."

<sup>8</sup> "Il amusa pendant deux mois le peuple de la ville de Nekhscheb, en faisant sortir toutes les nuits du fond d'un puits un corps lumineux semblable à Lune, qui portoit sa lumière jusqu'à la distance de plusieurs milles." — *D'Herbelot*. Hence he was called Szazendehmah, or the Moon-maker.

Of many a dome and fair-roof'd imaret,  
 As autumn suns shed round them when they set.  
 Instant from all who saw th' illusive sign  
 A murmur broke — "Miraculous! divine!"  
 The Gheber low'd, thinking his idol star  
 Had wak'd, and burst impatient through the bar  
 Of midnight, to inflame him to the war;  
 While he of MOUSSA's creed saw, in that ray,  
 The glorious Light which, in his freedom's day,  
 Had rested on the Ark,<sup>1</sup> and now again  
 Shone out to bless the breaking of his chain.

"To victory!" is at once the cry of all —  
 Nor stands MOKANNA loitering at that call;  
 But instant the huge gates are flung aside,  
 And forth, like a diminutive mountain tide  
 Into the boundless sea, they speed their course  
 Right on into the MOSLEM's mighty force.  
 The watchmen of the camp, — who, in their  
 rounds,  
 Had paus'd, and ev'n forgot the punctual sounds  
 Of the small drum with which they count the  
 night,<sup>2</sup>

To gaze upon that supernatural light, —  
 Now sink beneath an unexpected arm,  
 And in a death groan give their last alarm.  
 "On for the lamps, that light yon lofty screen,<sup>3</sup>  
 "Nor blunt your blades with massacre so mean;  
 "There rests the CALIPH — speed — one lucky  
 lance

"May now achieve mankind's deliverance."  
 Desperate the die — such as they only cast,  
 Who venture for a world, and stake their last.  
 But Fate's no longer with him — blade for blade  
 Springs up to meet them through the glimmer-  
 ing shade,

And, as the clash is heard, new legions soon  
 Pour to the spot, like bees of KAUZEROON<sup>4</sup>  
 To the shrill timbrel's summons, — till, at length,  
 The mighty camp swarms out in all its strength,  
 And back to NEKSEH's gates, covering the plain  
 With random slaughter, drives th' adventurous  
 train;

Among the last of whom the Silver Veil  
 Is seen glittering at times, like the white sail  
 Of some toss'd vessel, on a stormy night,  
 Catching the tempest's momentary light!

<sup>1</sup> The Shechinah, called Sakinat in the Koran.—See *Sale's Note*, chap. ii.

<sup>2</sup> The parts of the night are made known as well by instruments of music, as by the rounds of the watchmen with cries and small drums.—See *Barber's Oriental Customs*, vol. i p. 119.

<sup>3</sup> The Serrapurda, high screens of red cloth, stiffened with

And hath not *this* brought the proud spirit  
 low?

Nor dash'd his brow, nor check'd his daring? No.  
 Though half the wretches, whom at night he led  
 To thrones and victory, lie disgrac'd and dead,  
 Yet morning hears him with unshrinking crest,  
 Still vaunt of thrones, and victory to the rest;—  
 And they believe him! — O, the lover may  
 Distrust that look which steals his soul away;—  
 The babe may cease to think that it can p'ay  
 With Heaven's rainbow;— alchemists may  
 doubt

The shining gold their crucible gives out;  
 But Faith, fanatic Faith, once wedded fast  
 To some dear falsehood, hugs it to the last.

And well th' Impostor knew all lures and arts,  
 That LUCIFER e'er taught to tangle hearts;  
 Nor, 'mid these last bold workings of his plot  
 Against men's souls, is ZELICA forgot.  
 Ill-fated ZELICA! had reason been  
 Awake, through half the horrors thou hast seen,  
 Thou never couldst have borne it — Death had  
 come

At once, and taken thy wrung spirit home.  
 But 'twas not so — a torpor, a suspense  
 Of thought, almost of life, came o'er the intense  
 And passionate struggles of that fearful night,  
 When her last hope of peace and heav'n took  
 flight:

And though, at times, a gleam of frenzy broke, —  
 As through some dull volcano's veil of smoke  
 Ominous flashings now and then will start,  
 Which show the fire's still busy at its heart;  
 Yet was she mostly wrapp'd in solemn gloom, —  
 Not such as AZIM's brooding o'er its doom,  
 And calm without, as is the brow of death,  
 While busy worms are gnawing underneath —  
 But in a blank and pulseless torpor, free  
 From thought or pain, a seal'd-up apathy,  
 Which left her oft, with scarce one living thrill  
 The cold, pale victim of her torturer's will.

Again, as in MEROU, he had her deck'd  
 Gorgeously out, the Priestess of the sect;  
 And led her glittering forth before the eyes  
 Of his rude train, as to a sacrifice, —

cane, used to enclose a considerable space round the royal tents.—*Notes on the Bahardanush*.

The tents of Princes were generally illuminated. Nor den tells us that the tent of the Bey of Girge was distinguished from the other tents by forty lanterns being suspended before it.—See *Harmer's Observations on Job*.

<sup>4</sup> "From the groves of orange trees at Kauzeroom the bees cull a celebrated honey."—*Morier's Travels*.

Pallid as she, the young, devoted Bride  
 Of the fierce NILE, when, deck'd in all the pride  
 Of nuptial pomp, she sinks into his tide.<sup>1</sup>  
 And while the wretched maid hung down her  
 head,  
 And stood, as one just risen from the dead,  
 Amid that gazing crowd, the fiend would tell  
 His credulous slaves it was some charm or spell  
 Possess'd her now, — and from that darken'd  
 trance  
 Should dawn ere long their Faith's deliverance.  
 Or if, at times, goaded by guilty shame,  
 Her soul was rous'd, and words of wildness  
 came,  
 Instant the bold blasphem'er would translate  
 Her ravings into oracles of fate,  
 Would hail Heav'n's signals in her flashing  
 eyes,  
 And call her shrieks the language of the skies !

But vain at length his arts — despair is seen  
 Gathering around ; and famine comes to glean  
 All that the sword had left unrea'p'd : — in vain  
 At morn and eve across the northern plain  
 He looks impatient for the promis'd spears  
 Of the wild Hordes and TARTAR mountaineers ;

<sup>1</sup> "A custom still subsisting at this day, seems to me to prove that the Egyptians formerly sacrificed a young virgin to the God of the Nile ; for they now make a statue of earth in shape of a girl, to which they give the name of the Betrothed Bride, and throw it into the river." — *Savary*.

<sup>2</sup> That they knew the secret of the Greek fire among the Mussulmans early in the eleventh century, appears from *Dow's* Account of Mamood I. "When he arrived at Moul-tan, finding that the country of the Jits was defended by great rivers, he ordered fifteen hundred boats to be built, each of which he armed with six iron spikes, projecting from their prows and sides, to prevent their being boarded by the enemy, who were very expert in that kind of war. When he had launched this fleet, he ordered twenty archers into each boat, and five others with fire-balls, to burn the craft of the Jits, and naphtha to set the whole river on fire."

The *agnee ast r*, too, in Indian poems the Instrument of Fire, whose flame cannot be extinguished, is supposed to signify the Greek Fire. — See *Wilks's* South of India, vol. I. p. 471. — And in the curious Javan poem, the *Brata Yudha* given by *Sir Stamford Raffles* in his History of Java, we find, "He aimed at the heart of Soëta with the sharp-pointed Weapon of Fire."

The mention of gunpowder as in use among the Arabians, long before its supposed discovery in Europe, is introduced by *Ebn Fadh*, the Egyptian geographer, who lived in the thirteenth century. "Bodies," he says, "in the form of scorpions, bound round and filled with nitrous powder, glide along, making a gentle noise ; then, exploding, they lighten, as it were, and burn. But there are others which, cast into the air, stretch along like a cloud, roaring horribly, as thunder roars, and on all sides vomiting out flames, burst, burn, and reduce to cinders whatever comes in their way." The historian *Ben Abdalla*, in speaking of the sieges of Abulualid

They come not — while his fierce beleagu'ers  
 pour

Engines of havoc in, unknown before,<sup>2</sup>  
 And horrible as new ;<sup>3</sup> — javelins, that fly  
 Inwreath'd with smoky flames through the dark  
 sky,  
 And red-hot globes, that, opening as they mount,  
 Discharge, as from a kindled Naphtha fount,<sup>4</sup>  
 Showers of consuming fire o'er all below ;  
 Looking, as through th' illumin'd night they go,  
 Like those wild birds<sup>5</sup> that by the Magians  
 oft,

At festivals of fire, were sent aloft  
 Into the air, with blazing fagots tied  
 To their huge wings, scattering combustion wide.  
 All night the groans of wretches who expire,  
 In agony, beneath these darts of fire,  
 Ring through the city — while, descending o'er  
 Its shrines and domes and streets of sycamore, —  
 Its lone bazaars, with their bright cloths of  
 gold,

Since the last peaceful pageant left unroll'd, —  
 Its beauteous marble baths, whose idle jets  
 Now gush with blood, — and its tall minarets,  
 That late have stood up in the evening glare  
 Of the red sun, unhallow'd by a prayer ; —

in the year of the Hegira 712, says, "A fiery globe, by means of combustible matter, with a mighty noise suddenly emitted, strikes with the force of lightning, and shakes the citadel." — See the extracts from *Casiri's* Biblioth. Arab. Hispan. in the Appendix to *Berington's* Literary History of the Middle Ages.

<sup>3</sup> The Greek fire, which was occasionally lent by the emperors to their allies. "It was," says Gibbon, "either launched in red-hot balls of stone and iron, or darted in arrows and javelins, twisted round with flax and tow, which had deeply imbibed the inflammable oil."

<sup>4</sup> See *Hanway's* Account of the Springs of Naphtha at Baku (which is called by *Lieutenant Pottinger* Joala Mookée, or, the Flaming Mouth,) taking fire and running into the sea. *Dr. Cooke*, in his Journal, mentions some wells in Circassia, strongly impregnated with this inflammable oil, from which issues boiling water. "Though the weather," he adds, "was now very cold, the warmth of these wells of hot water produced near them the verdure and flowers of spring."

*Major Scott Waring* says, that naphtha is used by the Persians, as we are told it was in hell, for lamps.

. . . . . many a row  
 Of starry lamps and blazing cressets, fed  
 With naphtha and asphaltus, yielding light  
 As from a sky.

<sup>5</sup> "At the great festival of fire, called the Sheb Sezè, they used to set fire to large bunches of dry combustibles, fastened round wild beasts and birds, which being then let loose, the air and earth appeared one great illumination ; and as these terrified creatures naturally fled to the woods for shelter, it is easy to conceive the conflagrations they produced." — *Richardson's* Dissertation.



O'er each, in turn, the dreadful flame-bolts fall,  
And death and conflagration throughout all  
The desolate city hold high festival!

MOKANNA sees the world is his no more;—  
One sting at parting, and his grasp is o'er.  
"What! drooping now?"—thus, with un-  
blushing cheek,

He hails the few, who yet can hear him speak,  
Of all those famish'd slaves around him lying,  
And by the light of blazing temples dying;—  
"What!—drooping now?—now, when at  
length we press

"Home o'er the very threshold of success;  
"When ALLA from our ranks hath thinn'd away  
"Those grosser branches, that kept out his ray  
"Of favor from us, and we stand at length  
"Heirs of his light and children of his strength,  
"The chosen few, who shall survive the fall  
"Of Kings and Thrones, triumphant over all!  
"Have you then lost, weak murmurers as you  
are,  
"All faith in him, who was your Light your  
Star?

"Have you forgot the eye of glory, hid  
"Beneath this Veil, the flashing of which lid  
"Could, like a sunstroke of the desert wither  
"Millions of such as yonder Chief brings hither?  
"Long have its lightnings slept—till long—but  
now

"All earth shall feel th' unveiling of this brow!  
"To-night—yes, sainted mermaid this very night,  
"I bid you all to a fair festival rite,  
"Where—having deep refresh'd each weary  
limb

"With viands, such as fast Heav'n's cherubim,  
"And kindled up your souls, now sunk and dim,  
"With that pure wine the Dark-ey'd Maids  
above

"Keep, seal'd with precious musk, for those  
they love,<sup>1</sup>—

"I will myself uncurtain in your sight  
"The wonders of this brow's ineffable light;  
"Then lead you forth, and with a wink disperse  
"You myriads, howling through the universe!"

Eager they listen.—while each accent darts  
New life into their chill'd and hope-sick hearts;  
Such treacherous life as the cool draught sup-  
plies  
To him upon the stake, who drinks and dies!

<sup>1</sup> "The righteous shall be given to drink of pure wine,  
sealed; the seal whereof shall be musk."—*Koran*, chap.  
lxviii.

Wildly they point their lances to the light  
Of the fast-sinking sun, and shout "To-  
night!"—

"To-night," their Chief echoes in a voice  
Of fiendlike mockery that bids hell rejoice.  
Deluded victims!—never hath this earth  
Seen mourning half so mournful as their mirth.  
*Here*, to the few, whose iron frames had stood  
This racking waste of famine and of blood,  
Faint, dying wretches clung, from whom the  
shout

Of triumph like a maniac's laugh broke out:—  
*There*, others, lighted by the smouldering fire,  
Danc'd, like wan ghosts about a funeral pyre,  
Among the dead and dying, strew'd around;—  
While some pale wretch look'd on, and from his  
wound

Plucking the fiery dart by which he bled,  
In ghastly transport wav'd it o'er his head!

'Twas more than midnight now—a fearful  
pause

Had follow'd the long shouts, the wild applause,  
That lately from those Royal Gardens burst,  
Where the Veil'd demon held his feast accurst,  
When ZELICA—alas, poor ruin'd heart,  
In every horror doom'd to bear its part!—  
Was bidden to the banquet by a slave,  
Who, while his quivering lip the summons  
gave,

Grew black, as though the shadows of the grave  
Compass'd him round, and, ere he could repeat  
His message through, fell lifeless at her feet!  
Shuddering she went—a soul-felt pang of fear,  
A presage that her own dark doom was near,  
Rous'd every feeling, and brought Reason back  
Once more, to writhe her last upon the rack.  
All round seem'd tranquil—even the foe had  
ceas'd,

As if aware of that demoniac feast,  
His fiery bolts; and though the heavens look'd  
red,

'Twas but some distant conflagration's spread.  
But hark—she stops—she listens—dreadful  
tone!

'Tis her Tormentor's laugh—and now, a groan,  
A long death groan comes with it:—can this be  
The place of mirth, the bower of revelry?  
She enters—Holy ALLA, what a sight  
Was there before her! By the glimmering light  
Of the pale dawn, mix'd with the flare of brands  
That round lay burning, dropp'd from lifeless  
hands,

She saw the board, in splendid mockery spread,  
Rich censers breathing—garlands overhead—



The urns, the cups, from which they late had quaff'd  
 All gold and gems, but — what had been the draught?  
 O, who need ask, that saw those livid guests,  
 With their swoll'n hoads sunk blackening on their breasts,  
 Or looking pale to Heav'n with glassy glare,  
 As if they sought but saw no mercy there;  
 As if they felt, though poison rack'd them through,  
 Remorse, the deadlier torment of the two!  
 While some, the bravest, hardest in the train  
 Of their false Chief, who on the battle plain  
 Would have met death with transport by his side,  
 Here mute and helpless gasp'd; — but, as they died,  
 Look'd horrible vengeance with their eyes' last strain,  
 And clinch'd the slackening hand at him in vain.

Dreadful it was to see the ghastly stare,  
 The stony look of horror and despair,  
 Which some of these expiring victims cast  
 Upon their souls' tormentor to the last; —  
 Upon that mocking Fiend, whose Veil, now rais'd,  
 Show'd them, as in death's agony they gaz'd,  
 Not the long promis'd light, the brow, whose beaming  
 Was to come forth, all conquering, all redeeming,  
 But features horribler than Hell e'er trac'd  
 On its own brood; — no Demon of the Waste,<sup>1</sup>  
 No churchyard Ghole, caught lingering in the light  
 Of the bless'd sun, e'er blasted human sight  
 With lineaments so foul, so fierce as those  
 Th' Impostor now, in grinning mockery, shows:  
 "There, ye wise Saints, behold your Light, your Star —  
 "Ye *would* be dupes and victims, and ye *are*.  
 "Is it enough? or must I, while a thrill  
 "Lives in your sapient bosoms, cheat you still?  
 "Swear that the burning death ye feel within  
 Is but the trance with which Heav'n's joys begin;

"That this foul visage, foul as e'er disgrac'd  
 "Ev'n monstrous man, is — after God's own taste;  
 "And that — but see! — ere I have half way said  
 "My greetings through, th' uncourteous souls are fled.  
 "Farewell, sweet spirits! not in vain ye die,  
 "If EBLIS loves you half so well as I. —  
 "Ha, my young bride! — 'tis well — take thou thy seat;  
 "Nay come — no shuddering — didst thou never meet  
 "The Dead before? — they grac'd our wedding, sweet;  
 "And these, my guests to-night, have brimm'd so true  
 "Their parting cups, that *thou* shalt pledge one too.  
 "But — how is this? — all empty? all drunk up?  
 "Hot lips have been before thee in the cup,  
 "Young bride — yet stay — one precious drop remains,  
 "Enough to warm a gentle Priestess' veins; —  
 "Here, drink — and should thy lover's conquering arms  
 "Speed hither, ere thy lip lose all its charms,  
 "Give him but half this venom in thy kiss,  
 "And I'll forgive my haughty rival's bliss!

"For *me* — I too must die — but not like these  
 "Vile, rankling things, to fester in the breeze;  
 "To have this brow in ruffian triumph shown,  
 "With all death's grimness added to its own,  
 "And rot to dust beneath the taunting eyes  
 "Of slaves, exclaiming, 'There his Godship lies!'  
 "No — cursed race — since first my soul drew breath,  
 "They've been my dupes, and *shall* be ev'n in death.  
 "Thou seest yon cistern in the shade — 'tis fill'd  
 "With burning drugs, for this last hour distill'd;<sup>2</sup> —  
 "There will I plunge me, in that liquid flame —  
 "Fit bath to lave a dying Prophet's frame! —

<sup>1</sup> "The Afghans believe each of the numerous solitudes and deserts of their country to be inhabited by a lonely demon, whom they call the Ghoolie Beeabau, or Spirit of the Waste. They often illustrate the wildness of any sequestered tribe, by saying, they are wild as the Demon of the Waste." — *Elphinstone's Caubul*.

<sup>2</sup> "Il donna du poison dans le vin à tous ses gens, et se jeta lui-même ensuite dans une cuve pleine de drogues brûlantes et consumantes, afin qu'il ne restât rien de tous les membres de son corps, et que ceux qui restoient de sa secte pussent croire qu'il étoit monté au ciel, ce qui ne manqua pas d'arriver." — *D'Herbelot*

"There perish, all — ere pulse of thine shall fail —

"Nor leave one limb to tell mankind the tale.

"So shall my votaries, wheresoe'er they rave,

"Proclaim that Heaven took back the Saint it gave ; —

"That I've but vanish'd from this earth a while,

"To come again, with bright, unshrouded smile !

"So shall they build me altars in their zeal,

"Where knaves shall minister, and fools shall kneel ;

"Where Faith may mutter o'er her mystic spell,

"Written in blood — and Bigotry may swell

"The sail he spreads for Heav'n with blasts from hell !

"So shall my banner, through long ages, be

"The rallying sign of fraud and anarchy ; —

"Kings yet unborn shall rue MOKANNA'S name,

"And, though I die, my spirit, still the same,

"Shall walk abroad in all the stormy strife,

"And guilt, and blood, that were its bliss in life.

"But, hark ! their battering engine shakes the wall —

"Why, *let* it shake — thus I can brave them all.

"No trace of me shall greet them, when they come,

"And I can trust thy faith, for — thou'lt be dumb.

"Now mark how readily a wretch like me,

"In one bold plunge, commences Deity !"

He sprung and sunk, as the last words were said —

Quick clos'd the burning waters o'er his head,

And ZELICA was left — within the ring

Of those wide walls the only living thing ;

The only wretched one, still curs'd with breath,

In all that frightful wilderness of death !

More like some bloodless ghost — such as, they tell,

In the Lone Cities of the Silent <sup>1</sup> dwell,

And there, unseen of all but ALLA, sit

Each by his own pale carcass, watching it.

But morn is up, and a fresh warfare stirs

Throughout the camp of the beleaguers.

Their globes of fire (the dread artillery lent

By GREECE to conquering MAHADI) are spent ;

And now the scorpion's shaft, the quarry sent

From high balistas, and the shielded throng

Of soldiers swinging the huge ram along,

All speak th' impatient Islamite's intent

To try, at length, if tower and battlement

And bastion'd wall be not less hard to win,

Less tough to break down than the hearts within.

First in impatience and in toil is he,

The burning AZIM — O, could he but see

Th' Impostor once alive within his grasp,

Not the gaunt lion's hug, nor boa's clasp,

Could match that gripe of vengeance, or keep pace

With the fell heartiness of Hate's embrace !

Loud rings the ponderous ram against the walls ;

Now shake the ramparts, now a buttress falls,

But still no breach — "Once more, one mighty swing

"Of all your beams, together thundering !"

There — the wall shakes — the shouting troops exult,

"Quick, quick discharge your weightiest catapult

"Right on that spot, and NEKSHEB is our own !"

'Tis done — the battlements come crashing down,

And the huge wall, by that stroke riv'n in two,

Yawning, like some old crater, rent anew,

Shows the dim, desolate city smoking through. But strange ! no signs of life — nought living seen

Above, below — what can this stillness mean ?

A minute's pause suspends all hearts and eyes ;

"In through the breach," impetuous AZIM cries ;

But the cool CALIPH, fearful of some wile

In this blank stillness, checks the troops a while.

Just then, a figure, with slow step, advanc'd

Forth from the ruin'd walls, and, as there glanc'd

A sunbeam over it, all eyes could see

The well-known Silver Veil ! — "'Tis He, 'tis He,

"MOKANNA, and alone !" they shout around ; Young AZIM from his steed springs to the ground —

"Mine, Holy Caliph ! mine," he cries, "the task

"To crush yon daring wretch — 'tis all I ask."

Eager he darts to meet the demon foe,

Who still across wide heaps of ruin slow

And falteringly comes, till they are near ;

Then, with a bound, rushes on AZIM's spear,

<sup>1</sup> "They have all a great reverence for burial grounds, which they sometimes call by the poetical name of Cities of the Silent, and which they people with the ghosts of the de-

parted, who sit each at the head of his own grave, invisible to mortal eyes." — *Elphinstone*.

And, casting off the Veil in falling, shows —  
O, —'tis his ZELICA's lifeblood that flows !

"I meant not, AZIM," soothingly she said,  
As on his trembling arm she lean'd her head,  
And, looking in his face, saw anguish there  
Beyond all wounds the quivering flesh can bear,  
"I meant not *thou* shouldst have the pain of  
this : —

"Though death, with thee thus tasted, is a bliss  
"Thou wouldst not rob me of, didst thou but  
know,

"How oft I've pray'd to God I might die so !  
"But the Fiend's venom was too scant and slow ;  
"To linger on were maddening — and I thought  
"If once that Veil — nay, look not on it —  
caught

"The eyes of your fierce soldiery, I should be  
"Struck by a thousand death darts instantly.  
"But this is sweeter — O, believe me, yes —  
"I would not change this sad, but dear caress,  
"This death within thy arms I would not  
give

"For the most smiling life the happiest live !  
"All, that stood dark and drear before the eye  
"Of my stray'd soul, is passing swiftly by ;  
"A light comes o'er me from those looks of love,  
"Like the first dawn of mercy from above ;  
"And if thy lips but tell me I'm forgiven,  
"Angels will echo the blest words in Heaven !  
"But live, my AZIM ; — O, to call thee mine  
"Thus once again ! *my* AZIM — dream divine !  
"Live, if thou ever lov'dst me, if to meet  
"Thy ZELICA hereafter would be sweet,  
"O, live to pray for her — to bend the knee  
"Morning and night before that Deity,  
"To whom pure lips and hearts without a stain,  
"As thine are, AZIM, never breath'd in vain, —  
"And pray that He may pardon her, — may  
take

"Compassion on her soul for thy dear sake,  
"And, nought remembering but her love to thee,  
"Make her all thine, all His, eternally !  
"Go to those happy fields where first we twin'd  
"Our youthful hearts together — every wind  
"That meets thee there, fresh from the well-  
known flowers,  
"Will bring the sweetness of those innocent  
hours

"Back to thy soul, and thou mayst feel again  
"For thy poor ZELICA as thou didst then.  
"So shall thy orisons, like dew that flies

"To Heav'n upon the morning's sunshine, rise  
"With all love's earliest ardor to the skies !  
"And should they — but, alas, my senses fail ;  
"O for one minute ! — should thy prayers pre-  
vail —  
"If pardon'd souls may, from that World of  
Bliss,  
"Reveal their joy to those they love in this —  
"I'll come to thee — in some sweet dream — and  
tell —  
"O Heav'n — I die — dear love ! farewell, fare-  
well."

Time fleeted — years on years had pass'd  
away,

And few of those who, on that mournful day,  
Had stood, with pity in their eyes, to see  
The maiden's death, and the youth's agony,  
Were living still — when, by a rustic grave,  
Beside the swift Amoo's transparent wave,  
And aged man, who had grown aged there  
By that lone grave, morning and night in prayer,  
For the last time knelt down — and, though the  
shade

Of death hung darkening over him, there play'd  
A gleam of rapture on his eye and cheek,  
That brighten'd even Death — like the last  
streak

Of intense glory on the horizon's brim,  
When night o'er all the rest hangs chill and dim.  
His soul had seen a Vision, while he slept ;  
She, for whose spirit he had pray'd and wept  
So many years, had come to him, all dress'd  
In angel smiles, and told him she was blest !  
For this the old man breath'd his thanks, and  
died.

And there, upon the banks of that lov'd tide,  
He and his ZELICA sleep side by side.

The story of the Veiled Prophet of Khoras-  
san being ended, they were now doomed to  
hear FADLADEEN'S criticisms upon it. A series  
of disappointments and accidents had occurred  
to this learned Chamberlain during the journey.  
In the first place, those couriers stationed, as in  
the reign of Shah Jehan, between Delhi and  
the Western coast of India, to secure a constant  
supply of mangoes for the Royal Table, had, by  
some cruel irregularity, failed in their duty ;  
and to eat any mangoes but those of Mazagong  
was, of course, impossible.<sup>1</sup> In the next place,

<sup>1</sup> "The celebrity of Mazagong is owing to its mangoes,  
which are certainly the best fruit I ever tasted. The par-

ent tree, from which all those of this species have been  
grafted, is honored during the fruit season by a guard of

the elephant, laden with his fine antique porcelain,<sup>1</sup> had, in an unusual fit of liveliness, shattered the whole set to pieces:—an irreparable loss, as many of the vessels were so exquisitely old, as to have been used under the Emperors Yan and Chun, who reigned many ages before the dynasty of Tang. His Koran, too, supposed to be the identical copy between the leaves of which Mahomet's favorite pigeon used to nestle, had been mislaid by his Koran bearer three whole days; not without much spiritual alarm to FADLADEEN, who, though professing to hold with other loyal and orthodox Mussulmans, that salvation could only be found in the Koran, was strongly suspected of believing in his heart, that it could only be found in his own particular copy of it. When to all these grievances is added the obstinacy of the cooks, in putting the pepper of Canara into his dishes instead of the cinnamon of Serendib, we may easily suppose that he came to the task of criticism with, at least, a sufficient degree of irritability for the purpose.

"In order," said he, importantly swinging about his chaplet of pearls, "to convey with clearness my opinion of the story this young man has related, it is necessary to take a review of all the stories that have ever —" — "My good FADLADEEN!" exclaimed the Princess, interrupting him, "we really do not deserve that you should give yourself so much trouble. Your opinion of the poem we have just heard, will, I have no doubt, be abundantly edifying, without any further waste of your valuable erudition." — "If that be all," replied the critic, — evidently mortified at not being allowed to show how much he knew about every thing, but the subject immediately before him — "if that be all that is required, the matter is easily despatched." He then proceeded to analyze the poem, in that strain (so well known to the unfortunate bards of Delhi), whose censures were an infliction from which few recovered, and whose very praises were like the honey extracted

from the bitter flowers of the aloë. The chief personages of the story were, if he rightly understood them, an ill-favored gentleman, with a veil over his face; — a young lady, whose reason went and came, according as it suited the poet's convenience to be sensible or otherwise; — and a youth in one of those hideous Bucharian bonnets, who took the aforesaid gentleman in a veil for a Divinity. "From such materials," said he, "what can be expected? — after rivalling each other in long speeches and absurdities, through some thousands of lines as indigestible as the filberts of Berdaa, our friend in the veil jumps into a tub of aquafortis; the young lady dies in a set speech, whose only recommendation is that it is her last; and the lover lives on to a good old age, for the laudable purpose of seeing her ghost, which he at last happily accomplishes, and expires. This, you will allow, is a fair summary of the story; and if Nasser, the Arabian merchant, told no better, our Holy Prophet (to whom be all honor and glory!) had no need to be jealous of his abilities for story telling."<sup>2</sup>

With respect to the style, it was worthy of the matter; — it had not even those politic contrivances of structure, which make up for the commonness of the thoughts by the peculiarity of the manner, nor that stately poetical phraseology by which sentiments mean in themselves, like the blacksmith's<sup>3</sup> apron converted into a banner, are so easily gilt and embroidered into consequence. Then, as to the versification, it was, to say no worse of it, execrable: it had neither the copious flow of Ferdosi, the sweetness of Hafez, nor the sententious march of Sadi; but appeared to him, in the uneasy heaviness of its movements, to have been modelled upon the gait of a very tired dromedary. The licenses, too, in which it indulged, were unparadonable; — for instance this line, and the poem abounded with such; —

Like the faint, exquisite music of a dream.

sepoys; and, in the reign of Shah Jehan, couriers were stationed between Delhi and the Mahratta coast, to secure an abundant and fresh supply of mangoes for the royal table." — *Mrs. Graham's Journal of a Residence in India.*

<sup>1</sup> This old porcelain is found in digging, and "if it is esteemed, it is not because it has acquired any new degree of beauty in the earth, but because it has retained its ancient beauty; and this alone is of great importance in China, where they give large sums for the smallest vessels which were used under the Emperors Yan and Chun, who reigned many ages before the dynasty of Tang, at which time porcelain began to be used by the Emperors" (about the year

442). — *Dunn's Collection of curious Observations, &c.*; — a bad translation of some parts of the *Lettres Edifiantes et Curieuses* of the Missionary Jesuits.

<sup>2</sup> "La lecture de ces Fables plaisoit si fort aux Arabes, que, quand Mahomet les entretenoit de l'Histoire de l'Ancien Testament, ils les méprisoient, lui disant que celles que Nasser leur racontoit étoient beaucoup plus belles. Cette préférence attira à Nasser la malediction de Mahomet et de tous ses disciples." — *D'Herbelot.*

<sup>3</sup> The blacksmith Gao, who successfully resisted the tyrant Zohak, and whose apron became the Royal Standard of Persia.





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"What critic that can count," said FADLADEEN, "and has his full complement of fingers to count withal, would tolerate for an instant such syllabic superfluities?" — He here looked round, and discovered that most of his audience were asleep; while the glimmering lamps seemed inclined to follow their example. It became necessary, therefore, however painful to himself, to put an end to his valuable animadversions for the present, and he accordingly concluded, with an air of dignified candor, thus: — "Notwithstanding the observations which I have thought it my duty to make, it is by no means my wish to discourage the young man: — so far from it, indeed, that if he will but totally alter his style of writing and thinking, I have very little doubt that I shall be vastly pleased with him."

Some days elapsed, after this harangue of the Great Chamberlain, before LALLA ROOKH could venture to ask for another story. The youth was still a welcome guest in the pavilion — to one heart, perhaps, too dangerously welcome; — but all mention of poetry was, as if by common consent, avoided. Though none of the party had much respect for FADLADEEN, yet his censures, thus magisterially delivered, evidently made an impression on them all. The Poet, himself, to whom criticism was quite a new operation, (being wholly unknown in that Paradise of the Indies, Cashmere,) felt the shock as it is generally felt at first, till use has made it more tolerable to the patient; — the Ladies began to suspect that they ought not to be pleased, and seemed to conclude that there must have been much good sense in what FADLADEEN said, from its having set them all so soundly to sleep; — while the self-complacent Chamberlain was left to triumph in the idea of having, for the hundred and fiftieth time in his life, extinguished a Poet. LALLA ROOKH alone — and Love knew why — persisted in being delighted with all she

had heard, and in resolving to hear more as speedily as possible. Her manner, however, of first returning to the subject was unlucky. It was while they rested during the heat of noon near a fountain, on which some hand had rudely traced those well-known words from the Garden of Sadi, — "Many, like me, have viewed this fountain, but they are gone, and their eyes are closed forever!" — that she took occasion, from the melancholy beauty of this passage, to dwell upon the charms of poetry in general. "It is true," she said, "few poets can imitate that sublime bird, which flies always in the air, and never touches the earth:<sup>1</sup> — it is only once in many ages a Genius appears, whose words, like those on the Written Mountain, last forever:<sup>2</sup> — but still there are some, as delightful, perhaps, though not so wonderful, who, if not stars over our head, are at least flowers along our path, and whose sweetness of the moment we ought gratefully to inhale, without calling upon them for a brightness and a durability beyond their nature. In short," continued she, blushing, as if conscious of being caught in an oration, "it is quite cruel that a poet cannot wander through his regions of enchantment, without having a critic forever, like the Old Man of the Sea, upon his back!"<sup>3</sup> — FADLADEEN, it was plain, took this last luckless allusion to himself, and would treasure it up in his mind as a whetstone for his next criticism. A sudden silence ensued; and the Princess, glancing a look at FERAMORZ, saw plainly she must wait for a more courageous moment.

But the glories of Nature, and her wild, fragrant airs, playing freshly over the current of youthful spirits, will soon heal even deeper wounds than the dull Fadladeens of this world can inflict. In an evening or two after, they came to the small Valley of Gardens, which had been planted by order of the Emperor,

Seringapatam in 1799, was intended to represent this poetical fancy."

<sup>2</sup> "To the pilgrims to Mount Sinai we must attribute the inscriptions, figures, &c. on those rocks, which have from thence acquired the name of the Written Mountain." — *Volney*. M Gebelin and others have been at much pains to attach some mysterious and important meaning to these inscriptions; but Niebuhr, as well as Volney, thinks that they must have been executed at idle hours by the travellers to Mount Sinai, "who were satisfied with cutting the unpolished rock with any pointed instrument; adding to their names and the date of their journeys some rude figures, which bespeak the hand of a people but little skilled in the arts." — *Niebuhr*.

<sup>3</sup> The Story of Sinbad.

<sup>1</sup> "The Huma, a bird peculiar to the East. It is supposed to fly constantly in the air, and never touch the ground; it is looked upon as a bird of happy omen; and that every head it overshadows will in time wear a crown." — *Richardson*.

In the terms of alliance made by Fuzzel Oola Khan with Hyder in 1760, one of the stipulations was, "that he should have the distinction of two honorary attendants standing behind him, holding fans composed of the feathers of the humma, according to the practice of his family." — *Wilks's South of India*. He adds in a note; — "The Humma is a fabulous bird. The head over which its shadow once passes will assuredly be circled with a crown. The splendid little bird suspended over the throne of Tippoo Suldaun, found at

for his favorite sister Rochinara, during their progress to Cashmere, some years before; and never was there a more sparkling assemblage of sweets, since the Gulzar-e-Irem, or Rose bower of Irem. Every precious flower was there to be found, that poetry, or love, or religion, has ever consecrated; from the dark hyacinth, to which Hafez compares his mistress's hair,<sup>1</sup> to the *Cámalatá*, by whose rosy blossoms the heaven of Indra is scented.<sup>2</sup> As they sat in the cool fragrance of this delicious spot, and LALLA ROOKH remarked that she could fancy it the abode of that Flower-loving Nymph whom they worship in the temples of Kathay,<sup>3</sup> or of one of those Peris, those beautiful creatures of the air, who live upon perfumes, and to whom a place like this might make some amends for the Paradise they have lost, — the young Poet, in whose eyes she appeared, while she spoke, to be one of the bright spiritual creatures she was describing, said hesitatingly that he remembered a Story of a Peri, which, if the Princess had no objection, he would venture to relate. "It is," said he, with an appealing look to FADLADEEN, "in a lighter and humbler strain than the other:" then, striking a few careless but melancholy chords on his kitar, he thus began: —

#### PARADISE AND THE PERI.

ONE morn a Peri at the gate  
Of Eden stood, disconsolate;  
And as she listen'd to the Springs  
Of Life within, like music flowing,  
And caught the light upon her wings  
Through the half-open portal glowing,  
She wept to think her recreant race  
Should e'er have lost that glorious place!

<sup>1</sup> See *Nott's* Hafez, Ode v.

<sup>2</sup> "The *Cámalatá* (called by Linnæus, *Ipomæa*) is the most beautiful of its order, both in the color and form of its leaves and flowers; its elegant blossoms are 'celestial rosy red, Love's proper hue,' and have justly procured it the name of *Cámalatá*, or Love's Creeper." — *Sir W. Jones*.

<sup>3</sup> *Cámalatá* may also mean a mythological plant, by which all desires are granted to such as inhabit the heaven of Indra; and if ever flower was worthy of paradise, it is our charming *Ipomæa*. — *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> "According to Father Premare, in his tract on Chinese Mythology, the mother of Fo-hi was the daughter of heaven, surnamed Flower-loving; and as the nymph was walking alone on the bank of a river, she found herself encircled by a rainbow, after which she became pregnant, and, at the end of twelve years, was delivered of a son radiant as herself." — *Asiat. Res.*

"How happy," exclaim'd this child of air,  
"Are the holy Spirits who wander there,  
"Mid flowers that never shall fade or fall;  
"Though mine are the gardens of earth and sea  
"And the stars themselves have flowers for me  
"One blossom of Heaven outblossoms them all  
"Though sunny the Lake of cool CASHMERE,  
"With its plane-tree Isle reflected clear,<sup>4</sup>  
"And sweetly the founts of that Valley  
fall;  
"Though bright are the waters of SING-SU-HAY,  
"And the golden floods that thitherward stray,<sup>5</sup>  
"Yet — O, 'tis only the Blest can say  
"How the waters of Heaven outshine them all.

"Go, wing thy flight from star to star,  
"From world to luminous world, as far  
"As the universe spreads its flaming wall;  
"Take all the pleasures of all the spheres,  
"And multiply each through endless years,  
"One minute of Heaven is worth them all!"

The glorious Angel, who was keeping  
The gates of Light, beheld her weeping;  
And, as he nearer drew and listen'd  
To her sad song, a teardrop glisten'd  
Within his eyelids, like the spray  
From Eden's fountain, when it lies  
On the blue flow'r, which — Brahmims say —  
Blooms nowhere but in Paradise.<sup>6</sup>

"Nymph of a fair but erring line!"  
Gently he said — "One hope is thine.  
"Tis written in the Book of Fate,  
"The Peri yet may be forgiven  
"Who brings to this Eternal gate  
"The Gift that is most dear to Heaven!  
"Go, seek it, and redeem thy sin —  
"Tis sweet to let the Pardon'd in."

<sup>4</sup> Numerous small islands emerge from the Lake of Cashmere. One is called Char Chenaur, from the plane trees upon it." — *Foster*.

<sup>5</sup> "The Altan Kol or Golden River of Tibet, which runs into the Lakes of Sing-su-hay, has abundance of gold in its sands, which employs the inhabitants all the summer in gathering it." — *Description of Tibet in Pinkerton*.

<sup>6</sup> "The Brahmims of this province insist that the blue champac flowers only in Paradise." — *Sir W. Jones*. It appears, however, from a curious letter of the Sultan of Menangcabow, given by Marsden, that one place on earth may lay claim to the possession of it. "This is the Sultan, who keeps the flower champaka that is blue, and to be found in no other country but his, being yellow elsewhere." — *Marsden's Sumatra*.

Rapidly as comets run  
 To th' embraces of the Sun; —  
 Fleeter than the starry brands  
 Flung at night from angel hands<sup>1</sup>  
 At those dark and daring sprites  
 Who would climb th' empyreal heights,  
 Down the blue vault the PERI flies,  
 And, lighted earthward by a glance  
 That just then broke from morning's eyes,  
 Hung hovering o'er our world's expanse.

But whither shall the Spirit go  
 To find this gift for Heav'n? — "I know  
 "The wealth," she cries, "of every urn,  
 "In which unnumber'd rubies burn,  
 "Beneath the pillars of CHILMINAR;<sup>2</sup>  
 "I know where the Isles of Perfume are<sup>3</sup>  
 "Many a fathom down in the sea,  
 "To the south of sun-bright ARABY;<sup>4</sup>  
 "I know, too, where the Genii hid  
 "The Jewell'd cup of their King JAMSHID,<sup>5</sup>  
 "With Life's elixir sparkling high —  
 "But gifts like these are not for the sky.  
 "Where was there ever a gem that shone  
 "Like the steps of ALLA's wonderful Throne?  
 "And the Drops of Life — O, what would  
 they be  
 "In the boundless Deep of Eternity?"

While thus she mus'd, her pinions fann'd  
 The air of that sweet Indian land,  
 Whose air is balm; whose ocean spreads  
 O'er coral rocks, and amber beds;<sup>6</sup>  
 Whose mountains, pregnant by the beam  
 Of the warm sun, with diamonds teem;

<sup>1</sup> "The Mahometans suppose that falling stars are the firebrands wherewith the good angels drive away the bad, when they approach too near the empyrean or verge of the heavens." — *Fryer*.

<sup>2</sup> The Forty Pillars; so the Persians call the ruins of Persepolis. It is imagined by them that this palace and the edifices at Balbec were built by Genii, for the purpose of hiding in their subterraneous caverns immense treasures, which still remain there. — *D'Herbelot, Volney*.

<sup>3</sup> *Diodorus* mentions the Isle of Panchaia, to the south of Arabia Felix, where there was a temple of Jupiter. This island, or rather cluster of isles, has disappeared, "sunk (says *Grandpré*) in the abyss made by the fire beneath their foundations." — *Voyage to the Indian Ocean*.

<sup>4</sup> The Isles of Panchaia.

<sup>5</sup> "The cup of Jamshid, discovered, they say, when digging for the foundations of Persepolis." — *Richardson*.

<sup>6</sup> "It is not like the Sea of India, whose bottom is rich with pearls and ambergris, whose mountains of the coast are stored with gold and precious stones, whose gulfs breed creatures that yield ivory, and among the plants of whose shores are ebony, red wood, and the wood of Hairzan, aloes, sapphire cloves, sandal wood and all other spices and aro-

Whose rivulets are like rich brides,  
 Lovely, with gold beneath their tides;  
 Whose sandal groves and bowers of spice  
 Might be a Peri's Paradise!  
 But crimson now her rivers ran  
 With human blood — the smell of death  
 Came reeking from those spicy bowers,  
 And man, the sacrifice of man,  
 Mingled his taint with every breath  
 Upwafed from the innocent flowers.  
 Land of the Sun! what foot invades  
 Thy Pagods and thy pillar'd shades?<sup>7</sup> —  
 Thy cavern shrines, and Idol stones,  
 Thy Monarchs and their thousand Thrones?<sup>8</sup>  
 'Tis He of GAZNA<sup>9</sup> — fierce in wrath  
 He comes, and INDIA's diadems  
 Lie scatter'd in his ruinous path. —  
 His bloodhounds he adorns with gems,  
 Torn from the violated necks  
 Of many a young and lov'd Sultana;<sup>10</sup>  
 Maidens, within their pure Zenana,  
 Priests in the very fane he slaughters,  
 And chokes up with the glittering wrecks  
 Of golden shrines the sacred waters!

Downward the PERI turns her gaze,  
 And, through the war field's bloody haze  
 Beholds a youthful warrior stand,  
 Alone beside his native river, —  
 The red blade broken in his hand,  
 And the last arrow in his quiver.  
 "Live," said the Conqueror, "live to share  
 "The trophies and the crowns I bear!"  
 Silent that youthful warrior stood —  
 Silent he pointed to the flood

matics; where parrots and peacocks are birds of the forest, and musk and civet are collected upon the lands." — *Travels of two Mohammedans*.

<sup>7</sup> . . . . . in the ground  
 The bended twigs take root, and daughters grow  
 About the mother tree, a pillar'd shade,  
 High overarch'd, and echoing walks between.

MILTON.

For a particular description and plate of the Banyan tree, see *Cordiner's Ceylon*.

<sup>8</sup> "With this immense treasure Mahmood returned to Ghizni, and in the year 400 prepared a magnificent festival, where he displayed to the people his wealth in golden thrones and in other ornaments, in a great plain without the city of Ghizni." — *Ferishta*.

<sup>9</sup> "Mahmood of Gazna, or Ghizni, who conquered India in the beginning of the 11th century." — See his History in *Dow* and *Sir J. Malcolm*.

<sup>10</sup> "It is reported that the hunting equipage of the Sultan Mahmood was so magnificent, that he kept 400 greyhounds and bloodhounds, each of which wore a collar set with jewels, and a covering edged with gold and pearls." — *Unioersal History*, vol. iii.

All crimson with his country's blood,  
Then sent his last remaining dart,  
For answer, to th' Invader's heart.

False flew the shaft, though pointed well;  
The Tyrant liv'd, the Hero fell! —

Yet mark'd the PERI where he lay,  
And, when the rush of war was past,  
Swiftly descending on a ray

Of morning light, she caught the last —  
Last glorious drop his heart had shed,  
Before its free-born spirit fled!

"Be this," she cried, as she wing'd her flight,  
"My welcome gift at the Gates of Light.  
"Though foul are the drops that oft distil  
"On the field of warfare, blood like this,  
"For Liberty shed, so holy is,<sup>1</sup>  
"It would not stain the purest rill,  
"That sparkles among the Bowers of Bliss!  
"O, if there be, on this earthly sphere,  
"A boon, an offering Heaven holds dear,  
"Tis the last libation Liberty draws  
"From the heart that bleeds and breaks in her  
cause!"

"Sweet," said the Angel, as she gave  
The gift into his radiant hand,  
"Sweet is our welcome of the Brave  
"Who die thus for their native Land. —  
"But see — alas! — the crystal bar  
"Of Eden moves not — holier far  
"Than ev'n this drop the boon must be,  
"That opens the Gates of Heav'n for thee!"

Her first fond hope of Eden blighted,  
Now among AFRIC's lunar Mountains,<sup>2</sup>

1 Objections may be made to my use of the word Liberty in this, and more especially in the story that follows it, as totally inapplicable to any state of things that has ever existed in the East; but though I cannot, of course, mean to employ it in that enlarged and noble sense which is so well understood at the present day, and, I grieve to say, so little acted upon, yet it is no disparagement to the word to apply it to that national independence, that freedom from the interference and dictation of foreigners, without which, indeed, no liberty of any kind can exist; and for which both Hindoos and Persians fought against their Mussulman invaders with, in many cases, a bravery that deserved much better success.

2 "The Mountains of the Moon, or the Montes Lunæ of antiquity, at the foot of which the Nile is supposed to arise." — Bruce.

"Sometimes called," says Jackson, "Jibbel Kumrie, or the white or lunar-colored mountains; so a white horse is called by the Arabians a moon-colored horse."

Far to the South, the PERI lighted;  
And sleek'd her plumage at the fountains  
Of that Egyptian tide — whose birth  
Is hidden from the sons of earth

Deep in those solitary woods,  
Where oft the Genii of the Floods  
Dance round the cradle of their Nile,  
And hail the new-born Giant's smile.<sup>3</sup>  
Thence over EGYPT's palmy groves,

Her grots, and sepulchres of Kings,<sup>4</sup>  
The exil'd Spirit sighing roves;  
And now hangs listening to the doves  
In warm ROSETTA's vale,<sup>5</sup> — now loves

To watch the moonlight on the wings  
Of the white pelicans that break  
The azure calm of MÆRIS' Lake.<sup>6</sup>

'Twas a fair scene — a Land more bright  
Never did mortal eye behold!

Who could have thought, that saw this night

Those valleys and their fruits of gold  
Basking in Heaven's serenest light; —  
Those groups of lovely date trees bending  
Languidly their leaf-crown'd heads,  
Like youthful maids, when sleep descending  
Warns them to their silken beds;<sup>7</sup> —

Those virgin lilies, all the night  
Bathing their beauties in the lake,  
That they may rise more fresh and bright,

When their beloved Sun's awake; —  
Those ruin'd shrines and towers that seem  
The relics of a splendid dream;

Amid whose fairy loneliness  
Nought but the lapwing's cry is heard,  
Nought seen but (when the shadows, flitting  
Fast from the moon, unsheathe its gleam,)  
Some purple-wing'd Sultana<sup>8</sup> sitting  
Upon a column, motionless  
And glittering like an Idol bird! —

3 "The Nile, which the Abyssinians know by the names of Abey and Alawy, or the Giant." — *Asiat. Research.* vol. I. p. 387.

4 See Perry's View of the Levant for an account of the sepulchres in Upper Thebes, and the numberless grots, covered all over with hieroglyphics, in the mountains of Upper Egypt.

5 "The orchards of Rosetta are filled with turtle doves." — *Sonnini.*

6 Savary mentions the pelicans upon Lake Mæris.

7 "The superb date tree, whose head languidly reclines, like that of a handsome woman overcome with sleep." — *Dafarâ el Hadad.*

8 "That beautiful bird, with plumage of the finest shining blue, with purple beak and legs, the natural and living ornament of the temples and palaces of the Greeks and Romans, which, from the stateliness of its port, as well as the brilliancy of its colors, has obtained the title of Sultana." — *Sonnini.*



Who would have thought, that there, ev'n  
there,

Amid those scenes so still and fair,  
The Demon of the Plague hath cast  
From his hot wing a deadlier blast,  
More mortal far than ever came  
From the red Desert's sands of flame!  
So quick, that every living thing  
Of human shape, touch'd by his wing,  
Like plants, where the Simoom hath pass'd,  
At once falls black and withering!  
The sun went down on many a brow,

Which, full of bloom and freshness then,  
Is rankling in the pesthouse now,  
And ne'er will feel that sun again.

And, O, to see th' unburied heaps  
On which the lonely moonlight sleeps —  
The very vultures turn away,  
And sicken at so foul a prey!  
Only the fierce hyena stalks<sup>1</sup>

Throughout the city's desolate walks<sup>2</sup>  
At midnight, and his carnage plies: —

Woe to the half-dead wretch, who meets  
The glaring of those large blue eyes<sup>3</sup>  
Amid the darkness of the streets!

"Poor race of men!" said the pitying Spirit,  
"Dearly ye pay for your primal Fall —  
"Some flow'rets of Eden ye still inherit,  
"But the trail of the Serpent is over them  
all!"

She wept — the air grew pure and clear  
Around her, as the bright drops ran;  
For there's a magic in each tear,  
Such kindly Spirits weep for man!

Just then beneath some orange trees,  
Whose fruit and blossoms in the breeze  
Were wantoning together, free,  
Like age at play with infancy —  
Beneath that fresh and springing bower,  
Close by the Lake, she heard the moan  
Of one who, at this silent hour,  
Had thither stol'n to die alone.  
One who in life where'er he mov'd,  
Drew after him the hearts of many;  
Yet now, as though he ne'er were lov'd,  
Dies here unseen, unwept by any!

<sup>1</sup> Jackson, speaking of the plague that occurred in West Barbary, when he was there, says, "The birds of the air fled away from the abodes of men. The hyenas, on the contrary, visited the cemeteries," &c.

<sup>2</sup> "Gondar was full of hyenas from the time it turned dark, till the dawn of day, seeking the different pieces of slaughtered carcasses, which this cruel and unclean people expose in the streets without burial, and who firmly believe

None to watch near him — none to slake  
The fire that in his bosom lies,  
With ev'n a sprinkle from that lake,  
Which shines so cool before his eyes.  
No voice, well known through many a day,  
To speak the last, the parting word,  
Which, when all other sounds decay,  
Is still like distant music heard; —  
That tender farwell on the shore  
Of this rude world, when all is o'er,  
Which cheers the spirit, ere its bark  
Puts off into the unknown Dark.

Deserted youth! one thought alone

Shed joy around his soul in death —  
That she, whom he for years had known,  
And lov'd, and might have call'd his own,

Was safe from this foul midnight's breath, —  
Safe in her father's princely halls,  
Where the cool airs from fountain falls,  
Freshly perfum'd by many a brand  
Of the sweet wood from India's land,  
Were pure as she whose brow they fann'd.

But see — who yonder comes by stealth,<sup>4</sup>

This melancholy bower to seek,  
Like a young envoy, sent by Health,  
With rosy gifts upon her cheek?

'Tis she — far off, through moonlight dim,  
He knew his own betrothed bride,  
She, who would rather die with him,

Than live to gain the world beside! —  
Her arms are round her lover now,  
His livid cheek to hers she presses,  
And dips, to bind his burning brow,  
In the cool lake her loosen'd tresses.

Ah! once, how little did he think  
An hour would come, when he should shrink  
With horror from that dear embrace,

Those gentle arms, that were to him  
Holy as is the cradling place  
Of Eden's infant cherubim!

And now he yields — now turns away,  
Shuddering as if the venom lay  
All in those proffer'd lips alone —  
Those lips that, then so fearless grown,  
Never until that instant came  
Near his unask'd or without shame.

that these animals are Falashta from the neighboring mountains, transformed by magic, and come down to eat human flesh in the dark in safety." — Bruce.

<sup>3</sup> Bruce.

<sup>4</sup> This circumstance has been often introduced into poetry; — by Vincentius Fabricius, by Darwin, and lately, with very powerful effect, by Mr. Wilson.

"O, let me only breathe the air,  
 "The blessed air, that's breath'd by thee,  
 "And, whether on its wings it bear  
 "Healing or death, 'tis sweet to me!  
 "There—drink my tears, while yet they fall—  
 "Would that my bosom's blood were balm,  
 "And, well thou know'st, I'd shed it all,  
 "To give thy brow one minute's calm.  
 "Nay, turn not from me that dear face—  
 "Am I not thine—thy own lov'd bride—  
 "The one, the chosen one, whose place  
 "In life or death is by thy side?  
 "Think'st thou that she, whose only light,  
 "In this dim world, from thee hath shone,  
 "Could bear the long, the cheerless night,  
 "That must be hers, when thou art gone?  
 "That I can live, and let thee go,  
 "Who art my life itself?—No, no—  
 "When the stem dies, the leaf that grew  
 "Out of its heart must perish too!  
 "Then turn to me, my own love, turn,  
 "Before, like thee, I fade and burn;  
 "Cling to these yet cool lips, and share  
 "The last pure life that lingers there!"

She falls—she sinks—as dies the lamp  
 In charnel airs, or cavern damp,  
 So quickly do his baleful sighs  
 Quench all the sweet light of her eyes.  
 One struggle—and his pain is past—  
 Her lover is no longer living!  
 One kiss the maiden gives, one last,  
 Long kiss, which she expires in giving!

"Sleep," said the PÉRI, as softly she stole  
 The farewell sigh of that vanishing soul,  
 As true as e'er warn'd a woman's breast—  
 "Sleep on, in visions of odor rest,  
 "In balmier airs than ever yet stirr'd  
 "Th' enchanted pile of that lonely bird,  
 "Who sings at the last his own death lay,  
 "And in music and perfume dies away!"  
 Thus saying, from her lips she spread  
 Unearthly breathings through the place,  
 And shook her sparkling wreath, and shed  
 Such lustre o'er each pale face,  
 That like two lovely saints they seem'd

Upon the eve of doomsday taken  
 From their dim graves, in odor sleeping.  
 While that benevolent PÉRI beam'd  
 Like their good angel, calmly keeping  
 Watch o'er them till their souls would waken

But morn is blushing in the sky;  
 Again the PÉRI soars above,  
 Bearing to Heav'n that precious sigh  
 Of pure, self-sacrificing love.  
 High throbb'd her heart, with hope elate,  
 Th' Elysian palm she soon shall win,  
 For the bright Spirit at the gate  
 Smil'd as she gave that offering in:  
 And she already hears the trees  
 Of Eden, with their crystal bells  
 Ringing in that ambrosial breeze  
 That from the throne of ALLA swells;  
 And she can see the starry bowls  
 That lie around that lucid lake,  
 Upon whose banks admitted Souls  
 Their first sweet draught of glory take!"

But, ah! even PÉRI's hopes are vain—  
 Again the Fates forbade, again  
 Th' immortal barrier clos'd—"Not yet,"  
 The Angel said, as, with regret,  
 He shut from her that glimpse of glory—  
 "True was the maiden, and her story,  
 "Written in light o'er ALLA's head,  
 "By seraph eyes shall long be read.  
 "But, PÉRI, see—the crystal bar  
 "Of Eden moves not—holier far  
 "Than ev'n this sigh the boon must be  
 "That opes the Gates of Heav'n for thee."

Now, upon SYRIA's land of roses<sup>2</sup>  
 Softly the light of Eve reposes,  
 And, like a glory, the broad sun  
 Hangs over sainted LEBANON;  
 Whose head in wintry grandeur towers,  
 And whitens with eternal sleet,  
 While summer, in a vale of flowers,  
 Is sleeping rosy at his feet.

To one, who look'd from upper air  
 O'er all th' enchanted regions there,

<sup>1</sup> "In the East, they suppose the Phœnix to have fifty orifices in his bill, which are continued to his tail; and that, after living one thousand years, he builds himself a funeral pile, sings a melodious air of different harmonies through his fifty organ pipes, flaps his wings with a velocity which sets fire to the wood, and consumes himself."—Richardson.

<sup>2</sup> "On the shores of a quadrangular lake stand a thousand goblets, made of stars, out of which souls predestined

to enjoy felicity drink the crystal wave."—From *Chateaubriand's Description of the Mahometan Paradise*, in his *Beauties of Christianity*.

<sup>3</sup> Richardson thinks that Syria had its name from Suri, a beautiful and delicate species of rose, for which that country has been always famous—hence, Suristan, the Land of Roses.

How beauteous must have been the glow,  
 The life, the sparkling from below !  
 Fair gardens, shining streams, with ranks  
 Of golden melons on their banks,  
 More golden where the sunlight falls ; —  
 Gay lizards, glittering on the walls <sup>1</sup>  
 Of ruin'd shrines, busy and bright  
 As they were all alive with light ;  
 And, yet more splendid, numerous flocks  
 Of pigeons, settling on the rocks,  
 With their rich restless wings that gleam  
 Various in the crimson beam  
 Of the warm West, — as if inlaid  
 With brilliants from the mine, or made  
 Of tearless rainbows, such as span  
 Th' unclouded skies of PERISTAN.  
 And then the mingling sounds that come,  
 Of shepherd's ancient reed,<sup>2</sup> with hum  
 Of the wild bees of PALESTINE,<sup>3</sup>  
 Banqueting through the flowery vales ;  
 And, JORDAN, those sweet banks of thine,  
 And woods so full of nightingales.<sup>4</sup>

But nought can charm the luckless PERI ;  
 Her soul is sad — her wings are weary —  
 Joyless she sees the Sun look down  
 On that great Temple, once his own,<sup>5</sup>  
 Whose lonely columns stand sublime,  
 Fl'ing their shadows from on high,  
 Like dials, which the wizard, Time,  
 Had rais'd to count his ages by !

Yet haply there may lie conceal'd  
 Beneath those Chambers of the Sun,  
 Some amulet of gems, anneal'd  
 In upper fires, some tablet seal'd  
 With the great name of SOLOMON,  
 Which, spell'd by her illumin'd eyes,  
 May teach her where, beneath the moon,  
 In earth or ocean, lies the boon,  
 The charm, that can restore so soon  
 An erring Spirit to the skies.

Cheer'd by this hope she bends her thither ; —  
 Still laughs the radiant eye of Heaven,

<sup>1</sup> "The number of lizards I saw one day in the great court of the Temple of the Sun at Balbec amounted to many thousands ; the ground, the walls, and stones of the ruined buildings, were covered with them." — *Brue*.

<sup>2</sup> "The Syrinx or Pan's pipe is still a pastoral instrument in Syria." — *Russel*.

<sup>3</sup> "Wild bees, frequent in Palestine, in hollow trunks or branches of trees, and the clefts of rocks. Thus it is said (Psalm lxxxvi.), 'honey out of the stony rock.'" — *Burder's Oriental Customs*.

<sup>4</sup> "The river Jordan is on both sides beset with little,

Nor have the golden bowers of Even  
 In the rich West begun to wither ; —  
 When, o'er the vale of BALBEC winging  
 Slowly, she sees a child at play,  
 Among the rosy wild flowers singing,  
 As rosy and as wild as they ;  
 Chasing, with eager hands and eyes,  
 The beautiful blue damsel flies,<sup>6</sup>  
 That flutter'd round the jasmine stems,  
 Like winged flowers or flying gems : —  
 And, near the boy, who tir'd with play  
 Now nestling 'mid the roses lay,  
 She saw a wearied man dismount

From his hot steed, and on the brink  
 Of a small inaret's rustic fount<sup>7</sup>  
 Impatient fling him down to drink.  
 Then swift his haggard brow he turn'd  
 To the fair child, who fearless sat,  
 Though never yet hath daybeam burn'd  
 Upon a brow more fierce than that, —  
 Sullenly fierce — a mixture dire,  
 Like thunder clouds, of gloom and fire ;  
 In which the PERI's eye could read  
 Dark tales of many a ruthless deed ;  
 The ruin'd maid — the shrine profan'd —  
 Oaths broken — and the threshold stain'd  
 With blood of guests ! — *there* written,  
 all,

Black as the damning drops that fall  
 From the denouncing Angel's pen,  
 Ere Mercy weeps them out again.

Yet tranquil now that man of crime  
 (As if the balmy evening time  
 Soften'd his spirit) look'd and lay,  
 Watching the rosy infant's play : —  
 Though still, whene'er his eye by chance  
 Fell on the boy's, its lurid glance  
 Met that unclouded, joyous gaze,  
 As torches, that have burnt all night  
 Through some impure and godless rite,  
 Encounter morning's glorious rays.

But, hark ! the vesper call to prayer,  
 As slow the orb of daylight sets,

thick, and pleasant woods, among which thousands of nightingales warble all together." — *Thevenot*.

<sup>5</sup> The Temple of the Sun at Balbec.

<sup>6</sup> "You behold there a considerable number of a remarkable species of beautiful insects, the elegance of whose appearance and their attire procured for them the name of Damsels." — *Sannini*.

<sup>7</sup> Inaret, "hospice où on loge et nourrit, gratis, les pèlerins pendant trois jours" — *Toderini*, translated by the *Abbé de Courmand*. — See also *Castellan's Mœurs des Othomans*, tom. v. p. 145.

Is rising sweetly on the air,  
 From SYRIA'S thousand minarets !  
 The boy has started from the bed  
 Of flowers, where he had laid his head,  
 And down upon the fragrant sod  
 Kneels,<sup>1</sup> with his forehead to the south,  
 Lipping th' eternal name of God  
 From Purity's own cherub mouth,  
 And looking, while his hands and eyes  
 Are lifted to the glowing skies,  
 Like a stray babe of Paradise,  
 Just lighted on that flowery plain,  
 And seeking for its home again.  
 O, 'twas a sight — that Heav'n — that child —  
 A scene, which might have well beguil'd  
 Ev'n haughty EBLIS of a sigh  
 For glories lost and peace gone by !

And how felt *he*, the wretched Man  
 Reclining there — while memory ran  
 O'er many a year of guilt and strife,  
 Flew o'er the dark flood of his life,  
 Nor found one sunny resting-place,  
 Nor brought him back one branch of grace.  
 "There was a time," he said, in mild,  
 Heart-humbled tones — "thou blessed child !  
 "When, young and haply pure as thou,  
 "I look'd and pray'd like thee — but now —"  
 He hung his head — each nobler aim,  
 And hope, and feeling, which had slept  
 From boyhood's hour, that instant came  
 Fresh o'er him, and he wept — he wept !

Blest tears of soul-felt penitence !  
 In whose benign, redeeming flow  
 Is felt the first, the only sense  
 Of guiltless joy that guilt can know.

"There's a drop," said the PERI, "that down  
 from the moon  
 "Falls through the withering airs of June  
 "Upon EGYPT'S land,<sup>2</sup> of so healing a power,  
 "So balmy a virtue, that ev'n in the hour

<sup>1</sup> Such Turks as at the common hours of prayer are on the road, or so employed as not to find convenience to attend the mosques, are still obliged to execute that duty ; nor are they ever known to fail, whatever business they are then about, but pray immediately when the hour alarms them, whatever they are about, in that very place they chance to stand on ; insomuch that when a janizary, whom you have to guard you up and down the city, hears the notice which is given him from the steeples, he will turn about, stand still, and beckon with his hand, to tell his charge he must have patience for a while ; when, taking out his handkerchief, he spreads it on the ground, sits cross-legged thereupon, and says his prayers, though in the open market, which having ended, he leaps briskly up, salutes

"That drop descends, contagion dies,  
 "And health reanimates earth and skies ! —  
 "O, is it not thus, thou man of sin,  
 "The precious tears of repentance fall ?  
 "Though foul thy fiery plagues within,  
 "One heavenly drop hath dispell'd them  
 all !"

And now — behold him kneeling there  
 By the child's side, in humble prayer,  
 While the same sunbeam shines upon  
 The guilty and the guiltless one,  
 And hymns of joy proclaim through Heaven  
 The triumph of a Soul Forgiven !

'Twas when the golden orb had set,  
 While on their knees they linger'd yet,  
 There fell a light more lovely far  
 Than ever came from sun or star,  
 Upon the tear that, warm and meek,  
 Dew'd that repentant sinner's cheek.  
 To mortal eye this light might seem  
 A northern flash or meteor beam  
 But well th' enraptur'd PERI knew  
 'Twas a bright smile the Angel threw  
 From Heaven's gate, to hail that tear  
 Her harbinger of glory near !

"Joy, joy forever ! my task is done  
 "The Gates are pass'd, and Heaven is won.  
 "O, am I not happy ? I am, I am —  
 "To thee, sweet Eden ! how dark ana  
 sad  
 "Are the diamond turrets of SHADUKIAM,<sup>3</sup>  
 "And the fragrant bowers of AMBERABAD !

"Farewell, ye odors of Earth, that die  
 "Passing away like a lover's sigh ; —  
 "My feast is now of the Tooba Tree,<sup>4</sup>  
 "Whose scent is the breath of Eternity !

"Farewell, ye vanishing flowers, that shone  
 "In my fairy wreath, so bright and brief ; -

the person whom he undertook to convey, and renews his journey with the mild expression of *Ghell gohnnum ghell*, or Come, dear, follow me." — *Aaron Hill's Travels*.

<sup>2</sup> The Nucta, or Miraculous Drop, which falls in Egypt precisely on St. John's day, in June, and is supposed to have the effect of stopping the plague.

<sup>3</sup> The Country of Delight — the name of a province in the kingdom of Jinnistan, or Fairy Land, the capital of which is called the City of Jewels. Amberabad is another of the cities of Jinnistan.

<sup>4</sup> The tree Tooba, that stands in Paradise, in the palace of Mahomet. See *Sale's Prelim. Disc.* — Tooba, says *D'Herbelot*, signifies hereitude, or eternal happiness



"O, what are the brightest that e'er have blown,  
 "To the lote tree, springing by ALLA's throne,<sup>1</sup>  
 "Whose flowers have a soul in every leaf.  
 "Joy, joy forever! — my task is done —  
 "The Gates are pass'd, and Heav'n is won!"

—

"AND this," said the Great Chamberlain, "is poetry! this flimsy manufacture of the brain, which, in comparison with the lofty and durable monuments of genius, is as the gold filigree work of Zamara beside the eternal architecture of Egypt!" After this gorgeous sentence, which, with a few more of the same kind, FADLADEEN kept by him for rare and important occasions, he proceeded to the anatomy of the short poem just recited. The lax and easy kind of metre in which it was written ought to be denounced, he said, as one of the leading causes of the alarming growth of poetry in our times. If some check were not given to this lawless facility, we should soon be overrun by a race of bards as numerous and as shallow as the hundred and twenty thousand Streams of Basra.<sup>2</sup> They who succeeded in this style deserved chastisement for their very success; — as warriors have been punished, even after gaining a victory, because they had taken the liberty of gaining it in an irregular or unestablished manner. What, then, was to be said to those who failed? to those who presumed, as in the present lamentable instance, to imitate the license and ease of the bolder sons of song, without any of that grace or vigor which gave a dignity even to negligence; — who, like them, flung the jered<sup>3</sup> carelessly, but not, like them, to the mark; — "and who," said he, raising his voice to excite a proper degree of wakefulness in his hearers, "contrived to appear heavy and constrained in the midst of all the latitude they

allow themselves, like one of those young pagans that dance before the Princess, who is ingenious enough to move as if her limbs were fettered, in a pair of the lightest and looest drawers of Masulipatam!"

It was but little suitable, he continued, to the gaudy march of criticism to follow this fantastical Peri, of whom they had just heard, through all her flights and adventures between earth and heaven; but he could not help adverting to the puerile conceitedness of the Three Gifts which she is supposed to carry to the skies, — a drop of blood, forsooth, a sigh, and a tear! How the first of these articles was delivered into the Angel's "radiant hand" he professed himself at a loss to discover; and as to the safe carriage of the sigh and the tear, such Peris and such poets were beings by far too incomprehensible for him even to guess how they managed such matters. "But, in short," said he, "it is a waste of time and patience to dwell longer upon a thing so incurably frivolous, — puny even among its own puny race, and such as only the Banyan Hospital<sup>4</sup> for Sick Insects should undertake."

In vain did LALLA ROOKH try to soften this inexorable critic; in vain did she resort to her most eloquent commonplaces, — reminding him that poets were a timid and sensitive race, whose sweetness was not to be drawn forth, like that of the fragrant grass near the Ganges, by crushing and trampling upon them;<sup>5</sup> — that severity often extinguished every chance of the perfection which it demanded; and that, after all, perfection was like the Mountain of the Talisman, — no one had ever yet reached its summit.<sup>6</sup> Neither these gentle axioms, nor the still gentler looks with which they were enunciated, could lower for one instant the elevation of FADLA-

<sup>1</sup> Mahomet is described, in the 53d chapter of the Koran, as having seen the angel Gabriel "by the lote tree, beyond which there is no passing: near it is the Garden of Eternal Abode." This tree, say the commentators, stands in the seventh Heaven, on the right hand of the Throne of God.

<sup>2</sup> "It is said that the rivers or streams of Basra were reckoned in the time of Pelal ben Abi Bordeh, and amounted to the number of one hundred and twenty thousand streams." — *Ebn Haukal*.

<sup>3</sup> The name of the javelin with which the Easterns exercise. — See *Castellan, Mœurs des Othomans*, tom. iii. p. 161.

<sup>4</sup> "This account excited a desire of visiting the Banyan Hospital, as I had heard much of their benevolence to all kinds of animals that were either sick, lame, or infirm, through age or accident. On my arrival, there were presented to my view many horses, cows, and oxen, in one

apartment; in another, dogs, sheep, goats, and monkeys, with clean straw for them to repose on. Above stairs were depositories for seeds of many sorts, and flat, broad dishes for water, for the use of birds and insects." — *Parscus's Travels*.

It is said that all animals know the Banyans, that the most timid approach them, and that birds will fly nearer to them than to other people. — See *Grandpré*.

<sup>5</sup> "A very fragrant grass from the banks of the Ganges, near Heridwar, which in some places covers whole acres, and diffuses, when crushed, a strong odor." — *Sir W. Jones on the Spikenard of the Ancients*.

<sup>6</sup> "Near this is a curious hill, called Koh Talism, the Mountain of the Talisman, because, according to the traditions of the country, no person ever succeeded in gaining its summit." — *Kinneir*.



DEEN's eyebrows, or charm him into any thing like encouragement, or even toleration, of her poet. Toleration, indeed, was not among the weaknesses of FADLADEEN :— he carried the same spirit into matters of poetry and of religion, and though little versed in the beauties or sublimities of either, was a perfect master of the art of persecution in both. His zeal was the same, too, in either pursuit ; whether the game before him was pagans or poetasters, — worshippers of cows, or writers of epics.

They had now arrived at the splendid city of Lahore, whose mausoleums and shrines, magnificent and numberless, where Death appeared to share equal honors with Heaven, would have powerfully affected the heart and imagination of LALLA ROOKH, if feelings more of this earth had not taken entire possession of her already. She was here met by messengers, despatched from Cashmere, who informed her that the King had arrived in the Valley, and was himself superintending the sumptuous preparations that were then making in the Saloons of the Shalimar for her reception. The chill she felt on receiving this intelligence, — which to a bride whose heart was free and light would have brought only images of affection and pleasure, — convinced her that her peace was gone forever, and that she was in love, irretrievably in love, with young FERAMORZ. The veil had fallen off in which this passion at first disguises itself, and to know that she loved was now as painful as to love *without* knowing it had been delicious. FERAMORZ, too, — what misery would be his, if the sweet hours of intercourse so imprudently allowed them should have stolen into his heart the same fatal fascination as into hers ; — if, notwithstanding her rank, and the modest homage he always paid to it, even *he* should have yielded to the influence of those long and happy interviews, where music, poetry, the delightful scenes of nature, — all had tended to bring their hearts close together, and to waken by every means that too ready passion, which often, like the young of the desert bird, is warmed into life by the eyes alone !<sup>1</sup> She saw but one way to preserve herself from being culpable as well as unhappy, and this, however painful, she was resolved to

adopt. FERAMORZ must no more be admitted to her presence. To have strayed so far into the dangerous labyrinth was wrong, but to linger in it, while the clew was yet in her hand, would be criminal. Though the heart she had to offer to the King of Bucharia might be cold and broken, it should at least be pure ; and she must only endeavor to forget the short dream of happiness she had enjoyed, — like that Arabian shepherd, who, in wandering into the wilderness, caught a glimpse of the Gardens of Irim, and then lost them again forever !<sup>2</sup>

The arrival of the young Bride at Lahore was celebrated in the most enthusiastic manner. The Rajas and Omras in her train, who had kept at a certain distance during the journey, and never encamped nearer to the Princess than was strictly necessary for her safeguard, here rode in splendid cavalcade through the city, and distributed the most costly presents to the crowd. Engines were erected in all the squares, which cast forth showers of confectionery among the people ; while the artisans, in chariots<sup>3</sup> adorned with tinsel and flying streamers, exhibited the badges of their respective trades through the streets. Such brilliant displays of life and pageantry among the palaces, and domes, and gilded minarets of Lahore, made the city altogether like a place of enchantment ; — particularly on the day when LALLA ROOKH set out again upon her journey, when she was accompanied to the gate by all the fairest and richest of the nobility, and rode along between ranks of beautiful boys and girls, who kept waving over their heads plates of gold and silver flowers,<sup>4</sup> and then threw them around to be gathered by the populace.

For many days after their departure from Lahore, a considerable degree of gloom hung over the whole party. LALLA ROOKH, who had intended to make illness her excuse for not admitting the young minstrel, as usual, to the pavilion, soon found that to feign indisposition was unnecessary ; — FADLADEEN felt the loss of the good road they had hitherto travelled, and was very near cursing Jehan-Guire (of blessed memory !) for not having continued his delecta-

<sup>1</sup> "The Arabians believe that the ostriches hatch their young by only looking at them." — *P. Vansebe, Relat. d'Egypte.*

<sup>2</sup> See *Sale's Koran*, note, vol. ii. p. 484.

<sup>3</sup> *Oriental Tales.*

<sup>4</sup> *Ferishta.* "Or rather," says *Scott*, upon the passage of *Ferishta*, from which this is taken, "small coins, stamped with the figure of a flower. They are still used in India to distribute in charity, and, on occasion, thrown by the purse-bearers of the great among the populace."

ble alley of trees,<sup>1</sup> at least as far as the mountains of Cashmere; — while the Ladies, who had nothing now to do all day but to be fanned by peacocks' feathers and listen to FADLADEEN, seemed heartily weary of the life they led, and, in spite of all the Great Chamberlain's criticisms, were so tasteless as to wish for the poet again. One evening, as they were proceeding to their place of rest for the night, the Princess, who, for the freer enjoyment of the air, had mounted her favorite Arabian palfrey, in passing by a small grove heard the notes of a lute from within its leaves, and a voice, which she but too well knew, singing the following words: —

Tell me not of joys above,  
If that world can give no bliss,  
Truer, happier than the Love  
Which enslaves our souls in this.

Tell me not of Houris' eyes; —  
Far from me their dangerous glow,  
If those looks that light the skies  
Wound like some that burn below.

Who, that feels what Love is here,  
All its falsehood — all its pain —  
Would, for ev'n Elysium's sphere,  
Risk the fatal dream again?

Who, that 'midst a desert's heat  
Sees the waters fade away,  
Would not rather die than meet  
Streams again as false as they?

The tone of melancholy defiance in which these words were uttered, went to LALLA ROOKH's heart; — and, as she reluctantly rode on, she could not help feeling it to be a sad but still sweet certainty, that FERAMORZ was to the full as enamoured and miserable as herself.

The place where they encamped that evening was the first delightful spot they had come to since they left Lahore. On one side of them was a grove full of small Hindoo temples, and

planted with the most graceful trees of the East; where the tamarind, the cassia, and the silken plantains of Ceylon were mingled in rich contrast with the high fan-like foliage of the Palmyra, — that favorite tree of the luxurious bird that lights up the chambers of its nest with fireflies.<sup>2</sup> In the middle of the lawn where the pavilion stood there was a tank surrounded by small mango trees, on the clear cold waters of which floated multitudes of the beautiful red lotus;<sup>3</sup> while at a distance stood the ruins of a strange and awful-looking tower, which seemed old enough to have been the temple of some religion no longer known, and which spoke the voice of desolation in the midst of all that bloom and loveliness. This singular ruin excited the wonder and conjectures of all. LALLA ROOKH guessed in vain, and the all-pretending FADLADEEN, who had never till this journey been beyond the precincts of Delhi, was proceeding most learnedly to show that he knew nothing whatever about the matter, when one of the Ladies suggested that perhaps FERAMORZ could satisfy their curiosity. They were now approaching his native mountains, and this tower might perhaps be a relic of some of those dark superstitions, which had prevailed in that country before the light of Islam dawned upon it. The Chamberlain, who usually preferred his own ignorance to the best knowledge that any one else could give him, was by no means pleased with this officious reference; and the Princess, too, was about to interpose a faint word of objection, but, before either of them could speak, a slave was despatched for FERAMORZ, who, in a very few minutes, made his appearance before them — looking so pale and unhappy in LALLA ROOKH's eyes, that she repented already of her cruelty in having so long excluded him.

That venerable tower, he told them, was the remains of an ancient Fire Temple, built by those Ghebers or Persians of the old religion, who, many hundred years since, had fled thither from their Arab conquerors,<sup>4</sup> preferring liberty and their altars in a foreign land to the alterna-

<sup>1</sup> The fine road made by the Emperor Jehan-Guire from Agra to Lahore, planted with trees on each side. This road is 250 leagues in length. It has "little pyramids or turrets," says *Bernier*, "erected every half league, to mark the ways, and frequent wells to afford drink to passengers, and to water the young trees."

<sup>2</sup> The Baya, or Indian Grosbeak. — *Sir W. Jones*.

<sup>3</sup> "Here is a large pagoda by a tank, on the water of which float multitudes of the beautiful red lotus: the flower

is larger than that of the white water lily, and is the most lovely of the nymphæas I have seen." — *Mrs. Graham's Journal of a Residence in India*.

<sup>4</sup> "On les voit persécutés par les Kha'lfes se retirer dans les montagnes du Kerman: plusieurs choisirent pour retraite la Tartarie et la Chine; d'autres s'arrêtèrent sur les bords du Gange, à l'est de Delhi." — *M. Anquetil, Mémoires de l'Académie*, tom. xxxi. p. 346.

tive of apostasy or persecution in their own. It was impossible, he added, not to feel interested in the many glorious but unsuccessful struggles, which had been made by these original natives of Persia to cast off the yoke of their bigoted conquerors. Like their own Fire in the Burning Field at Bakou,<sup>1</sup> when suppressed in one place, they had but broken out with fresh flame in another; and, as a native of Cashmere, of that fair and Holy Valley, which had in the same manner become the prey of strangers,<sup>2</sup> and seen her ancient shrines and native princes swept away before the march of her intolerant invaders, he felt a sympathy, he owned, with the sufferings of the persecuted Ghebers, which every monument like this before them but tended more powerfully to awaken.

It was the first time that FERAMORZ had ever ventured upon so much *prose* before FADLADEEN, and it may easily be conceived what effect such *prose* as this must have produced upon that most orthodox and most pagan-hating personage. He sat for some minutes aghast, ejaculating only at intervals, "Bigoted conquerors!—sympathy with Fire-worshippers!"<sup>3</sup>—while FERAMORZ, happy to take advantage of 'his almost speechless horror of the Chamberlain, proceeded to say that he knew a melancholy story, connected with the events of one of those struggles of the brave Fire-worshippers against their Arab masters, which, if the evening was not too far advanced, he should have much pleasure in being allowed to relate to the Princess. It was impossible for LALLA ROOKH to refuse;—he had never before looked half so animated; and when he spoke of the Holy Valley his eyes had sparkled, she thought, like the talismanic characters on the cimeter of Solomon. Her consent was therefore most readily granted; and while FADLADEEN sat in unspeakable dismay, expecting treason and abomination in every line, the poet thus began his story of the Fire-worshippers:—

### THE FIRE-WORSHIPPERS.

'Tis moonlight over OMAN'S SEA;<sup>4</sup>  
 Her banks of pearl and palmy isles  
 Bask in the night beam beautifully,  
 And her blue waters sleep in smiles.  
 'Tis moonlight in HARMOZIA'S<sup>5</sup> walls,  
 And through her EMIR'S porphyry halls,  
 Where, some hours since, was heard the swell  
 Of trumpet and the clash of zel,<sup>6</sup>  
 Bidding the bright-eyed sun farewell;—  
 The peaceful sun, whom better suits  
 The music of the bulbul's nest,  
 Or the light touch of lovers' lutes,  
 To sing him to his golden rest.  
 All hush'd—there's not a breeze in motion;  
 The shore is silent as the ocean.  
 If zephyrs come, so light they come,  
 Nor leaf is stirr'd nor wave is driven;—  
 The wind tower on the EMIR'S dome<sup>7</sup>  
 Can hardly win a breath from heaven.

Ev'n he, that tyrant Arab, sleeps  
 Calm, while a nation round him weeps;  
 While curses load the air he breathes,  
 And falchions from unnumber'd sheaths  
 Are starting to avenge the shame  
 His race hath brought on IRAN'S<sup>8</sup> name.  
 Hard, heartless Chief, unmov'd alike  
 'Mid eyes that weep, and swords that strike;—  
 One of that saintly, murderous brood,  
 To carnage and the Koran given,  
 Who think through unbelievers' blood  
 Lies their directest path to heaven;—  
 One, who will pause and kneel unhod  
 In the warm blood his hand hath pour'd,  
 To mutter o'er some text of God  
 Engraven on his reeking sword;<sup>9</sup>—  
 Nay, who can coolly note the line,  
 The letter of those words divine,  
 To which his blade, with searching art,  
 Had sunk into its victim's heart!

<sup>1</sup> The "Ager ardens" described by *Kempfer, Amantit. Ezot.*

<sup>2</sup> "Cashmere (say its historians) had its own princes 4000 years before its conquest by Akbar in 1585. Akbar would have found some difficulty to reduce this paradise of the Indies, situated as it is within such a fortress of mountains, but its monarch, Yusef-Khan, was basely betrayed by his Omrah's."—*Pennant.*

<sup>3</sup> Voltaire tells us that in his Tragedy, "Les Guebres," he was generally supposed to have alluded to the Jansenists. I should not be surprised if this story of the Fire-worshippers were found capable of a similar doubtfulness of application.

<sup>4</sup> The Persian Gulf, sometimes so called, which separates the shores of Persia and Arabia.

<sup>5</sup> The present Gombaroon, a town on the Persian side of the Gulf.

<sup>6</sup> A Moorish instrument of music.

<sup>7</sup> "At Gombaroon and other places in Persia, they have towers for the purpose of catching the wind, and cooling the houses."—*Le Bruyn.*

<sup>8</sup> "Iran is the true general name for the empire of Persia."—*Asiat. Res. Disc. 5.*

<sup>9</sup> "On the blades of their cimeters some verse from the Koran is usually inscribed."—*Russel.*

Just ALLA ! what must be thy look,  
 When such a wretch before thee stands  
 Unblushing, with thy Sacred Book, —  
 Turning the leaves with bloodstain'd hands,  
 And wresting from its page sublime  
 His creed of lust, and hate, and crime ; —  
 Ev'n as those bees of TREBIZOND,  
 Which, from the sunniest flowers that glad  
 With their pure smile the gardens round,  
 Draw venom forth that drives men mad.<sup>1</sup>

Never did fierce ARABIA send  
 A satrap forth more direly great ;  
 Never was IRAN doom'd to bend  
 Beneath a yoke of deadlier weight.  
 Her throne had fall'n — her pride was crush'd,  
 Her sons were willing slaves, nor blush'd,  
 In their own land, — no more their own, —  
 To crouch beneath a stranger's throne.  
 Her towers, where MITHRA once had burn'd,  
 To Moslem shrines — O shame ! — were turn'd,  
 Where slaves, converted by the sword,  
 Their mean, apostate worship pour'd,  
 And cursed the faith their sires ador'd.  
 Yet has she hearts, 'mid all this ill,  
 O'er all this wreck high buoyant still  
 With hope and vengeance ; — hearts that yet —  
 Like gems, in darkness, issuing rays  
 They've treasur'd from the sun that's set, —  
 Beam all the light of long-lost days !  
 And swords she hath, nor weak nor slow  
 To second all such hearts can dare ;  
 As he shall know, well, dearly know,  
 Who sleeps in moonlight luxury there,  
 Tranquil as if his spirit lay  
 Becalm'd in Heav'n's approving ray.  
 Sleep on — for purer eyes than thine  
 Those waves are hush'd, those planets shine ;  
 Sleep on, and be thy rest unmov'd  
 By the white moonbeam's dazzling power ; —  
 None but the loving and the lov'd  
 Should be awake at this sweet hour.

<sup>1</sup> "There is a kind of Rhododendros about Trebizond, whose flowers the bee feeds upon, and the honey thence drives people mad." — *Tournefort*.

<sup>2</sup> "Their kings wear plumes of black herons' feathers upon the right side, as a badge of sovereignty." — *Hanway*.

<sup>3</sup> "The Fountain of Youth, by a Mahometan tradition, is situated in some dark region of the East." — *Richardson*.

<sup>4</sup> Arabia Felix.

<sup>5</sup> "In the midst of the garden is the chiosk, that is, a large room, commonly beautified with a fine fountain in the midst of it. It is raised nine or ten steps, and enclosed with gilded lattices, round which vines, jessamines, and honey-suckles, make a sort of green wall ; large trees are planted round this place, which is the scene of their greatest pleasures." — *Lady M. W. Montagu*.

And see — where, high above those rocks  
 That o'er the deep their shadows fling,  
 Yon turret stands ! — where ebon locks,  
 As glossy as a heron's wing  
 Upon the turban of a king,<sup>2</sup>  
 Hang from the lattice, long and wild, —  
 'Tis she, that EMIR's blooming child,  
 All truth and tenderness and grace,  
 Though born of such ungentle race ; —  
 An image of Youth's radiant Fountain  
 Sprung in a desolate mountain !<sup>3</sup>

O, what a pure and sacred thing  
 Is Beauty, curtain'd from the sight  
 Of the gross world, illumining  
 One only mansion with her light !  
 Unseen by man's disturbing eye, —  
 The flower that blooms beneath the sea,  
 Too deep for sunbeams, doth not lie  
 Hid in more chaste obscurity.  
 So, HINDA, have thy face and mind,  
 Like holy mysteries, lain enshrin'd.  
 And O, what transport for a lover  
 To lift the veil that shades them o'er ! —  
 Like those who, all at once, discover  
 In the lone deep some fairy shore,  
 Where mortal never trod before,  
 And sleep, and wake in scented airs  
 No lip had ever breath'd but theirs.

Beautiful are the maids that glide,  
 On summer eves, through YEMEN'S<sup>4</sup> dales,  
 And bright the glancing looks they hide  
 Behind their litters' roseate veils ; —  
 And brides, as delicate and fair  
 As the white jasmine flowers they wear,  
 Hath YEMEN in her blissful clime,  
 Who, lull'd in cool kiosk or bower,<sup>5</sup>  
 Before their mirrors count the time,<sup>6</sup>  
 And grow still lovelier every hour.  
 But never yet hath bride or maid  
 In ARABY'S gay Harem smil'd,

<sup>6</sup> The women of the East are never without their looking glasses. "In Barbary," says *Shaw*, "they are so fond of their looking glasses, which they hang upon their breasts, that they will not lay them aside, even when after the drudgery of the day they are obliged to go two or three miles with a pitcher or a goat's skin to fetch water." — *Travels*

In other parts of Asia they wear little looking glasses on their thumbs. "Hence (and from the lotus being considered the emblem of beauty) is the meaning of the following mute intercourse of two lovers before their parents : —

"He, with salute of deference due,  
 A lotus to his forehead press'd ;  
 She rais'd her mirror to his view,  
 'Then turn'd it inward to her breast' "

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Whose boasted brightness would not fade  
Before AL HASSAN'S blooming child.

Light as the angel shapes that bless  
An infant's dream, yet not the less  
Rich in all woman's loveliness; —  
With eyes so pure, that from their ray  
Dark Vice would turn abash'd away,  
Blinded like serpents, when they gaze  
Upon the emerald's virgin blaze; ' —  
Yet fill'd with all youth's sweet desires,  
Mingling the meek and vestal fires  
Of other worlds with all the bliss,  
The fond, weak tenderness of this :  
A soul, too, more than half divine,

Where, through some shades of earthly feeling,  
Religion's soften'd glories shine,

Like light through summer foliage stealing,  
Shedding a glow of such mild hue,  
So warm, and yet so shadowy too,  
As makes the very darkness there  
More beautiful than light elsewhere.

Such is the maid who, at this hour,

Hath risen from her restless sleep,  
And sits alone in that high bower,

Watching the still and shining deep.  
Ah ! 'twas not thus, — with tearful eyes

And beating heart, — she us'd to gaze  
On the magnificent earth and skies,

In her own land, in happier days.

Why looks she now so anxious down  
Among those rocks, whose rugged frown

Blackens the mirror of the deep ?

Whom waits she all this lonely night ?

Too rough the rocks, too bold the steep,  
For man to scale that turret's height ! —

So deem'd at least her thoughtful sire,

When high, to catch the cool night air,

After the daybeam's withering fire,<sup>2</sup>

He built her bower of freshness there,

1 "They say that if a snake or serpent fix his eyes on the lustre of those stones (emeralds), he immediately becomes blind." — *Ahmed ben Abdalazi*, Treatise on Jewels.

2 "At Gombarou and the Isle of Ormus it is sometimes so hot, that the people are obliged to lie all day in the water." — *Marco Polo*.

3 This mountain is generally supposed to be inaccessible. *Struy* says, "I can well assure the reader that their opinion is not true, who suppose this mount to be inaccessible." He adds, that "the lower part of the mountain is cloudy, misty, and dark, the middlemost part very cold, and like clouds of snow, but the upper regions perfectly calm." — It was on this mountain that the Ark was supposed to have rested after the Deluge, and part of it, they say, exists there still,

And had it deck'd with costliest skill,

And fondly thought it safe as fair ; —  
Think, reverend dreamer ! think so still,

Nor wake to learn what Love can dare ; —

Love, all-defying Love, who sees  
No charm in trophies won with ease ; —

Whose rarest, dearest fruits of bliss  
Are pluck'd on Danger's precipice !  
Bolder than they, who dare not dive

For pearls, but when the sea's at rest,  
Love, in the tempest most alive,

Hath ever held that pearl the best  
He finds beneath the stormiest water.

Yes — ARABY'S unrivall'd daughter,

Though high that tower, that rock-way rude

There's one who, but to kiss thy cheek,  
Would climb th' untrodden solitude

Of ARARAT'S tremendous peak,<sup>3</sup>  
And think its steeps, though dark and dread,

Heav'n's pathways, if to thee they led !

Ev'n now thou seest the flashing spray,

That lights his oar's impatient way ; —

Ev'n now thou hear'st the sudden shock

Of his swift bark against the rock,

And stretchest down thy arms of snow,

As if to lift him from below !

Like her to whom, at dead of night,

The bridegroom, with his locks of light,<sup>4</sup>

Came, in the flush of love and pride,

And scal'd the terrace of his bride ; —

When, as she saw him rashly spring,

And midway up in danger cling,

She flung him down her long black hair,

Exclaiming, breathless, "There, love, there !"

And scarce did manlier nerve uphold

The hero ZAL in that fond hour,

Than wings the youth who, fleet and bold,

Now climbs the rocks to HINDA'S bower.

See — light as up their granite steeps

The rock goats of ARABIA clamber,<sup>5</sup>

Fearless from crag to crag he leaps,

And now is in the maiden's chamber.

which *Struy* thus gravely accounts for : — "Whereas none can remember that the air on the top of the hill did ever change or was subject either to wind or rain, which is presumed to be the reason that the Ark has endured so long without being rotten." — See *Carri's Travels* where the Doctor laughs at this whole account of Mount Ararat.

4 In one of the books of the Shâh Nameh, when Zal (a celebrated hero of Persia, remarkable for his white hair,) comes to the terrace of his mistress Rodahver at night, she lets down her long tresses to assist him in his ascent ; — he, however, manages it in a less romantic way by fixing his crook in a projecting beam. — See *Champion's Ferdosi*.

5 "On the lofty hills of Arabia Petræa are rock goats." — *Niebuhr*.



She loves — but knows not whom she loves,  
 Nor what his race, nor whence he came ; —  
 Like one who meets, in Indian groves,  
 Some beauteous bird without a name,  
 Brought by the last ambrosial breeze,  
 From isles in th' undiscovered seas,  
 To show his plumage for a day  
 To wondering eyes, and wing away !  
 Will *he* thus fly — her nameless lover ?

ALLA forbid ! 'twas by a moon  
 As fair as this, while singing over  
 Some ditty to her soft Kanoon,<sup>1</sup>  
 Alone, at this same witching hour,  
 She first beheld his radiant eyes  
 Gleam through the lattice of the bower,  
 Where nightly now they mix their sighs ;  
 And thought some spirit of the air  
 (For what could waft a mortal there ?)  
 Was pausing on his moonlight way  
 To listen to her lonely lay !  
 This fancy ne'er hath left her mind :  
 And — though, when terror's swoon had  
 past,

She saw a youth, of mortal kind,  
 Before her in obeisance cast, —  
 Yet often since, when he hath spoken  
 Strange, awful words, — and gleams have broken  
 From his dark eyes, too bright to bear,  
 O, she hath fear'd her soul was given  
 To some unhallow'd child of air,  
 Some erring Spirit cast from heaven,  
 Like those angelic youths of old,  
 Who burn'd for maids of mortal mould,  
 Bewilder'd left the glorious skies,  
 And lost their heaven for woman's eyes.  
 Fond girl ! nor fiend nor angel he  
 Who woos thy young simplicity ;  
 But one of earth's impassioned sons,  
 As warm in love, as fierce in ire  
 As the best heart whose current runs  
 Full of the Day God's living fire.

But quench'd to-night that ardor seems,  
 And pale his check, and sunk his brow ; —  
 Never before, but in her dreams,  
 Had she beheld him pale as now :  
 And those were dreams of troubled sleep,  
 From which 'twas joy to wake and weep ;  
 Visions, that will not be forgot,  
 But sadden every waking scene,  
 Like warning ghosts, that leave the spot  
 All wither'd where they once have been.

"How sweetly," said the trembling maid,  
 Of her own gentle voice afraid,  
 So long had they in silence stood,  
 Looking upon that tranquil flood —  
 "How sweetly does the moonbeam smile  
 "To-night upon yon leafy isle !  
 "Oft, in my fancy's wanderings,  
 "I've wish'd that little isle had wings,  
 "And we, within its fairy bowers,  
 "Were wafted off to seas unknown,  
 "Where not a pulse should beat but ours,  
 "And we might live, love, die alone !  
 "Far from the cruel and the cold, —  
 "Where the bright eyes of angels only  
 "Should come around us, to behold  
 "A paradise so pure and lonely.  
 "Would this be world enough for thee ?" —  
 Playful she turn'd, that he might see  
 The passing smile her cheek put on ;  
 But when she mark'd how mournfully  
 His eyes met hers, that smile was gone ;  
 And, bursting into heartfelt tears,  
 "Yes, yes," she cried, "my hourly fears,  
 "My dreams have boded all too right —  
 "We part — forever part — to-night !  
 "I knew, I knew it *could* not last —  
 " 'Twas bright, 'twas heavenly, but 'tis past !  
 "O, ever thus, from childhood's hour,  
 "I've seen my fondest hopes decay ;  
 "I never loved a tree or flower,  
 "But 'twas the first to fade away.  
 "I never nurs'd a dear gazelle,  
 "To glad me with its soft black eye,  
 "But when it came to know me well,  
 "And love me, it was sure to die !  
 "Now too — the joy most like divine  
 "Of all I ever dreamt or knew,  
 "To see thee, hear thee, call thee mine, —  
 "O misery ! must I lose *that* too ?  
 "Yet go — on peril's brink we meet ; —  
 "Those frightful rocks — that treacherous  
 sea —  
 "No, never come again — though sweet,  
 "Though heaven, it may be death to thee.  
 "Farewell — and blessings on thy way,  
 "Where'er thou go'st, beloved stranger !  
 "Better to sit and watch that ray,  
 "And think thee safe, though far away,  
 "Than have thee near me, and in danger !"

"Danger ! — O, tempt me not to boast —"  
 The youth exclaim'd — "thou little know'st

<sup>1</sup> "Canun, espèce de psalterion, avec des cordes de boyaux ; les dames en touchent dans le serrail, avec des

décailles armées de pointes de cooc." — *Toderini, translated by De Courmand.*

"What he can brave, who, born and nurs'd  
 "In Danger's paths, has dar'd her worst;  
 "Upon whose ear the signal word  
 "Of strife and death is hourly breaking;  
 "Who sleeps with head upon the sword  
 "His fever'd hand must grasp in waking.  
 "Danger! —"  
 "Say on — thou fear'st not then,  
 "And we may meet — oft meet again?"

"O, look not so — beneath the skies  
 "I now fear nothing but those eyes.  
 "If aught on earth could charm or force  
 "My spirit from its destin'd course, —  
 "If I aught could make this soul forget  
 "The bond to which its seal is set,  
 "'Twould be those eyes; — they, only they,  
 "Could melt that sacred seal away!  
 "But no — 'tis fix'd — my awful doom  
 "Is fix'd — on this side of the tomb  
 "We meet no more; — why, why did Heav-  
 en  
 "Mingle two souls that earth has riven,  
 "Has rent asunder wide as ours?  
 "O, Arab maid, as soon the Powers  
 "Of Light and Darkness may combine,  
 "As I be link'd with thee or thine!  
 "Thy Father —"

"Holy ALLA save  
 "His gray head from that lightning glance!  
 "Thou know'st him not — he loves the brave;  
 "Nor lives there under heaven's expanse  
 "One who would prize, would worship thee  
 "And thy bold spirit, more than he.  
 "Oft when, in childhood, I have play'd  
 "With the bright falchion by his side,  
 "I've heard him swear his lisp'ing maid  
 "In time should be a warrior's bride.  
 "And still, whene'er at Harem hours,  
 "I take him cool sherbets and flowers,  
 "He tells me, when in playful mood,  
 "A hero shall my bridegroom be,

1 "They (the Ghebers) lay so much stress on their cushie or girdle, as not to dare to be an without it." — *Grose's Voyage*. — "Le jeune homme nia d'abord la chose; mais, ayant été dépouillé de sa robe, et la large ceinture qu'il portoit comme Ghebr," &c. &c. — *D'Herbelot*, art. Agduani. "Pour se distinguer des Idolâtres de l'Inde, les Guebres se ceignent tous d'un cordon de laine, ou de poil de chameau." — *Encyclopédie Française*.

2 "They suppose the Throne of the Almighty is seated in the sun, and hence their worship of that luminary." — *Hanway*. "As to fire, the Ghebers place the spring head of it in that globe of fire, the Sun, by them called Mythras, or Mihir, to which they pay the highest reverence, in gratitude for the manifold benefits flowing from its ministerial omnis-

"Since maids are best in battle woo'd,  
 "And won with shouts of victory!  
 "Nay, turn not from me — thou alone  
 "Art form'd to make both hearts thy own.  
 "Go — join his sacred ranks — thou know'st  
 "Th' unholy strife these Persians wage: —  
 "Good Heav'n, that frown! — even now thou  
 glow'st  
 "With more than mortal warrior's rage.  
 "Haste to the camp by morning's light,  
 "And, when that sword is rais'd in fight,  
 "O, still remember, Love and I  
 "Beneath its shadow trembling lie!  
 "One victory o'er those Slaves of Fire,  
 "Those impious Ghebers, whom my sire  
 "Abhors —"

"Hold, hold — thy words are death —"  
 The stranger cried, as wild he flung  
 His mantle back, and show'd beneath  
 The Gheber belt that round him clung.<sup>1</sup> —  
 "Here, maiden, look — weep — blush to see  
 "All that thy sire abhors in me!  
 "Yes — I am of that impious race,  
 "Those Slaves of Fire who, morn and even,  
 "Hail their Creator's dwelling-place  
 "Among the living lights of heaven:<sup>2</sup>  
 "Yes — I am of that outcast few,  
 "To IRAN and to vengeance true,  
 "Who curse the hour your Arabs came  
 "To desolate our shrines of flame,  
 "And swear, before God's burning eye,  
 "To break our country's chains, or die!  
 "Thy bigot sire, — nay, tremble not, —  
 "He, who gave birth to those dear eyes,  
 "With me is sacred as the spot  
 "From which our fires of worship rise!  
 "But know — 'twas he I sought that night,  
 "When, from my watch boat on the sea,  
 "I caught this turret's glimmering light,  
 "And up the rude rocks desperately  
 "Rush'd to my prey — thou know'st the rest —  
 "I climb'd the gory vulture's nest,

science. But they are so far from confounding the subordination of the Servant with the majesty of its Creator, that they not only attribute no sort of sense or reasoning to the sun or fire, in any of its operations, but consider it as a purely passive blind instrument, directed and governed by the immediate impression on it of the will of God; but they do not even give that luminary, all-glorious as it is, more than the second rank amongst his works, reserving the first for that stupendous production of divine power, the mind of man." — *Grose*. The false charges brought against the religion of these people by their Mussulman tyrants is but one proof among many of the truth of this writer's remark, that "calumny is often added to oppression, if but for the sake of justifying it."

" And found a trembling dove within ; —  
 " Thine, thine the victory — thine the sin —  
 " If Love hath made one thought his own,  
 " That Vengeance claims first — last — alone !  
 " O, had we never, never met,  
 " Or could this heart ev'n now forget  
 " How link'd, how bless'd we might have  
   been,  
 " Had fate not frown'd so dark between !  
 " Hadst thou been born a Persian maid,  
   " In neighboring valleys had we dwelt,  
 " Through the same fields in childhood play'd,  
   " At the same kindling altar knelt, —  
 " Then, then, while all those nameless ties,  
 " In which the charm of Country lies,  
 " Had round our hearts been hourly spun,  
 " Till IRAN'S cause and thine were one ;  
 " While in thy lute's awakening sigh  
 " I heard the voice of days gone by,  
 " And saw, in every smile of thine,  
 " Returning hours of glory shine ; —  
 " While the wrong'd Spirit of our Land  
   " Liv'd, look'd, and spoke her wrongs through  
   thee, —  
 " God ! who could then this sword withstand ?  
   " Its very flash were victory !  
 " But now — estrang'd, divorce'd forever,  
 " Far as the grasp of Fate can sever ;  
 " Our only ties what love has wove, —  
   " In faith, friends, country, sunder'd wide ;  
 " And then, then only, true to love,  
   " When false to all that's dear beside !  
 " Thy father IRAN'S deadliest foe —  
 " Thyself, perhaps, ev'n now — but no —  
 " Hate never look'd so lovely yet !  
   " No — sacred to thy soul will be  
 " The land of him who could forget  
   " All but that bleeding land for thee.  
 " When other eyes shall see, unmov'd,  
   " Her widows mourn, her warriors fall,  
 " Thou'lt think how well one Gheber lov'd,  
   " And for *his* sake thou'lt weep for all !  
 " But look — —"  
   With sudden start he turn'd  
 And pointed to the distant wave,  
 Where lights, like charnel meteors, burn'd  
   Blue, as o'er some seaman's grave ;  
 And fiery darts, at intervals,<sup>1</sup>  
   Flew up all sparkling from the main,

As if each star that nightly falls,  
   Were shooting back to heaven again.

" My signal lights ! — I must away —  
 " Both, both are ruin'd, if I stay.  
 " Farewell — sweet life ! thou cling'st in vain —  
 " Now, Vengeance, I am thine again ! "  
 Fiercely he broke away, nor stopp'd,  
 Nor look'd — but from the lattice dropp'd  
 Down 'mid the pointed crags beneath,  
 As if he fled from love to death.  
 While pale and mute young HINDA stood,  
 Nor mov'd, till in the silent flood  
 A momentary plunge below  
 Startled her from her trance of woe ; —  
 Shrieking she to the lattice flew,  
   " I come — I come — if in that tide  
 " Thou sleep'st to-night, I'll sleep there too,  
   " In death's cold wedlock, by thy side.  
 " O, I would ask no happier bed  
   " Than the chill wave my love lies under : —  
 " Sweeter to rest together dead.  
   " Far sweeter, than to live asunder ! "  
 But no — their hour is not yet come —  
 Again she sees his pinnace fly,  
 Wafting him fleetly to his home,  
   Where'er that ill-starr'd home may lie ;  
 And calm and smooth it seem'd to win  
   Its moonlight way before the wind,  
 As if it bore all peace within,  
   Nor left one breaking heart behind !

THE Princess, whose heart was sad enough  
 already, could have wished that FERAMORZ had  
 chosen a less melancholy story ; as it is only to  
 the happy that tears are a luxury. Her Ladies,  
 however, were by no means sorry that love was  
 once more the Poet's theme ; for, whenever he  
 spoke of love, they said, his voice was as sweet  
 as if he had chewed the leaves of that enchanted  
 tree, which grows over the tomb of the musician,  
 Tan-Sein.<sup>2</sup>

Their road all the morning had lain through  
 a very dreary country ; — through valleys, covered  
 with a low bushy jungle, where, in more  
 than one place, the awful signal of the bamboo

<sup>1</sup> "The Mameluks that were in the other boat, when it  
 was dark used to shoot up a sort of fiery arrows into the air  
 which in some measure resembled lightning or falling  
 stars." — *Baumgarten*.

<sup>2</sup> "Within the enclosure which surrounds this monument  
 (at Guallior) is a small tomb to the memory of Tan-Sein, a

musician of incomparable skill, who flourished at the court  
 of Akbar. The tomb is overshadowed by a tree, concern-  
 ing which a superstitious notion prevails, that the chewing  
 of its leaves will give an extraordinary melody to the voice."  
 — *Narrative of a Journey from Agra to Ouzain*, by W. Hunter,  
*Esq.*

staff,<sup>1</sup> with the white flag at its top, reminded the traveller that, in that very spot, the tiger had made some human creature his victim. It was, therefore, with much pleasure that they arrived at sunset in a safe and lovely glen, and encamped under one of those holy trees, whose smooth columns and spreading roofs seem to destine them for natural temples of religion. Beneath this spacious shade, some pious hands had erected a row of pillars ornamented with the most beautiful porcelain,<sup>2</sup> which now supplied the use of mirrors to the young maidens, as they adjusted their hair in descending from the palanquins. Here, while, as usual, the Princess sat listening anxiously, with FADLADEEN in one of his loftiest moods of criticism by her side, the young Poet, leaning against a branch of the tree, thus continued his story :—

THE morn hath risen clear and calm,  
 And o'er the Green Sea<sup>3</sup> palely shines,  
 Revealing BAHREIN'S<sup>4</sup> groves of palm,  
 And lighting KISHMA'S<sup>4</sup> amber vines.  
 Fresh smell the shores of ARABY,  
 While breezes from the Indian Sea  
 Blow round SELAMA'S<sup>5</sup> sainted cape,  
 And curl the shining flood beneath, —  
 Whose waves are rich with many a grape,  
 And cocoonut and flowery wreath,  
 Which pious seamen, as they pass'd,  
 Had toward that holy headland cast —  
 Oblations to the Genii there  
 For gentle skies and breezes fair !  
 The nightingale now bends her flight<sup>6</sup>  
 From the high trees, where all the night  
 She sung so sweet, with none to listen ;  
 And hides her from the morning star

<sup>1</sup> "It is usual to place a small white triangular flag, fixed to a bamboo staff of ten or twelve feet long, at the place where a tiger has destroyed a man. It is common for the passengers also to throw each a stone or brick near the spot, so that in the course of a little time a pile equal to a good wagon load is collected. The sight of these flags and piles of stones imparts a certain melancholy, not perhaps altogether void of apprehension." — *Oriental Field Sports*, vol. ii.

<sup>2</sup> "The Ficus Indica is called the Pagod Tree and Tree of Coconuts; the first, from the idols placed under its shade; the second, because meetings were held under its cool branches. In some places it is believed to be the haunt of spectres, as the ancient spreading oaks of Wales have been of fairies; in others are erected beneath the shade pillars of stone, or posts, elegantly carved, and ornamented with the most beautiful porcelain to supply the use of mirrors." — *Pennant*.

<sup>3</sup> The Persian Gulf. — "To dive for pearls in the Green Sea, or Persian Gulf." — *Sir W. Jones*.

Where thickets of pomegranate glisten  
 In the clear dawn, — bespangled o'er  
 With dew, whose nightdrops would not  
 stain

The best and brightest cimeter<sup>7</sup>  
 That ever youthful Sultan wore  
 On the first morning of his reign.

And see — the Sun himself ! — on wings  
 Of glory up the East he springs.  
 Angel of Light ! who from the time  
 Those heavens began their march sublime,  
 Hath first of all the starry choir  
 Trod in his Maker's steps of fire !

Where are the days, thou wondrous sphere,  
 When IRAN, like a sunflower, turn'd  
 To meet that eye where'er it burn'd ? —

When, from the banks of BENEDEER  
 To the nut groves of SAMARCAND,  
 Thy temples flam'd o'er all the land !

Where are they ? ask the shades of them

Who, on CADESSIA'S<sup>8</sup> bloody plains,  
 Saw fierce invaders pluck the gem  
 From IRAN'S broken diadem,

And bind her ancient faith in chains : —  
 Ask the poor exile, cast alone  
 On foreign shores, unlov'd, unknown,  
 Beyond the Caspian's Iron Gates,<sup>9</sup>

Or on the snowy Mossian mountains,  
 Far from his beautiful land of dates,  
 Her jasmine bowers and sunny fountains :  
 Yet happier so than if he trod  
 His own belov'd, but blighted, sod,  
 Beneath a despot stranger's nod ! —

O, he would rather houseless roam  
 Where Freedom and his God may lead,  
 Than be the sleekest slave at home  
 That crouches to the conqueror's creed !

<sup>4</sup> Islands in the Gulf.

<sup>5</sup> Or Selemeh, the genuine name of the headland at the entrance of the Gulf, commonly called Cape Musseldom. "The Indians, when they pass the promontory, throw coconuts, fruits, or flowers into the sea, to secure a propitious voyage." — *Morier*.

<sup>6</sup> "The nightingale sings from the pomegranate groves in the daytime, and from the loftiest trees at night." — *Russel's Aleppo*.

<sup>7</sup> In speaking of the climate of Shiraz, Francklin says, "The dew is of such a pure nature, that if the brightest cimeter should be exposed to it all night, it would not receive the least rust."

<sup>8</sup> The place where the Persians were finally defeated by the Arabs, and their ancient monarchy destroyed.

<sup>9</sup> Derbend. — "Les Turcs appellent cette ville Demit Capi, Porte de Fer ; ce sont les Caspiæ Portæ des anciens." — *D'Herbelot*.

Is IRAN's pride then gone forever,  
 Quench'd with the flame in MITHRA's caves? —  
 No — she has sons, that never — never —  
 Will stoop to be the Moslem's slaves,  
 While heaven has light or earth has graves; —  
 Spirits of fire, that brood not long,  
 But flash resentment back for wrong;  
 And hearts where, slow but deep, the seeds  
 Of vengeance ripen into deeds,  
 Till, in some treacherous hour of calm,  
 They burst, like ZEILAN's giant palm,<sup>1</sup>  
 Whose buds fly open with a sound  
 That shakes the pigmy forests round!  
 Yes, EMIR! he, who scal'd that tower,  
 And, had he reach'd thy slumbering breast,  
 Had taught thee, in a Gheber's power  
 How safe ev'n tyrant heads may rest —  
 Is one of many, brave as he,  
 Who loathe thy haughty race and thee;  
 Who, though they know the strife is vain,  
 Who, though they know the riven chain  
 Snaps but to enter in the heart  
 Of him who rends its links apart,  
 Yet dare the issue, — blest to be  
 Ev'n for one bleeding moment free,  
 And die in pangs of liberty!  
 Thou know'st them well — 'tis some moons  
 since  
 Thy turban'd troops and blood-red flags,  
 Thou satrap of a bigot Prince,  
 Have swarm'd among these Green Sea  
 crags;  
 Yet here, ev'n here, a sacred band  
 Ay, in the portal of that land  
 Thou, Arab, dar'st to call thy own,  
 Thy spears across thy path have thrown;  
 Here — ere the winds half wing'd thee o'er —  
 Rebellion brav'd thee from the shore.  
 Rebellion! foul, dishonoring word,  
 Whose wrongful blight so oft has stain'd  
 The holiest cause that tongue or sword  
 Of mortal ever lost or gain'd.  
 How many a spirit, born to bless,  
 Hath sunk beneath that withering name,  
 Whom but a day's, an hour's success  
 Had wafted to eternal fame!  
 As exhalations, when they burst  
 From the warm earth, if chill'd at first,

If check'd in soaring from the plain,  
 Darken to fogs and sink again; —  
 But, if they once triumphant spread  
 Their wings above the mountain head,  
 Become enthron'd in upper air,  
 And turn to sun-bright glories there!

And who is he, that wields the might  
 Of Freedom on the Green Sea brink,  
 Before whose sabre's dazzling light?<sup>2</sup>  
 The eyes of YEMEN's warriors wink?  
 Who comes, embower'd in the spears  
 Of KERMAN's hardy mountaineers? —  
 Those mountaineers that truest, last,  
 Cling to their country's ancient rites,  
 As if that God, whose eyelids cast  
 Their closing gleam on IRAN's heights,  
 Among her snowy mountains threw  
 The last light of his worship too!

'Tis HAFED — name of fear, whose sound  
 Chills like the muttering of a charm! —  
 Shout but that awful name around,  
 And palsy shakes the manliest arm.  
 'Tis HAFED, most accurs'd and dire  
 (So rank'd by Moslem hate and ire)  
 Of all the rebel Sons of Fire;  
 Of whose malign, tremendous power  
 The Arabs, at their mid-watch hour,  
 Such tales of fearful wonder tell,  
 That each affrighted sentinel  
 Pulls down his cowl upon his eyes,  
 Lest HAFED in the midst should rise!  
 A man, they say, of monstrous birth,  
 A mingled race of flame and earth,  
 Sprung from those old, enchanted kings,<sup>3</sup>  
 Who in their fairy helmets, of yore  
 A feather from the mystic wings  
 Of the Simoorgh resistless wore;  
 And gifted by the Fiends of Fire,  
 Who groan'd to see their shrines expire,  
 With charms that, all in vain withstood,  
 Would drown the Koran's light in blood!

Such were the tales, that won belief,  
 And such the coloring Fancy gave  
 To a young, warm, and dauntless Chief, —  
 One who, no more than mortal brave,

<sup>1</sup> The Talpot or Talipot tree. "This beautiful palm tree, which grows in the heart of the forests, may be classed among the loftiest trees, and becomes still higher when on the point of bursting forth from its leafy summit. The sheath which then envelops the flower is very large, and, when it bursts, makes an explosion like the report of a cannon." — *Thunberg*.

<sup>2</sup> "When the bright cimeters make the eyes of our heroes wink." — *The Maullakat, Poem of Amru*.

<sup>3</sup> Tahnuraz, and other ancient Kings of Persia; whose adventures in Fairyland among the Peris and Dives may be found in Richardson's curious Dissertation. The griffin Simoorgh, they say, took some feathers from her breast for Tahnuraz, with which he adorned his helmet, and transmitted them afterwards to his descendants.



Fought for the land his soul ador'd,  
 For happy homes and altars free, —  
 His only talisman, the sword,  
 His only spell-word, Liberty !  
 One of that ancient hero line,  
 Along whose glorious current shine  
 Names, that have sanctified their blood ;  
 As LEBANON'S small mountain flood  
 Is render'd holy by the ranks  
 Of sainted cedars on its banks.<sup>1</sup>  
 'Twas not for him to crouch the knee  
 Tamely to Moslem tyranny ;  
 'Twas not for him, whose soul was cast  
 In the bright mould of ages past,  
 Whose melancholy spirit, fed  
 With all the glories of the dead.  
 Though fram'd for IRAN'S happiest years,  
 Was born among her chains and tears ! —  
 'Twas not for him to swell the crowd  
 Of slavish heads, that shrinking bow'd  
 Before the Moslem, as he pass'd,  
 Like shrubs beneath the poison blast —  
 No — far he fled — indignant fled  
 The pageant of his country's shame ;  
 While every tear her children shed  
 Fell on his soul like drops of flame ;  
 And, as a lover hails the dawn  
 Of a first smile, so welcom'd he  
 The sparkle of the first sword drawn  
 For vengeance and for liberty !

But vain was valor — vain the flower  
 Of KERMAN, in that deathful hour,  
 Against AL HASSAN'S whelming power. —  
 In vain they met him, helm to helm,  
 Upon the threshold of that realm  
 He came in bigot pomp to sway,  
 And with their corpses block'd his way —  
 In vain — for every lance they rais'd,  
 Thousands around the conqueror blaz'd ;

<sup>1</sup> This rivulet, says Dandini, is called the Holy River from the "cedar saints" among which it rises.

In the *Lettres Edifiantes*, there is a different cause assigned for its name of Holy. "In these are deep caverns, which formerly served as so many cells for a great number of recluses, who had chosen these retreats as the only witnesses upon earth of the severity of their penance. The tears of these pious penitents gave the river of which we have just treated the name of the Holy River." — See *Chateaubriand's* Beauties of Christianity.

<sup>2</sup> This mountain is my own creation, as the "stupendous chain," of which I suppose it a link, does not extend quite so far as the shores of the Persian Gulf. "This long and lofty range of mountains formerly divided Media from Assyria, and now forms the boundary of the Persian and Turkish empires. It runs parallel with the river Tigris and Per-

For every arm that lin'd their shore,  
 Myriads of slaves were wafted o'er, —  
 A bloody, bold, and countless crowd,  
 Before whose swarm as fast they bow'd  
 As dates beneath the locust cloud.  
 There stood — but one short league away  
 From old HARMOZIA'S sultry bay —  
 A rocky mountain, o'er the Sea  
 Of OMAN beetling awfully ;<sup>2</sup>  
 A last and solitary link

Of those stupendous chains that reach  
 From the broad Caspian's reedy brink  
 Down winding to the Green Sea beach.  
 Around its base the bare rocks stood,  
 Like naked giants, in the flood,

As if to guard the Gulf across ;  
 While, on its peak, that brav'd the sky,  
 A ruin'd Temple tower'd, so high

That oft the sleeping albatross<sup>3</sup>  
 Struck the wild ruins with her wing,  
 And from her cloud-rock'd slumbering  
 Started — to find man's dwelling there  
 In her own silent fields of air !  
 Beneath, terrific caverns gave  
 Dark welcome to each stormy wave  
 That dash'd, like midnight revellers, in ; —  
 And such the strange, mysterious din  
 At times throughout those caverns roll'd, —  
 And such the fearful wonders told  
 Of restless sprites imprison'd there,  
 That bold were Moslem, who would dare,  
 At twilight hour, to steer his skiff  
 Beneath the Gheber's lonely cliff.<sup>4</sup>

On the land side, those towers sublime,  
 That seem'd above the grasp of Time,  
 Were sever'd from the haunts of men  
 By a wide, deep, and wizard glen,  
 So fathomless, so full of gloom,  
 No eye could pierce the void between :

sian Gulf, and almost disappearing in the vicinity of Gomberoon (Harmozia) seems once more to rise in the southern districts of Kerman, and following an easterly course through the centre of Meckraun and Balouchistan, is entirely lost in the deserts of Sinde." — *Kinnier's* Persian Empire.

<sup>3</sup> These birds sleep in the air. They are most common about the Cape of Good Hope.

<sup>4</sup> "There is an extraordinary hill in this neighborhood, called Kohé Gubr, or the Guebre's mountain. It rises in the form of a lofty cupola, and on the summit of it, they say, are the remains of an Atush Kudu or Fire Temple. It is superstitiously held to be the residence of Deeves or Sprites, and many marvellous stories are recounted of the injury and witchcraft suffered by those who essayed in former days to ascend or explore it." — *Pottinger's* Beloochistan.

It seem'd a place where Gholes might come  
 With their foul banquets from the tomb,  
 And in its caverns feed unseen.  
 Like distant thunder, from below,  
 The sound of many torrents came,  
 Too deep for eye or ear to know  
 If 'twere the sea's imprison'd flow,  
 Or floods of ever restless flame.  
 For, each ravine, each rocky spire  
 Of that vast mountain stood on fire ;<sup>1</sup>  
 And, though forever past the days  
 When God was worshipp'd in the blaze  
 That from its lofty altar shone, —  
 Though fled the priests, the votaries gone,  
 Still did the mighty flame burn on,<sup>2</sup>  
 Through chance and change, through good and  
 ill,  
 Like its own God's eternal will,  
 Deep, constant, bright, unquenchable !

Thither the vanquish'd HAFED led  
 His little army's last remains ; —  
 " Welcome, terrific glen ! " he said,  
 " Thy gloom, that Eblis' self might dread,  
 " Is Heav'n to him who flies from chains ! "   
 O'er a dark, narrow bridgeway, known  
 To him and to his Chiefs alone,  
 They cross'd the chasm and gain'd the tow-  
 ers, —  
 " This home," he cried, " at least is ours ; —  
 " Here we may bleed, unmøck'd by hymns  
 " Of Moslem triumph o'er our head ;  
 " Here we may fall, nor leave our limbs  
 " To quiver to the Moslem's tread.  
 " Stretch'd on this rock, while vultures' beaks  
 " Are whetted on our yet warm cheeks,  
 " Here — happy that no tyrant's eye  
 " Gloats on our torments — we may die ! " —

'Twas night when to those towers they came,  
 And gloomily the fitful flame,  
 That from the ruin'd altar broke,  
 Glared on his features, as he spoke : —  
 " 'Tis o'er — what men could do, we've done —  
 " If IRAN *will* look tamely on,

" And see her priests, her warriors driven  
 " Before a sensual bigot's nod,  
 " A wretch who shrines his lusts in heaven,  
 " And makes a pander of his God ;  
 " If her proud sons, her high-born souls,  
 " Men, in whose veins — O last disgrace !  
 " The blood of ZAL and RUSTAM<sup>3</sup> rolls, —  
 " If they *will* court this upstart race,  
 " And turn from MITHRA's ancient ray,  
 " To kneel at shrines of yesterday ;  
 " If they *will* crouch to IRAN's foes,  
 " Why, let them — till the land's despair  
 " Cries out to Heav'n, and bondage grows  
 " Too vile for ev'n the vile to bear !  
 " Till shame at last, long hidden, burns  
 " Their inmost core, and conscience turns  
 " Each coward tear the slave lets fall  
 " Back on his heart in drops of gall.  
 " But *here*, at least, are arms unchain'd,  
 " And souls that thraldom never stain'd ; —  
 " This spot, at least, no foot of slave  
 " Or satrap ever yet profaned ;  
 " And though but few — though fast the wave  
 " Of life is ebbing from our veins,  
 " Enough for vengeance still remains.  
 " As panthers, after set of sun,  
 " Rush from the roots of LEBANON  
 " Across the dark-sea robber's way,<sup>4</sup>  
 " We'll bound upon our startled prey ;  
 " And when some hearts that proudest swell  
 " Have felt our falchion's last farwell ;  
 " When Hope's expiring throb is o'er,  
 " And ev'n Despair can prompt no more,  
 " This spot shall be the sacred grave  
 " Of the last few who, vainly brave,  
 " Die for the land they cannot save ! "

His Chiefs stood round — each shining blade  
 Upon the broken altar laid —  
 And though so wild and desolate  
 Those courts, where once the Mighty sate ;  
 Nor longer on those mouldering towers  
 Was seen the feast of fruits and flowers,  
 With which of old the Magi fed  
 The wandering Spirits of their Dead :<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Ghebers generally built their temples over subterranean fires.

<sup>2</sup> " At the city of Yezd, in Persia, which is distinguished by the appellation of the Dar'ib Abadut, or Seat of Religion, the Guebres are permitted to have an Atush Ku'du or Fire Temple (which, they assert, has had the sacred fire in it since the days of Zoroaster) in their own compartment of the city ; but for this indulgence they are indebted to the avarice, not the tolerance of the Persian government, which taxes them at twenty-five rupees each man." — *Pottinger's Beloochistan*.

<sup>3</sup> Ancient heroes of Persia. " Among the Guebres there are some, who boast their descent from Rustam." — *Stephens's Persia*.

<sup>4</sup> See Russel's account of the panther's attacking travellers in the night on the sea-shore about the roots of Lebanon.

<sup>5</sup> " Among other ceremonies the Magi used to place upon the tops of high towers various kinds of rich viands, upon which it was supposed the Peris and the spirits of their departed heroes regaled themselves." — *Richardson*.

Though neither priest nor rites were there,  
 Nor charmed leaf of pure pomegranate?<sup>1</sup>  
 Nor hymn, nor censor's fragrant air,  
 Nor symbol of their worshipp'd planet;<sup>2</sup>  
 Yet the same God that heard their sires  
 Heard *them*, while on that altar's fires  
 They swore<sup>3</sup> the latest, holiest deed  
 Of the few hearts, still left to bleed,  
 Should be, in IRAN'S injur'd name,  
 To die upon that Mount of Flame —  
 The last of all her patriot line,  
 Before her last untrampled Shrine !

Brave, suffering souls ! they little knew  
 How many a tear their injuries drew  
 From one meek maid, one gentle foe,  
 Whom love first touch'd with others' woe —  
 Whose life, as free from thought as sin,  
 Slept like a lake, till Love threw in  
 His talisman, and woke the tide,  
 And spread its trembling circles wide.  
 Once, EMIR ! thy unheeding child,  
 'Mid all this havoc, bloom'd and smil'd, —  
 Tranquil as on some battle plain

The Persian lily shines and towers,<sup>4</sup>  
 Before the combat's reddening stain  
 Hath fall'n upon her golden flowers.  
 Light-hearted maid, unaw'd, unmov'd,  
 While Heav'n but spar'd the sire she lov'd,  
 Once at thy evening tales of blood  
 Unlistening and aloof she stood —  
 And oft, when thou hast pac'd along  
 Thy Harem halls with furious heat,  
 Hast thou not curs'd her cheerful song,  
 That came across thee, calm and sweet,  
 Like lutes of angels, touch'd so near  
 Hell's confines, that the damn'd can hear !

Far other feelings Love nath brought —  
 Her soul all flame, her brow all sadness,  
 She now has but the one dear thought,  
 And thinks that o'er, almost to madness !  
 Oft doth her sinking heart recall  
 His words — “for *my* sake weep for all ;”  
 And bitterly, as day on day  
 Of rebel carnage fast succeeds,

<sup>1</sup> In the ceremonies of the Ghebers round their Fire, as described by Lord, “The Daroo,” he says, “giveth them water to drink, and a pomegranate leaf to chew in the mouth, to cleanse them from inward uncleanness.”

<sup>2</sup> “Early in the morning, they (the Parsees or Ghebers at Oulau) go in crowds to pay their devotions to the Sun, to whom upon all the altars there are spheres consecrated, made by magic, resembling the circles of the sun, and when the sun rises, these orbs seem to be inflamed, and to turn

She weeps a lover snatch'd away  
 In every Gheber wretch that bleeds.  
 There's not a sabre meets her eye,  
 But with his lifeblood seems to swim ;  
 There's not an arrow wings the sky,  
 But fancy turns its point to him.  
 No more she brings with footstep light  
 AL HASSAN'S falchion for the fight ;  
 And — had he look'd with clearer sight,  
 Had not the mists, that ever rise  
 From a foul spirit, dimm'd his eyes —  
 He would have mark'd her shuddering frame,  
 When from the field of blood he came,  
 The faltering speech — the look estrang'd —  
 Voice, step, and life, and beauty chang'd —  
 He would have mark'd all this, and known  
 Such change is wrought by Love alone !

Ah ! not the Love, that should have bless'd  
 So young, so innocent a breast ;  
 Not the pure, open, prosperous Love,  
 That pledg'd on earth and seal'd above,  
 Grows in the world's approving eyes,  
 In friendship's smile and home's caress,  
 Collecting all the heart's sweet ties  
 Into one knot of happiness !  
 No, HINDA, no, — thy fatal flame  
 Is nurs'd in silence, sorrow, shame ; —  
 A passion, without hope or pleasure,  
 In thy soul's darkness buried deep,  
 It lies, like some ill-gotten treasure, —  
 Some idol, without shrine or name,  
 O'er which its pale-ey'd votaries keep  
 Unholy watch, while others sleep.

Seven nights have darken'd OMAN'S sea,  
 Since last, beneath the moonlight ray,  
 She saw his light oar rapidly  
 Hurry her Gheber's bark away, —  
 And still she goes, at midnight hour,  
 To weep alone in that high bower,  
 And watch, and look along the deep  
 For him whose smiles first made her weep ; —  
 But watching, weeping, all was vain,  
 She never saw his bark again.

round with a great noise. They have every one a censor in their hands, and offer incense to the sun.” — *Rabbi Benjamin*.

<sup>3</sup> “Nul d'entre eux oseroit se perjurcr, quand il a pris à témoin cet élément terrible et vengeur.” — *Encyclopédie Française*.

<sup>4</sup> “A vivid verdure succeeds the autumnal rains, and the ploughed fields are covered with the Persian lily, of a splendid yellow color.” — *Russel's Aleppo*.

The owl's solitary cry,  
The nighthawk, flitting darkly by,  
And oft the hateful carrion bird,  
Heavily flapping his clogg'd wing,  
Which reek'd with that day's banquetting —  
Was all she saw, was all she heard.

'Tis the eighth morn — AL HASSAN'S brow  
Is brighten'd with unusual joy —  
What mighty mischief glads him now,  
Who never smiles but to destroy ?  
The sparkle upon HERKEND'S Sea,  
When toss'd at midnight furiously,<sup>1</sup>  
Tells not of wreck and ruin nigh,  
More surely than that smiling eye !  
"Up, daughter, up — the KERNA'S<sup>2</sup> breath  
"Has blown a blast would waken death,  
"And yet thou sleep'st — up, child, and see  
"This blessed day for Heaven and me,  
"A day more rich in Pagan blood  
"Than ever flash'd o'er OMAN'S flood.  
"Before another dawn shall shine,  
"His head — heart — limbs — will all be mine ;  
"This very night his blood shall steep  
"These hands all over ere I sleep !" —

"His blood!" she faintly scream'd — her mind  
Still singling *one* from all mankind —  
"Yes — spite of his ravines and towers,  
"HAFED, my child, this night is ours.  
"Thanks to all-conquering treachery,  
"Without whose aid the links accurs'd,  
"That bind these impious slaves, would be  
"Too strong for ALLA'S self to burst !  
"That rebel fiend, whose blade has spread  
"My path with piles of Moslem dead,  
"Whose baffling spells had almost driven  
"Back from their course the Swords of Heaven,  
"This night, with all his band shall know  
"How deep an Arab's steel can go,  
"When God and Vengeance speed the blow.  
"And — Prophet ! by that holy wreath  
"Thou wor'st on OHOD'S field of death,<sup>3</sup>  
"I swear, for every sob that parts  
"In anguish from these heathen hearts,  
"A gem from PERSIA'S plunder'd mines  
"Shall glitter on thy Shrine of Shrines.

<sup>1</sup> "It is observed, with respect to the Sea of Herkend, that when it is tossed by tempestuous winds it sparkles like fire." — *Travels of Two Mohammedans.*

<sup>2</sup> A kind of trumpet; — it "was that used by Tamerlane, the sound of which is described as uncommonly dreadful, and so loud as to be heard at the distance of several miles." — *Richardson.*

<sup>3</sup> "Mohammed had two helmets, an interior and exterior

"But, ha ! — she sinks — that look so wild —  
"Those livid lips — my child, my child,  
"This life of blood befits not thee,  
"And thou must back to ARABY.  
"Ne'er had I risk'd thy timid sex  
"In scenes that man himself might dread,  
"Had I not hop'd our every tread  
"Would be on prostrate Persian necks —  
"Curs'd race, they offer swords instead !  
"But cheer thee, maid, — the wind that now  
"Is blowing o'er thy feverish brow,  
"To-day shall waft thee from the shore ;  
"And, ere a drop of this night's gore  
"Have time to chill in yonder towers,  
"Thou'lt see thy own sweet Arab bowers !"

His bloody boast was all too true ;  
There lurk'd one wretch among the few  
Whom HAFED'S eagle eye could count  
Around him on that Fiery Mount, —  
One miscreant, who for gold betray'd  
The pathway through the valley's shade  
To those high towers, where Freedom stood  
In her last hold of flame and blood.  
Left on the field last dreadful night,  
When, sallying from their Sacred height,  
The Ghebers fought hope's farewell fight  
He lay — but died not with the brave ;  
That sun, which should have gilt his grave,  
Saw him a traitor and a slave ; —  
And, while the few, who thence return'd  
To their high rocky fortress, mourn'd  
For him among the matchless dead  
They left behind on glory's bed,  
He liv'd, and, in the face of morn,  
Laugh'd them and Faith and Heaven to scorn.

O for a tongue to curse the slave,  
Whose treason, like a deadly blight,  
Comes o'er the councils of the brave,  
And blasts them in their hour of might !  
May Life's unblest cup for him  
Be drugg'd with treacheries to the brim, —  
With hopes, that but allure to fly,  
With joys, that vanish while he sips,  
Like Dead Sea fruits, that tempt the eye,  
But turn to ashes on the lips !<sup>4</sup>

one; the latter of which, called Al Mawshah, the fillet, wreath, or wreathed garland, he wore at the battle of Ohod." — *Universal History.*

<sup>4</sup> "They say that there are apple trees upon the sides of this sea, which bear very lovely fruit, but within are all full of ashes." — *Thevenot.* The same is asserted of the oranges there; v. *Wtman's Travels in Asiatic Turkey.*

"The Asphalt Lake, known by the name of the Dead

His country's curse, his children's shame,  
 Outcast of virtue, peace, and fame,  
 May he, at last, with lips of flame  
 On the parch'd desert thirsting die, —  
 While lakes, that shone in mockery nigh,<sup>1</sup>  
 Are fading off, untouch'd, untasted,  
 Like the once glorious hopes he blasted !  
 And, when from earth his spirit flies,  
 Just Prophet, let the damn'd one dwell  
 Full in the sight of Paradise,  
 Beholding heaven, and feeling hell !

LALLA ROOKH had, the night before, been visited by a dream which, in spite of the impending fate of poor HAFED, made her heart more than usually cheerful during the morning, and gave her cheeks all the freshened animation of a flower that the Bidmusk has just passed over.<sup>2</sup> She fancied that she was sailing on that Eastern Ocean, where the sea gypsies, who live forever on the water,<sup>3</sup> enjoy a perpetual summer in wandering from isle to isle, when she saw a small gilded bark approaching her. It was like one of those boats which the Maldivian islanders send adrift, at the mercy of winds and waves, loaded with perfumes, flowers, and odoriferous wood, as an offering to the Spirit whom they call King of the Sea. At first, this little bark appeared to be empty, but, on coming nearer —

Sea, is very remarkable on account of the considerable proportion of salt which it contains. In this respect it surpasses every other known water on the surface of the earth. This great proportion of bitter tasted salts is the reason why neither animal nor plant can live in this water." — *Klaproth's Chemical Analysis of the Water of the Dead Sea*, *Annals of Philosophy*, January, 1813. *Hasselquist*, however, doubts the truth of this last assertion, as there are shellfish to be found in the lake.

Lord Byron has a similar allusion to the fruits of the Dead Sea, in that wonderful display of genius, his third Canto of *Childe Harold*, — magnificent beyond any thing, perhaps, that even *he* has ever written.

1 "The Sulrab or Water of the Desert is said to be caused by the rarefaction of the atmosphere from extreme heat; and, which augments the delusion, it is most frequent in hollows, where water might be expected to lodge. I have seen bushes and trees reflected in it, with as much accuracy as though it had been the face of a clear and still lake." — *Pottinger*.

2 "As to the unbelievers, their works are like a vapor in a plain, which the thirsty traveller thinketh to be water, until when he cometh thereto he findeth it to be nothing." — *Koraa*, chap. 24.

3 "A wind which prevails in February, called Bidmusk, from a small and odoriferous flower of that name." — "The wind which blows these flowers commonly lasts till the end of the month" — *Le Rempire*.

She had proceeded thus far in relating the dream to her Ladies, when FERAMORZ appeared at the door of the pavilion. In his presence, of course, every thing else was forgotten, and the continuance of the story was instantly requested by all. Fresh wood of aloes was set to burn in the cassolets; — the violet sherbets<sup>4</sup> were hastily handed round, and after a short prelude on his lute, in the pathetic measure of Nava,<sup>5</sup> which is always used to express the lamentations of absent lovers, the Poet thus continued: —

THE day is lowering — stilly black  
 Sleeps the grim wave, while heaven's rack,  
 Dispers'd and wild, 'twixt earth and sky  
 Hangs like a shatter'd canopy.

There's not a cloud in that blue plain

But tells of storm to come or past; —  
 Here, flying loosely as the mane

Of a young war horse in the blast; —  
 There, roll'd in masses dark and swelling,  
 As proud to be the thunder's dwelling!  
 While some, already burst and riven,  
 Seem melting down the verge of heaven;

As though the infant storm had rent  
 The mighty womb that gave him birth,  
 And, having swept the firmament,  
 Was now in fierce career for earth.

3 "The *Biajús* are of two races: the one is settled on Borneo, and are a rude but warlike and industrious nation, who reckon themselves the original possessors of the island of Borneo. The other is a species of sea gypsies or itinerant fishermen, who live in small covered boats, and enjoy a perpetual summer on the eastern ocean, shifting to leeward from island to island, with the variations of the monsoon. In some of their customs this singular race resemble the natives of the Maldivia islands. The Maldivians annually launch a small bark, loaded with perfumes, gums, flowers, and odoriferous wood, and turn it adrift at the mercy of winds and waves, as an offering to the *Spirit of the Winds*; and sometimes similar offerings are made to the spirit whom they term the *King of the Sea*. In like manner the *Biajús* perform their offering to the god of evil, launching a small bark, loaded with all the sins and misfortunes of the nation, which are imagined to fall on the unhappy crew that may be so unlucky as first to meet with it." — *Dr. Leyden on the Languages and Literature of the Indo-Chinese Nations*.

4 "The sweet-scented violet is one of the plants most esteemed, particularly for its great use in Sorbet, which they make of violet sugar." — *Hasselquist*.

5 "The sherbet they most esteem, and which is drank by the Grand Signor himself, is made of violets and sugar." — *Tavernier*.

6 "Last of all she took a guitar, and sung a pathetic air in the measure called Nava, which is always used to express the lamentations of absent lovers." — *Persian Tales*.



On earth 'twas yet all calm around,  
 A pulseless silence, dread, profound,  
 More awful than the tempest's sound.  
 The diver steer'd for ORMUS' bowers,  
 And moor'd his skiff till calmer hours ;  
 The sea birds, with portentous screech,  
 Flew fast to land ; — upon the beach  
 The pilot oft had paus'd, with glance  
 Turn'd upward to that wild expanse ; —  
 And all was boding, drear, and dark  
 As her own soul, when HINDA's bark  
 Went slowly from the Persian shore. —  
 No music tim'd her parting oar,<sup>1</sup>  
 Nor friends upon the lessening strand  
 Linger'd, to wave the unseen hand,  
 Or speak the farewell, heard no more ; —  
 But lone, unheded, from the bay  
 The vessel takes its mournful way,  
 Like some ill-destin'd bark that steers  
 In silence through the Gate of Tears.<sup>2</sup>  
 And where was stern AL HASSAN then ?  
 Could not that saintly scourge of men  
 From bloodshed and devotion spare  
 One minute for a farewell there ?  
 No — close within, in changeful fits  
 Of cursing and of prayer, he sits  
 In savage loneliness to brood  
 Upon the coming night of blood. —  
 With that keen, second scent of death,  
 By which the vulture snuffs his food  
 In the still warm and living breath !<sup>3</sup>  
 While o'er the wave his weeping daughter  
 Is wafted from these scenes of slaughter, —  
 As a young bird of BABYLON,<sup>4</sup>  
 Let loose to tell of victory won,  
 Flies home, with wing, ah ! not unstain'd  
 By the red hands that held her chain'd.

And does the long-left home she seeks  
 Light up no gladness on her cheeks ?  
 The flowers she nurs'd — the well-known groves,  
 Where oft in dreams her spirit roves —  
 Once more to see her dear gazelles  
 Come bounding with their silver bells ;

1 "The Easterns used to set out on their longer voyages with music." — *Hurmer*.

2 "The Gate of Tears, the straits or passage into the Red Sea, commonly called Babelmandel. It received this name from the old Arabians, on account of the danger of the navigation, and the number of shipwrecks by which it was distinguished ; which induced them to consider as dead, and to wear mourning for all who had the boldness to hazard the passage through it into the Ethiopic ocean." — *Richardson*.

3 "I have been told that whensoever an animal falls down dead, one or more vultures, unseen before, instantly appear." — *Pennant*.

Her birds' new plumage to behold,  
 And the gay, gleaming fishes count,  
 She left, all filleted with gold,  
 Shooting around their jasper fount ;<sup>5</sup>  
 Her little garden mosque to see,  
 And once again, at evening hour,  
 To tell her ruby rosary<sup>6</sup>

In her own sweet acacia bower. —  
 Can these delights, that wait her now,  
 Call up no sunshine on her brow ?  
 No, — silent, from her train apart, —  
 As if even now she felt at heart  
 The chill of her approaching doom, —  
 She sits, all lovely in her gloom  
 As a pale Angel of the Grave ;  
 And o'er the wide, tempestuous wave,  
 Looks, with a shudder, to those towers,  
 Where, in a few short awful hours,  
 Blood, blood, in streaming tides shall run,  
 Foul incense for to-morrow's sun !  
 "Where art thou, glorious stranger ! thou,  
 "So lov'd, so lost, where art thou now ?  
 "Foe — Gheber — infidel — whate'er  
 "Th' unhallow'd name thou'rt doom'd to  
 bear,  
 "Still glorious — still to this fond heart  
 "Dear as its blood, whate'er thou art !  
 "Yes — ALLA, dreadful ALLA ! yes —  
 "If there be wrong, be crime in this,  
 "Let the black waves that round us roll,  
 "Whelm me this instant, ere my soul,  
 "Forgetting faith — home — father — all —  
 "Before its earthly idol fall,  
 "Nor worship ev'n Thyself above him —  
 "For, O, so wildly do I love him,  
 "Thy Paradise itself were dim  
 "And joyless, if not shar'd with him !"  
 Her hands were clasp'd — her eyes u  
 turn'd,  
 Dropping their tears like moonlight rain ;  
 And, though her lip, fond raver ! burn'd  
 With words of passion, bold, profane,  
 Yet was there light around her brow,  
 A holiness in those dark eyes,

4 "They fasten some writing to the wings of a Bagdat, or Babylonian pigeon." — *Travels of certain Englishmen*.

5 "The Empress of Jehan-Guire used to divert herself with feeding tame fish in her canals, some of which were many years afterwards known by fillets of gold, which she caused to be put round them." — *Harris*.

6 "Le Tespik, qui est un chapelet, composé de 99 petites boules d'agate, de jaspe, d'ambre, de corail, ou d'autre matière précieuse. J'en ai vu un superbe au Seigneur Jerpos ; il étoit de belles et grosses perles parfaites et égales, estimées trente mille piastres." — *Toderini*.

Which show'd — though wandering earthward  
now, —

Her spirit's home was in the skies.  
Yes — for a spirit pure as hers  
Is always pure, ev'n while it errs ;  
As sunshine, broken in the rill,  
Though turn'd astray, is sunshine still !

So wholly had her mind forgot  
All thoughts but one, she heeded not  
The rising storm — the wave that cast  
A moment's midnight, as it pass'd —  
Nor heard the frequent shout, the tread  
Of gathering tumult o'er her head —  
Clash'd swords, and tongues that seem'd to vie  
With the rude riot of the sky. —

But, hark ! that warwhoop on the deck —

That crash, as if each engine there,  
Mast, sails, and all, were gone to wreck,

Mid yells and stampings of despair !  
Merciful Heaven ! what *can* it be ?  
'Tis not the storm, though fearfully  
The ship has shudder'd as she rode  
O'er mountain waves — "Forgive me, God !  
"Forgive me" — shriek'd the maid, and knelt,  
Trembling all over — for she felt  
As if her judgment hour was near ;  
While crouching round, half dead with fear,  
Her handmaids clung, nor breath'd, nor stirr'd —  
When, hark ! — a second crash — a third —  
And now, as if a bolt of thunder  
Had riv'n the laboring planks asunder,  
The deck falls in — what horrors then !  
Blood, waves, and tackle, swords and men  
Come mix'd together through the chasm, —  
Some wretches in their dying spasm  
Still fighting on — and some that call  
"For GOD and IRAN !" as they fall !

Whose was the hand that turn'd away  
The perils of th' infuriate fray,  
And snatch'd her breathless from beneath  
This wilderment of wreck and death ?  
She knew not — for a faintness came  
Chill o'er her, and her sinking frame  
Amid the ruins of that hour  
Lay, like a pale and scorched flower,  
Beneath the red volcano's shower.  
But, O, the sights and sounds of dread  
That shock'd her ere her senses fled !

<sup>1</sup> The meteors that Pliny calls "faces."

<sup>2</sup> "The brilliant Canopus, unseen in European climates."  
— *Brown*.

<sup>3</sup> See Wilford's learned Essays on the Sacred Isles in the West.

<sup>4</sup> A precious stone of the Indies, called by the ancients,

The yawning deck — the crowd that strove  
Upon the tottering planks above —  
The sail, whose fragments, shivering o'er  
The strugglers' heads, all dash'd with gore  
Flutter'd like bloody flags — the clash  
Of sabres, and the lightning's flash  
Upon their blades, high toss'd about  
Like meteor brands<sup>1</sup> — as if throughout  
The elements one fury ran,  
One general rage, that left a doubt  
Which was the fiercer, Heav'n or Man !

Once too — but no — it could not be —

'Twas fancy all — yet once she thought,  
While yet her fading eyes could see,  
I'igh on the ruin'd deck she caught  
A glimpse of that unearthly form,  
That glory of her soul, — even then,  
Amid the whirl of wreck and storm,  
Shining above his fellow men,  
As, on some black and troublous night,  
The Star of EGYPT,<sup>2</sup> whose proud light  
Never hath beam'd on those who rest  
In the White Islands of the West,<sup>3</sup>  
Burns through the storm with looks of flame  
That put Heav'n's cloudier eyes to shame.  
But no — 'twas but the minute's dream —  
A fantasy — and ere the scream  
Had halfway pass'd her pallid lips,  
A deathlike swoon, a chill eclipse  
Of soul and sense its darkness spread  
Around her, and she sunk, as dead.

How calm, how beautiful comes on  
The stilly hour, when storms are gone ;  
When warring winds have died away,  
And clouds, beneath the glancing ray,  
Melt off, and leave the land and sea  
Sleeping in bright tranquillity, —  
Fresh as if Day again were born,  
Again upon the lap of Morn ! —  
When the light blossoms, rudely torn  
And scatter'd at the whirlwind's will,  
Hang floating in the pure air still,  
Filling it all with precious balm,  
In gratitude for this sweet calm ; —  
And every drop the thunder showers  
Have left upon the grass and flowers  
Sparkles, as 'twere that lightning gem<sup>4</sup>  
Whose liquid flame is born of them !

Ceraunium, because it was supposed to be found in places where thunder had fallen. Tertullian says it has a glittering appearance, as if there had been fire in it ; and the author of the Dissertation in Harris's Voyages, supposes it to be the opal.

When 'stead of one unchanging breeze,  
 There blow a thousand gentle airs,  
 And each a different perfume bears, —  
 As if the loveliest plants and trees  
 Had vassal breezes of their own  
 To watch and wait on them alone,  
 And waft no other breath than theirs :  
 When the blue waters rise and fall,  
 In sleepy sunshine mantling all ;  
 And ev'n that swell the tempest leaves  
 Is like the full and silent heaves  
 Of lovers' hearts, when newly blest,  
 Too newly to be quite at rest.

Such was the golden hour that broke  
 Upon the world, when HINDA woke  
 From her long trance, and heard around  
 No motion but the water's sound  
 Rippling against the vessel's side,  
 As slow it mounted o'er the tide. —  
 But where is she ? — her eyes are dark,  
 Are wilder'd still — is this the bark,  
 The same, that from HARMOZIA'S bay  
 Bore her at morn — whose bloody way  
 The seadog track'd ? — no — strange and new  
 Is all that meets her wondering view.

Upon a galliot's deck she lies,  
 Beneath no rich pavilion's shade, —  
 No plumes to fan her sleeping eyes,  
 Nor jasmine on her pillow laid.  
 But the rude litter, roughly spread  
 With war cloaks is her homely bed,  
 And shawl and sash, on javelins hung,  
 For awning o'er her head are flung.  
 Shuddering she look'd around — there lay

A group of warriors in the sun,  
 Resting their limbs, as for that day  
 Their ministry of death were done.  
 Some gazing on the drowsy sea,  
 Lost in unconscious reverie ;  
 And some, who seem'd but ill to brook  
 That sluggish calm, with many a look  
 To the slack sail impatient cast,  
 As loose it flagg'd around the mast.

Blest ALLA ! who shall save her now ?  
 There's not in all that warrior band  
 One Arab sword, one turban'd brow  
 From her own Faithful Moslem land.  
 Their garb — the leathern belt<sup>1</sup> that wraps  
 Each yellow vest<sup>2</sup> — that rebel hue —

The Tartar fleece upon their caps<sup>3</sup> —  
 Yes — yes — her fears are all too true,  
 And Heav'n hath, in this dreadful hour,  
 Abandon'd her to HAFED'S power ; —  
 HAFED, the Gheber ! — at the thought  
 Her very heart's blood chills within ;  
 He, whom her soul was hourly taught  
 To loathe, as some foul fiend of sin,  
 Some minister, whom Hell had sent  
 To spread its blast, where'er he went,  
 And fling, as o'er our earth he trod,  
 His shadow betwixt man and God !  
 And she is now his captive, — thrown  
 In his fierce hands, alive, alone ;  
 His the infuriate band she sees,  
 All infidels — all enemies !

What was the daring hope that then  
 Cross'd her like lightning, as again,  
 With boldness that despair had lent,  
 She darted through that armed crowd  
 A look so searching, so intent,  
 That ev'n the sternest warrior bow'd  
 Abash'd, when he her glances caught,  
 As if he guess'd whose form they sought.  
 But no — she sees him not — 'tis gone,  
 The vision that before her shone  
 Through all the maze of blood and storm,  
 Is fled — 'twas but a phantom form —  
 One of those passing, rainbow dreams,  
 Half light, half shade, which Fancy's beams  
 Paint on the fleeting mists that roll  
 In trance or slumber round the soul.

But now the bark, with livelier bound,  
 Scales the blue wave — the crew's in mo-  
 tion,

The oars are out, and with light sound  
 Break the bright mirror of the ocean,  
 Scattering its brilliant fragments round.  
 And now she sees — with horror sees,  
 Their course is toward that mountain hold, —  
 Those towers, that make her lifeblood freeze,  
 Where MECCA'S goddess enemies  
 Lie, like beleaguer'd scorpions, roll'd  
 In their last deadly, venomous fold !  
 Amid th' illumin'd land and flood  
 Sunless that mighty mountain stood ;  
 Save where, above its awful head,  
 There shone a flaming cloud, blood red,  
 As 'twere the flag of destiny  
 Hung out to mark where death would be !

<sup>1</sup> *D'Herbelot*, art. Agduani.

<sup>2</sup> "The Guebres are known by a dark yellow color, which the men affect in their clothes." — *Thcvenot*.

<sup>3</sup> "The Kolah, or cap, worn by the Persians, is made of the skin of the sheep of Tartary." — *Waring*.

Had her bewilder'd mind the power  
Of thought in this terrific hour,  
She well might marvel where or how  
Man's foot could scale that mountain's brow,  
Since ne'er had Arab heard or known  
Of path but through the glen alone. —  
But every thought was lost in fear,  
When, as their bounding bark drew near  
The craggy base, she felt the waves  
Hurry them toward those dismal caves,  
That from the Deep in windings pass  
Beneath that Mount's volcanic mass ; —  
And loud a voice on deck commands  
To lower the mast and light the brands ! —  
Instantly o'er the dashing tide  
Within a cavern's mouth they glide,  
Gloomy as that eternal Porch

Through which departed spirits go : —  
Not ev'n the flare of brand and torch

Its flickering light could further throw  
Than the thick flood that boil'd below.  
Silent they floated — as if each  
Sat breathless, and too aw'd for speech  
In that dark chasm, where even sound  
Seem'd dark, — so sullenly around  
The goblin echoes of the cave  
Mutter'd it o'er the long black wave,  
As 'twere some secret of the grave !

But soft — they pause — the current turns  
Beneath them from its onward track ; —  
Some mighty, unseen barrier spurns

The vexed tide, all foaming, back,  
And scarce the oars' redoubled force  
Can stem the eddy's whirling force ;  
When, hark ! — some desperate foot has sprung  
Among the rocks — the chain is flung —  
The oars are up — the grapple clings,  
And the toss'd bark in moorings swings.  
Just then, a daybeam through the shade  
Broke tremulous — but ere the maid  
Can see from whence the brightness steals,  
Upon her brow she shuddering feels  
A viewless hand, that promptly ties  
A bandage round her burning eyes ;  
While the rude litter where she lies,  
Uplifted by the warrior throng,  
O'er the steep rocks is borne along.

Blest power of sunshine ! — genial Day,  
What balm, what life is in thy ray !  
To feel thee is such real bliss,  
That had the world no joy but this,  
To sit in sunshine calm and sweet, —  
It were a world too exquisite

For man to leave it for the gloom,  
The deep, cold shadow of the tomb.  
Ev'n HINDA, though she saw not where  
Or whither wound the perilous road,  
Yet knew by that awakening air,  
Which suddenly around her glow'd,  
That they had risen from darkness then  
And breath'd the sunny world again !

But soon this balmy freshness fled —  
For now the steep labyrinth led  
Through damp and gloom — 'mid crash of  
boughs,

And fall of loosen'd crags that rouse  
The leopard from his hungry sleep,  
Who, starting, thinks each crag a prey,  
And long is heard, from steep to steep,  
Chasing them down their thundering way !

The jackal's cry — the distant moan  
Of the hyæna, fierce and lone —  
And that eternal saddening sound  
Of torrents in the glen beneath,  
As 'twere the ever-dark Profound  
That rolls beneath the Bridge of Death !  
All, all is fearful — ev'n to see,

To gaze on those terrific things  
She now but blindly hears, would be  
Relief to her imaginings ;  
Since never yet was shape so dread,  
But Fancy, thus in darkness thrown,  
And by such sounds of horror fed,  
Could frame more dreadful of her own.

But does she dream ? has Fear again  
Perplex'd the workings of her brain,  
Or did a voice, all music, then  
Come from the gloom, low whispering near —  
" Tremble not, love, thy Gheber's here ? "  
She *does* not dream — all sense, all ear,  
She drinks the words, " Thy Gheber's here. "  
'Twas his own voice — she could not err —  
Throughout the breathing world's extent  
There was but *one* such voice for her,  
So kind, so soft, so eloquent !  
O, sooner shall the rose of May  
Mistake her own sweet nightingale,  
And to some meaner minstrel's lay  
Open her bosom's glowing veil,<sup>1</sup>  
Than Love shall ever doubt a tone,  
A breath of the beloved one !

<sup>1</sup> A frequent image among the oriental poets. "The nightingales warbled their enchanting notes, and rent the thin veils of the rosebud and the rose." — *Jani*.

Though blest, 'mid all her ills, to think  
 She has that one beloved near,  
 Whose smile, though met on ruin's brink,  
 Hath power to make ev'n ruin dear, —  
 Yet soon this gleam of rapture, cross'd  
 By fears for him, is chill'd and lost.  
 How shall the ruthless HAFED brook  
 That one of Gheber blood should look,  
 With aught but curses in his eye,  
 On her — a maid of ARABY —  
 A Moslem maid — the child of him,  
 Whose bloody banner's dire success  
 Hath left their altars cold and dim,  
 And their fair land a wilderness !  
 And, worse than all, that night of blood  
 Which comes so fast — O, who shall stay  
 The sword, that once hath tasted food  
 Of Persian hearts, or turn its way ?  
 What arm shall then the victim cover,  
 Or from her father shield her lover !

“ Save him, my God ! ” she inly cries —  
 “ Save him this night — and if thine eyes  
 “ Have ever welcom'd with delight  
 “ The sinner's tears, the sacrifice  
 “ Of sinners' hearts — guard him this night,  
 “ And here, before thy throne, I swear  
 “ From my heart's inmost core to tear  
 “ Love, hope, remembrance, though they be  
 “ Link'd with each quivering lifestring there,  
 “ And give it bleeding all to Thee ?  
 “ Let him but live, — the burning tear,  
 “ The sighs, so sinful, yet so dear,  
 “ Which have been all too much his own,  
 “ Shall from this hour be Heaven's alone.  
 “ Youth pass'd in penitence, and age  
 “ In long and painful pilgrimage,  
 “ Shall leave no traces of the flame  
 “ That wastes me now — nor shall his name  
 “ E'er bless my lips, but when I pray  
 “ For his dear spirit, that away  
 “ Casting from its angelic ray  
 “ Th' eclipse of earth, he, too, may shine  
 “ Redeem'd, all glorious and all Thine !  
 “ Think — think what victory to win  
 “ One radiant soul like his from sin, —  
 “ One wandering star of virtue back  
 “ To its own native, heavenward track !  
 “ Let him but live, and both are Thine,  
 “ Together thine — for, bless'd or cross'd,

“ Living or dead, his doom is mine,  
 “ And, if *he* perish, both are lost ! ”

THE next evening LALLA ROOKH was entertained by her Ladies to continue the relation of her wonderful dream ; but the fearful interest that hung round the fate of HINDA and her lover had completely removed every trace of it from her mind ; — much to the disappointment of a fair seer or two in her train, who prided themselves on their skill in interpreting visions, and who had already remarked, as an unlucky omen, that the Princess, on the very morning after the dream, had worn a silk dyed with the blossoms of the sorrowful tree, Nilica.<sup>1</sup>

FADLADEEN, whose indignation had more than once broken out during the recital of some parts of this heterodox poem, seemed at length to have made up his mind to the infliction ; and took his seat this evening with all the patience of a martyr, while the Poet resumed his profane and seditious story as follows : —

To tearless eyes and hearts at ease  
 The leafy shores and sun-bright seas,  
 That lay beneath that mountain's height,  
 Had been a fair enchanting sight.  
 'Twas one of those ambrosial eves  
 A day of storm so often leaves  
 At its calm setting — when the West  
 Opens her golden bowers of rest,  
 And a moist radiance from the skies  
 Shoots trembling down, as from the eyes  
 Of some meek penitent, whose last,  
 Bright hours atone for dark ones past,  
 And whose sweet tears, o'er wrong forgiven,  
 Shine, as they fall, with light from heaven !

'Twas stillness all — the winds that late  
 Had rush'd through KERMAN's almond groves,  
 And shaken from her bowers of love,  
 That cooling feast the traveller loves,<sup>2</sup>  
 Now, lull'd to languor, scarcely curl  
 The Green Sea wave, whose waters gleam  
 Limpid, as if her mines of pearl  
 Were melted all to form the stream :

<sup>1</sup> Blossoms of the sorrowful *Nyctanthes* give a durable color to silk. — *Remarks on the Husbandry of Bengal*, p. 200. Nilica is one of the Indian names of this flower. — *Sir W. Jones*. The Persians call it Gul. — *Carreri*

<sup>2</sup> “ In parts of Kerman, whatever dates are shaken from the trees by the wind they do not touch, but leave them for those who have not any, or for travellers.” — *Ribu Haukal*



And her fair islets, small and bright,  
 With their green shores reflected there,  
 Look like those *PERI* isles of light,  
 That hang by spellwork in the air.

But vainly did those glories burst  
 On *HINDA*'s dazzled eyes, when first  
 The bandage from her brow was taken,  
 And, pale and aw'd as those who waken  
 In their dark tombs — when, scowling near,  
 The Searchers of the Grave<sup>1</sup> appear, —  
 She shuddering turn'd to read her fate

In the fierce eyes that flash'd around ;  
 And saw those towers all desolate,

That o'er her head terrific frown'd,  
 As if defying ev'n the smile  
 Of that soft heaven to gild their pile.  
 In vain with mingled hope and fear,  
 She looks for him whose voice so dear  
 Had come, like music, to her ear —  
 Strange, mocking dream! again 'tis fled.  
 And O, the shoots, the pangs of dread  
 That through her inmost bosom run,

When voices from without proclaim  
 " *HAFED*, the Chief" — and, one by one,

The warriors shout that fearful name!  
 He comes — the rock resounds his tread —  
 How shall she dare to lift her head,  
 Or meet those eyes whose scorching glare  
 Not *YEMEN*'s boldest sons can bear?  
 In whose red beam, the Moslem tell,  
 Such rank and deadly lustre dwells,  
 As in those hellish fires that light  
 The mandrake's charnel leaves at night.<sup>2</sup>  
 How shall she bear that voice's tone,  
 At whose loud battle cry alone  
 Whole squadrons oft in panic ran,  
 Scatter'd like some vast caravan,  
 When, stretch'd at evening round the well,  
 They hear the thirsting tiger's yell.

Breathless she stands, with eyes cast down,  
 Shrinking beneath the fiery frown,  
 Which, fancy tells her, from that brow  
 Is flashing o'er her fiercely now :

And shuddering as she hears the tread  
 Of his retiring warrior band. —

Never was pause so full of dread ;  
 Till *HAFED* with a trembling hand  
 Took hers, and, leaning o'er her, said,

" *HINDA*;" — that word was all he spoke,  
 And 'twas enough — the shriek that broke

From her full bosom, told the rest. —  
 Panting with terror, joy, surprise,  
 The maid but lifts her wondering eyes,

To hide them on her Gheber's breast!  
 'Tis he, 'tis he — the man of blood,  
 The fellest of the Firefiend's brood,  
*HAFED*, the demon of the fight,  
 Whose voice unnerves, whose glances blight, —  
 Is her own loved Gheber, mild  
 And glorious as when first he smil'd  
 In her lone tower, and left such beams  
 Of his pure eye to light her dreams,  
 That she believ'd her bower had given  
 Rest to some wanderer from heaven!

Moments there are, and this was one,  
 Snatch'd like a minute's gleam of sun  
 Amid the black *Simoom*'s eclipse —

Or, like those verdant spots that bloom  
 Around the crater's burning lips,

Sweetening the very edge of doom!  
 The past — the future — all that Fate  
 Can bring of dark or desperate  
 Around such hours, but makes them cast  
 Intenser radiance while they last!

Ev'n he, this youth — though dimm'd and gone  
 Each star of Hope that cheer'd him on —  
 His glories lost — his cause betray'd —  
*IRAN*, his dear-lov'd country, made  
 A land of carcasses and slaves,  
 One dreary waste of chains and graves! —  
 Himself but lingering, dead at heart,

To see the last, long struggling breath  
 Of Liberty's great soul depart,

Then lay him down and share her death —  
 Ev'n he, so sunk in wretchedness,

With doom still darker gathering o'er him,  
 Yet, in this moment's pure caress,

In the mild eyes that shone before him,  
 Beaming that blest assurance, worth  
 All other transports known on earth,  
 That he was lov'd — well, warmly lov'd —  
 O, in this precious hour he prov'd  
 How deep, how thorough felt the glow  
 Of rapture, kindling out of woe; —  
 How exquisite one single drop  
 Of bliss, thus sparkling to the top

<sup>1</sup> The two terrible angels, Monkir and Nakir, who are called "the Searchers of the Grave" in the "Creed of the orthodox Mahometans" given by Ockley, vol. ii.

<sup>2</sup> "The Arabians call the mandrake 'the Devil's candle,' on account of its shining appearance in the night." — *Richardson*.

Of misery's cup — how keenly quaff'd,  
Though death must follow on the draught !

She, too, while gazing on those eyes  
That sink into her soul so deep,  
F'gets all fears, all miseries,  
Or feels them like the wretch in sleep,  
Whom fancy cheats into a smile,  
Who dreams of joy, and sobs the while !  
The mighty Ruins where they stood,

Upon the mou't's high, rocky verge,  
Lay open towards the ocean flood,  
Where lightly o'er the illumin'd surge  
Many a fair bark that, all the day,  
Had lurk'd in sheltering creek or bay  
Now bounded on, and gave their sails,  
Yet dripping, to the evening gales ;  
Like eagles, when the storm is done,  
Spreading their wet wings in the sun.  
The beauteous clouds, though daylight's Star  
Had sunk behind the hills of LAB,  
Were still with lingering glories bright, —

As if, to grace the gorgeous West,  
The Spirit of departing Light  
That eve had left his sunny vest  
Behind him, ere he wing'd his flight.  
Never was scene so form'd for love !  
Beneath them waves of crystal move  
In silent swell — Heav'n glows above,  
And their pure hearts, to transport given,  
Swell like the wave, and glow like Heav'n.

But ah ! too soon that dream is past —

Again, again her fear returns ; —  
Night, dreadful night, is gathering fast,

More faintly the horizon burns,  
And every rosy tint that lay  
On the smooth sea hath died away.  
Hastily to the darkening skies  
A glance she casts — then wildly cries  
" At night, he said — and, look, 'tis near —  
" Fly, fly — if yet thou lov'st me, fly —  
" Soon will his murderous band be here,  
" And I shall see thee bleed and die. —  
" Hush ! heard'st thou not the tramp of men  
" Sounding from yonder fearful glen ? —  
" Perhaps ev'n now they climb the wood —  
" Fly, fly — though still the West is bright,  
" He'll come — O, yes — he wants thy blood —  
" I know him — he'll not wait for night !"

In terrors ev'n to agony

She clings around the wondering Chief ; —  
" Alas, poor 'wilder'd maid ! to me  
" Thou ow'st this raving trance of grief.

" Lost as I am, nought ever grew  
" Beneath my shade but perish'd too —  
" My doom is like the Dead Sea air,  
" And nothing lives that enters there !  
" Why were our barks together driven  
" Beneath this morning's furious heaven ?  
" Why, when I saw the prize that chance  
" Had thrown into my desperate arms, —  
" When, casting but a single glance  
" Upon thy pale and prostrate charms,  
" I vow'd (though watching viewless o'er  
" Thy safety through that hour's alarms)  
" To meet th' unmanly sight no more —  
" Why have I broke that heart-wrung vow ?  
" Why weakly, madly met thee now ? —  
" Start not — that noise is but the shock  
" Of torrents through yon valley hurl'd —  
" Dread nothing here — upon this rock  
" We stand above the jarring world,  
" Alike beyond its hope — its dread —  
" In gloomy safety, like the Dead !  
" Or, could ev'n earth and hell unite  
" In league to storm this Sacred Height,  
" Fear nothing thou — myself, to-night,  
" And each o'erlooking star that dwells  
" Near God will be thy sentinels ; —  
" And, ere to-morrow's dawn shall glow,  
" Back to thy sire — "

" To-morrow ! — no — "

The maiden scream'd — " Thou'lt never see  
" To-morrow's sun — death, death will be  
" The night cry through each reeking tower,  
" Unless we fly, ay, fly this hour !  
" Thou art betray'd — some wretch who knew  
" That dreadful glen's mysterious clew —  
" Nay, doubt not — by yon stars, 'tis true —  
" Hath sold thee to my vengeful sire ;  
" This morning, with that smile so dire  
" He wears in joy, he told me all,  
" And stamp'd in triumph through our hall,  
" As though thy heart already beat  
" Its last life thro' beneath his feet !  
" Good Heav'n, how little dream'd I then  
" His victim was my own lov'd youth ! —  
" Fly — send — let some one watch the glen —  
" By all my hopes of heaven 'tis truth !"

O, colder than the wind that freezes

Founts, that but now in sunshine play'd,  
Is that congealing pang which seizes  
The trusting bosom, when betray'd.  
He felt it — deeply felt — and stood,  
As if the tale had frozen his blood,  
So maz'd and motionless was he ; —  
Like one whom sudden spells enchant,

Or some mute, marble habitant  
Of the still Halls of ISHMONIE !<sup>1</sup>

But soon the painful chill was o'er,  
And his great soul, herself once more,  
Look'd from his brow in all the rays  
Of her best, happiest, grandest days.  
Never, in moment most elate,

Did that high spirit loftier rise ; —  
While bright, serene, determinate,  
His looks are lifted to the skies,  
As if the signal lights of Fate

Were shining in those awful eyes !  
'Tis come — his hour of martyrdom  
In IRAN'S sacred cause is come ;  
And, though his life hath pass'd away  
Like lightning on a stormy day,  
Yet shall his death hour leave a track  
Of glory, permanent and bright,  
To which the brave of after times,  
The suffering brave, shall long look back  
With proud regret, — and by its light  
Watch through the hours of slavery's night

For vengeance on th' oppressor's crimes.  
This rock, his monument aloft,

Shall speak the tale to many an age ;  
And hither bards and heroes oft

Shall come in secret pilgrimage,  
And bring their warrior sons, and tell  
The wondering boys where HAFED fell ;  
And swear them on those lone remains  
Of their lost country's ancient fanes,  
Never — while breath of life shall live  
Within them — never to forgive  
Th' accursed race, whose ruthless chain  
Hath left on IRAN'S neck a stain  
Blood, blood alone can cleanse again !

Such are the swelling thoughts that now  
Enthroned themselves on HAFED'S brow ;  
And ne'er did Saint of ISSA<sup>2</sup> gaze

On the red wreath, for martyr's twin'd,  
More proudly than the youth surveys

That pile, which through the gloom behind,  
Half lighted by the altar's fire,  
Glimmers — his destin'd funeral pyre !

Heap'd by his own, his comrades' hands,  
Of every wood of odorous breath,  
There, by the Fire God's shrine it stands,  
Ready to fold in radiant death  
The few still left of those who swore  
To perish there, when hope was o'er —  
The few, to whom that couch of flame,  
Which rescues them from bonds and shame,  
Is sweet and welcome as the bed  
For their own infant Prophet spread,  
When pitying Heav'n to roses turn'd  
The death flames that beneath him burn'd<sup>3</sup> !

With watchfulness the maid attends  
His rapid glance, where'er it bends —  
Why shoot his eyes such awful beams ?  
What plans he now ? what thinks or dreams ?  
Alas ! why stands he musing here,  
When every moment teems with fear ?

"HAFED, my own beloved Lord,"  
She kneeling cries — "first, last ador'd !

"If in that soul thou'st ever felt  
"Half what thy lips impassion'd swore.

"Here, on my knees that never knelt  
"To any but their God before,

"I pray thee, as thou lov'st me, fly —  
"Now, now — ere yet their blades are nigh.

"O haste — the bark that bore me hitner  
"Can waft us o'er yon darkening sea

"East — west — alas, I care not whither.  
"So thou art safe, and I with thee !

"Go where we will, this hand in thine.  
"Those eyes before me smiling thus,

"Through good and ill, through storm and shame.  
"The world's a world of love for us !

"On some calm, blessed shore we'll dwell,  
"Where 'tis no crime to love too well ; —

"Where thus to worship tenderly  
"An erring child of light like thee

"Will not be sin — or, if it be,  
"Where we may weep our faults away,

"Together kneeling, night and day,  
"Thou, for my sake, at ALLA'S shrine,

"And I — at any God's, for thine !"

Wildly these passionate words she spoke —  
Then hung her head, and wept for shame .

<sup>1</sup> For an account of Ishmonie, the petrified city in Upper Egypt, where it is said there are many statues of men, women, &c. to be seen to this day, see *Perry's View of the Levant*.

<sup>2</sup> Jesus.

<sup>3</sup> The Ghebers say that when Abraham, their great Prophet, was thrown into the fire by order of Nimrod, the flame turned instantly into "a bed of roses, where the child sweetly reposed." — *Tavernier*.

Of their other Prophet, Zoroaster, there is a story told in *Dion Pruseus*, Orat. 36, that the love of wisdom and virtue leading him to a solitary life upon a mountain, he found it one day all in a flame, shining with celestial fire, out of which he came without any harm, and instituted certain sacrifices to God, who, he declared, then appeared to him. — v. *Patrick* on Exodus, iii. 2.

Sobbing, as if a heart string broke  
 With every deep-heav'd sob that came.  
 While he, young, warm — O wonder not  
 If, for a moment, pride and fame,  
 His oath — his cause — that shrine of flame,  
 And IRAN'S self are all forgot  
 For her whom at his feet he sees  
 Kneeling in speechless agonies.  
 No, blame him not, if Hope awhile  
 Dawn'd in his soul, and threw her smile  
 O'er hours to come — o'er days and nights,  
 Wing'd with those precious, pure delights  
 Which she, who bends all beauteous there,  
 Was born to kindle and to share.  
 A tear or two, which, as he bow'd  
 To raise the suppliant, trembling stole,  
 First warn'd him of this dangerous cloud  
 Of softness passing o'er his soul.  
 Starting, he brush'd the drops away,  
 Unworthy o'er that cheek to stray; —  
 Like one who, on the morn of fight,  
 Shakes from his sword the dews of night,  
 That had but dimm'd, not stain'd its light.

Yet, though subdued th' unnerving thrill,  
 Its warmth, its weakness linger'd still  
 So touching in each look and tone,  
 That the fond, fearing, hoping maid  
 Half counted on the flight she pray'd,  
 Half thought the hero's soul was grown  
 As soft, as yielding as her own,  
 And smil'd and bless'd him while he said, —  
 "Yes — if there be some happier sphere,  
 "Where fadeless truth like ours is dear, —  
 "If there be any land of rest  
 "For those who love and ne'er forget,  
 "O, comfort thee — for safe and blest  
 "We'll meet in that calm region yet!"

Scarce had she time to ask her heart  
 If good or ill these words impart,  
 When the rous'd youth impatient flew  
 To the tower wall, where, high in view,  
 A ponderous sea horn<sup>1</sup> hung, and blew  
 A signal, deep and dread as those  
 The storm fiend at his rising blows. —  
 Full well his Chieftains, sworn and true  
 Through life and death, that signal knew;  
 For 'twas th' appointed warning blast,  
 Th' alarm, to tell when hope was past,  
 And the tremendous death die cast!

And there, upon the mouldering tower,  
 Hath hung this sea horn many an hour,  
 Ready to sound o'er land and sea  
 That dirge note of the brave and free.

They came — his Chieftains at the call  
 Came slowly round, and with them all —  
 Alas, how few! the worn remains  
 Of those who late o'er KERMAN'S plains  
 Went gayly prancing to the clash  
 Of Moorish zel and tymbalon,  
 Catching new hope from every flash  
 Of their long lances in the sun,  
 And, as their coursers charg'd the wind,  
 And the white ox tails stream'd behind,  
 Looking, as if the steeds they rode  
 Were wing'd, and every Chief a God!  
 How fall'n, how alter'd now! how wan  
 Each scarr'd and faded visage shone,  
 As round the burning shrine they came; —  
 How deadly was the glare it cast,  
 As mute they paus'd before the flame  
 To light their torches as they pass'd!  
 'Twas silence all — the youth hath plann'd  
 The duties of his soldier band;  
 And each determin'd brow declares  
 His faithful Chieftains well know theirs.

But minutes speed — night gems the skies —  
 And O, how soon, ye blessed eyes,  
 That look from heaven, ye may behold  
 Sights that will turn your star fires cold!  
 Breathless with awe, impatience, hope,  
 The maiden sees the veteran group  
 Her litter silently prepare,

And lay it at her trembling feet; —  
 And now the youth, with gentle care,  
 Hath plac'd her in the shelter'd seat,  
 And press'd her hand — that lingering press  
 Of hands, that for the last time sever;  
 Of hearts, whose pulse of happiness,

When that hold breaks, is dead forever.  
 And yet to *her* this sad caress  
 Gives hope — so fondly hope can err!  
 'Twas joy, she thought, joy's mute excess —  
 Their happy flight's dear harbinger;  
 'Twas warmth — assurance — tenderness —  
 'Twas any thing but leaving her.

"Haste, haste!" she cried, "the clouds grow  
 dark,

"But still, ere night, we'll reach the bark;

<sup>1</sup> "The shell called Siankos, common to India, Africa, and the Mediterranean, and still used in many parts as a trumpet for blowing alarms or giving signals: it sends forth a deep and hollow sound." — *Pennant*.

<sup>2</sup> "The finest ornament for the horses is made of six large flying tassels of long white hair, taken out of the tails of wild oxen, that are to be found in some places of the In dies." — *Thevenot*.

"And by to-morrow's dawn — O bliss !  
 "With thee upon the sun-bright deep,  
 "Far off, I'll but remember this,  
 "As some dark vanish'd dream of sleep ;  
 "And thou ——" but ah ! — he answers not —  
 Good Heav'n ! — and does she go alone ?  
 She now has reach'd that dismal spot,  
 Where, some hours since, his voice's tone  
 Had come to soothe her fears and ills,  
 Sweet as the angel ISRAFIL'S,<sup>1</sup>  
 When every leaf on Eden's tree  
 Is trembling to his minstrelsy —  
 Yet now — O, now, he is not nigh. —  
 "HAFED ! my HAFED ! — if it be  
 "Thy will, thy doom this night to die,  
 "Let me but stay to die with thee,  
 "And I will bless thy loved name,  
 "Till the last life breath leave this frame.  
 "O, let our lips, our cheeks be laid  
 "But near each other while they fade ;  
 "Let us but mix our parting breaths,  
 "And I can die ten thousand deaths !  
 "You too, who hurry me away  
 "So cruelly, one moment stay —  
 "O, stay — one moment is not much —  
 "He yet may come — for *him* I pray —  
 "HAFED ! dear HAFED ! —" all the way  
 In wild lamentings, that would touch  
 A heart of stone, she shrieked his name  
 To the dark woods — no HAFED came : —  
 No — hapless pair — you've look'd your last : —  
 Your hearts should both have broken then :  
 The dream is o'er — your doom is cast —  
 You'll never meet on earth again !

Alas for him, who hears her cries !  
 Still half way down the steep he stands,  
 Watching with fix'd and feverish eyes  
 The glimmer of those burning brands,  
 That down the rocks, with mournful ray,  
 Light all he loves on earth away !  
 Hopeless as they who, far at sea,  
 By the cold moon have just consign'd  
 The corpse of one, lov'd tenderly,  
 To the bleak flood they leave behind ;  
 And on the deck still lingering stay,  
 And long look back, with sad delay,  
 To watch the moonlight on the wave,  
 That ripples o'er that cheerless grave.

But see — he starts — what heard he then ?  
 That dreadful shout ! — across the glen

<sup>1</sup> "The angel Israfil, who has the most melodious voice of all God's creatures." — *Salé*.

From the land side it comes, and loud  
 Rings through the chasm ; as if the crowd  
 Of fearful things, that haunt that dell,  
 Its Gholes and Dives and shapes of hell,  
 Had all in one dread howl broke out,  
 So loud, so terrible that shout !  
 "They come — the Moslems come !" — he  
 cries,  
 His proud soul mounting to his eyes, —  
 "Now, Spirits of the Brave, who roam  
 "Enfranchis'd through yon starry dome,  
 "Rejoice — for souls of kindred fire  
 "Are on the wing to join your choir !"  
 He said — and, light as bridegrooms bound  
 To their young loves, reclimb'd the steep  
 And gain'd the Shrine — his Chiefs stood  
 round —

Their swords, as with instinctive leap,  
 Together, at that cry accurs'd,  
 Had from their sheaths, like sunbeams, burst.  
 And hark ! — again — again it rings ;  
 Near and more near its echoings  
 Peal through the chasm — O, who that then  
 Had seen those listening warrior men,  
 With their swords grasp'd, their eyes of  
 flame  
 Turn'd on their Chief — could doubt the  
 shame,  
 Th' indignant shame with which they thrill  
 To hear those shouts and yet stand still ?

He read their thoughts — they were his own —  
 "What ! while our arms can wield these  
 blades,  
 "Shall we die tamely ? die alone ?  
 "Without one victim to our shades,  
 "One Moslem heart, where, buried deep,  
 "The sabre from its toil may sleep ?  
 "No — God of IRAN'S burning skies !  
 "Thou scorn'st th' inglorious sacrifice.  
 "No — though of all earth's hope bereft,  
 "Life, swords, and vengeance still are left.  
 "We'll make yon valley's reeking caves  
 "Live in the awe-struck minds of men,  
 "Till tyrants shudder, when their slaves  
 "Tell of the Gheber's bloody glen.  
 "Follow, brave hearts ! — this pile remains  
 "Our refuge still from life and chains ;  
 "But his the best, the holiest bed,  
 "Who sinks entomb'd in Moslem dead !"

Down the precipitous rocks they sprung,  
 While vigor, more than human, strung  
 Each arm and heart. — Th' exulting foe  
 Still through the dark defiles below,



Track'd by his torches' lurid fire,  
 Wound slow, as through GOLCONDA'S vale<sup>1</sup>  
 The mighty serpent, in his ire,  
 Glides on with glittering, deadly trail.  
 No torch the Ghebers need — so well  
 They know each mystery of the dell,  
 So oft have, in their wanderings,  
 Cross'd the wild race that round them dwell,  
 The very tigers from their delves  
 Look out, and let them pass, as things  
 Untam'd and fearless like themselves!

There was a deep ravine, that lay  
 Yet darkling in the Moslem's way;  
 Fit spot to make invaders rue  
 The many fall'n before the few.  
 The torrents from that morning's sky  
 Had fill'd the narrow chasm breast high,  
 And, on each side, aloft and wild,  
 Huge cliffs and toppling crags were pil'd, —  
 The guards with which young Freedom linc  
 The pathways to her mountain shrines.  
 Here, at this pass, the scanty band  
 Of IRAN'S last avengers stand;  
 Here wait, in silence like the dead,  
 And listen for the Moslem's tread  
 So anxiously, the carrion bird  
 Above them flaps his wing unheard!

They come — that plunge into the water  
 Gives signal for the work of slaughter.  
 Now, Ghebers, now — if e'er your blades  
 Had point or prowess, prove them now —  
 Woe to the file that foremost wades!  
 They come — a falchion greets each brow,  
 And, as they tumble, trunk on trunk,  
 Beneath the gory waters sunk,  
 Still o'er their drowning bodies press  
 New victims quick and numberless;  
 Till scarce an arm in HAFED'S band,  
 So fierce their toil, hath power to stir,  
 But listless from each crimson hand  
 The sword hangs, clogg'd with massacre.  
 Never was horde of tyrants met  
 With bloodier welcome — never yet  
 To patriot vengeance hath the sword  
 More terrible libations pour'd!

All up the dreary, long ravine,  
 By the red, murky glimmer seen

Of half-quench'd brands, that o'er the flood  
 Lie scatter'd round and burn in blood,  
 What ruin glares! what carnage swims!  
 Heads, blazing turbans, quivering limbs,  
 Lost swords that, dropp'd from many a hand,  
 In that thick pool of slaughter stand; —  
 Wretches who wading, half on fire  
 From the toss'd brands that round them  
 fly,  
 'Twixt flood and flame in shrieks expire; —  
 And some who, grasp'd by those that die,  
 Sink woundless with them, smother'd o'er  
 In their dead brethren's gushing gore!

But vainly hundreds, thousands bleed,  
 Still hundreds, thousands more succeed;  
 Countless as towards some flame at night  
 The North's dark insects wing their flight,  
 And quench or perish in its light,  
 To this terrific spot they pour —  
 Till, bridg'd with Moslem bodies o'er,  
 It bears aloft their slippery tread,  
 And o'er the dying and the dead,  
 Tremendous causeway! on they pass.  
 Then, hapless Ghebers, then, alas,  
 What hope was left for you? for you,  
 Whose yet warm pile of sacrifice  
 Is smoking in their vengeful eyes; —  
 Whose swords how keen, how fierce they knew,  
 And burn with shame to find how few.

Crush'd down by that vast multitude,  
 Some found their graves where first they stood;  
 While some with hardier struggle died,  
 And still fought on by HAFED'S side,  
 Who, fronting to the foe, trod back  
 Towards the high towers his gory track;  
 And, as a lion swept away  
 By sudden swell of JORDAN'S pride  
 From the wild covert where he lay,<sup>2</sup>  
 Long battles with th' o'erwhelming tide,  
 So fought he back with fierce delay,  
 And kept both foes and fate at bay.

But whither now? their track is lost,  
 Their prey escap'd — guide, torches gone —  
 By torrent beds and labyrinths cross'd,  
 The scatter'd crowd rush blindly on —  
 "Curse on those tardy lights that wind,"  
 They panting cry, "so far behind;

river, gave occasion to that allusion of Jeremiah, *he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan.*" — *Maunderell's Aleppo.*

<sup>1</sup> See Hoole upon the Story of Sinbad.

<sup>2</sup> "In this thicket upon the banks of the Jordan several sorts of wild beasts are wont to harbor themselves, whose being washed out of the covert by the overflowings of the

"O for a bloodhound's precious scent,  
 "To track the way the Gheber went!"  
 Vain wish — confusedly along  
 They rush, more desperate as more wrong;  
 Till, wilder'd by the far-off lights,  
 Yet glittering up those gloomy heights,  
 Their footing, maz'd and lost, they miss,  
 And down the darkling precipice  
 Are dash'd into the deep abyss;  
 Or midway hang, impal'd on rocks,  
 A banquet, yet alive, for flocks  
 Of ravening vultures, — while the dell  
 Reëchoes with each horrid yell.

Those sounds — the last, to vengeance dear,  
 That e'er shall ring in HAFED's ear, —  
 Now reach'd him, as aloft, alone,  
 Upon the steep way breathless thrown,  
 He lay beside his reeking blade,

Resign'd, as if life's task were o'er,  
 Its last blood offering amply paid,

And IRAN's self could claim no more.  
 One only thought, one lingering beam  
 Now broke across his dizzy dream  
 Of pain and weariness — 'twas she,

His heart's pure planet, shining yet  
 Above the waste of memory,

When all life's other lights were set.  
 And never to his mind before  
 Her image such enchantment wore.

It seem'd as if each thought that stain'd,  
 Each fear that chill'd their loves was past,  
 And not one cloud of earth remain'd

Between him and her radiance cast: —  
 As if to charms, before so bright,  
 New grace from other worlds was given,  
 And his soul saw her by the light  
 Now breaking o'er itself from heaven!

A voice spoke near him — 'twas the tone  
 Of a lov'd friend, the only one  
 Of all his warriors, left with life  
 From that short night's tremendous strife. —  
 "And must we then, my chief, die here?  
 "Foes round us, and the Shrine so near!"  
 These words have rous'd the last remains  
 Of life within him — "what! not yet  
 "Beyond the reach of Moslem chains!"

The thought could make ev'n Death forget  
 His icy bondage — with a bound  
 He springs, all bleeding, from the ground,  
 And grasps his comrade's arm, now grown  
 Ev'n feebler, heavier than his own,  
 And up the painful pathway leads,  
 Death gaining on each step he treads.

Speed them, thou God, who heard'st their vow!  
 They mount — they bleed — O save them now —  
 The crags are red they've clamber'd o'er,  
 The rock wced's dripping with their gore; —  
 Thy blade too, HAFED, false at length,  
 Now breaks beneath thy tottering strength!  
 Haste, haste — the voices of the Foe  
 Come near and nearer from below —  
 One effort more — thank Heav'n! 'tis past,  
 They've gained the topmost steep at last.  
 And now they touch the temple's walls,  
 Now HAFED sees the Fire divine! —  
 When, lo! — his weak, worn comrade falls  
 Dead on the threshold of the shrine.

"Alas, brave soul, too quickly fled!  
 "And must I leave thee withering here,  
 "The sport of every ruffian's tread,  
 "The mark for every coward's spear?"  
 "No, by yon altar's sacred beams!"

He cries, and, with a strength that seems  
 Not of this world, uplifts the frame  
 Of the fall'n Chief, and towards the flame  
 Bears him along; — with death-damp hand  
 The corpse upon the pyre he lays,  
 Then lights the consecrated brand,

And fires the pile, whose sudden blaze  
 Like lightning bursts o'er OMAN's Sea. —  
 "Now, Freedom's God! I come to Thee,"  
 The youth exclaims, and with a smile  
 Of triumph vaulting on the pile,  
 In that last effort, ere the fires  
 Have harm'd one glorious limb, expires!

What shriek was that on OMAN's tide?

It came from yonder drifting bark,  
 That just hath caught upon her side  
 The death light — and again is dark.

It is the boat — ah, why delay'd? —  
 That bears the wretched Moslem maid;  
 Confided to the watchful care

Of a small veteran band, with whom  
 Their generous Chieftain would not share  
 The secret of his final doom,

But hop'd when HINDA, safe and free,  
 Was render'd to her father's eyes,  
 Their pardon, full and prompt, would be

The ransom of so dear a prize. —  
 Unconscious, thus, of HAFED's fate,  
 And proud to guard their beauteous freight,  
 Scarce had they clear'd the surfy waves  
 That foam around those frightful caves,  
 When the curs'd war whoops, known so well,  
 Came echoing from the distant dell —  
 Sudden each oar, upheld and still,

Hung dripping o'er the vessel's side,

And, driving at the current's will,  
 They rock'd along the whispering tide ;  
 While every eye, in mute dismay,  
 Was toward that fatal mountain turn'd,  
 Where the dim altar's quivering ray  
 As yet all lone and tranquil burn'd.

O, 'tis not, HINDA, in the power  
 Of Fancy's most terrific touch  
 To paint thy pangs in that dread hour —  
 Thy silent agony — 'twas such  
 As those who feel could paint too well,  
 But none e'er felt and liv'd to tell !  
 'Twas not alone the dreary state  
 Of a lorn spirit, crush'd by fate,  
 When, though no more remains to dread,  
 The panic chill will not depart ; —  
 When, though the inmate Hope be dead,  
 Her ghost still haunts the mouldering heart ;  
 No — pleasures, hopes, affections gone,  
 The wretch may bear, and yet live on,  
 Like things, within the cold rock found  
 Alive, when all's congeal'd around.  
 But there's a blank repose in this,  
 A calm stagnation, that were bliss  
 To the keen, burning, harrowing pain,  
 Now felt through all thy breast and brain ; —  
 That spasm of terror, mute, intense,  
 That breathless, agoniz'd suspense,  
 From whose hot throb, whose deadly aching,  
 The heart hath no relief but breaking !  
 Calm is the wave — heav'n's brilliant lights  
 Reflected dance beneath the prow ; —  
 Time was when, on such lovely nights,  
 She who is there, so desolate now,  
 Could sit all cheerful, though alone,  
 And ask no happier joy than seeing  
 That starlight o'er the waters thrown —  
 No joy but that, to make her blest,  
 And the fresh, buoyant sense of Being,  
 Which bounds in youth's yet careless breast, —  
 Itself a star, not borrowing light,  
 But in its own glad essence bright.  
 How different now ! — but, hark, again  
 The yell of havoc rings — brave men !  
 In vain, with beating hearts, ye stand  
 On the bark's edge — in vain each hand  
 Half draws the falchion from its sheath ;  
 All's o'er — in rust your blades may lie ; —  
 He, at whose word they've scatter'd death,  
 Ev'n now, this night, himself must die !  
 Well may ye look to yon dim tower,  
 And ask, and wonder, dig guess what means  
 The battle cry at this dead hour —  
 Ah ! she could tell you — she, who leans

Unheeded there, pale, sunk, aghast,  
 With brow against the dew-cold mast ; —  
 Too well she knows — her more than life,  
 Her soul's first idol and its last,  
 Lies bleeding in that murderous strife.

But see — what moves upon the height ?  
 Some signal ! — 'tis a torch's light.  
 What bodes its solitary glare ?  
 In gasping silence toward the Shrine  
 All eyes are turn'd — thine, HINDA, thine  
 Fix their last fading lifebeams there.  
 'Twas but a moment — fierce and high  
 The death pile blaz'd into the sky,  
 And far away, o'er rock and flood  
 Its melancholy radiance sent ;  
 While HAFED, like a vision stood  
 Reveal'd before the burning pyre,  
 Tall, shadowy, like a Spirit of Fire  
 Shrin'd in its own grand element !  
 " 'Tis he ! " — the shuddering maid exclaim, —  
 But, while she speaks, he's seen no more ;  
 High burst in air the funeral flames,  
 And IRAN's hopes and hers are o'er !  
 One wild, heart-broken shriek she gave ; —  
 Then sprung, as if to reach that blaze,  
 Where still she fix'd her dying gaze,  
 And, gazing, sunk into the wave, —  
 Deep, deep, — where never care or pain  
 Shall reach her innocent heart again !

Farewell — farewell to thee, ARABY's daughter !  
 (Thus warbled a PERI beneath the dark sea,)  
 No pearl ever lay, under OMAN's green water,  
 More pure in its shell than thy Spirit in thee.

O, fair as the sea flower close to thee grow-  
 ing,  
 How light was thy heart till Love's witchery  
 came,  
 Like the wind of the south<sup>1</sup> o'er a summer lute  
 blowing,  
 And hush'd all its music, and wither'd its  
 frame !

But long, upon ARABY's green sunny high-  
 lands,  
 Shall maids and their lovers remember the  
 doom

<sup>1</sup> " This wind (the Samoor) so softens the strings of lutes,  
 that they can never be tuned while it lasts." — *Stephens'*  
*Persia.*

Of her, who lies sleeping among the Pearl Islands,  
 With nought but the sea star<sup>1</sup> to light up her tomb.

And still, when the merry date season is burning,<sup>2</sup>

And calls to the palm groves the young and the old,

The happiest there, from their pastime returning

At sunset, will weep when thy story is told.

The young village maid, when with flowers she dresses

Her dark flowing hair for some festival day,  
 Will think of thy fate till, neglecting her tresses,  
 She mournfully turns from the mirror away.

Nor shall IRAN, beloved of her Hero! forget thee —

Though tyrants watch over her tears as they start,

Close, close by the side of that Hero she'll set thee,

Embalm'd in the innermost shrine of her heart.

Farewell — be it ours to embellish thy pillow

With every thing beauteous that grows in the deep;

Each flower of the rock and each gem of the billow

Shall sweeten thy bed and illumine thy sleep.

Around thee shall glisten the loveliest amber

That ever the sorrowing sea bird has wept;<sup>3</sup>

With many a shell, in whose hollow-wreath'd chamber

We, Peris of Ocean, by moonlight have slept.

We'll dive where the gardens of coral lie darkling,

And plant all the rosier stems at thy head;

We'll seek where the sands of the Caspian<sup>4</sup> are sparkling,

And gather their gold to strew over thy bed.

<sup>1</sup> "One of the greatest curiosities found in the Persian Gulf is a fish which the English call Star fish. It is circular, and at night very luminous, resembling the full moon surrounded by rays." — *Mirza Abu Taleb*.

<sup>2</sup> For a description of the merriment of the date time, of their work their dances, and their return home from the

Farewell — farewell — until Pity's sweet fountain

Is lost in the hearts of the fair and the brave,  
 They'll weep for the Chieftain who died on that mountain,

They'll weep for the Maiden who sleeps in this wave.

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## PREFACE

### TO THE SEVENTH VOLUME.

THE station assigned to "The Fudge Family," in the following pages, immediately after Lalla Rookh, agrees but too closely with the actual order in which these two works were originally written and published. The success, far exceeding my hopes and deserts, with which Lalla Rookh was immediately crowned, relieved me at once from the anxious feeling of responsibility under which, as my readers have seen, that enterprise had been commenced, and which continued for some time to haunt me amidst all the enchantments of my task. I was therefore in the true holiday mood, when a dear friend, with whose name is associated some of the brightest and pleasantest hours of my past life,<sup>5</sup> kindly offered me a seat in his carriage for a short visit to Paris. This proposal I, of course, most gladly accepted; and, in the autumn of the year 1817, found myself, for the first time, in that gay capital.

As the restoration of the Bourbon dynasty was still of too recent a date for any amalgamation to have yet taken place between the new and ancient order of things, all the most prominent features of both *régimes* were just then brought, in their fullest relief, into juxtaposition; and, accordingly, the result was such as to suggest to an unconcerned spectator quite as abundant matter for ridicule as for grave political consideration. It would be difficult, indeed, to convey to those who had not themselves seen the Paris of that period, any

palm groves at the end of autumn with the fruits, see *Kempfer, Amaniat, Exot.*

<sup>3</sup> Some naturalists have imagined that amber is a concretion of the tears of birds. — See *Trevoux, Chambers*.

<sup>4</sup> "The bay Kieselarke, which is otherwise called the Golden Bay, the sand whereof shines as fire" — *Struy*.

<sup>5</sup> Mr. Rogers.



clear notion of that anomalous aspect, both social and political, which it then presented. It was as if, in the days succeeding the Deluge, a small coterie of antediluvians had been suddenly evoked from out of the deep to take the command of a new and freshly-starting world.

To me, the abundant amusement and interest which such a scene could not but afford was a good deal heightened by my having, in my youthful days, been made acquainted with some of those personages who were now most interested in the future success of the Legitimate cause. The Comte D'Artois, or Monsieur, I had met in the year 1802-3, at Donington Park, the seat of the Earl of Moira, under whose princely roof I used often and long, in those days, to find a most hospitable home. A small party of distinguished French emigrants were already staying on a visit in the house when Monsieur and his suite arrived; and among those were the present King of France and his two brothers, the Duc de Montpensier, and the Comte de Beaujolais.

Some doubt and uneasiness had, I remember, been felt by the two latter brothers, as to the reception they were likely to encounter from the new guest; and as, in those times, a cropped and unpowdered head was regarded generally as a symbol of Jacobinism, the Comte Beaujolais, who, like many other young men, wore his hair in this fashion, thought it, on the present occasion, most prudent, in order to avoid all risk of offence, not only to put powder in his hair, but also to provide himself with an artificial cue. This measure of precaution, however, led to a slight incident after dinner, which, though not very royal or dignified, was at least creditable to the social good humor of the future Charles X. On the departure of the ladies from the dining room, we had hardly seated ourselves in the old-fashioned style, round the fire, when Monsieur, who had happened to place himself next to Beaujolais, caught a glimpse of the ascitic tail, — which, having been rather carelessly put on, had a good deal straggled out of its place. With a sort of scream of jocular pleasure, as if delighted at the discovery, Monsieur seized the stray appendage, and, bringing it round into full view, to the great amusement of the whole company, popped it into poor grinning Beaujolais' mouth.

On one of the evenings of this short visit of Monsieur, I remember Curran arriving unexpectedly, on his way to London; and, having come too late for dinner, he joined our party in the evening. As the foreign portion of the company was then quite new to him, I was able to be useful, by informing him of the names, rank, and other particulars of the party he found assembled, from Monsieur himself down to the old Duc de Lorge and the Baron de Rolle. When I had gone through the whole list, "Ah, poor fellows!" he exclaimed, with a mixture of fun and pathos in his look, truly Irish, "Poor fellows, *all* dismounted cavalry!"

On the last evening of Monsieur's stay, I was made to sing for him, among other songs, "Farewell, Bessy!" one of my earliest attempts at musical composition. As soon as I had finished, he paid me the compliment of reading aloud the words as written under the music; and most royal havoc did he make, as to this day I remember, of whatever little sense or metre they could boast.

Among my earlier poetic writings, more than one grateful memorial may be found of the happy days I passed in this hospitable mansion,<sup>1</sup> —

Of all my sunny morns and moonlight nights  
On Donington's green lawns and breezy heights.

But neither verse nor prose could do any justice to the sort of impression I still retain of those long-vanished days. The library at Donington was<sup>2</sup> extensive and valuable; and through the privilege kindly granted to me of retiring thither for study, even when the family were absent, I frequently passed whole weeks alone in that fine library, indulging in all the first airy castle building of authorship. The various projects, indeed, of future works that used then to pass in fruitless succession through my mind, can be compared only to the waves as described by the poet, —

"And one no sooner touch'd the shore, and died,  
Than a new follower rose."

With that library is also connected another of my earlier poems, — the verses addressed to the Duke of Montpensier on his portrait of the Lady Adelaide Forbes;<sup>3</sup> for it was there that this truly noble lady, then in the first dawn of her beauty, used to sit for that picture; while,

<sup>1</sup> See p. 155 of this edition.

<sup>2</sup> In employing the past tense here, I do the present lord

injustice, whose filial wish I know it is to keep all at Donington exactly as his noble father left it.

<sup>3</sup> See p. 65 of this edition



in another part of the library, the Duke of Orleans, — engaged generally at that time with a volume of Clarendon, — was by such studies unconsciously preparing himself for the high and arduous destiny, which not only the Good Genius of France, but his own sagacious and intrepid spirit, had marked out for him.

I need hardly say how totally different were all the circumstances under which Monsieur himself and some of his followers were again seen by me in the year 1817; — the same actors, indeed, but with an entirely new change of scenery and decorations. Among the variety of aspects presented by this change, the ridiculous certainly predominated; nor could a satirist who, like Philoctetes, was smitten with a fancy for shooting at geese,<sup>1</sup> ask any better supply of such game than the high places, in France, at that period, both lay and ecclesiastical, afforded. As I was not versed, however, sufficiently in French politics to venture to meddle with them, even in sport, I found a more ready conductor of laughter — for which I was then much in the mood — in those groups of ridiculous English who were at that time swarming in all directions throughout Paris, and of all whose various forms of cockneyism and nonsense I endeavored, in the personages of the Fudge Family, to collect the concentrated essence. The result, as usual, fell very far short of what I had myself preconceived and intended. But, making its appearance at such a crisis, the work brought with it that best seasoning of all such *jeux-d'esprit*, the *à propos* of the moment; and, accordingly, in the race of successive editions, Lalla Rookh was, for some time, kept pace with by Miss Bidy Fudge.

The series of trifles contained in this volume, entitled "Rhymes on the Road," were written partly as their title implies, and partly at a subsequent period from memorandums made on the spot. This will account for so many of those pieces being little better, I fear, than "prose fringed with rhyme." The journey to a part of which those Rhymes owed their existence was commenced in company with Lord John Russell in the autumn of the year 1819. After a week or two passed at Paris, to enable Lord John to refer to Barillon's Letters for a new edition of his Life of Lord Russell then preparing, we set out together for the

Simplon. At Milan, the agreeable society of the late Lord Kinnaird detained us for a few days; and then my companion took the route to Genoa, while I proceeded on a visit to Lord Byron, at Venice.

It was during the journey thus briefly described, I addressed the well-known Remonstrance to my noble friend,<sup>2</sup> which has of late been frequently coupled with my prophetic verses on the Duke of Wellington,<sup>3</sup> from the prescient spirit with which it so confidently looked forward to all that Lord John has since become in the eyes of the world.

Of my visit to Lord Byron, — an event, to me so memorable, — I have already detailed all the most interesting particulars in my published Life of the poet; and shall here only cite, from that work, one passage, as having some reference to a picture mentioned in the following pages. "As we were conversing after dinner about the various collections of paintings I had seen that morning, on my saying that, fearful as I was of ever praising any picture, lest I should draw on myself the connoisseur's sneer, for my pains, I would yet, to him, venture to own that I had seen a picture at Milan, which — 'The Hagar!'<sup>4</sup> he exclaimed, eagerly interrupting me; and it was, in fact, that very picture I was about to mention to him as having awakened in me, by the truth of its expression, more real emotion than any I had yet seen among the *chefs-d'œuvre* of Venice."

In the society I chiefly lived with, while at Rome, I considered myself singularly fortunate; though but a blind worshipper of those powers of Art of which my companions were all high priests. Canova himself, Chantrey, Lawrence, Jackson, Turner, Eastlake, — such were the men of whose presence and guidance I enjoyed the advantage in visiting all that unrivalled Rome can boast of beautiful and grand. That I derived from this course of initiation any thing more than a very humbling consciousness of my own ignorance and want of taste, in matters of art, I will not be so dishonest as to pretend. But, to the stranger in Rome every step forms an epoch; and, in addition to all its own countless appeals to memory and imagination, the agreeable auspices under which I first visited all its memorable places could not but render every impression I received more vivid and

<sup>1</sup> "Pinnigero, non armigero in corpore tela exerceanur:" — the words put by Accius in the mouth of Philoctetes.

<sup>2</sup> See Miscellaneous Poems.

<sup>3</sup> See p. 229 of this edition.

<sup>4</sup> Abraham dismissing Hagar, by Guercino.

permanent. Thus, with my recollection of the Sepulchre of St. Peter, and its ever-burning lamps, for which splendid spot Canova was then meditating a statue,<sup>1</sup> there is always connected in my mind the exclamation which I heard break from Chantrey after gazing, for a few moments, in silence, upon that glorious site, — “What a place to work for!”

In one of the poems contained in this volume<sup>2</sup> allusion is made to an evening not easily forgotten, when Chantrey and myself were taken by Canova to the Borghese Palace, for the purpose of showing us, by the light of a taper — his favorite mode of exhibiting that work — his beautiful statue of the Princess Borghese, called the *Venere Vincitrice*. In Chantrey's eagerness to point out some grace or effect that peculiarly struck him, he snatched the light out of Canova's hand; and to this circumstance the following passage of the poem referred to was meant to allude:—

When he, thy peer in art and fame,  
Hung o'er the marble with delight;<sup>3</sup>  
And, while his ling'ring hand would steal  
O'er every grace the taper's rays,  
Gave thee, with all the gen'rous zeal  
Such master spirits only feel,  
That best of fame — a rival's praise.

One of the days that still linger most pleasantly in my memory, and which, I trust, neither Lady Calcott nor Mr. Eastlake have quite forgotten, was that of our visit together to the Palatine Mount, when, as we sauntered about that picturesque spot, enjoying the varied views of Rome which it commands, they made me, for the first time, acquainted with Guidi's spirited Ode on the Arcadians, in which there is poetry enough to make amends for all the nonsense of his rhyming brethren. Truly and grandly does he exclaim, —

“*Indomita e superba ancor è Roma  
Benchè si veggìa col gran busto a terra;  
\* \* \* \* \*  
Son piene di splendor le sue ruine,  
E il gran cenere suo si mostra eterno.*”

With Canova, while sitting to Jackson for a portrait ordered by Chantrey, I had more than once some interesting conversation, — or, rather, listened while he spoke, — respecting the political state of Europe at that period, and those “*bricconi*,” as he styled them, the sovereigns of the Holy Alliance; and, before I left Rome,

he kindly presented to me a set of engravings from some of his finest statues, together with a copy of the beautifully printed collection of Poems, which a Roman poet named Missirini had written in praise of his different “*Marmi*.”

When Lord John Russell and myself parted, at Milan, it was agreed between us, that after a short visit to Rome, and (if practicable within the allowed time) to Naples, I was to rejoin him at Genoa, and from thence accompany him to England. But the early period for which Parliament was summoned, that year, owing to the violent proceedings at Manchester, rendered it necessary for Lord John to hasten his return to England. I was, therefore, most fortunate, under such circumstances, in being permitted by my friends Chantrey and Jackson to join in their journey homeward; through which lucky arrangement, the same precious privilege I had enjoyed, at Rome, of hearing the opinions of such practised judges, on all the great works of art I saw in their company, was afterwards continued to me through the various collections we visited together, at Florence, Bologna, Modena, Parma, Milan, and Turin.

To some of those pictures and statues that most took my fancy, during my tour, allusions will be found in a few of the poems contained in this volume. But the great pleasure I derived from these and many other such works arose far more from the poetical nature of their subjects than from any judgment I had learned to form of their real merit as works of art, — a line of lore in which, notwithstanding my course of schooling, I remained, I fear, unenlightened to the last. For all that was lost upon me, however, in the halls of Art, I was more than consoled in the cheap picture gallery of Nature; and a glorious sunset I witnessed in ascending the Simplon is still remembered by me with a depth and freshness of feeling which no one work of art I saw in the galleries of Italy has left behind.

I have now a few words to devote to a somewhat kindred subject with which a poem or two contained in the following pages are closely connected.<sup>4</sup> In my Preface to the First Volume of this collection, I briefly noticed the taste for Private Theatrical Performances which prevailed during the latter half of the last century among the higher ranks in Ireland. This taste continued for nearly twenty years to survive

true to the actual fact than they were in their original form.

<sup>4</sup> See Miscellaneous Poems.

<sup>1</sup> A statue, I believe, of Pius VI.

<sup>2</sup> See Rhymes on the Road.

<sup>3</sup> A slight alteration here has rendered these verses more

the epoch of the Union, and in the performances of the Private Theatre of Kilkenny gave forth its last, as well as, perhaps, brightest flashes. The life and soul of this institution was our manager, the late Mr. Richard Power, a gentleman who could boast a larger circle of attached friends, and through a life more free from shadow or alloy, than any individual it has ever been my lot to know. No livelier proof, indeed, could be required of the sort of feeling entertained towards him than was once shown in the reception given to the two following homely lines which occurred in a Prologue I wrote to be spoken by Mr. Corry in the character of Vapid.

'Tis said our worthy manager intends  
To help my night, and *he*, you know, has friends.<sup>1</sup>

These few simple words I write with the assured conviction that they would produce more effect from the homefelt truism they contained than could be effected by the most labored burst of eloquence; and the result was just what I had anticipated, for the house rung, for a considerable time, with the heartiest plaudits.

The chief comic, or rather farcical, force of the company lay in my friend Mr. Corry, and "longo intervallo," myself; and though, as usual, with low comedians, we were much looked down upon by the lofty lords of the buskin, many was the sly joke we used to indulge together, at the expense of our heroic brethren. Some waggish critic, indeed, is said to have declared that of all the personages of our theatre he most admired the prompter, — "because he was least seen and best heard." But this joke was, of course, a mere good-humored slander. There were two, at least, of our dramatic corps, Sir Wrixon Becher and Mr. Rothe, whose powers, as tragic actors, few amateurs have ever equalled; and Mr. Corry — perhaps alone of all our company — would have been sure of winning laurels on the public stage.

As to my own share in these representations, the following list of my most successful characters will show how remote from the line of the Heroic was the small orbit through which I ranged; my chief parts having been Sam, in "Raising the Wind," Robin Roughhead, Mungo, Sadi, in the "Mountaineers," Spado, and Peeping Tom. In the part of Spado there occur several allusions to that gay rogue's shortness of stature which never failed to be welcomed

by my auditors with laughter and cheers; and the words "Even Sanguino allows I am a clever little fellow" was always a signal for this sort of friendly explosion. One of the songs, indeed, written by O'Keefe for the character of Spado so much abounds with points thus personally applicable, that many supposed, with no great compliment either to my poetry or my modesty, that the song had been written, expressly for the occasion, by myself. The following is the verse to which I allude, and for the poetry of which I was thus made responsible: —

"Though born to be little's my fate,  
Yet so was the great Alexander;  
And, when I walk under a gate,  
I've no need to stoop like a gander.  
I'm no lanky, long hoddie doddy,  
Whose paper kite sails in the sky;  
Though wanting two feet, in my body,  
In soul, I am thirty feet high."

Some further account of the Kilkenny Theatre, as well as of the history of Private Theatricals in general, will be found in an article I wrote on the subject for the Edinburgh Review, vol. xlv. No. 92, p. 368.

THE singular placidity with which FADLADEEN had listened, during the latter part of this obnoxious story, surprised the Princess and FERAMORZ exceedingly; and even inclined towards him the hearts of these unsuspecting young persons, who little knew the source of a complacency so marvellous. The truth was, he had been organizing, for the last few days, a most notable plan of persecution against the poet, in consequence of some passages that had fallen from him on the second evening of recital, — which appeared to this worthy Chamberlain to contain language and principles, for which nothing short of the summary criticism of the Chabuk<sup>2</sup> would be advisable. It was his intention, therefore, immediately on their arrival at Cashmere, to give information to the King of Bucharia of the very dangerous sentiments of his minstrel; and if, unfortunately, that monarch did not act with suitable vigor on the occasion, (that is, if he did not give the Chabuk to FERAMORZ, and a place to FADLADEEN,) there would be an end, he feared, of all legitimate government in Bucharia. He could not help, however, auguring better both for himself and the

<sup>1</sup> See Miscellaneous Poems.

<sup>2</sup> "The application of whips or rods." — *Dubois*

causes of potentates in general; and it was the pleasure arising from those mingled anticipations that diffused such unusual satisfaction through his features, and made his eyes shine out, like poppies of the desert, over the wide and lifeless wilderness of that countenance.

Having decided upon the Poet's chastisement in this *case*, he thought it but humanity to spare him the minor tortures of criticism. Accordingly, when they assembled the following evening in the pavilion, and LALLA ROOKH was expecting to see all the beauties of her bard melt away, one by one, in the acidity of criticism, like pearls in the cup of the Egyptian queen, — he agreeably disappointed her, by merely saying, with an ironical smile, that the merits of such a poem deserved to be tried at a much higher tribunal; and then suddenly passed off into a panegyric upon all Mussulman sovereigns, more particularly his august and Imperial master, Aurungzebe, — the wisest and best of the descendants of Timur, — who, among other great things he had done for mankind, had given to him, FADLADEEN, the very profitable posts of Betel Carrier and Taster of Sherbets to the Emperor, Chief Holder of the Girdle of Beautiful Forms,<sup>1</sup> and Grand Nazir, or Chamberlain of the Harem.

They were now not far from that Forbidden River,<sup>2</sup> beyond which no pure Hindoo can pass; and were reposing for a time in the rich valley of Hussun Abdaul, which had always been a favorite resting-place of the Emperors in their annual migrations to Cashmere. Here often had the Light of the Faith, Jehanguire, been known to wander with his beloved and beautiful Nourmahal; and here would LALLA ROOKH have been happy to remain forever, giving up the throne of Bucharia and the world, for FER-

AMORZ and love in this sweet, lonely valley. But the time was now fast approaching when she must see him no longer, — or, what was still worse, behold him with eyes whose every look belonged to another; and there was a melancholy preciousness in these last moments, which made her heart cling to them as it would to life. During the latter part of the journey, indeed, she had sunk into a deep sadness, from which nothing but the presence of the young minstrel could awake her. Like those lamps in tombs, which only light up when the air is admitted, it was only at his approach that her eyes became smiling and animated. But here, in this dear valley, every moment appeared an age of pleasure; she saw him all day, and was, therefore, all day happy, — resembling, she often thought, that people of Zinge,<sup>3</sup> who attribute the unfading cheerfulness they enjoy to one genial star that rises nightly over their heads.<sup>4</sup>

The whole party, indeed, seemed in their liveliest mood during the few days they passed in this delightful solitude. The young attendants of the Princess, who were here allowed a much freer range than they could safely be indulged with in a less sequestered place, ran wild among the gardens and bounded through the meadows, lightly as young roes over the aromatic plains of Tibet. While FADLADEEN, in addition to the spiritual comfort derived by him from a pilgrimage to the tomb of the Saint from whom the valley is named, had also opportunities of indulging, in a small way, his taste for victims, by putting to death some hundreds of those unfortunate little lizards,<sup>5</sup> which all pious Mussulmans make it a point to kill; — taking for granted, that the manner in which the creature hangs its head is meant as a mimicry of the attitude in which the Faithful say their prayers.

<sup>1</sup> Kempter mentions such an officer among the attendants of the King of Persia, and calls him "formæ corporis estimator." His business was, at stated periods, to measure the ladies of the Harem by a sort of regulation girdle, whose limits it was not thought graceful to exceed. If any of them outgrew this standard of shape, they were reduced by abstinence till they came within proper bounds.

<sup>2</sup> The Attock.

<sup>3</sup> Akbar on his way ordered a fort to be built upon the Nilab, which he called Attock, which means in the Indian language Forbidden; for, by the superstition of the Hindoos, it was held unlawful to cross that river." — Dow's Hindostan.

<sup>4</sup> "The inhabitants of this country (Zinge) are never af-

flicted with sadness or melancholy; on this subject the Sheik *Abu-al-Kheir-Azhari* has the following distich: —

"Who is the man without care or sorrow, (tell) that may rub my hand to him.

"(Behold) the Zingians, without care or sorrow, frolicsome with tipsiness and mirth."

"The philosophers have discovered that the cause of this cheerfulness proceeds from the influence of the star *Subeil* or *Canopus*, which rises over them every night." — *Extract from a Geographical Persian Manuscript called Heft Aklin, or the Seven Climates, translated by W. Ouseley, Esq.*

<sup>5</sup> The star *Subeil*, or *Canopus*.

<sup>6</sup> "The lizard *Stellio*. The Arabs call it *Hardun*. The Turks kill it, for they imagine that by declining the head it mimics them when they say their prayers." — *Hasselquist*.



About two miles from Hussun Abdaul were those Royal Gardens,<sup>1</sup> which had grown beautiful under the care of so many lovely eyes, and were beautiful still, though those eyes could see them no longer. This place, with its flowers and its holy silence, interrupted only by the dipping of the wings of birds in its marble basins filled with the pure water of those hills, was to LALLA ROOKH all that her heart could fancy of fragrance, coolness, and almost heavenly tranquillity. As the Prophet said of Damascus, "it was too delicious;"<sup>2</sup>—and here, in listening to the sweet voice of FERAMORZ, or reading in his eyes what yet he never dared to tell her, the most exquisite moments of her whole life were passed. One evening, when they had been talking of the Sultana Nourmahal, the Light of the Harem,<sup>3</sup> who had so often wandered among these flowers, and fed with her own hands, in those marble basins, the small shining fishes of which she was so fond,<sup>4</sup>—the youth, in order to delay the moment of separation, proposed to recite a short story, or rather rhapsody of which this adored Sultana was the heroine. It related, he said, to the reconciliation of a sort of lovers' quarrel which took place between her and the Emperor during a Feast of Roses at Cashmere; and would remind the Princess of that difference between Haroun-al-Raschid and his fair mistress Marida,<sup>5</sup> which was so happily made up by the soft strains of the musician, Moussali. As the story was chiefly to be told in song, and FERAMORZ had unluckily forgotten his own lute in the valley, he borrowed the vina of LALLA ROOKH's little Persian slave, and thus began:—

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<sup>1</sup> For these particulars respecting Hussun Abdaul I am indebted to the very interesting Introduction of Mr. Elphinstone's work upon Caubul.

<sup>2</sup> "As you enter at that Bazaar, without the gate of Damascus, you see the Green Mosque, so called because it hath a steeple faced with green glazed bricks, which render it very resplendent; it is covered at top with a pavilion of the same stuff. The Turks say this mosque was made in that place, because Mahomet being come so far, would not enter the town, saying it was too delicious."—*Thevenot*. This reminds us one of the following pretty passage in Izaak Walton:—"When I sat last on this primrose bank, and looked down these meadows, I thought of them as Charles the Emperor did of the city of Florence, that they were too pleasant to be looked on, but only on holidays."<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Nourmahal signifies Light of the Harem. She was afterwards called Nourjehan, or the Light of the World.

Who has not heard of the Vale of CASHMERE,  
With its roses the brightest that earth ever  
gave,<sup>6</sup>  
Its temples, and grottoes, and fountains as clear  
As the love-lighted eyes that hang over their  
wave?

O, to see it at sunset,—when warm o'er the  
Lake

Its splendor at parting a summer eve throws,  
Like a bride, full of blushes, when ling'ring to  
take

A last look of her mirror at night ere she  
goes!—

When the shrines through the foliage are  
gleaming half shown,  
And each hallows the hour by some rites of its  
own.

Here the music of pray'r from a minaret swells,  
Here the Magian his urn, full of perfume, is  
swinging,

And here, at the altar, a zone of sweet bells

Round the waist of some fair Indian dancer is  
ringing.<sup>7</sup>

Or to see it by moonlight,—when mellowly  
shines

The light o'er its palaces, gardens, and shrines;  
When the waterfalls gleam, like a quick fall of  
stars,

And the nightingale's hymn from the Isle of  
Chenars

Is broken by laughs and light echoes of feet  
From the cool, shining walks where the young  
people meet.—

Or at morn, when the magic of daylight awakes  
A new wonder each minute, as slowly it breaks,  
Hills, cupolas, fountains, call'd forth every  
one

Out of darkness, as if but just born of the  
Sun.

<sup>4</sup> See note 5, p. 425, of this edition.

<sup>5</sup> "Haroun Al Raschid, cinquième Khalife des Abassides, s'étant un jour brouillé avec une de ses maîtresses nommée Maridah, qu'il aimoit cependant jusqu'à l'excès, et cette mé-sintelligence ayant déjà duré quelque tems commença à s'en-nuyer. Giafar Barnaki, son favori, qui s'en appercût, com-manda à Abbas ben Ahnaf, excellent poëte de ce tems là, de composer quelques vers sur le sujet de cette brouillerie. Ce poëte exécuta l'ordre de Giafar, qui fit chanter ces vers par Moussali en présence du Khalife, et ce prince fut tellement touché de la tendresse des vers du poëte et de la douceur de la voix du musicien qu'il alla aussitôt trouver Maridah, et fit sa paix avec elle.—*D'Herbelot*.

<sup>6</sup> "The rose of Kashmir for its brilliancy and delicacy of odor has long been proverbial in the East."—*Forster*.

<sup>7</sup> "Tied round her waist the zone of bells, that sounded with ravishing melody."—*Song of Jayadeva*.



When the Spirit of Fragrance is up with the day,

From his Harem of night flowers stealing away ;  
And the wind, full of wantonness, woos like a lover

The young aspen trees,<sup>1</sup> till they tremble all over.

When the East is as warm as the light of first hopes,

And Day, with his banner of radiance unfurl'd,  
Shines in through the mountainous portal<sup>2</sup> that opens,

Sublime, from that Valley of bliss to the world !

But never yet, by night or day,

In dew of spring or summer's ray,

Did the sweet Valley shine so gay

As now it shines — all love and light,

Visions by day and feasts by night !

A happier smile illumines each brow,

With quicker spread each heart uncloses,

And all is ecstasy, — for now

The Valley holds its Feast of Roses ;<sup>3</sup>

The joyous Time, when pleasures pour

Profusely round and, in their shower,

Hearts open, like the Season's Rose, —

The Flow'ret of a hundred leaves,<sup>4</sup>

Expanding while the dew fall flows,

And every leaf its balm receives.

'Twas when the hour of evening came

Upon the Lake, serene and cool,

When Day had hid his sultry flame

Behind the palms of BARAMOULE,<sup>5</sup>

When maids began to lift their heads,

Refresh'd from their embroider'd beds,

Where they had slept the sun away,

And wak'd to moonlight and to play.

All were abroad — the busiest hive

On BELA's<sup>6</sup> hills is less alive,

When saffron beds are full in flower,

Than look'd the Valley in that hour.

<sup>1</sup> "The little isles in the Lake of Cachemire are set with arbors and large-leaved aspen trees, slender and tall." — *Bernier*.

<sup>2</sup> "The Tuckt Suliman, the name bestowed by the Mahometans on this hill, forms one side of a grand portal to the Lake." — *Forster*.

<sup>3</sup> "The Feast of Roses continues the whole time of their remaining in bloom." — See *Pietro de la Valle*.

<sup>4</sup> "Gul sad berk, the Rose of a hundred leaves. I believe a particular species." — *Ouseley*. <sup>5</sup> *Bernier*.

<sup>6</sup> A place mentioned in the *Toozek Jehangeery*, or Memoirs of Jehangire, where there is an account of the beds of saffron flowers about Cashmere.

<sup>7</sup> "It is the custom among the women to employ the

A thousand restless torches play'd  
Through every grove and island shade ;  
A thousand sparkling lamps were set  
On every dome and minaret ;

And fields and pathways, far and near,  
Were lighted by a blaze so clear,

That you could see, in wandering round,  
The smallest rose leaf on the ground.

Yet did the maids and matrons leave

Their veils at home, that brilliant eve ;

And there were glancing eyes about,

And cheeks, that would not dare shine out

In open day, but thought they might

Look lovely then, because 'twas night.

And all were free, and wandering,

And all exclaim'd to all they met,

That never did the summer bring

So gay a Feast of Roses yet ; —

The moon had never shed a light

So clear as that which bless'd them there ;

The roses ne'er shone half so bright,

Nor they themselves look'd half so fair.

And what a wilderness of flowers !

It seem'd as though from all the bowers

And fairest fields of all the year,

The mingled spoil were scatter'd here.

The Lake, too, like a garden breathes,

With the rich buds that o'er it lie, —

As if a shower of fairy wreaths

Had fall'n upon it from the sky !

And then the sounds of joy, — the beat

Of tabors and of dancing feet ; —

The minaret crier's chant of glee

Sung from his lighted gallery,<sup>7</sup>

And answer'd by a ziraleet

From neighboring Harem, wild and sweet ; —

The merry laughter, echoing

From gardens, where the silken swing<sup>8</sup>

Wafts some delighted girl above

The top leaves of the orange grove ;

Or, from those infant groups at play

Among the tents<sup>9</sup> that line the way,

Maazeen to chant from the gallery of the nearest minaret, which on that occasion is illuminated, and the women as senbled at the house respond at intervals with a ziraleet or joyous chorus." — *Russel*.

<sup>8</sup> "The swing is a favorite pastime in the East, as promoting a circulation of air, extremely refreshing in those sultry climates." — *Richardson*.

<sup>9</sup> "The swings are adorned with festoons. This pastime is accompanied with music of voices and of instruments, hired by the masters of the swings." — *Thevenot*.

<sup>9</sup> "At the keeping of the Feast of Roses we beheld an infinite number of tents pitched, with such a crowd of men, women, boys, and girls, with music, dances," &c. &c. — *Herbert*.

Flinging, unaw'd by slave or mother,  
Handfuls of roses at each other. —  
Then, the sounds from the Lake, — the low  
whispering in boats,

As they shoot through the moonlight; — the  
dipping of oars,

And the wild, airy warbling that every where  
floats,

Through the groves, round the islands, as if  
all the shores,

Like those of KATHAY, utter'd music, and gave  
An answer in song to the kiss of each wave.<sup>1</sup>

But the gentlest of all are those sounds, full of  
feeling,

That soft from the lute of some lover are steal-  
ing, —

Some lover, who knows all the heart-touching  
power

Of a lute and a sigh in this magical hour. ¶¶

O, best of delights as it every where is

To be near the lov'd *One*, — what a rapture is his  
Who in moonlight and music thus sweetly may  
glide

O'er the Lake of CASHMERE, with that *One* by  
his side !

If woman can make the worst wilderness dear,  
Think, think what a Heav'n she must make of  
CASHMERE !

So felt the magnificent Son of ACBAR,<sup>2</sup>

When from power and pomp and the trophies  
of war

He flew to that Valley, forgetting them all  
With the Light of the HAREM, his young NOUR-  
MAHAL.

When free and uncrown'd as the Conqueror  
rov'd

By the banks of that Lake, with his only belov'd,  
He saw, in the wreaths she would playfully  
snatch

From the hedges, a glory his crown could not  
match,

And prefer'd in his heart the least ringlet that  
curl'd

Down her exquisite neck to the throne of the  
world.

There's a beauty forever unchangingly bright,  
Like the long, sunny lapse of a summer-day's  
light,

Shining on, shining on, by no shadow made  
tender,

Till Love falls asleep in its sameness of splendor.

This *was* not the beauty — O, nothing like this,  
That to young NOURMAHAL gave such magic of  
bliss !

But that loveliness, ever in motion, which plays

Like the light upon autumn's soft shadowy days,  
Now here and now there, giving warmth as it  
flies

From the lip to the cheek, from the cheek to  
the eyes ;

Now melting in mist and now breaking in  
gleams,

Like the glimpses a saint hath of Heav'n in his  
dreams.

When pensive, it seem'd as if that very grace,  
That charm of all others, was born with her face !

And when angry, — for ev'n in the tranquiler  
climes

Light breezes will ruffle the blossoms some-  
times —

The short, passing anger but seem'd to awaken  
New beauty, like flowers that are sweetest when  
shaken.

If tenderness touch'd her, the dark of her eye  
At once took a darker, a heavenlier dye,

From the depth of whose shadow, like holy  
revelings

From innermost shrines, came the light of her  
feelings.

Then her mirth — O, 'twas sportive as ever  
took wing

From the heart with a burst, like the wild bird  
in spring ;

Illum'd by a wit that would fascinate sages,  
Yet playful as Peris just loos'd from their cages.<sup>3</sup>

While her laugh, full of life, without any control  
But the sweet one of gracefulness, rung from  
her soul ;

And where it most sparkled no glance could  
discover,

In lip, cheek, or eyes, for she brighten'd all over,

<sup>1</sup> "An old commentator of the Chou-King says, the ancients having remarked that a current of water made some of the stones near its banks send forth a sound, they detached some of them, and being charmed with the delightful sound they emitted, constructed King or musical instruments of them." — *Grosier*.

This miraculous quality has been attributed also to the shore of Attica. "Hujus litinis, ait Capella, concentum musicum illis terre undis reddere, quod propter tantam erudi-

tionis vim puto dictum." — *Ludov. Vives in Augustin de Civitat. Dei*, lib. xviii. c. 8.

<sup>2</sup> Jehanguire was the son of the Great Acbar.

<sup>3</sup> In the wars of the Dives with the Peris, whenever the former took the latter prisoners, "they shut them up in iron cages, and hung them on the highest trees. Here they were visited by their companions, who brought them the choicest odors." — *Richardson*.

Like any fair lake that the breeze is upon,  
When it breaks into dimples and laughs in the  
sun.

Such, such were the peerless enchantments,  
that gave

NOURMAHAL the proud Lord of the East for her  
slave :

And though bright was his Harem, — a living  
parterre

Of the flow'rs<sup>1</sup> of this planet — though treasures  
were there,

For which SOLIMAN's self might have giv'n all  
the store

That the navy from OPHIR e'er wing'd to his  
shore,

Yet dim before her were the smiles of them  
all,

And the Light of his Harem was young NOUR-  
MAHAL !

But where is she now, this night of joy,  
When bliss is every heart's employ ? —

When all around her is so bright,  
So like the visions of a trance,  
That one might think, who came by chance  
Into the vale this happy night,  
He saw that City of Delight<sup>2</sup>

In Fairyland, whose streets and towers  
Are made of gems and light and flowers !  
Where is the lov'd Sultana ? where,  
When mirth brings out the young and fair,  
Does she, the fairest, hide her brow,  
In melancholy stillness now ?

Alas ! — how light a cause may move  
Dissension between hearts that love !  
Hearts that the world in vain had tried,  
And sorrow but more closely tied ;  
That stood the storm, when waves were rough,  
Yet in a sunny hour fall off,  
Like ships that have gone down at sea,  
When heaven was all tranquillity !

A something, light as air — a look,  
A word unkind or wrongly taken —  
O, love, that tempests never shook,  
A breath, a touch like this hath shaken.  
And ruder words will soon rush in  
To spread the breach that words begin ;

<sup>1</sup> In the Malay language the same word signifies women and flowers.

<sup>2</sup> The capital of Shadukiam. See note 3, p. 408, of this edition.

<sup>3</sup> See the representation of the Eastern Cupid, pinioned closely round with wreaths of flowers, in *Picart's Cérémonies Religieuses*.

<sup>4</sup> Among the birds of Tonquin is a species of goldfinch,

And eyes forget the gentle ray  
They wore in courtship's smiling day ;  
And voices lose the tone that shd  
A tenderness round all they said ;  
Till fast declining, one by one,  
The sweetnesses of love are gone,  
And hearts, so lately mingled, seem  
Like broken clouds, — or like the stream,  
That smiling left the mountain's brow  
As though its waters ne'er could sever,  
Yet, ere it reach the plain below,  
Breaks into floods, that part forever.

O, you, that have the charge of Love,  
Keep him in rosy bondage bound,  
As in the Fields of Bliss above  
He sits, with flow'rets fetter'd round ;<sup>3</sup> —  
Loose not a tie that round him clings,  
Nor ever let him use his wings ;  
For ev'n an hour, a minute's flight  
Will rob the plumes of half their light.  
Like that celestial bird, — whose nest  
Is found beneath far Eastern skies, —  
Whose wings, though radiant when at rest,  
Lose all their glory when he flies !<sup>4</sup>

Some difference, of this dangerous kind, —  
By which, though light, the links that bind  
The fondest hearts may soon be riven ;  
Some shadow in Love's summer heaven,  
Which, though a fleecy speck at first,  
May yet in awful thunder burst ; —  
Such cloud it is, that now hangs over  
The heart of the Imperial Lover,  
And far hath banish'd from his sight  
His NOURMAHAL, his Harem's Light !  
Hence is it, on this happy night,  
When Pleasure through the fields and groves  
Has let loose all her world of loves,  
And every heart has found its own,  
He wanders, joyless and alone,  
And weary as that bird of Thrace,  
Whose pinion knows no resting-place.<sup>5</sup>

In vain the loveliest cheeks and eyes  
This Eden of the Earth supplies  
Come crowding round — the cheeks are pale,  
The eyes are dim : — though rich the spot

which sings so melodiously that it is called the Celestial Bird. Its wings, when it is perched, appear variegated with beautiful colors, but when it flies they lose all their splendor." — *Grosier*.

<sup>5</sup> "As these birds on the Bosphorus are never known to rest, they are called by the French 'les âmes damnées.'" *Dalloyay*.

With every flow'r this earth has got,  
 What is it to the nightingale,  
 If there his darling rose is not?<sup>1</sup>  
 In vain the Valley's smiling throng  
 Worship him, as he moves along;  
 He heeds them not — one smile of hers  
 Is worth a world of worshippers.  
 They but the Star's adorers are,  
 She is the Heav'n that lights the Star!

Hence is it, too, that NOURMAHAL,  
 Amid the luxuries of this hour,  
 Far from the joyous festival,  
 Sits in her own sequester'd bower,  
 With no one near, to soothe or aid,  
 But that inspir'd and wondrous maid,  
 NAMOUNA, the Enchantress; — one,  
 O'er whom his race the golden sun  
 For unremember'd years has run,  
 Yet never saw her blooming brow  
 Younger or fairer than 'tis now.  
 Nay, rather, — as the west wind's sigh  
 Freshens the flower it passes by, —  
 Time's wing but seem'd, in stealing o'er,  
 To leave her lovelier than before.  
 Yet on her smiles a sadness hung,  
 And when, as oft, she spoke or sung  
 Of other worlds, there came a light  
 From her dark eyes so strangely bright,  
 That all believ'd nor man nor earth  
 Were conscious of NAMOUNA's birth!  
 All spells and talismans she knew,  
 From the great Mantra,<sup>2</sup> which around  
 The Air's sublimer Spirits drew,  
 To the gold gems<sup>3</sup> of AFRIC,  
 Upon the wandering Arab's arm,  
 To keep him from the Siltim's<sup>4</sup> harm.  
 And she had pledg'd her powerful art, —  
 Pledg'd it with all the zeal and heart  
 Of one who knew, though high her sphere,  
 What 'twas to lose a love so dear, —  
 To find some spell that should recall  
 Her Selim's<sup>5</sup> smile to NOURMAHAL!

1 "You may place a hundred handfuls of fragrant herbs and flowers before the nightingale, yet he wishes not, in his constant heart, for more than the sweet breath of his beloved rose." — *Jami*.

2 "He is said to have found the great *Mantra*, spell or talisman, through which he ruled over the elements and spirits of all denominations." — *Wilford*.

3 "The gold jewels of Jinnie, which are called by the Arabs *El Herrez*, from the supposed charm they contain." — *Jackson*.

4 "A demon, supposed to haunt woods, &c. in a human shape." — *Richardson*.

'Twas midnight — through the lattice, wreath'd  
 With woodbine, many a perfume breath'd  
 From plants that wake when others sleep,  
 From timid jasmine buds, that keep  
 Their odor to themselves all day,  
 But, when the sunlight dies away,  
 Let the delicious secret out  
 To every breeze that roams about; —  
 When thus NAMOUNA: — 'Tis the hour  
 "That scatters spells on herb and flower,  
 "And garlands might be gather'd now,  
 "That, twin'd around the sleeper's brow,  
 "Would make him dream of such delights,  
 "Such miracles and dazzling sights,  
 "As Genii of the Sun behold,  
 "At evening, from their tents of gold  
 "Upon th' horizon — where they play  
 "Till twilight comes, and, ray by ray,  
 "Their sunny mansions melt away. —  
 "Now, too, a chaplet might be wreath'd  
 "Of buds o'er which the moon has breath'd,  
 "Which worn by her, whose love has stray'd,  
 "Might bring some Peri from the skies,  
 "Some sprite, whose very soul is made  
 "Of flow'rets' breaths and lovers' sighs,  
 "And who might tell —"

"For me, for me,"

Cried NOURMAHAL impatiently, —  
 "O, twine that wreath for me to-night."  
 Then, rapidly, with foot as light  
 As the young musk roe's, out she flew,  
 To cull each shining leaf that grew  
 Beneath the moonlight's hallowing beams,  
 For this enchanted Wreath of Dreams.  
 Anemones and Seas of Gold,<sup>6</sup>  
 And new-blown lilies of the river,  
 And those sweet flow'rets, that unfold  
 Their buds on CAMADEVA's quiver;<sup>7</sup> —  
 The tube rose, with her silvery light,  
 That in the Gardens of Malay  
 Is call'd the Mistress of the Night,<sup>8</sup>  
 So like a bride, scented and bright,  
 She comes out when the sun's away; —

5 The name of Jehanguir before his accession to the throne.

6 "Hemasagara, or the Sea of Gold, with flowers of the brightest gold color." — *Sir W. Jones*.

7 "This tree (the Nagacesara) is one of the most delightful on earth, and the delicious odor of its blossoms justly gives them a place in the quiver of Camadeva, or the God of Love." — *Id.*

8 "The Malaysans style the tube rose (*Pollanthes tuberosa*) *Sandal Malam*, or the *Mistress of the Night*." — *Pennant*.









Amaranths, such as crown the maids  
 That wander through ZAMARA'S shades; <sup>1</sup> —  
 And the white moon flower, as it shows,  
 On SERENDIB'S high crags, to those  
 Who near the isle at evening sail,  
 Scenting her clove trees in the gale;  
 In short, all flow'rets and all plants,  
 From the divine Amrita tree, <sup>2</sup>  
 That blesses heaven's inhabitants  
 With fruits of immortality,  
 Down to the basil tuft, <sup>3</sup> that waves,  
 Its fragrant blossom over graves,  
 And to the humble rosemary,  
 Whose sweets so thanklessly are shed  
 To scent the desert <sup>4</sup> and the dead: —  
 All in that garden bloom, and all  
 Are gather'd by young NOURMAHAL,  
 Who heaps her baskets with the flowers  
 And leaves, till they can hold no more;  
 Then to NAMOUNA flies, and showers  
 Upon her lap the shining store.  
 With what delight th' Enchantress views  
 So many buds, bath'd with the dews  
 And beams of that bless'd hour! — her glance  
 Spoke something, past all mortal pleasures,  
 As, in a kind of holy trance,  
 She hung above those fragrant treasures,  
 Bending to drink their balmy airs,  
 As if she mix'd her soul with theirs.  
 And 'twas, indeed, the perfume shed  
 From flow'rs and scented flame, that fed  
 Her charmed life — for none had e'er  
 Beheld her taste of mortal fare,  
 Nor ever in aught earthly dip,  
 But the morn's dew, her roscate lip.  
 Fill'd with the cool, inspiring smell,  
 Th' Enchantress now begins her spell,

<sup>1</sup> The people of the Batta country in Sumatra (of which Zamara is one of the ancient names), "when not engaged in war, lead an idle, inactive life, passing the day in playing on a kind of flute, crowned with garlands of flowers, among which the globe amaranthus, a native of the country, mostly prevails." — *Marsden*.

<sup>2</sup> "The largest and richest sort (of the Jambu or rose apple) is called Amrita, or immortal, and the mythologists of Tibet apply the same word to a celestial tree, bearing ambrosial fruit." — *Sir W. Jones*.

<sup>3</sup> Sweet basil, called Rayhan in Persia, and generally found in churchyards.

<sup>4</sup> "The women in Egypt go, at least two days in the week, to pray and weep at the sepulchres of the dead; and the custom then is to throw upon the tombs a sort of herb, which the Arabs call *rihan*, and which is our sweet basil." — *Maillet*, Lett. 10.

<sup>5</sup> "In the Great Desert are found many stalks of lavender and rosemary" — *Asiatic Res.*

Thus singing as she winds and weaves  
 In mystic form the glittering leaves: —

I know where the winged visions dwell  
 That around the night bed play;  
 I know each herb and flow'ret's bell,  
 Where they hide their wings by day.  
 Then hasten we, maid,  
 To twine our braid,  
 To-morrow the dreams and flowers will fade.

The image of love, that nightly flies  
 To visit the bashful maid,  
 Steals from the jasmine flower, that sighs  
 Its soul, like her, in the shade.  
 The dream of a future, happier hour,  
 That alights on misery's brow,  
 Springs out of the silvery almond flower,  
 That blooms on a leafless bough. <sup>5</sup>  
 Then hasten we, maid,  
 To twine our braid,  
 To-morrow the dreams and flowers will fade.

The visions, that oft to worldly eyes  
 The glitter of mines unfold,  
 Inhabit the mountain herb, <sup>6</sup> that dyes  
 The tooth of the fawn like gold.  
 The phantom shapes — O touch not them  
 That appall the murderer's sight,  
 Lurk in the fleshly mandrake's stem,  
 That shrieks, when pluck'd at night!  
 Then hasten we, maid,  
 To twine our braid,  
 To-morrow the dreams and flowers will fade.

The dream of the injur'd, patient mind,  
 That smiles at the wrongs of men,

<sup>5</sup> "The almond tree, with white flowers, blossoms on the bare branches." — *Hasselquist*.

<sup>6</sup> An herb on Mount Libanus, which is said to communicate a yellow golden hue to the teeth of the goats and other animals that graze upon it.

*Niebuhr* thinks this may be the herb which the Eastern alchemists look to as a means of making gold. "Most of those alchemical enthusiasts think themselves sure of success, if they could but find out the herb, which gilds the teeth and gives a yellow color to the flesh of the sheep that eat it. Even the oil of this plant must be of a golden color. It is called *Hashischat ed dab*."

Father Jerom Dandini, however, asserts that the teeth of the goats at Mount Libanus are of a silver color; and adds, "this confirms me that which I observed in Candia; to wit, that the animals that live on Mount Ida eat a certain herb, which renders their teeth of a golden color; which, according to my judgment, cannot otherwise proceed than from the mines which are under ground." — *Dandini, Voyage to Mount Libanus*.

Is found in the bruise'd and wounded rind  
 Of the cinnamon, sweetest then.  
 Then hasten we, maid,  
 To twine our braid,  
 To-morrow the dreams and flowers will fade.

No sooner was the flowery crown  
 Placed on her head, than sleep came down,  
 Gently as nights of summer fall,  
 Upon the lids of NOURMAHAL; —  
 And, suddenly, a tuneful breeze,  
 As full of small, rich harmonies  
 As ever wind, that o'er the tents  
 Of AZAB' blew, was full of scents,  
 Steals on her ear, and floats and swells,  
 Like the first air of morning creeping  
 Into those wreathy, Red Sea shells,  
 Where Love himself, of old, lay sleeping; <sup>2</sup>  
 And now a Spirit form'd, 'twould seem,  
 Of music and of light, — so fair,  
 So brilliantly his features beam,  
 And such a sound is in the air  
 Of sweetness when he waves his wings, —  
 Hovers around her, and thus sings :

From CHINDARA'S <sup>3</sup> warbling fount I come,  
 Call'd by that moonlight garland's spell;  
 From CHINDARA'S fount, my fairy home,  
 Where in music, morn and night, I dwell.  
 Where lutes in the air are heard about,  
 And voices are singing the whole day  
 long,  
 And every sigh the heart breathes out  
 Is turn'd, as it leaves the lips, to song!  
 Hither I come  
 From my fairy home,  
 And if there's a magic in Music's strain,  
 I swear by the breath  
 Of that moonlight wreath,  
 Thy Lover shall sigh at thy feet again.

1 The myrrh country.

2 "This idea (of deities living in shells) was not unknown to the Greeks, who represent the young Nereides, one of the Cupids, as living in shells on the shores of the Red Sea." — *Wilford*.

3 "A fabulous fountain, where instruments are said to be constantly playing." — *R. Richardson*.

4 "The Pompadour pigeon is the species, which, by carrying the fruit of the cinnamon to different places, is a great disseminator of this valuable tree." — See *Brown's* Illustr. Tab. 19.

5 "Whenever our pleasure arises from a succession of sounds, it is a perception of a complicated nature, made up of a sensation of the present sound or note, and an idea or remembrance of the foregoing, while their mixture and con-

For mine is the lay that lightly floats,  
 And mine are the murmuring, dying notes,  
 That fall as soft as snow on the sea,  
 And melt in the heart as instantly: —  
 And the passionate strain that, deeply going,  
 Refines the bosom it trembles through,  
 As the musk wind, over the water blowing,  
 Ruffles the wave, but sweetens it too.

Mine is the charm, whose mystic sway  
 The Spirits of past Delight obey; —  
 Let but the tuneful talisman sound,  
 And they come, like Genii, hovering round.  
 And mine is the gentle song that bears  
 From soul to soul, the wishes of love,  
 As a bird, that wafts through genial airs  
 The cinnamon seed from grove to grove.<sup>4</sup>

'Tis I that mingle in one sweet measure  
 The past, the present, and future of pleasure; <sup>5</sup>  
 When Memory links the tone that is gone  
 With the blissful tone that's still in the  
 ear;  
 And Hope from a heavenly note flies on  
 To a note more heavenly still that is near.

The warrior's heart, when touch'd by me,  
 Can as downy soft and as yielding be  
 As his own white plume, that high amid death  
 Through the field has shone — yet moves with  
 a breath!

And, O, how the eyes of Beauty glisten,  
 When Music has reach'd her inward soul,  
 Like the silent stars, that wink and listen  
 While Heaven's eternal melodies roll.  
 So, hither I come  
 From my fairy home,  
 And if there's a magic in Music's strain,  
 I swear by the breath  
 Of that moonlight wreath,  
 Thy Lover shall sigh at thy feet again.

currence produce such a mysterious delight, as neither could have produced alone. And it is often heightened by an anticipation of the succeeding notes. Thus Sense, Memory, and Imagination, are conjunctively employed." — *Gervard* on Taste.

This is exactly the Epicurean theory of Pleasure, as explained by Cicero: — "Quocirca corpus gaudere tandem, dum presentem sentiret voluptatem: animum et presentem percipere pariter cum corpore et prospicere venientem, nec prateritam praterfluere sinere."

Madame de Staël accounts upon the same principle for the gratification we derive from rhyme: — "Elle est l'image de l'espérance et du souvenir. Un son nous fait désirer celui qui doit lui répondre, et quand le second retentit il nous rappelle celui qui vient de nous échapper."

Tis dawn — at least that earlier dawn,  
Whose glimpses are again withdrawn,<sup>1</sup>  
As if the morn had wak'd, and then  
Shut close her lids of light again.

And Nourmahal is up, and trying

The wonders of her lute, whose strings —  
O, bliss ! — now murmur like the sighing

From that ambrosial Spirit's wings.  
And then, her voice — 'tis more than human —  
Never, till now, had it been given  
To lips of any mortal woman

To utter notes so fresh from heaven ;  
Sweet as the breath of angel sighs,  
When angel sighs are most divine. —

“ O, let it last till night,” she cries,  
“ And he is more than ever mine.”

And hourly she renews the lay,  
So fearful lest its heavenly sweetness  
Should, ere the evening, fade away, —

For things so heavenly have such fleet-  
ness !

But, far from fading, it but grows  
Richer, diviner as it flows ;

Till rapt she dwells on every string,  
And pours again each sound along,

Like echo, lost and languishing,  
In love with her own wondrous song.

That evening, (trusting that his soul  
Might be from haunting love releas'd

<sup>1</sup> “ The Persians have two mornings, the Soobhi Kazim and the Soobhi Sadig, the false and the real daybreak. They account for this phenomenon in a most whimsical manner. They say that as the sun rises from behind the Kohi Qaf (Mount Caucasus), it passes a hole perforated through that mountain, and that darting its rays through it, it is the cause of the Soobhi Kazim, or this temporary appearance of daybreak. As it ascends, the earth is again veiled in darkness, until the sun rises above the mountain, and brings with it the Soobhi Sadig, or real morning.” — *Scott Waring*. He thinks Milton may allude to this, when he says, —

“ Ere the blabbing Eastern scout,  
The nice morn on the Indian steep  
From her cabin'd loophole peep.”

<sup>2</sup> “ In the centre of the plain, as it approaches the Lake, one of the Delhi Emperors, I believe Shah Jehan, constructed a spacious garden called the Shalimar, which is abundantly stored with fruit trees and flowering shrubs. Some of the rivulets which intersect the plain are led into a canal at the back of the garden, and flowing through its centre, or occasionally thrown into a variety of waterworks, compose the chief beauty of the Shalimar. To decorate this spot the Mogul Princes of India have displayed an equal magnificence and taste ; especially Jehan Gheer, who, with the enchanting Noor Mahl, made Kashmir his usual residence during the summer months. On arches thrown over the canal are erected, at equal distances, four or five suits of apartments, each consisting of a saloon, with four rooms at

By mirth, by music, and the bowl,)

Th' Imperial SELIM held a feast  
In his magnificent Shalimar : <sup>2</sup> —  
In whose Saloons, when the first star  
Of evening o'er the waters trembled,  
The Valley's loveliest all assembled ;  
All the bright creatures that, like dreams,  
Glide through its foliage, and drink beams  
Of beauty from its founts and streams ; <sup>3</sup>  
And all those wandering minstrel maids,  
Who leave — how *can* they leave ? — the shades  
Of that dear Valley, and are found  
Singing in gardens of the South <sup>4</sup>  
Those songs, that ne'er so sweetly sound  
As from a young Cashmerian's mouth.

There, too, the Harem's inmates smile ; —

Maids from the West, with sun-bright hair,  
And from the Garden of the Nile,  
Delicate as the roses there ; <sup>5</sup> —

Daughters of Love from Cyprus' rocks,  
With Paphian diamonds in their locks ; <sup>6</sup> —

Light PERI forms, such as there are  
On the gold meads of CANDAHAR ; <sup>7</sup>  
And they, before whose sleepy eyes,

In their own bright Kathaian bowers,  
Sparkle such rainbow butterflyes,  
That they might fancy the rich flowers,  
That round them in the sun lay sighing,  
Had been by magic all set flying. <sup>8</sup>

the angles, where the followers of the court attend, and the servants prepare sherbets, coffee, and the hookah. The frame of the doors of the principal saloon is composed of pieces of a stone of a black color, streaked with yellow lines, and of a closer grain and higher polish than porphyry. They were taken, it is said, from a Hindoo temple, by one of the Mogul princes, and are esteemed of great value.” — *Forster*.

<sup>3</sup> “ The waters of Cachemir are the more renowned from its being supposed that the Cachemirians are indebted for their beauty to them.” — *Ali Yezdi*.

<sup>4</sup> “ From him I received the following little GAZZEL, or Love Song, the notes of which he committed to paper from the voice of one of those singing girls of Cashmere, who wander from that delightful valley over the various parts of India.” — *Persian Miscellanies*.

<sup>5</sup> “ The roses of the Jinan Nile, or Garden of the Nile (attached to the Emperor of Morocco's palace), are unequalled and mattresses are made of their leaves for the men of rank to recline upon.” — *Jackson*.

<sup>6</sup> “ On the side of a mountain near Paphos there is a cavern which produces the most beautiful rock crystal. On account of its brilliancy it has been called the Paphian diamond.” — *Mariti*.

<sup>7</sup> “ There is a part of Candahar, called Peria, or Fairyland.” — *Thevenot*. In some of those countries to the north of India vegetable gold is supposed to be produced.

<sup>8</sup> “ These are the butterflyes which are called in the Chinese language Flying Leaves. Some of them have such

Every thing young, every thing fair  
 From East and West is blushing there,  
 Except — except — O, NOURMAHAL!  
 Thou loveliest, dearest of them all,  
 The one, whose smile shone out alone,  
 Amidst a world the only one;  
 'Whose light, among so many lights,  
 Was like that star on starry nights,  
 The seaman singles from the sky,  
 To steer his bark forever by!  
 Thou wert not there — so SELIM thought,  
 And every thing seem'd drear without  
 thee;

But, ah! thou wert, thou wert, — and brought  
 Thy charm of song all fresh about thee.  
 Mingling unnotic'd with a band  
 Of lutanists from many a land,  
 And veil'd by such a mask as shades  
 The features of young Arab maids,<sup>1</sup> —  
 A mask that leaves but one eye free,  
 To do its best in witchery, —  
 She rov'd, with beating heart, around,  
 And waited, trembling, for the minute,  
 When she might try if still the sound  
 Of her lov'd lute had magic in it.

The board was spread with fruits and wine;  
 With grapes of gold, like those that shine  
 On CASBIN'S hills;<sup>2</sup> — pomegranates full  
 Of melting sweetness, and the pears,  
 And sunniest apples<sup>3</sup> that CAUBUL  
 In all its thousand gardens<sup>4</sup> bears; —  
 Plantains, the golden and the green,  
 MALAYA'S nectar'd mangusteen;<sup>5</sup>  
 Prunes of BOKARA, and sweet nuts  
 From the far groves of SAMACRAND,  
 And BASRA dates, and apricots,  
 Seed of the SUN,<sup>6</sup> from IRAN'S land; —

shining colors, and are so variegated, that they may be called flying flowers; and indeed they are always produced in the finest flower gardens." — *Dunn*.

1 "The Arabian women wear black masks with little clasps prettily ordered." — *Carreri*. Niebuhr mentions their showing but one eye in conversation.

2 "The golden grapes of Casbin." — *Description of Persia*.

3 "The fruits exported from Caubul are apples, pears, pomegranates," &c. — *Elphinstone*.

4 "We sat down under a tree, listened to the birds, and talked with the son of our Mehmaundar about our country and Caubul, of which he gave an enchanting account: that city and its 100,000 gardens," &c. — *Id.*

5 "The mangusteen, the most delicate fruit in the world; the pride of the Malay islands." — *Marsden*.

6 "A delicious kind of apricot, called by the Persians *tokm-ek-sheins*, signifying sun's seed." — *Description of Persia*.

With rich conserve of Visna cherries,<sup>7</sup>  
 Of orange flowers, and of those berries  
 That, wild and fresh, the young gazelles  
 Feed on in ERAC'S rocky dells.<sup>8</sup>  
 All these in richest vases smile,  
 In baskets of pure santal wood,  
 And urns of porcelain from that isle<sup>9</sup>  
 Sunk underneath the Indian flood,  
 Whence oft the lucky diver brings  
 Vases to grace the halls of kings.  
 Wines, too, of every clime and hue,  
 Around their liquid lustre threw;  
 Amber Rosolli,<sup>10</sup> — the bright dew  
 From vineyards of the Green Sea gushing;<sup>11</sup>  
 And SHIRAZ wine, that richly ran  
 As if that jewel, large and rare,  
 The ruby for which KUBLAI-KHAN  
 Offer'd a city's wealth,<sup>12</sup> was blushing,  
 Melted within the goblets there!

And amply SELIM quaffs of each,  
 And seems resolv'd the flood shall reach  
 His inward heart, — shedding around  
 A genial deluge, as they run,  
 That soon shall leave no spot undrown'd,  
 For Love to rest his wings upon.  
 He little knew how well the boy  
 Can float upon a goblet's streams,  
 Lighting them with his smile of joy; —  
 As bards have seen him in their dreams,  
 Down the blue GANGES laughing glide  
 Upon a rosy lotus wreath,<sup>13</sup>  
 Catching new lustre from the tide  
 That with his image shone beneath.

But what are cups, without the aid  
 Of song to speed them as they flow?

7 "Sweetmeats, in a crystal cup, consisting of rose leaves in conserve, with lemon of Visua cherry, orange flowers," &c. — *Russel*.

8 "Antelopes cropping the fresh berries of Erac." — *The Moallakat*, Poem of Tarafa.

9 "Mauri-ga-Sima, an island near Formosa, supposed to have been sunk in the sea for the crimes of its inhabitants. The vessels which the fishermen and divers bring up from it are sold at an immense price in China and Japan. See *Kempfer*."

10 Persian Tales.

11 The white wine of Kishna.

12 "The King of Zeilan is said to have the very finest ruby that was ever seen. Kublai-Khan sent and offered the value of a city for it, but the King answered he would not give it for the treasure of the world." — *Marco Polo*.

13 The Indians feign that Cupid was first seen floating down the Ganges on the Nymphaea Nelumba. — See *Pen-nant*.



And see — a lovely Georgian maid,  
 With all the bloom, the freshen'd glow  
 Of her own country maidens' looks,  
 When warm they rise from TEFIS' brooks;<sup>1</sup>  
 And with an eye, whose restless ray,  
 Full, floating, dark — O, he, who knows  
 His heart is weak, of Heav'n should pray  
 To guard him from such eyes as those!  
 With a voluptuous wildness flings  
 Her snowy hand across the strings  
 Of a syrinda,<sup>2</sup> and thus sings: —

Come hither, come hither — by night and by day,  
 We linger in pleasures that never are gone;  
 Like the waves of the summer, as one dies away,  
 Another as sweet and as shining comes on.  
 And the love that is o'er, in expiring, gives birth  
 To a new one as warm, as unequall'd in  
 bliss;  
 And, O, if there be an Elysium on earth,  
 It is this, it is this.<sup>3</sup>

Here maidens are sighing, and fragrant their  
 sigh  
 As the flower of the Amra just op'd by a bee;<sup>4</sup>  
 And precious their tears as that rain from the  
 sky,<sup>5</sup>  
 Which turns into pearls as it falls in the sea.  
 O, think what the kiss and the smile must be  
 worth  
 When the sigh and the tear are so perfect in  
 bliss,  
 And own if there be an Elysium on earth,  
 It is this, it is this.

Here sparkles the nectar, that, hallow'd by love,  
 Could draw down those angels of old from  
 their sphere,  
 Who for wine of this earth<sup>6</sup> left the fountains  
 above,  
 And forgot heaven's stars for the eyes we  
 have here.  
 And, bless'd with the odor our goblet gives forth,  
 What Spirit the sweets of his Eden would  
 miss?  
 For, O, if there be an Elysium on earth,  
 It is this, it is this.

The Georgian's song was scarcely mute,  
 When the same measure, sound for sound,  
 Was caught up by another lute,  
 And so divinely breathed around,  
 That all stood hush'd and wondering,  
 And turn'd and look'd into the air,  
 As if they thought to see the wing  
 Of ISRAFIL,<sup>7</sup> the Angel, there; —  
 So powerfully on every soul  
 That new, enchanted measure stole.  
 While now a voice, sweet as the note  
 Of the charm'd lute, was heard to float  
 Along its chords, and so intwine  
 Its sounds with theirs, that none knew whether  
 The voice or lute was most divine,  
 So wondrously they went together: —

There's a bliss beyond all that the minstrel has  
 told,  
 When two, that are link'd in one heavenly tie,  
 With heart never changing, and brow never cold,  
 Love on through all ills, and love on till they  
 die!  
 One hour of a passion so sacred is worth  
 Whole ages of heartless and wandering bliss;  
 And, O, if there be an Elysium on earth  
 It is this, it is this.

'Twas not the air, 'twas not the words,  
 But that deep magic in the chords  
 And in the lips, that gave such power  
 As Music knew not till that hour.  
 At once a hundred voices said,  
 "It is the mask'd Arabian maid!"  
 While SELIM, who had felt the strain  
 Deepest of any, and had lain  
 Some minutes rapt, as in a trance,  
 After the fairy sounds were o'er,  
 Too inly touch'd for utterance,  
 Now motion'd with his hand for more:

Fly to the desert, fly with me,  
 Our Arab tents are rude for thee;  
 But, O, the choice what heart can doubt,  
 Of tents with love, or thrones without?  
 Our rocks are rough, but smiling there  
 The acacia waves her yellow hair,

<sup>1</sup> Tefis is celebrated for its natural warm baths. — See *Ebn Haukal*.

<sup>2</sup> "The Indian Syrinda, or guitar." — *Symez*.

<sup>3</sup> "Around the exterior of the Dewan Khafs (a building of Shah Allum's) in the cornice are the following lines in letters of gold upon a ground of white marble — 'If there be a paradise upon earth, it is this, it is this.'" — *Franklin*.

<sup>4</sup> "Delightful are the flowers of the Amra trees on the

mountain tops, while the murmuring bees pursue their voluptuous toil." — *Song of Joyadeva*.

<sup>5</sup> "The Nisan or drops of spring rain, which they believe to produce pearls if they fall into shells." — *Richardson*.

<sup>6</sup> For an account of the share which wine had in the fall of the angels, see *Mariti*.

<sup>7</sup> The Angel of Music See note 1 p. 434, of this edition

Lonely and sweet, nor lov'd the less  
For flowering in a wilderness.

Our sands are bare, but down their slope  
The silvery-footed antelope  
As gracefully and gayly springs  
As o'er the marble courts of kings.

Then come — thy Arab maid will be  
The lov'd and lone acacia tree,  
The antelope, whose feet shall bless  
With their light sound thy loneliness.

O, there are looks and tones that dart  
An instant sunshine through the heart, —  
As if the soul that minute caught  
Some treasure it through life had sought;

As if the very lips and eyes,  
Predestin'd to have all our sighs,  
And never be forgot again,  
Sparkled and spoke before us then!

So came thy every glance and tone,  
When first on me they breath'd and shone;  
New, as if brought from other spheres,  
Yet welcome as if lov'd for years.

Then fly with me, if thou hast known  
No other flame, nor falsely thrown  
A gem away, that thou hadst sworn  
Should ever in thy heart be worn.

Come, if the love thou hast for me  
Is pure and fresh as mine for thee, —  
Fresh as the fountain under ground,  
When first 'tis by the lapwing found.<sup>1</sup>

But if for me thou dost forsake  
Some other maid, and rudely break  
Her worshipp'd image from its base,  
To give to me the ruin'd place; —

Then, fare thee well — I'd rather make  
My bower upon some icy lake  
When thawing suns begin to shine,  
Than trust to love so false as thine!

There was a pathos in this lay,  
That, ev'n without enchantment's art,  
Would instantly have found its way  
Deep into SELIM'S burning heart;

<sup>1</sup> The Hudhud, or Lapwing, is supposed to have the power of discovering water under ground.

But, breathing, as it did, a tone  
To carthy lutes and lips unknown;  
With every chord fresh from the touch  
Of Music's Spirit, — 'twas too much!  
Starting, he dash'd away the cup, —

Which, all the time of this sweet air,  
His hand had held, untasted, up,  
As if 'twere fix'd by magic there, —  
And naming her, so long unnam'd,  
So long unseen, wildly exclaim'd,  
"O NOURMAHAL! O NOURMAHAL!

"Hadst thou but sung this witching strain,  
"I could forget — forgive thee all,  
"And never leave those eyes again."

The mask is off — the charm is wrought —  
And Selim to his heart has caught,  
In blushes, more than ever bright,  
His NOURMAHAL, his Harem's Light!  
And well do vanish'd frowns enhance  
The charm of every brighten'd glance;  
And dearer seems each dawning smile  
For having lost its light a while;  
And, happier now for all her sighs,  
As on his arm her head reposes,  
She whispers him, with laughing eyes,  
"Remember, love, the Feast of Roses!"

FADLADEEN, at the conclusion of this light rhapsody, took occasion to sum up his opinion of the young Cashmerian's poetry, — of which, he trusted, they had that evening heard the last. Having recapitulated the epithets, "frivolous" — "inharmonious" — "nonsensical," he proceeded to say that, viewing it in the most favorable light, it resembled one of those Maldivian boats, to which the Princess had alluded in the relation of her dream,<sup>2</sup> — a slight, gilded thing, sent adrift without rudder or ballast, and with nothing but vapid sweets and faded flowers on board. The profusion, indeed, of flowers and birds, which this poet had ready on all occasions, — not to mention dews, gems, &c. — was a most oppressive kind of opulence to his hearers; and had the unlucky effect of giving to his style all the glitter of the flower garden without its method, and all the flutter of the aviary without its song. In addition to this, he chose his subjects badly, and was always most inspired by the worst parts of them. The

<sup>2</sup> See p. 424 of this edition.

charms of paganism, the merits of rebellion, — these were the themes honored with his particular enthusiasm; and, in the poem just recited, one of his most palatable passages was in praise of that beverage of the Unfaithful, wine; — “being, perhaps,” said he, relaxing into a smile, as conscious of his own character in the Harem on this point, “one of those bards, whose fancy owes all its illumination to the grape, like that painted porcelain,<sup>1</sup> so curious and so rare, whose images are only visible when liquor is poured into it.” Upon the whole, it was his opinion, from the specimens which they had heard, and which, he begged to say, were the most tiresome part of the journey, that — whatever other merits this well-dressed young gentleman might possess — poetry was by no means his proper avocation: “and, indeed,” concluded the critic, “from his fondness for flowers and for birds, I would venture to suggest that a florist or a bird catcher is a much more suitable calling for him than a poet.”

They had now begun to ascend those barren mountains, which separate Cashmere from the rest of India; and, as the heats were intolerable, and the time of their encampments limited to the few hours necessary for refreshment and repose, there was an end to all their delightful evenings, and LALLA ROOKH saw no more of FERAMORZ. She now felt that her short dream of happiness was over, and that she had nothing but the recollection of its few blissful hours, like the one draught of sweet water that serves the camel across the wilderness, to be her heart's refreshment during the dreary waste of life that was before her. The blight that had fallen upon her spirits soon found its way to her cheek,

and her ladies saw with regret — though not without some suspicion of the cause — that the beauty of their mistress, of which they were almost as proud as of their own, was fast vanishing away at the very moment of all when she had most need of it. What must the King of Bucharia feel, when, instead of the live and beautiful LALLA ROOKH, whom the poets of Delhi had described as more perfect than the divinest images in the house of Azor,<sup>2</sup> he should receive a pale and inanimate victim, upon whose cheek neither health nor pleasure bloomed, and from whose eyes Love had fled, — to hide himself in her heart?

If any thing could have charmed away the melancholy of her spirits, it would have been the fresh airs and enchanting scenery of that Valley, which the Persians so justly called the Unequaled.<sup>3</sup> But neither the coolness of its atmosphere, so luxurious after toiling up those bare and burning mountains, — neither the splendor of the minarets and pagodas, that shone out from the depth of its woods, nor the grottoes, hermitages, and miraculous fountains,<sup>4</sup> which make every spot of that region holy ground, — neither the countless waterfalls, that rush into the Valley from all those high and romantic mountains that encircle it, nor the fair city on the Lake, whose houses, roofed with flowers,<sup>5</sup> appeared at a distance like one vast and variegated parterre; — not all these wonders and glories of the most lovely country under the sun could steal her heart for a minute from those sad thoughts, which but darkened, and grew bitter every step she advanced.

The gay pomps and processions that met her

1 “The Chinese had formerly the art of painting on the sides of porcelain vessels fish and other animals, which were only perceptible when the vessel was full of some liquor. They call this species Kia-tsin, that is, *azure is put in vessels*, on account of the manner in which the azure is laid on.” — “They are every now and then trying to recover the art of this magical painting, but to no purpose.” — *Dunn*.

2 An eminent carver of idols, said in the Koran to be father to Abraham. “I have such a lovely idol as is not to be met with in the house of Azor.” — *Hafiz*.

3 Kachniré be Nazeer. — *Forster*.

4 “The pardonable superstition of the sequestered inhabitants has multiplied the places of worship of Mahadeo, of Beschán, and of Brama. All Cashmire is holy land, and miraculous fountains abound.” — *Major Rennel's Memoirs of a Map of Hindostan*.

Jehangure mentions “a fountain in Cashmire called Tir-nagh, which signifies a snake, probably because some large

snake had formerly been seen there.” — “During the lifetime of my father, I went twice to this fountain, which is about twenty coss from the city of Cashmire. The vestiges of places of worship and sanctity are to be traced without number amongst the ruins and the caves, which are interspersed in its neighborhood.” — *Toozek Jehangeery*. — v. *Asiat. Misc.* vol. ii.

There is another account of Cashmire by Abul-Fazil, the author of the *Ayin-Acbaree*, “who,” says *Major Rennel*, “appears to have caught some of the enthusiasm of the valley, by his description of the holy places in it.”

5 “On a standing roof of wood is laid a covering of fine earth, which shelters the building from the great quantity of snow that falls in the winter season. This fence communicates an equal warmth in winter, as a refreshing coolness in the summer season, when the tops of the houses, which are planted with a variety of flowers, exhibit at a distance the spacious view of a beautifully checkered parterre.” — *Forster*.

upon her entrance into the Valley, and the magnificence with which the roads all along were decorated, did honor to the taste and gallantry of the young King, It was night when they approached the city, and, for the last two miles, they had passed under arches, thrown from hedge to hedge, festooned with only those rarest roses from which the Attar Gul, more precious than gold, is distilled, and illuminated in rich and fanciful forms with lanterns of the triple-colored tortoise shell of Pegu.<sup>1</sup> Sometimes, from a dark wood by the side of the road, a display of fireworks would break out, so sudden and so brilliant, that a Brahmin might fancy he beheld that grove, in whose purple shade the God of Battles was born, bursting into a flame at the moment of his birth; — while, at other times, a quick and playful irradiation continued to brighten all the fields and gardens by which they passed, forming a line of dancing lights along the horizon; like the meteors of the north as they are seen by those hunters,<sup>2</sup> who pursue the white and blue foxes on the confines of the Icy Sea.

These arches and fireworks delighted the Ladies of the Princess exceedingly; and, with their usual good logic, they deduced from his taste for illuminations, that the King of Bucharia would make the most exemplary husband imaginable. Nor, indeed, could LALLA ROOKH herself help feeling the kindness and splendor with which the young bridegroom welcomed her; — but she also felt how painful is the gratitude, which kindness from those we cannot love excites; and that their best blandishments come over the heart with all that chilling and deadly sweetness, which we can fancy in the cold, odoriferous wind<sup>3</sup> that is to blow over this earth in the last days.

The marriage was fixed for the morning after her arrival, when she was, for the first time, to be presented to the monarch in that Imperial Palace beyond the lake, called the Shalimar. Though never before had a night of more wakeful and anxious thought been passed in the Happy Valley, yet, when she rose in the morn-

ing, and her Ladies came around her, to assist in the adjustment of the bridal ornaments, they thought they had never seen her look half so beautiful. What she had lost of the bloom and radiancy of her charms was more than made up by that intellectual expression, that soul beaming forth from the eyes, which is worth all the rest of loveliness. When they had tinged her fingers with the Henna leaf, and placed upon her brow a small coronet of jewels, of the shape worn by the ancient Queens of Bucharia, they flung over her head the rose-colored bridal veil, and she proceeded to the barge that was to convey her across the lake; — first kissing, with a mournful look, the little amulet of carnelian, which her father at parting had hung about her neck.

The morning was as fresh and fair as the maid on whose nuptials it rose, and the shining lake, all covered with boats, the minstrels playing upon the shores of the islands, and the crowded summer houses on the green hills around, with shawls and banners waving from their roofs, presented such a picture of animated rejoicing, as only she, who was the object of it all, did not feel with transport. To LALLA ROOKH alone it was a melancholy pageant; nor could she have even borne to look upon the scene, were it not for a hope that, among the crowds around, she might once more perhaps catch a glimpse of FERAMORZ. So much was her imagination haunted by this thought, that there was scarcely an islet or boat she passed on the way, at which her heart did not flutter with the momentary fancy that he was there. Happy, in her eyes, the humblest slave upon whom the light of his dear looks fell! — In the barge immediately after the Princess sat FADLADEEN with his silken curtains thrown widely apart, that all might have the benefit of his august presence, and with his head full of the speech he was to deliver to the King, “concerning FERAMORZ, and literature, and the Chabuk, as connected therewith.”

They now had entered the canal which leads from the Lake to the splendid domes and saloons of the Shalimar, and went gliding on through the

<sup>1</sup> “Two hundred slaves there are, who have no other office than to hunt the woods and marshes for triple-colored tortoises for the King’s Vivary. Of the shells of these also lanterns are made.” — *Vincent le Blanc’s Travels*.

<sup>2</sup> For a description of the Aurora Borealis as it appears to these hunters, v. *Encyclopædia*.

<sup>3</sup> This wind, which is to blow from Syria Damascena, is,

according to the Mahometans, one of the signs of the Last Day’s approach.

Another of the signs is, “Great distress in the world, so that a man when he passes by another’s grave shall say Would to God I were in his place!” — *Salé’s Preliminary Discourse*.



gardens that ascended from each bank, full of flowering shrubs that made the air all perfume; while from the middle of the canal rose jets of water, smooth and unbroken, to such a dazzling height, that they stood like tall pillars of diamond in the sunshine. After sailing under the arches of various saloons, they at length arrived at the last and most magnificent, where the monarch awaited the coming of his bride; and such was the agitation of her heart and frame, that it was with difficulty she could walk up the marble steps, which were covered with cloth of gold for her ascent from the barge. At the end of the hall stood two thrones, as precious as the Cerulean Throne of Coolburga,<sup>1</sup> on one of which sat ALRIS, the youthful King of Bucharia, and on the other was, in a few minutes, to be placed the most beautiful Princess in the world. Immediately upon the entrance of LALLA ROOKH into the saloon, the monarch descended from his throne to meet her; but scarcely had he time to take her hand in his, when she screamed with surprise, and fainted at his feet. It was FERAMORZ himself that stood before her!—FERAMORZ was, himself, the Sovereign of Bucharia, who in this disguise had accompanied his young bride from Delhi, and, having won

her love as an humble minstrel, now amply deserved to enjoy it as a King.

The consternation of FADLADEEN at this discovery was, for the moment, almost pitiable. But change of opinion is a resource too convenient in courts for this experienced courtier not to have learned to avail himself of it. His criticisms were all, of course, recanted instantly: he was seized with an admiration of the King's verses, as unbounded as, he begged him to believe, it was disinterested; and the following week saw him in possession of an additional place, swearing by all the Saints of Islam that never had there existed so great a poet as the Monarch ALRIS, and, moreover, ready to prescribe his favorite regimen of the Chabuk for every man, woman, and child that dared to think otherwise.

Of the happiness of the King and Queen of Bucharia, after such a beginning, there can be but little doubt; and, among the lesser symptoms, it is recorded of LALLA ROOKH, that, to the day of her death, in memory of their delightful journey, she never called the King by any other name than FERAMORZ.

<sup>1</sup> "On Mahommed Shaw's return to Koolburga (the capital of Dekkan), he made a great festival, and mounted this throne with much pomp and magnificence, calling it Firozeh or Cerulean. I have heard some old persons, who saw the throne Firozeh in the reign of Sultan Mamood Bhamenee, describe it. They say that it was in length nine feet, and three in breadth; made of ebony, covered with plates of pure gold, and set with precious stones of immense value. Every prince of the house of Bhamenee, who pos-

sessed this throne, made a point of adding to it some rich stones; so that when in the reign of Sultan Mamood it was taken to pieces, to remove some of the jewels to be set in vases and cups, the jewellers valued it at one corore of oons (nearly four millions sterling). I learned also that it was called Firozeh from being partly enamelled of a sky-blue color, which was in time totally concealed by the number of jewels."—*Ferishta*.

## POLITICAL AND SATIRICAL POEMS.

### LINES ON THE DEATH OF MR. P—RC—V—L.

IN the dirge we sung o'er him no censure was heard,  
Unimbitter'd and free did the teardrop descend;  
We forgot, in that hour, how the statesman had err'd,  
And wept for the husband, the father, and friend.

O, proud was the meed his integrity won,  
And gen'rous indeed were the tears that we shed,  
When, in grief, we forgot all the ill he had done,  
And, though wrong'd by him, living, bewail'd him, when dead.

Even now, if one harsher emotion intrude,  
'Tis to wish he had chosen some lowlier state.



Had known what he was — and, content to be  
*good,*  
 Had ne'er, for our ruin, aspir'd to be *great.*

So, left through their own little orbit to move,  
 His years might have roll'd inoffensive away;  
 His children might still have been bless'd with  
 his love,  
 And England would ne'er have been cursed  
 with his away.

—  
 To the Editor of the *Morning Chronicle.*

Sir,

In order to explain the following Fragment, it is necessary to refer your readers to a late florid description of the Pavilion at Brighton, in the apartments of which, we are told, "FUM, *The Chinese Bird of Royalty,*" is a principal ornament.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.  
 MUM.

#### FUM AND HUM, THE TWO BIRDS OF ROYALTY.

ONE day the Chinese Bird of Royalty, FUM,  
 Thus accosted our own Bird of Royalty, HUM,  
 In that Palace or China shop (Brighton, which  
 is it ?)

Where FUM had just come to pay HUM a short  
 visit. —

Near akin are these Birds, though they differ in  
 nation

(The breed of the HUMs is as old as creation);  
 Both, full-craw'd Legitimates — both, birds of  
 prey,

Both, cackling and ravenous creatures, half way  
 'Twixt the goose and the vulture, like Lord

C—ST—GN.

While FUM deals in Mandarins, Bonzes, Bohea,  
 Peers, Bishops, and Punch, HUM, are sacred to  
 thee!

So congenial their tastes, that, when FUM first  
 did light on

The floor of that grand China warehouse at  
 Brighton,

The lanterns, and dragons, and things round the  
 dome

Were so like what he left, "Gad," says FUM,  
 "I'm at home." —

And when, turning, he saw Bishop L—GE,  
 "Zooks, it is."

Quoth the Bird, "Yes — I know him — a Bonze,  
 by his phiz —

"And that jolly old idol he kneels to so low  
 "Can be none but our roundabout godhead, fat  
 Fo!"

It chanced at this moment, th' Episcopal Prig  
 Was imploring the P—E to dispense with his  
 wig,<sup>1</sup>

Which the Bird, overhearing, flew high o'er his  
 head,

And some TOBIT-like marks of his patronage  
 shed,

Which so dimm'd the poor Dandy's idolatrous  
 eye,

That, while FUM cried "O Fo!" all the court  
 cried "O fie!"

But, a truce to digression; — these Birds of a  
 feather

Thus talk'd, t'other night, on State matters  
 together;

(The P—E just in bed, or about to depart  
 for't,

His legs full of gout, and his arms full of  
 H—RTF—D.)

"I say, HUM," says FUM — FUM, of course,  
 spoke Chinese,

But, bless you, that's nothing — at Brighton one  
 sees

Foreign lingoos and Bishops *translated* with  
 ease —

"I say, HUM, how fares it with Royalty now ?

"Is it *up*? is it *prime*? is it *spooney* — or how?"  
 (The Bird had just taken a flash-man's degree  
 Under B—RR—M—RE, Y—TH, and young  
 Master L—E)

"As for us in Pekin" — here, a dev'l of a din  
 From the bed chamber came, where that long  
 Mandarin,

C—stl—gh (whom FUM calls the *Confucius* of  
 Prose),

Was rehearsing a speech upon Europe's re-  
 pose

To the deep, double bass of the fat Idol's nose.

(*Nota bene* — his Lordship and L—v—RP—L  
 come,

In collateral lines, from the old Mother HUM,  
 C—STL—GH a HUM-bug — L—v—RP—L a  
 HUM-drum.)

The Speech being finished, out rushed  
 C—STL—GH,

Saddled HUM in a hurry, and, whip, spur, away,

<sup>1</sup> In consequence of an old promise, that he should be allowed to wear his own hair, whenever he might be elevated to a Bishopric by his R—H—SS.

Through the regions of air, like a Snip on his  
 hobby,  
 Ne'er paused, till he lighted in St. Stephen's  
 lobby.

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LINES ON THE DEATH OF SH—R—D—N.

Principibus placuisse viris! — HORAT.

Yes, grief will have way — but the fast falling  
 tear

Shall be mingled with deep execrations on  
 those,

Who could bask in that Spirit's meridian career,  
 And yet leave it thus lonely and dark at its  
 close : —

Whose vanity flew round him, only while fed  
 By the odor his fame in its summer time gave ;  
 Whose vanity now, with quick scent for the dead,  
 Like the Ghole of the East, comes to feed at  
 his grave.

O, it sickens the heart to see bosoms so hollow,  
 And spirits so mean in the great and high  
 born ;

To think what a long line of titles may follow  
 The relics of him who died — friendless and  
 lorn !

How proud they can press to the fun'ral array  
 Of one, whom they shunn'd in his sickness  
 and sorrow : —

How bailiffs may seize his last blanket, to-day,  
 Whose pall shall be held up by nobles to-  
 morrow !

And Thou, too, whose life, a sick epicure's dream,  
 Incoherent and gross, even grosser had pass'd,  
 Were it not for that cordial and soul-giving beam,  
 Which his friendship and wit o'er thy noth-  
 ingness cast : —

No, not for the wealth of the land, that supplies  
 thee

With millions to heap upon Foppery's shrine ;  
 No, not for the riches of all who despise thee,  
 Though this would make Europe's whole  
 opulence mine : —

Would I suffer what — ev'n in the heart that  
 thou hast —

All mean as it is — must have consciously  
 burn'd,

When the pittance, which shame had wrung  
 from thee at last,  
 And which found all his wants at an end, was  
 return'd !<sup>1</sup>

"Was *this* then the fate," — future ages will say  
 When *some* names shall live but in history's  
 curse ;

When Truth will be heard, and these Lords of  
 a day  
 Be forgotten as fools, or remember'd as worse ;

"Was this then the fate of that high-gifted man,  
 "The pride of the palace, the bower and the  
 hall,

"The orator, — dramatist, — minstrel, — who  
 ran  
 "Through each mode of the lyre, and was  
 master of all ; —

"Whose mind was an essence, compounded  
 with art

"From the finest and best of all other men's  
 powers ; —

"Who ruled, like a wizard, the world of the  
 heart,

"And could call up its sunshine, or bring  
 down its showers ; —

"Whose humor, as gay as the firefly's light,  
 "Play'd round every subject, and shone as it  
 play'd ; —

"Whose wit, in the combat, as gentle as bright,  
 "Ne'er carried a heartstain away on its  
 blade ; —

"Whose eloquence — bright'ning whatever it  
 tried,

"Whether reason or fancy, the gay or the  
 grave, —

"Was as rapid, as deep, and as brilliant a  
 tide,

"As ever bore Freedom aloft on its wave !"

Yes — such was the man, and so wretched his  
 fate ; —

And thus, sooner or later, shall all have to  
 grieve,

Who waste their morn's dew in the beams of the  
 Great,

And expect 'twill return to refresh them at eve.

<sup>1</sup> The sum was two hundred pounds — offered when  
 Sh—r—d—n could no longer take any sustenance, and de-  
 clined, for him, by his friends.

In the woods of the North there are insects that  
prey  
On the brain of the elk till his very last sigh ;<sup>1</sup>  
O, Genius ! thy patrons, more cruel than they,  
First feed on thy brains, and then leave thee  
to die !

## EPISTLE

FROM

TOM CRIB TO BIG BEN,<sup>2</sup>CONCERNING SOME FOUL PLAY IN A LATE TRANSACTION.<sup>3</sup>"Ahi, mio BEN !" — METASTASIO.<sup>4</sup>

WHAT ! BEN, my old hero, is this your renown ?  
Is *this* the new *go* ? — kick a man when he's down !  
When the foe has knock'd under, to tread on  
him then —  
By the fist of my father, I blush for thee, BEN !  
"Foul ! foul !" all the lads of the Fancy ex-  
claim —  
CHARLEY SHOCK is electrified — BELCHER spits  
flame —  
And MOLYNEUX — ay, even BLACKY<sup>5</sup> cries  
"shame !"

'Time was, when JOHN BULL little difference  
spied  
'Twi'x the foe at his feet, and the friend at his  
side :  
When he found (such his humor in fighting and  
eating)  
His foe, like his beefsteak, the sweeter for  
beating.  
But this comes, Master BEN, of your curs'd for-  
eign notions,  
Your trinkets, wigs, thingumbobs, gold lace and  
lotions ;

<sup>1</sup> Naturalists have observed that, upon dissecting an elk, there was found in its head some *large* flies, with its brain almost eaten away by them. — *History of Poland*.

<sup>2</sup> A nickname given, at this time, to the Pr—ce R—g—t.

<sup>3</sup> Written soon after Bonaparte's transportation to St. Helena.

<sup>4</sup> Tom, I suppose, was "assisted" to this Motto by Mr.

Your Noyaus, Curaçoas, and the Devil knows  
what —

(One swig of *Blue Ruin*<sup>6</sup> is worth the whole  
lot !)

Your great and small *crosses* — (my eyes, what  
a brood !

A *cross-buttock* from *me* would do some of them  
good !)

Which have spoil'd you, till hardly a drop, my  
old porpoise,

Of pure English *claret* is left in your *corpus* ;  
And (as Jim says) the only one trick, good or  
bad,

Of the Fancy you're up to, is *fibbing*, my lad.  
Hence it comes, — BOXIANA, disgrace to thy  
page ! —

Having floor'd, by good luck, the first *swell* of  
the age,

Having conquer'd the *prime one*, that *mill'd* us  
all round,

You kick'd him, old BEN, as he gasp'd on the  
ground !

Ay — just at the time to show spunk, if you'd  
got any —

Kick'd him, and jaw'd him, and *lagg'd*<sup>7</sup> him to  
Botany !

O, shade of the *Cheesemonger*,<sup>8</sup> you, who, alas,  
*Doubled up*, by the dozen, those Mounseers in  
brass,

On that great day of *milling*, when blood lay in  
lakes,

When Kings held the bottle, and Europe the  
stakes,

Look down upon BEN — see him, *dunghill* all o'er,  
Insult the fall'n foe, that can harm him no more !

Out, cowardly *spooney* ! — again and again,  
By the fist of my father, I blush for thee, BEN.

To *show the white feather* is many men's doom,  
But, what of *one feather* ? — BEN shows a *whole*  
*Plume*.

Jackson, who, it is well known, keeps the most learned  
company going.

<sup>6</sup> Names and nicknames of celebrated pugilists at that  
time.

<sup>6</sup> Gin.

<sup>7</sup> Transported.

<sup>8</sup> A Life Guardsman, one of the *Fancy*, who distinguished  
himself, and was killed in the memorable *set-to* at Waterloo.

## THE FUDGE FAMILY IN PARIS.

Le Leggi della Maschera richiedono che una persona mascherata non sia salutata per nome da uno che la conosce algrado il suo travestimento. — CASTIGLIONE.

## PREFACE.

IN what manner the following Epistles came into my hands, it is not necessary for the public to know. It will be seen by Mr. FUDGE's Second Letter, that he is one of those gentlemen whose *Secret Services* in Ireland, under the mild ministry of my Lord C——CH, have been so amply and gratefully remunerated. Like his friend and associate, THOMAS REYNOLDS, Esq., he had retired upon the reward of his honest industry; but has lately been induced to appear again in active life, and superintend the training of that *Delatorian Cohort*, which Lord S—DM—TH, in his wisdom and benevolence, has organized.

Whether Mr. FUDGE, himself, has yet made any discoveries, does not appear from the following pages. But much may be expected from a person of his zeal and sagacity, and, indeed, to *him*, Lord S—DM—TH, and the Greenland-bound ships, the eyes of all lovers of *discoveries* are now most anxiously directed.

I regret much that I have been obliged to omit Mr. BOB FUDGE's Third Letter, concluding the adventures of his Day with the Dinner, Opera, &c. &c.; — but, in consequence of some remarks upon *Marinette's* thin drapery, which, it was thought, might give offence to certain well-meaning persons, the manuscript was sent back to Paris for his revision, and had not returned when the last sheet was put to press.

It will not, I hope, be thought presumptuous, if I take this opportunity of complaining of a very serious injustice I have suffered from the public. Dr. KING wrote a treatise to prove that BENTLEY "was not the author of his own book," and a similar absurdity has been asserted of *me*, in almost all the best-informed literary circles. With the name of the real author staring them in the face, they have yet persisted in attributing my works to other people; and the fame of the Twopenny Post Bag — such as it is — having hovered doubtfully over various persons, has at last settled upon the head of a certain little gentleman, who wears it, I understand, as complacently as if it actually belonged to him;

without even the honesty of avowing, with his own favorite author, (he will excuse the pun)

Εγώ δ' Ὁ ΜΩΡΟΣ ἀπᾶς  
Ἐδῆσαίην μετώπων.

I can only add, that if any lady or gentleman, curious in such matters, will take the trouble of calling at my lodgings, 245, Piccadilly, I shall have the honor of assuring them, *in propria persona*, that I am — his, or her,

Very obedient

And very humble Servant,  
THOMAS BROWN, THE YOUNGER.

April 17, 1818.

## LETTER I.

FROM MISS BIDDY FUDGE TO MISS DOROTHY ——,  
OF CLONKILTY, IN IRELAND.

Amiens.

DEAR DOLL, while the tails of our horses are plaiting,

The trunks tying on, and Papa, at the door,  
Into very bad French is, as usual, translating

His English resolve not to give a *sou* more,  
I sit down to write you a line — only think! —  
A letter from France, with French pens and  
French ink,

How delightful! though, would you believe it,  
my dear!

I have seen nothing yet *very* wonderful here;  
No adventure, no sentiment, far as we've come,  
But the cornfields and trees quite as dull as at  
home;

And *but* for the postboy, his boots and his cue,  
I might *just* as well be at Clonkilty with you!

In vain, at DESSEIN'S, did I take from my trunk  
That divine fellow, STERNE, and fall reading  
"The Monk;"

In vain did I think of his charming Dead Ass,  
And remember the crust and the wallet — alas!  
No monks can be had now for love or for money,  
(All owing, Pa says, to that infidel BONEY;)

And, though *one* little Neddy we saw in our drive  
Out of classical Nampont, the beast was alive!

By the by, though, at Calais, Papa *had* a touch  
Of romance on the pier, which affected me much.  
At the sight of that spot, where our darling  
DIXHURR

Set the first of his own dear legitimate feet,<sup>1</sup>  
(Modell'd out so exactly, and — God bless the  
mark!

'Tis a foot, Dolly, worthy so *Grand a Monarque*),  
He exclaim'd, "O, mon Roi!" and, with tear-  
dropping eye,

Stood to gaze on the spot — while some Jacobin,  
nigh,

Mutter'd out with a shrug (what an insolent  
thing!)

"Ma foi, he be right — 'tis de Englishman's  
King;

And dat *gros pied de cochon* — begar, me vil say  
Dat de foot look mosh better, if turn'd toder  
way."

There's the pillar, too — Lord! I had nearly  
forgot —

What a charming idea! — rais'd close to the spot;  
The mode being now, (as you've heard, I sup-  
pose,)

To build tombs over legs,<sup>2</sup> and raise pillars to toes.

This is all that's occur'd sentimental as yet;  
Except, indeed, some little flow'r nymphs we've  
met,

Who disturb one's romance with pecuniary views,  
Flinging flow'rs in your path, and then — bawling  
for *sous*!

And some picturesque beggars, whose multi-  
tudes seem

To recall the good days of the *ancien régime*,  
All as ragged and brisk, you'll be happy to learn,  
And as thin as they were in the time of dear  
STERNE.

Our party consists (in a neat Calais job)  
Of Papa and myself, Mr. CONNOR and BOB.  
You remember how sheepish BOB look'd at Kil-  
randy,

But, Lord! he's quite alter'd — they've made  
him a Dandy;

A thing, you know, whisker'd, great coated, and  
laced,

Like an hourglass, exceedingly small in the waist;

Quite a new sort of creatures, unknown yet to  
scholars,

With heads so immovably stuck in shirt collars,  
That seats, like our music stools, soon must be  
found them,

To twirl, when the creatures may wish to look  
round them.

In short, dear, "a Dandy" describes what I  
mean,

And BOB's far the best of the *genus* I've seen:  
An improving young man, fond of learning,  
ambitious,

And goes now to Paris to study French dishes,  
Whose names — think, how quick! he already  
knows pat,

*À la braise, petits pâtés*, and — what d'ye call that  
They inflict on potatoes? — O, *maitre d'hôtel* —

I assure you, dear DOLLY, he knows them as well  
As if nothing else all his life he had eat,

Though a bit of them BOBBY has never touch'd  
yet;

But just knows the names of French dishes and  
cooks,

As dear Papa knows the titles of authors and  
books.

As to Pa, what d'ye think? — mind, it's all *entre  
nous*,

But you know, love, I never keep secrets from  
you —

Why, he's writing a book — what! a tale? a  
romance?

No, ye Gods, would it were! — but his *Travels*  
in France;

At the special desire (he let out t'other day)  
Of his great friend and patron, my Lord C—s-  
TL—R—GH,

Who said, "My dear FUDGE" — I forget th'  
exact words,

And, it's strange, no one ever remembers my  
Lord's;

But 'twas something to say that, as all must allow  
A good orthodox work is much wanting just now,

To expound to the world the new — thingum-  
mie — science,

Found out by the — what's-its-name — Holy  
Alliance,

And prove to mankind that their rights are but  
folly,

Their freedom a joke (which it *is*, you know,  
DOLLY),

<sup>1</sup> To commemorate the landing of Louis le Désiré from  
England, the impression of his foot is marked out on the

pier at Calais, and a pillar with an inscription raised oppo-  
site to the spot.

<sup>2</sup> Ci-git la jambe de, &c. &c.



"There's none," said his Lordship, "if I may be judge,  
Half so fit for this great undertaking as FUDGE!"

The matter's soon settled — Pa flies to *the Row*  
(The *first* stage your tourists now usually go),  
Settles all for his quarto — advertisements,  
praises —

Starts post from the door, with his tablets —  
French phrases —

"Scorr's Visit," of course — in short, ev'ry  
thing *he* has

An author can want, except words and ideas; —  
And, lo! the first thing, in the spring of the year,  
Is PHIL. FUDGE at the front of a Quarto, my dear!

But, bless me, my paper's near out, so I'd better  
Draw fast to a close: — this exceeding long letter  
You owe to a *déjeuner à la fourchette*,  
Which BOBBY would have, and is hard at it yet. —  
What's next? O, the tutor, the last of the party,  
Young CONNOR: — they say he's so like BONA-

PARTE,

His nose and his chin — which Papa rather  
dreads,

As the Bourbons, you know, are suppressing all  
heads

That resemble old NAR's, and who knows but  
their honors

May think, in their fright, of suppressing poor  
CONNOR's?

*Au reste* (as we say), the young lad's well enough,  
Only talks much of Athens, Rome, virtue, and  
stuff;

A third cousin of ours, by the way — poor as Job  
(Though of royal descent by the side of  
Mamma),

And for charity made private tutor to BOB; —  
*Entre nous*, too, a Papist — how lib'ral of Pa!

This is all, dear, — forgive me for breaking off  
thus,

But BOB's *déjeuner's* done, and Papa's in a fuss.  
B. F.

P. S.

How provoking of Pa! he will not let me stop  
Just to run in and rummage some milliner's shop;  
And my *début* in Paris, I blush to think on it,  
Must now, DOLL, be made in a hideous low  
bonnet.

<sup>1</sup> A celebrated mantua maker in Paris.

<sup>2</sup> This excellent imitation of the noble Lord's style shows how deeply Mr. Fudge must have studied his great original. Irish oratory, indeed, abounds with such startling peculiar-

But Paris, dear Paris! — O, *there* will be joy,  
And romance, and high bonnets, and Madaine  
Le Ror!<sup>1</sup>

## LETTER II.

FROM PHIL. FUDGE, ESQ. TO THE LORD VISCOUNT  
C—ST—R—GH.

Paris

At length, my Lord, I have the bliss  
To date to you a line from this  
"Demoraliz'd" metropolis;  
Where, by plebeians low and scurvy,  
The throne was turn'd quite topsy turvy,  
And Kingship, tumbled from its seat,  
"Stood prostrate" at the people's feet;  
Where (still to use your Lordship's tropes)  
The *level* of obedience *slopes*

Upward and downward, as the *stream*  
Of *hydra* faction *kicks the beam!*<sup>2</sup>  
Where the poor Palace changes masters  
Quicker than a snake its skin,

And LOUIS is roll'd out on castors,  
While BONEX's borne on shoulders in: —  
But where, in every change, no doubt,  
One special good your Lordship traces, —

That 'tis the *Kings* alone turn out,  
The *Ministers* still keep their places.

How oft, dear Viscount C——GH,  
I've thought of thee upon the way,  
As in my *job* (what place could be  
More apt to wake a thought of thee?)  
Or, oftener far, when gravely sitting  
Upon my dicky, (as is fitting  
For him who writes a Tour, that he  
May more of men and manners see,)  
I've thought of thee and of thy glories,  
Thou guest of Kings, and King of Tories!  
Reflecting how thy fame has grown

And spread, beyond man's usual share,  
At home, abroad, till thou art known,

Like Major SEMPLE, every where!  
And marv'ling with what pow'rs of breath  
Your Lordship, having speech'd to death  
Some hundreds of your fellow-men,  
Next speech'd to Sovereigns' ears, — and when  
All Sovereigns else were doz'd, at last  
Speech'd down the Sovereign<sup>3</sup> of Belfast.

ities. Thus the eloquent Counsellor B——, in describing some hypocritical pretender to charity, said, "He put his hand in his breeches pocket, like a crocodile, and," &c. &c.

<sup>3</sup> The title of the chief magistrate of Belfast, before whom

O, 'mid the praises and the trophies  
 Thou gain'st from Morosophs and Sophis,  
 'Mid all the tributes to thy fame,  
 There's *one* thou shouldst be chiefly pleas'd  
 at —  
 That Ireland gives her snuff thy name,  
 And C——ER's the thing now sneez'd  
 at!

But hold, my pen! — a truce to praising —  
 Though even your Lordship will allow  
 The theme's temptations are amazing;  
 But time and ink run short, and now  
 (As *thou* wouldst say, my guide and teacher  
 In these gay metaphoric fringes,  
 I must *embark* into the *feature*  
 On which this letter chiefly *hinges*; <sup>1</sup> —  
 My Book, the Book that is to prove —  
 And *will*, (so help ye Sprites above,  
 That sit on clouds, as grave as judges,  
 Watching the labors of the FUDGES!)  
 Will prove that all the world, at present,  
 Is in a state extremely pleasant;  
 That Europe — thanks to royal swords  
 And bay'nets, and the Duke command-

ing —  
 Enjoys a peace which, like the Lord's,  
 Passeth all human understanding:  
 That France prefers her go-cart King  
 To such a coward scamp as BONEY;  
 Though round, with each a leading string,  
 There standeth many a Royal erony,  
 For fear the chubby, tottering thing  
 Should fall, if left there *loney-poney*; —  
 That England, too, the more her debts,  
 The more she spends, the richer gets;  
 And that the Irish, grateful nation!

Remember when by *thee* reign'd over,  
 And bless thee for their flagellation,  
 As HELOISA did her lover! <sup>2</sup> —  
 That Poland, left for Russia's lurch  
 Upon the sideboard, snug reposes:  
 While Saxony's as pleased as Punch,  
 And Norway "on a bed of roses!"

his Lordship (with the "studium immane loquendi" attributed by Ovid to that chattering and rapacious class of birds, the pies) delivered sundry long and self-gratulatory orations, on his return from the Continent. It was at one of these Irish dinners that his gallant brother, Lord S., proposed the health of "The best cavalry officer in Europe — the Regent!"

<sup>1</sup> Verbatim from one of the noble Viscount's Speeches — "And now, Sir, I must *embark* into\*the feature on which this question chiefly hinges."

<sup>2</sup> See her Letters.

That, as for some few million souls,  
 Transferr'd by contract, bless the clods!  
 If half were strangled — Spaniards, Poles,  
 And Frenchmen — 'twouldn't make much  
 odds,

So Europe's goodly Royal ones  
 Sit easy on their sacred thrones;  
 So FERDINAND embroiders gayly,<sup>3</sup>  
 And LOUIS eats his *salmi*,<sup>4</sup> daily;  
 So time is left to Emperor SANDY  
 To be *half* Cæsar and *half* Dandy;  
 And G—GE the R—G—T (who'd forget  
 That doughtiest chieftain of the set?)  
 Hath wherewithal for trinkets new,  
 For dragons, after Chinese models,  
 And chambers where Duke Ho and Soo  
 Might come and nine times knock their  
 noddles! —

All this my Quarto 'll prove — much more  
 Than Quarto ever proved before: —  
 In reas'ning with the *Post* I'll vie,  
 My facts the *Courier* shall supply,  
 My jokes V—NS—T, P—LE my sense,  
 And thou, sweet Lord, my eloquence!

My Journal, penn'd by fits and starts,  
 On BIDDY's back or BOBBY's shoulder,  
 (My son, my Lord, a youth of parts,  
 Who longs to be a small place holder,)  
 Is — though *I* say't, that shouldn't say —  
 Extremely good; and, by the way,  
*One* extract from it — *only one* —  
 To show its spirit, and I've done.  
 "Jul. thirty-first. — Went, after snack,  
 " To the Cathedral of St. Denny;  
 " Sigh'd o'er the Kings of ages back,  
 " And — gave the old Concierge a penny.  
 " (*Mem.* — Must see *Rheims*, much fam'd, 'tis  
 said,  
 " For making Kings and gingerbread.)  
 " Was shown the tomb where lay, so stately,  
 " A little Bourbon, buried lately,  
 " Thrice high and puissant, we were told,  
 " Though only twenty-four hours old!"<sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup> It would be an edifying thing to write a history of the private amusements of sovereigns, tracing them down from the fly-sticking of Domitian, the mole-catching of Artabanus, the hog-mimicking of Parmenides, the horse-carrying of Aretas, to the petticoat-embroidering of Ferdinand, and the patience-playing of the P—e R—t!

<sup>4</sup> Οψα τε, οία εδουσι διοτρεφεσι βασιληας.

ΗΟΜΕΡ, *Odys.* 3.

<sup>5</sup> So described on the coffin: "très-haute et puissante Princesse, âgée d'un jour"

"Hear this, thought I, ye Jacobins:  
 "Ye Burdetts, tremble in your skins!  
 "If Royalty, but aged a day,  
 "Can boast such high and puissant sway,  
 "What impious hand its pow'r would fix,  
 "Full fledg'd and wigg'd! at fifty-six?"

The argument's quite new, you see,  
 And proves exactly Q. E. D.  
 So now, with duty to the R—G—T,  
 I am, dear Lord,

Your most obedient,  
 P F.

*Hôtel Breteuil, Rue Rivoli.*

Neat lodgings — rather dear for me;  
 But BIDDY said she thought 'twould look  
 Genteeler thus to date my Book;  
 And BIDDY's right — besides, it carries  
 Some favor with our friends at MURRAY'S,  
 Who scorn what any man can say,  
 That dates from Rue St. Honoré!<sup>2</sup>

### LETTER III.

FROM MR. BOB FUDGE TO RICHARD ———, ESQ.

O DICK! you may talk of your writing and  
 reading,  
 Your Logic and Greek, but there's nothing like  
 feeding;  
 And *this* is the place for it, DICKY, you dog,  
 Of all places on earth — the head quarters of  
 Prog!  
 Talk of England — her famed Magna Charta, I  
 swear is,  
 A humbug, a flam, to the Carte<sup>3</sup> at old VÉRY'S;  
 And as for your Juries — *who* would not set  
 o'er 'em  
 A Jury of Tasters,<sup>4</sup> with woodecks before  
 'em

<sup>1</sup> There is a fulness and breadth in this portrait of Royalty, which reminds us of what Pliny says, in speaking of Trajan's great qualities: — "nomen longè lateque Principem ostentant?"

<sup>2</sup> See the Quarterly Review for May, 1816, where Mr. Hobhouse is accused of having written his book "in a back street of the French capital."

<sup>3</sup> The Bill of Fare. — Véry, a well-known Restaurateur.

<sup>4</sup> Mr. Bob alludes particularly, I presume, to the famous Jury Dégustateur, which used to assemble at the Hotel of M. Grimod de la Reynière, and of which this modern Archestratus has given an account in his Almanach des Gourmands, cinquième année, p. 78.

Give CARTWRIGHT his Parliaments, fresh every  
 year;  
 But those friends of *short Commons* would never  
 do here;  
 And, let ROMILLY speak as he will on the ques-  
 tion,  
 No Digest of Law's like the laws of digestion!

By the by, DICK, I fatten — but *n'importe* for  
 that,

'Tis the mode — your Legitimates always got fat.  
 There's the R—G—T, there's LOUIS — and BONEY  
 tried too,

But, though somewhat imperial in paunch,  
 'twouldn't do: —

He improv'd, indeed, much in this point, when  
 he wed,

But he ne'er grew right royally fat *in the head*.

DICK, DICK, what a place is this Paris! — but  
 stay —

As my raptures may bore you, I'll just sketch a  
 Day,

As we pass it, myself and some comrades I've got,  
 All thorough-bred *Gnostics*, who know what is  
 what.

After dreaming some hours of the land of  
 Cocaigne,<sup>5</sup>

That Elysium of all that is *friand* and nice,  
 Where for hail they have *bon-bons*, and claret  
 for rain,

And the skaters in winter show off on *cream-*  
*ice*;

Where so ready all nature its cookery yields,  
*Macaroni au parmesan* grows in the fields;

Little birds fly about with the true pheasant  
 taint,

And the geese are all born with a liver com-  
 plaint!<sup>6</sup>

I rise — put on neckcloth — stiff, tight, as ca-  
 be —

For a lad who *goes into the world*, DICK, like me,

<sup>5</sup> The fairyland of cookery and *gourmandise*: "Pais, où le ciel offre les viandes toutes cuites, et où, comme on parle les abouettes tombent toutes roties. Du Latin, coquère." — *Duchat*.

<sup>6</sup> The process by which the liver of the unfortunate goose is enlarged, in order to produce that richest of all dainties, the *foie gras*, of which such renowned *pâtés* are made at Strasbourg and Toulouse, is thus described in the *Cours Gastronomique*: — "On dépume l'estomac des oies; on attache ensuite ces animaux aux chenets d'une cheminée, et on les nourrit devant le feu. La captivité et la chaleur donnent à ces volatiles, une maladie hépatique, qui fait gonfler leur foie," &c. p. 206.

Should have his neck tied up, you know —  
there's no doubt of it —

Almost as tight as *some* lads who *go out of it*.  
With whiskers well oil'd, and with boots that  
"hold up

"The mirror to nature" — so bright you could  
sup

Off the leather like china; with coat, too, that  
draws

On the tailor, who suffers, a martyr's applause!  
With head bridled up, like a four-in-hand leader,  
And stays — devil's in them — too tight for a  
feeder,

I strut to the old Café Hardy, which yet  
Beats the field at a *déjeuner à la fourchette*.

There, Dick, what a breakfast! — O, not like  
your ghost

Of a breakfast in England, your curs'd tea and  
toast;<sup>1</sup>

But a sideboard, you dog, where one's eye roves  
about,

Like a Turk's in the Harem, and thence singles  
out

One's *pâté* of larks, just to tune up the throat,  
One's small limbs of chickens, done *en papillote*,  
One's erudite cutlets, dress'd all ways but plain,  
Or one's kidneys — imagine, Dick — done with  
champagne!

Then, some glasses of *Beaune*, to dilute — or,  
mayhap,

*Chambertin*,<sup>2</sup> which you know's the pet tippie  
of NAP,

And which Dad, by the by, that legitimate  
stickler,

Much scruples to taste, but I'm not so par-  
tic'lar. —

Your coffee comes next, by prescription: and  
then, Dick, 's

The coffee's ne'er-failing, and glorious appendix,

(If books had but such, my old Grecian, de-  
pend on't,

I'd swallow ev'n W—TK—NS', for the sake of  
the end on't,)

A neat glass of *parfait-amour*, which one sips  
Just as if bottled velvet<sup>3</sup> tipp'd over one's  
lips.

This repast being ended, and *paid for* — (how  
odd!

Till man's used to paying, there's something  
so queer in't!) —

The sun now well out, and the girls all  
abroad,

And the world enough air'd for us, Nobs, to  
appear in't,

We lounge up the Boulevards, where — O,  
Dick, the prizes,

The turnouts, we meet — what a nation of  
quizes!

Here toddles along some old figure of fun,  
With a coat you might date Anno Domini 1.;  
A lac'd hat, worsted stockings, and — noble old  
soul!

A fine ribbon and cross in his best button  
hole;

Just such as our PR—CE, who nor reason nor  
fun dreads,

Inflicts, without ev'n a court martial, on hun-  
dreds.<sup>4</sup>

Here trips a *grisette*, with a fond, roguish eye,  
(Rather eatable things these *grisettes* by the  
by);

And there an old *demoiselle*, almost as fond,  
In a silk that has stood since the time of the  
Fronde.

There goes a French Dandy — ah, Dick! unlike  
some ones

We've seen about WHITE'S — the Mounseers are  
but rum ones!

<sup>1</sup> Is Mr. Bob aware that his contempt for tea renders him liable to a charge of *atheism*? Such, at least, is the opinion cited in *Christian Falster. Amanitot. Philolog.* — "Atheum interpretabatur hominem ad herba The aversum." He would not, I think, have been so irreverent to this beverage of scholars, if he had read *Peter Peti's* Poem in praise of Tea, addressed to the learned *Huet* — or the Epigraphe which *Pechlinus* wrote for an altar he meant to dedicate to this herb — or the Anacreontics of *Peter Franciscus*, in which he calls Tea

Θεαν, Θεην, Θεαιναν.

The following passage from one of these Anacreontics will, I have no doubt, be gratifying to all true Theists.

Θεοις, Θεων τε πατρι,  
Εν χρυσειοις σκυφοιςι  
Διδοι το νεκταρ 'Ηθη.  
Σε μοι διακοινωνη  
Σκυφοις εν μυρρινοισι,

Το καλλιε προπουσαι  
Καλις χειρσαι κουραι.

Which may be thus translated: —

Yes, let Hebe, ever young,  
High in heav'n her nectar hold,  
And to Jove's immortal throng  
Pour the tide in cups of gold —  
I'll not envy heaven's Princes,  
White, with snowy bands, for me,  
ΚΑΤΕ the china teacup rinses,  
And pouis out her best Bohea!

<sup>2</sup> The favorite wine of Napoleon.

<sup>3</sup> *Velours en bouteille*.

<sup>4</sup> It was said by Wicquefort, more than a hundred years ago, "Le Roi d'Angleterre fait seul plus de chevaliers que tous les autres Rois de la Chrétienté ensemble." — What would he say now?

Such hats! — fit for monkeys — I'd back Mrs.

DRAPER

To cut neater weather boards out of brown paper :

And coats — how I wish, if it wouldn't distress 'em,

They'd club for old BR—MM—L, from Calais, to dress 'em !

The collar sticks out from the neck such a space,  
That you'd swear 'twas the plan of this head-  
lopping nation,

To leave there behind them a snug little place  
For the head to drop into, on decapitation.

In short, what with mountebanks, counts, and friseurs,

Some mummers by trade, and the rest amateurs —  
What with captains in new jockey boots and silk breeches,

Old dustmen with swinging great opera hats,  
And shoeblacks reclining by statues in niches,  
There never was seen such a race of Jack Sprats !

From the Boulevards — but hearken ! — yes —  
as I'm a sinner,

The clock is just striking the half hour to dinner ;  
So no more at present — short time for adorn-  
ing —

My Day must be finish'd some other fine  
morning.

Now, hey for old BEAUVILLIERS'<sup>1</sup> larder, my boy !  
And, once *there*, if the Goddess of Beauty and  
Joy

Were to write " Come and kiss me, dear Bob ! "  
I'd not budge —

Not a step, Dick, as sure as my name is  
R. FUDGE.

#### LETTER IV.

FROM PHELM CONNOR TO —.

" RETURN ! " — no, never, while the withering  
hand

Of bigot power is on that hapless land ;  
While, for the faith my fathers held to God,  
Ev'n in the fields where free those fathers  
trod,

<sup>1</sup> A celebrated restaurateur.

<sup>2</sup> They used to leave a yard square of the wall of the house unplastered, on which they write, in large letters, either the fore-mentioned verse of the Psalmist (" If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, &c. ) or the words — " The memory of the desolation " — *Leo of Modena*

I am proscib'd, and, — like the spot left bare  
In Israel's halls, to tell the proud and fair  
Amidst their mirth, that Slavery had been  
there <sup>2</sup> —

On all I love, home, parents, friends, I trace  
The mournful mark of bondage and disgrace !  
No ! — let *them* stay, who in their country's  
pangs

See nought but food for factions and harangues ;  
Who yearly kneel before their masters' doors,  
And hawk their wrongs, as beggars do their  
sores :

<sup>3</sup> Still let your \* \* \* \* \*

Still hope and suffer, all who can ! — but I,  
Who durst not hope, and cannot bear, must fly

But whither ? — every where the scourge pur-  
sues —

Turn where he will, the wretched wanderer  
views,

In the bright, broken hopes of all his race,  
Countless reflections of th' Oppressor's face.

Every where gallant hearts, and spirits true,  
Are serv'd up victims to the vile and few ; gg  
While E—gl—d, every where — the general foe  
Of Truth and Freedom, wheresoe'er they glow —  
Is first, when tyrants strike, to aid the blow.

O, E—gl—d ! could such poor revenge atone  
For wrongs, that well might claim the deadliest  
one ;

Were it a vengeance, sweet enough to sate  
The wretch who flies from thy intolerant hate,  
To hear his curses on such barbarous sway  
Echoed, where'er he bends his cheerless way ; —  
Could *this* content him, every lip he meets  
Teems for his vengeance with such poisonous  
sweets ;

Were *this* his luxury, never is thy name  
Pronounc'd, but he doth banquet on thy shame ;  
Hears maledictions ring from every side  
Upon that grasping power, that selfish pride,  
Which vaunts its own, and scorns all rights  
beside ;

That low and desperate envy, which to blast  
A neighbor's blessings, risks the few thou hast ; —  
That monster, Self, too gross to be conceal'd,  
Which ever lurks behind thy proffer'd shield ; —

<sup>3</sup> I have thought it prudent to omit some parts of Mr. Phelim Connor's letter. He is evidently an intemperate young man, and has associated with his cousins, the Fudges, to very little purpose.



That faithless craft, which, in thy hour of need,  
Can court the slave, can swear he shall be  
freed,

Yet basely spurns him, when thy point is  
gain'd,

Back to his masters, ready gagg'd and chain'd!  
Worthy associate of that band of Kings,  
That royal rav'ning flock, whose vampire wings  
O'er sleeping Europe treacherously brood,  
And fan her into dreams of promis'd good,  
Of hope, of freedom — but to drain her blood!  
If *thus* to hear thee branded be a bliss

That Vengeance loves, there's yet more sweet  
than this,

That 'twas an Irish head, an Irish heart,  
Made thee the fall'n and tarnish'd thing thou  
art;

That, as the centaur<sup>1</sup> gave th' infected vest  
In which he died, to rack his conqueror's breast,  
We sent thee C——GH: — as heaps of dead  
Have slain their slayers by the pest they spread,  
So hath our land breath'd out, thy fame to  
dim,

Thy strength to waste, and rot thee, soul and  
limb,

Her worst infections all condens'd in him!

\* \* \* \* \*

When will the world shake off such yokes? O,  
when

Will that redeeming day shine out on men,  
That shall behold them rise, erect and free  
As Heav'n and Nature meant mankind should  
be!

When Reason shall no longer blindly bow  
To the vile pagod things, that o'er her brow,  
Like him of Jaghernaut, drive trampling now;  
Nor Conquest dare to desolate God's earth;  
Nor drunken Victory, with a NERO's mirth,  
Strike her lewd harp amidst a people's groans; —  
But, built on love, the world's exalted thrones  
Shall to the virtuous and the wise be given —  
Those bright, those sole Legitimates of Heaven!

When will this be? — or, O, is it, in truth,  
But one of those sweet daybreak dreams of  
youth,

<sup>1</sup> Membra et Herculeos toros  
Urit lues Nesses. . . .  
Ille, ille victor vincitur.

SENEC. *Hercul. Et.*

<sup>2</sup> The late Lord C. of Ireland had a curious theory about names; — he held that every man with *three* names was a jacobin. His instances in Ireland were numerous: — viz. Archibald Hamilton Rowan, Theobald Wolfe Tone, James Napper Tandy, John Philpot Curran, &c. &c., and, in England, he produced as examples Charles James Fox, Richard

In which the Soul, as round her morning springs,  
'Twixt sleep and waking, sees such dazzling  
things!

And must the hope, as vain as it is bright,  
Be all resigned? — and are *they* only right,  
Who say this world of thinking souls was made  
To be by Kings partition'd, truck'd, and weigh'd  
In scales that, ever since the world begun,  
Have counted millions but as dust to one?  
Are *they* the only wise, who laugh to scorn  
The rights, the freedom to which man was born?  
Who \* \* \* \* \*

Who, proud to kiss each separate rod of power,  
Bless, while he reigns, the minion of the hour;  
Worship each would-be God, that o'er them  
moves,

And take the thundering of his brass for JOVE's!  
If *this* be wisdom, then farewell, my books,  
Farewell, ye shrines of old, ye classic brooks,  
Which fed my soul with currents, pure and  
fair,

Of living Truth, that now must stagnate there! —  
Instead of themes that touch the lyre with light,  
Instead of Greece, and her immortal fight  
For Liberty, which once awak'd my strings,  
Welcome the Grand Conspiracy of Kings,  
The High Legitimates, the Holy Band,  
Who, bolder ev'n than He of Sparta's land,  
Against whole millions, panting to be free,  
Would guard the pass of right-line tyranny.  
Instead of him, th' Athenian bard, whose blade  
Had stood the onset which his pen portray'd,  
Welcome \* \* \* \* \*

And, 'stead of ARISTIDES — woe the day  
Such names should mingle! — welcome C——gh!

Here break we off, at this unhallow'd name<sup>2</sup>  
Like priests of old, when words ill omen'd came.  
My next shall tell thee, bitterly shall tell,  
Thoughts that \* \* \* \* \*

Thoughts that — could patience hold — 'twere  
wiser far

To leave still hid and burning where they are.

Brinsley Sheridan, John Home Tooke, Francis Burdett Jones, &c. &c.  
The Romans called a thief "homo trium literarum."

Tun' trium literarum homo  
Me vituperas? Fur.\*  
PLAUTUS, *Aulular.* Act ii. Scene 4.

\* *Dissolvens* supposes this word to be a *glossema*: — that is, he thinks "Fur" has made his escape from the margin into the text.

## LETTER V.

FROM MISS BIDDY FUDGE TO MISS DOROTHY —.

WHAT a time since I wrote! — I'm a sad,  
naughty girl —  
For, though, like a tetotum, I'm all in a  
twirl; —  
Yet ev'n (as you wittily say) a tetotum  
Between all its twirls gives a *letter* to note  
'em.

But, Lord, such a place! and then, DOLLY, my  
dresses,  
My gowns, so divine! — there's no language  
expresses,  
Except just the *two* words "superbe," "mag-  
nifique,"  
The trimmings of that which I had home last  
week!

It is call'd — I forget — *à la* — something which  
sounded

Like *alicampane* — but in truth, I'm confounded  
And bother'd, my dear, 'twixt that troublesome  
boy's

(Bob's) cookery language, and Madame LE  
Roi's:

What with fillets of roses, and fillets of veal,  
Things *garni* with lace, and things *garni* with  
ecl,

One's hair and one's cutlets both *en papillote*,  
And a thousand more things I shall ne'er have  
by rote,

I can scarce tell the difference, at least as to  
phrase,

Between beef *à la Psyche* and curls *à la braise*. —  
But, in short, dear, I'm trick'd out quite *à la*  
*Française*,

With my bonnet — so beautiful! — high up and  
poking,

Like things that are put to keep chimneys from  
smoking.

Where *shall* I begin with the endless delights  
Of this Eden of milliners, monkeys, and sights —  
This dear busy place, where there's nothing  
transacting

But dressing and dinnering, dancing and acting?  
Imprimis, the Opera — mercy, my ears!

Brother BOBBY's remark, t'other night, was a  
true one; —

"This *must* be the music," said he, "of the  
*spears*,

"For I'm curs'd if each note of it doesn't run  
through one!"

Pa says (and you know, love, his Book's to  
make out

'Twas the Jacobins brought every mischief  
about)

That this passion for roaring has come in of  
late,

Since the rabble all tried for a *voice* in the  
State. —

What a frightful idea, one's mind to o'erwhelm!  
What a chorus, dear DOLLY, would soon be  
let loose of it,

If, when of age, every man in the realm

Had a voice like old LAIS,<sup>1</sup> and chose to  
make use of it!

No — never was known in this riotous sphere  
Such a breach of the peace as their singing, my  
dear.

So bad too, you'd swear that the God of both  
arts,

Of Music and Physic, had taken a frolic

For setting a loud fit of asthma in parts,

And composing a fine rumbling base to a  
colic!

But, the dancing — *ah parlez-moi*, DOLLY, *de*  
*ça* —

There, *indeed*, is a treat that charms all but  
Papa.

Such beauty — such grace — O ye sylphs of  
romance!

Fly, fly to TITANIA, and ask her if *she* has  
One light-footed nymph in her train, that can  
dance

Like divine BIGOTTINI and sweet FANNY BIAS!  
FANNY BIAS in FLORA — dear creature! — you'd  
swear,

When her delicate feet in the dance twinkle  
round,

That her steps are of light, that her home is  
the air,

And she only *par complaisance* touches the  
ground.

And when BIGOTTINI in PSYCHE dishevels

Her black flowing hair, and by demons is  
driven,

O, who does not envy those rude little devils,

That hold her and hug her, and keep her  
from heaven?

Then, the music — so softly its cadences die,

So divinely — O, DOLLY! between you and I,  
It's as well for my peace that there's nobody  
nigh

<sup>1</sup> The oldest, most celebrated, and most noisy of the sing-  
ers at the French Opera.

To make love to me then — *you've* a soul, and  
can judge

What a crisis 'twould be for your friend BIDDY  
FUDGE!

The next place (which BOBBY has near lost  
his heart in)

They call it the Playhouse — I think — of St.  
Martin;<sup>1</sup>

Quite charming — and *very* religious — what folly  
To say that the French are not pious, dear  
DOLLY,

When here one beholds, so correctly and rightly,  
The Testament turn'd into melo-dramas nightly;<sup>2</sup>  
And, doubtless, so fond they're of scriptural  
facts,

They will soon get the Pentateuch up in five acts.  
Here DANIEL, in pantomime,<sup>3</sup> bids bold defiance  
To NEBUCHADNEZZAR and all his stuff'd lions,  
While pretty young Israelites dance round the  
Prophet,

In very thin clothing, and *but* little of it; —  
Here BEGRAND,<sup>4</sup> who shines in this scriptural  
path,

As the lovely SUSANNA, without ev'n a relic  
Of drapery round her, comes out of the bath

In a manner that, BOB says, is quite *Eve-*  
*angelic!*

But in short, dear, 'twould take me a month to  
recite

All the exquisite places we're at, day and night;  
And, besides, ere I finish, I think you'll be  
glad

Just to hear one delightful adventure I've had.

Last night, at the Beaujon,<sup>5</sup> a place where — I  
doubt

If its charms I can paint — there are cars, that  
set out

From a lighted pavilion, high up in the air,  
And rattle you down DOLL — you hardly know  
where.

<sup>1</sup> The Théâtre de la Porte St. Martin, which was built when the Opera House in the Palais Royal was burned down, in 1781. — A few days after this dreadful fire, which lasted more than a week, and in which several persons perished, the Parisian *él-gantes* displayed flame-colored dresses, "couleur de feu d'Opéra!" — *Dulaure, Curiosités de Paris.*

<sup>2</sup> "The Old Testament," says the theatrical Critic in the Gazette de France, "is a mine of gold for the managers of our small playhouses. A multitude crowd round the Théâtre de la Gaieté every evening to see the Passage of the Red Sea."

In the playbill of one of these sacred melo-dramas at Vienna, we find "The Voice of G—d, by M. Schwartz."

<sup>3</sup> A piece very popular last year, called "Daniel, ou La Fosse aux Lions." The following scene will give an idea

of these vehicles, mind me, in which you go  
through

This delightfully dangerous journey, hold  
*two.*

Some cavalier asks, with humility, whether  
You'll venture down *with* him — you smile —  
'tis a match;

In an instant you're seated, and down both to-  
gether

Go thund'ring, as if you went post to old  
scratch!<sup>6</sup>

Well, it was but last night, as I stood and  
remark'd

On the looks and odd ways of the girls who  
embark'd,

The impatience of some for the perilous flight,  
The forc'd giggle of others, 'twixt pleasure and  
fright, —

That there came up — imagine, dear DOLL, if  
you can —

A fine sallow, sublime, sort of Werter-fac'd  
man,

With mustachios that gave (what we read of so  
oft)

The dear Corsair expression, half savage, half  
soft,

As Hyenas in love may be fancied to look, or  
A something between ABELARD and old BLUCHER!

Up he came, DOLL, to me, and, uncovering his  
head,

(Rather bald, but so warlike!) in bad English  
said,

"Ah! my dear — if Ma'mselle vil be so very  
good —

Just for von littel course" — though I scarce  
understood

What he wish'd me to do, I said, thank him, I  
would.

Off we set — and, though 'faith, dear, I hardly  
knew whether

My head or my heels were the uppermost  
then,

of the daring sublimity of these scriptural pantomimes.

"Scene 20. — La fournaise devient un bécot de nuages azurés, au fond duquel est un groupe de nuages plus lumineux, et au milieu 'Jehovah' au centre d'un cercle de rayons brillans, qui annonce la présence de l'Éternel."

<sup>4</sup> Madame Bégrand, a finely-formed woman, who acts in "Susanna and the Elders," — "L'Amour et la Folie," &c. &c.

<sup>5</sup> The Promenades Aériennes, or French Mountains. — See a description of this singular and fantastic place of amusement in a pamphlet, truly worthy of it, by "F. F. Cotterel, Médecin, Docteur de la Faculté de Paris," &c. &c.

<sup>6</sup> According to Dr. Cotterel the cars go at the rate of forty-eight miles an hour.

For 'twas like heav'n and earth, DOLLY, coming together, —

Yet, spite of the danger, we dared it again.  
And O, as I gaz'd on the features and air  
Of the man, who for me all this peril defied,  
I could fancy almost he and I were a pair  
Of unhappy young lovers, who thus, side by side,  
Were taking, instead of rope, pistol, or dagger, a  
Desperate dash down the falls of Niagara!

This achiev'd, through the gardens<sup>1</sup> we saunter'd about,  
Saw the fireworks, exclaim'd "magnifique!"  
at each cracker,  
And, when 'twas all o'er, the dear man saw us out  
With the air I *will* say, of a Prince, to our *façade*.

Now, hear me — this Stranger — it may be mere folly —

But *who* do you think we all think it is, DOLLY?  
Why, bless you, no less than the great King of Prussia,

Who's here now incog.<sup>2</sup> — he, who made such a fuss, you

Remember, in London, with BLUCHER and PLATOFF,

When SAL was near kissing old BLUCHER'S cravat off!

Pa says he's come here to look after his money,  
(Not taking things now as he us'd under BONEY.)  
Which suits with our friend, for BOB saw him,  
he swore,

Looking sharp to the silver receiv'd at the door.

Besides, too, they say that his grief for his Queen  
(Which was plain in this sweet fellow's face to be seen)

Requires such a stimulant dose as this car is,  
Us'd three times a day with young ladies in Paris.  
Some Doctor, indeed, has declar'd that such grief

Should — unless 'twould to utter despairing its folly push —

Fly to the Beaujon, and there seek relief  
By rattling, as BOB says, "like shot through a holly bush."

I must now bid adieu; — only think, DOLLY, think  
If this *should* be the King — I have scarce slept a wink

With imagining how it will sound in the papers,  
And how all the Misses my good luck will grudge,

When they read that Count RUPPIN, to drive away vapors,

Has gone down the Beaujon with Miss BIDDY FUDGE.

*Nota Bene.* — Papa's almost certain 'tis he —  
For he knows the Legitimate cut, and could see,  
In the way he went poisoning and manag'd to tower  
So erect in the car, the true *Balance of Power*.

## LETTER VI.

FROM PHIL. FUDGE, ESQ. TO HIS BROTHER TIM FUDGE, ESQ. BARRISTER AT LAW.

YOURS of the 12th receiv'd just now —

Thanks for the hint, my trusty brother!  
'Tis truly pleasing to see how

We, FUDGES, stand by one another.

But never fear — I know my chap,

And he knows *me* too — *verbum sap.*

My Lord and I are kindred spirits,

Like in our ways as two young ferrets;

Both fashion'd, as that supple race is,

To twist into all sorts of places; —

Creatures lengthy, lean, and hungering,

Fond of blood and *burrow*-mongering.

As to my Book in 91,

Call'd "Down with Kings, or, Who'd have thought it?"

Bless you, the Book's long dead and gone, —

Not ev'n th' Attorney General bought it.

And, though some few seditious tricks

I play'd in 95 and 6,

As you remind me in your letter,

His Lordship likes me all the better; —

We proselytes, that come with news full.

Are, as he says, so vastly useful!

REYNOLDS and I — (you know TOM REYNOLDS —  
Drinks his claret, keeps his chaise —

<sup>1</sup> In the Café attached to these gardens there are to be (as Doctor Cotterel informs us) "douze nègres, très-alertes, qui contrasteront par l'ébène de leur peau avec le teint de lis et de roses de nos belles. Les glaces et les sorbets, servis par

une main bien noire, fera davantage ressortir l'albâtre des bras arrondis de celles-ci." — P. 22.

<sup>2</sup> His Majesty, who was at Paris under the travelling name of Count Ruppín, is known to have gone down the Beaujon very frequently.

Lucky the dog that first unkennels  
 Traitors and Luddites nowadays;  
 Or who can help to *bag* a few,  
 When S—D—TH wants a death or two;)   
 REYNOLDS and I, and some few more,  
 All men, like us, of *information*,  
 Friends, whom his Lordship keeps in store,  
 As *under-saviors* of the nation <sup>1</sup> —  
 Have form'd a Club this season, where  
 His Lordship sometimes takes the chair,  
 And gives us many a bright oration  
 In praise of our sublime vocation;  
 Tracing it up to great King MIDAS,  
 Who, though in fable typified as  
 A royal Ass, by grace divine  
 And right of ears, most asinine,  
 Was yet no more, in fact historical,  
 Than an exceeding well-bred tyrant;  
 And these, his *ears*, but allegorical,  
 Meaning Informers, kept at high rent <sup>2</sup> —  
 Gem'men, who touch'd the Treasury glisten-  
 ers,  
 Like us, for being trusty listeners;  
 And picking up each tale and fragment,  
 For royal MIDAS's Green Bag meant.  
 "And wherefore," said this best of Peers,  
 "Should not the R—G—R too have ears,<sup>3</sup>  
 "To reach as far, as long and wide as  
 "Those of his model, good King MIDAS?"  
 This speech was thought extremely good,  
 And (rare for him) was understood —  
 Instant we drank "The R—G—R's Ears,"  
 With three times three illustrious cheers,  
 Which made the room resound like thunder —  
 "The R—G—R's Ears, and may he ne'er  
 "From foolish shame, like MIDAS, wear  
 "Old paltry *wigs* to keep them under!" <sup>4</sup>  
 This touch at our old friends, the Whigs,  
 Made us as merry all as grigs.  
 In short (I'll thank you not to mention  
 These things again), we get on gayly;

<sup>1</sup> Lord C.'s tribute to the character of his friend, Mr. Reynolds, will long be remembered with equal credit to both.

<sup>2</sup> This interpretation of the fable of Midas's ears seems the most probable of any, and is thus stated in Hoffmann: —  
 "Hæc allegoriæ significatum, Midam, utpote tyrannum, sub-auscultatoris dimittere solitum, per quos, quæcunque per omnem regionem vel fierent, vel dicerentur, cognosceret, nimirum illis utens aurium vice."

<sup>3</sup> Brossette, in a note on this line of Boileau,

"Midas, le Roi Midas, a des oreilles d'Âne,"

tells us, that "M. Perrault le Médecin voulut faire à notre auteur un crime d'état de ce vers, comme d'une maligne allusion au Roi." I trust, however, that no one will suspect the line in the text of any such indecorous allusion.

And, thanks to pension and Suspension  
 Our little Club increases daily.

CASTLES, and OLIVER, and such,  
 Who don't as yet full salary touch,  
 Nor keep their chaise and pair, nor buy  
 Houses and lands, like TOM and I,  
 Of course don't rank with us, *salvators*,<sup>5</sup>  
 But merely serve the Club as waiters.  
 Like Knights, too, we've our *collar* days,  
 (For us, I own, an awkward phrase,)   
 When, in our new costume adorn'd, —  
 The R—G—R's buff-and-blue coats *turn'd* —  
 We have the honor to give dinners  
 To the chief Rats in upper stations;<sup>6</sup>  
 Your W—YS, V—NS, — half-fledg'd sinners,  
 Who shame us by their imitations;  
 Who turn, 'tis true — but what of that?  
 Give me the useful *peaching* Rat;  
 Not things as mute as Punch, when bought,  
 Whose wooden heads are all they've brought;  
 Who, false enough to shirk their friends,  
 But too faint hearted to betray,  
 Are, after all their twists and bends,  
 But souls in Limbo, damn'd half way.  
 No, no, we nobler vermin are  
 A *genus* useful as we're rare;  
 'Midst all the things miraculous  
 Of which your natural histories brag,  
 The rarest must be Rats like us,  
 Who *let the cat out of the bag*.  
 Yet still these Tyros in the cause  
 Deserve, I own, no small applause;  
 And they're by us received and treated  
 With all due honors — only seated  
 In th' inverse scale of their reward,  
 The merely *promis'd* next my Lord;  
 Small pensions then, and so on, down,  
 Rat after rat, they graduate  
 Through job, red ribbon, and silk gown,  
 To Chanc'lorship and Marquisate.

<sup>4</sup> It was not under wigs, but tiaras, that King Midas endeavored to conceal these appendages.

Tempora purpureis tentat velare tarris.

OVID.

The Noble Giver of the toast, however, had evidently, with his usual clearness, confounded King Midas, Mr. Liston, and the P—e R—g—t together.

<sup>5</sup> Mr. Fudge and his friends ought to go by this name — as the man who, some years since, saved the late Right Hon. George Rose from drowning, was ever after called *Salvator Rosa*.

<sup>6</sup> This intimacy between the Rats and Informers is just as it should be — "verè dulce sodalium."



This serves to nurse the ratting spirit ;  
The less the bribe the more the merit.

Our music's good, you may be sure ;  
My Lord, you know, 's an amateur <sup>1</sup> —  
Takes every part with perfect ease,

Though to the Base by nature suited ;  
And, form'd for all, as best may please,  
For whips and bolts, or chords and keys,  
Turns from his victims to his glees,

And has them both well *executed*.<sup>2</sup>  
H — r — d, who, though no Rat himself,  
Delights in all such liberal arts,  
Drinks largely to the House of Guclph,  
And superintends the *Corni* parts.  
While C — xx — g,<sup>3</sup> who'd be *first* by choice,  
Consents to take an *under* voice ;  
And GR — v — s,<sup>4</sup> who well that signal knows,  
Watches the *Volli Subitos*.<sup>5</sup>

In short, as I've already hinted,

We take, of late, prodigiously ;  
But as our Club is somewhat stinted  
For *Gentlemen*, like Tom and me,  
We'll take it kind if you'll provide  
A few *Squireens* <sup>6</sup> from 'tother side ; —  
Some of those loyal, cunning elves  
(We often tell the tale with laughter),  
Who us'd to hide the pikes themselves,  
Then lang the fools who found them after.  
I doubt not you could find us, too,  
Some Orange Parsons that might do ;  
Among the rest, we've heard of one,  
The Reverend — something — HAMILTON,  
Who stuff'd a figure of himself  
(Delicious thought ! ) and had it shot at,  
To bring some Papists to the shelf,  
That couldn't otherwise be got at —  
If he'll but join the Association,  
We'll vote him in by acclamation.

And now, my brother, guide, and friend,  
This somewhat tedious scrawl must end.

<sup>1</sup> His Lord-ship, during one of the busiest periods of his Ministerial career, took lessons three times a week from a celebrated music master, in glee singing.

<sup>2</sup> How amply these two propensities of the Noble Lord would have been gratified among that ancient people of Etruria, who, as Aristotle tells us, used to whip their slaves once a year to the sound of flutes !

<sup>3</sup> This Right Hon. Gentleman ought to give up his present alliance with Lord C., if upon no other principle than that which is inculcated in the following arrangement between two Ladies of Fashion : —

I've gone into this long detail,

Because I saw your nerves were shaken  
With anxious fears lest I should fail  
In this new, *loyal* course I've taken.  
But, bless your heart ! you need not doubt —  
We, FUDGES, know what we're about.  
Look round, and say if you can see  
A much more thriving family.  
There's JACK, the Doctor — night and day  
Hundreds of patients so besiege him,  
You'd swear that all the rich and gay  
Fell sick on purpose to oblige him.  
And while they think, the precious ninnies,  
He's counting o'er their pulse so steady,  
The rogue but counts how many guineas  
He's fobb'd, for that day's work, already.  
I'll ne'er forget th' old maid's alarm,  
When, feeling thus Miss Sukey Flirt, he  
Said, as he dropp'd her shrivell'd arm,  
“ Damn'd bad this morning — only thirty ! ”

Your dowagers, too, every one,

So generous are, when they call *him* in,  
That he might now retire upon  
The rheumatisms of three old women.  
Then, whatso'er your ailments are,  
He can so learnedly explain ye 'em —  
Your cold, of course, is a *catarrh*,  
Your headache is a *hemi-eranium* : —  
His skill, too, in young ladies' lungs,  
The grace with which, most mild of men,  
He begs them to put out their tongues,  
Then bids them — put them in again :  
In short, there's nothing now like JACK ! —  
Take all your doctors great and small,  
Of present times and ages back,  
Dear Doctor FUDGE is worth them all

So much for physic — then, in law too,  
Counsellor TIM, to thee we bow ;  
Not one of us gives more eclat to  
Th' immortal name of FUDGE than thou.  
Not to expatiate on the art  
With which you play'd the patriot's part,

Says Clarinda, “ though tears it may cost,  
It is time we should part, my dear Sue ;  
For your character's totally lost,  
And I have not sufficient for *two* ! ”

<sup>4</sup> The rapidity of this Noble Lord's transformation, at the same instant, into a Lord of the Bed Chamber and an opponent of the Catholic Claims, was truly miraculous.

<sup>5</sup> Turn instantly — a frequent direction in music books

<sup>6</sup> The Irish diminutive of *Squire*.



Her Press intrall'd — her Reason mock'd again  
 With all the monkery it had spurn'd in vain;  
 Her crown disgrac'd by one, who dar'd to own  
 He thank'd not France but England for his throne;

Her triumphs cast into the shade by those,  
 Who had grown old among her bitterest foes,  
 And now return'd beneath her conquerors'  
 shields,

Unblushing slaves! to claim her heroes' fields;  
 To tread down every trophy of her fame,  
 And curse that glory which to them was shame!

Let these — let all the damning deeds, that then  
 Were dar'd through Europe, cry aloud to men,  
 With voice like that of crashing ice that rings  
 Round Alpine huts, the perfidy of Kings;  
 And tell the world, when hawks shall harmless  
 bear

The shrinking dove, when wolves shall learn to  
 spare

The helpless victim for whose blood they lusted,  
 Then, and then only, monarchs may be trusted.

It could not last — these horrors *could* not last,  
 France would herself have ris'n, in might, to  
 cast

Th' insulters off — and O, that then, as now,  
 Chain'd to some distant islet's rocky brow,  
 NAPOLEON ne'er had come to force, to blight,  
 Ere half matur'd, a cause so proudly bright; —  
 To palsy patriot arts with doubt and shame,  
 And write on Freedom's flag a despot's name;  
 To rush into the lists, unask'd, alone,  
 And make the stake of *all* the game of *one*!

Then would the world have seen again what  
 power

A people can put forth in Freedom's hour;  
 Then would the fire of France once more have  
 blaz'd; —

For every single sword, reluctant rais'd  
 In the stale cause of an oppressive throne,  
 Millions would then have leap'd forth in her  
 own;

And never, never had th' unholy stain  
 Of Bourbon feet disgrac'd her shores again.

But fate decreed not so — th' Imperial Bird,  
 That, in his neighboring cage, unfear'd, un-  
 stir'd,

Had seem'd to sleep with head beneath his wing,  
 Yet watch'd the moment for a daring spring; —

Well might he watch, when deeds were done,  
 that made

His own transgressions whiten in their shade;  
 Well might he hope a world, thus trampled o'er.  
 By clumsy tyrants, would be his once more; —  
 Forth from his cage the eagle burst to light,  
 From steeple on to steeple<sup>1</sup> wing'd his flight,  
 With calm and easy grandeur, to that throne  
 From which a Royal craven just had flown;  
 And resting there, as in his eyry, furl'd  
 Those wings, whose very rustlings shook the  
 world!

What was your fury then, ye crown'd array,  
 Whose feast of spoil, whose plundering holiday  
 Was thus broke up, in all its greedy mirth,  
 By one bold chieftain's stamp on Gallie earth!  
 Fierce was the cry, and fulminant the ban, —

“Assassinate, who will — enchain, who can,  
 “The vile, the faithless, outlaw'd, low-born  
 man!”

“Faithless!” — and this from *you* — from *you*,  
 forsooth,

Ye pious Kings, pure paragons of truth,  
 Whose honesty all knew, for all had tried;  
 Whose true Swiss zeal had serv'd on every side;  
 Whose fame for breaking faith so long was  
 known,

Well might ye claim the craft as all your own,  
 And lash your lordly tails, and fume to see  
 Such low-born apes of Royal perfidy!

Yes — yes — to you alone did it belong  
 To sin forever, and yet ne'er do wrong.  
 The frauds, the lies of Lords legitimate  
 Are but fine policy, deep strokes of state;  
 But let some upstart dare to soar so high  
 In Kingly craft, and “outlaw” is the cry!

What, though long years of mutual treachery  
 Had peopled full your diplomatic shelves  
 With ghosts of treaties, murder'd 'mong your-  
 selves;

Though each by turns was knave and dupe —  
 what then?

A Holy League would set all straight again:  
 Like JUNO's virtue, which a dip or two  
 In some bless'd fountain made as good as new!<sup>2</sup>  
 Most faithful Russia — faithful to whoe'er  
 Could plunder best, and give him amplest share,  
 Who, ev'n when vanquish'd, sure to gain his  
 ends,

For want of *foes* to rob, made free with *friends*,<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> “L'aigle volera de clocher en clocher, jusqu'aux tours  
 de Notre Dame.” — Napoleon's Proclamation on landing  
 from Elba.

<sup>2</sup> Singulis annis in quodam Atticæ fonte lota virginitatem  
 recuperasse fingitur.

<sup>3</sup> At the Peace of Tilsit, where he abandoned his ally,  
 Prussia, to France, and received a portion of her territ

And, deepening still by amiable gradations,  
When foes were stripp'd of all, then fleec'd relations !<sup>1</sup>

Most mild and saintly Prussia — steep'd to th' ears

In persecuted Poland's blood and tears,  
And now, with all her harpy wings outspread  
O'er sever'd Saxony's devoted head !

Pure Austria too — whose hist'ry nought repeats  
But broken leagues and subsidiz'd defeats ;  
Whose faith, as Prince, extinguish'd Venice shows,

Whose faith, as man, a widow'd daughter knows !  
And thou, O England — who, though once as shy

As cloister'd maids, of shame or perfidy,  
Art now *broke in*, and, thanks to C———GH,  
In all that's worst and falsest lead'st the way !

Such was the pure divan, whose pens and wits  
Th' escape from Elba frighten'd into fits ; —  
Such were the saints, who doom'd NAPOLEON'S life,

In virtuous frenzy, to th' assassin's knife.  
Disgusting crew ! — *who* would not gladly fly  
To open, downright, bold-fac'd tyranny,  
To honest guilt, that dares do all but lie,  
From the false, juggling craft of men like these,  
Their canting crimes and varnish'd villainies ; —  
These Holy Leaguers, who then loudest boast  
Of faith and honor, when they've stain'd them most ;

From whose affection men should shrink as loath  
As from their hate, for they'll be fleec'd by both ;

Who, ev'n while plund'ring, forge Religion's name

To frank their spoil, and, without fear or shame,  
Call down the Holy Trinity<sup>2</sup> to bless

Partition leagues, and deeds of devilishness !  
But hold — enough — soon would this swell of rage

O'erdo the boundaries of my scanty page ; —  
So, here I pause — farewell — another day,  
Return we to those Lords of pray'r and prey,  
Whose loathsome cant, whose frauds by right divine

Deserve a lash — O, weightier far than mine !

## LETTER VIII.

FROM MR. BOB FUDGE TO RICHARD —, ESQ.

DEAR DICK, while old DONALDSON'S<sup>3</sup> mending my stays, —

Which I *knew* would go smash with me one of these days,

And, at yesterday's dinner, when, full to the throttle,

We lads had begun our dessert with a bottle  
Of neat old Constantia, on *my* leaning back  
Just to order another, by Jove I went crack ! —  
Or, as honest TOM said, in his nautical phrase,  
" D—— my eyes, BOB, in *doubling the Cape* you've *miss'd stays*." <sup>4</sup>

So, of course, as no gentleman's seen out with out them,

They're are now at the Schneider's<sup>5</sup> — and, while he's about them,

Here goes for a letter, post haste, neck and crop.

Let us see — in my last I was — where did I stop ?

O, I know — at the Boulevards, as motley a road as

Man ever would wish a day's lounging upon ;

With its cafés and gardens, hotels and pagodas,  
Its fountains, and old Counts sipping beer in the sun ;

With its houses of all architectures you please,  
From the Grecian and Gothic, DICK, down by degrees

To the pure Hottentot, or the Brighton Chinese ;  
Where in temples antique you may breakfast or dinner it,

Lunch at a mosque, and see Punch from a minaret.

Then, DICK, the mixture of bonnets and bowers,  
Of foliage and frippery, *fiacres* and flowers,  
Green grocers, green gardens — one hardly knows whether

'Tis country or town, they're so mess'd up together !

And there, if one loves the romantic, one sees  
Jew clothesmen, like shepherds, reclin'd under trees ;

<sup>1</sup> The seizure of Finland from his relative of Sweden.

<sup>2</sup> The usual preamble of these flagitious compacts. In the same spirit, Catherine, after the dreadful massacre of Warsaw, ordered a solemn " thank-giving to God in all the churches, for the blessings conferred upon the Poles ;" and commanded that each of them should " swear fidelity and loyalty to her, and to shed in her defence the last drop of

their blood, as they should answer for it to God, and his terrible judgment, kissing the holy word and cross of their Savior !"

<sup>3</sup> An English tailor at Paris.

<sup>4</sup> A ship is said to miss stays, when she does not obey her helm in tacking.

<sup>5</sup> The dandy term for a tailor.

Or Quidnuncs, on Sunday, just fresh from the barber's,

Enjoying their news and *groseille*<sup>1</sup> in those ar-  
bors ;

While gayly their wigs, like the tendrils, are  
curling,

And founts of red currant juice<sup>2</sup> round them  
are purling.

Here, Dick, arm in arm as we chattering stray,  
And receive a few civil "God dems" by the  
way, —

For, 'tis odd, these mounseers, — though we've  
wasted our wealth

And our strength, till we've thrown ourselves  
into a phthisic,

To cram down their throats an old King for  
their health,

As we whip little children to make them take  
physic ; —

Yet, spite of our good-natur'd money and  
slaughter,

They hate us, as Beelzebub hates holy water !  
But who the deuse cares, Dick, as long as they  
nourish us

Neatly as now, and good cookery flourishes —  
Long as, by bay'nets protected, we, Natties,  
May have our full fling at their *salmis* and *pâtés* ?

And, truly, I always declar'd 'twould be pity  
To burn to the ground such a choice-feeding city.

Had *Dad* but his way, he'd have long ago blown  
The whole batch to old Nick — and the *people*, I  
own,

If for no other cause than their curs'd monkey  
looks,

Well deserve a blow up — but then, damn it,  
their Cooks !

As to Marshals, and Statesmen, and all their  
whole lineage,

For aught that I care, you may knock them to  
spinach ;

But think, Dick, their Cooks — what a loss to  
mankind !

What a void in the world would their art leave  
behind !

<sup>1</sup> "Lemonade and *eau-de-groseille* are measured out at every corner of every street, from fantastic vessels, jingling with bells, to thirsty tradesmen or wearied messengers." — See Lady Morgan's lively description of the streets of Paris, in her very amusing work upon France, book vi.

<sup>2</sup> These gay, portable fountains, from which the *groseille* water is administered, are among the most characteristic ornaments of the streets of Paris.

<sup>3</sup> "Cette merveilleuse Marmite Perpétuelle, sur le feu depuis près d'un siècle, qui a donné le jour à plus de 300,000

Their chronometer spits — their intense sala-  
manders —

Their ovens — their pots, that can soften old  
ganders,

All vanish'd forever — their miracles o'er,  
And the *Marmite Perpétuelle*<sup>3</sup> bubbling no more !  
Forbid it, forbid it, ye Holy Allies !

Take whatever ye fancy — take statues, take  
money —

But leave them, O leave them, their Perigueux  
pies,

Their glorious goose livers, and high-pickled  
tunny !<sup>4</sup>

Though many, I own, are the evils they've  
brought us,

Though Royalty's here on her very last legs,  
Yet, who can help loving the land that has  
taught us

Six hundred and eighty-five ways to dress  
eggs ?<sup>5</sup>

You see, Dick, in spite of their cries of "God  
dam,"

"Coquin Anglais," et cæ'tra — how generous  
I am !

And now (to return, once again, to my "Day,"  
Which will take us all night to get through in  
this way.)

From the Boulevards we saunter through many  
a street,

Crack jokes on the natives — mine, all very  
neat —

Leave the Signs of the Times to political fops,  
And find *twice* as much fun in the Signs of the  
Shops ; —

Here, a Louis Dix-huit — there, a Martinmas  
goose,

(Much in vogue since your eagles are gone out  
of use) —

Henri Quatres in shoals, and of Gods a great  
many,

But Saints are the most on hard duty of any : —  
St. TONY, who used all temptations to spurn,

Here hangs o'er a beer shop, and tempts in his  
turn ;

chapons." — *Alman. de Gourmands*, Quatrième Année, p. 152.

<sup>4</sup> *Le thon mariné*, one of the most favorite and indigestible *hors-d'œuvres*. This fish is taken chiefly in the Golfe de Lyon. "La tête et le dessous du ventre sont les parties les plus recherchées des gourmets." — *Cours Gastronomique*, p. 252.

<sup>5</sup> The exact number mentioned by M. de la Reynière — "On connoit en France 685 manières différentes d'accommoder les œufs ; sans compter celles que nos savans unagent chaque jour."



While *there* St. VENEZIA<sup>1</sup> sits hemming and frilling her

Holy *mouchoir* o'er the door of some milliner:—  
Saint AUSTIN's the "outward and visible sign  
"Of an inward" cheap dinner, and pint of  
small wine;

While St. DENYS hangs out o'er some hatter of  
*ton*,

And possessing, good bishop, no head of his  
own,<sup>2</sup>

Takes an int'rest in Dandies, who've got—next  
to none!

Then we stare into shops—read the evening's  
*affiches*—

Or, if some, who're Lotharios in feeding, should  
wish

Just to flirt with a luncheon, (a devilish bad  
trick,

As it takes off the bloom of one's appetite, DICK,) —  
To the *Passage des*—what d'ye call't—*des Pa-*  
*noramas*<sup>3</sup>

We quicken our pace, and there heartily cram  
as

Seducing young *pâtés*, as ever could cozen  
One out of one's appetite, down by the dozen.

We vary, of course—*petits pâtés* do one day,  
The *next* we've our lunch with the Gauffrier

Hollandais,<sup>4</sup>

That popular artist, who brings out, like Sc—TT,  
His delightful productions so quick, hot and  
hot;

Not the worst for the exquisite comment that  
follows,—

Divine *maresquino*, which—Lord, how one swal-  
lows!

Once more, then, we saunter forth after our  
snack, or

Subscribe a few francs for the price of a *fiacre*,  
And drive far away to the old Montagnes Russes,  
Where we find a few twirls in the car of much  
use

To regen'rate the hunger and thirst of us sinners,  
Who've laps'd into snacks—the perdition of  
dinners.

And here, DICK—in answer to one of your  
queries,

About which we, Gourmands, have had much  
discussion—

I've tried all these mountains, Swiss, French,  
and Ruggieri's,

And think, for *digestion*,<sup>5</sup> there's none like the  
Russian;

So equal the motion—so gentle, though fleet—  
It, in short, such a light and salubrious scam-  
per is,

That take whom you please—take old L—s  
D—XH—T,

And stuff him—ay, up to the neck—with  
stew'd lampreys,<sup>6</sup>

So wholesome these Mounts, such a *solvent* I've  
found them,

That, let me but rattle the Monarch well down  
them,

The fiend, Indigestion, would fly far away,  
And the regicide lampreys<sup>7</sup> be foiled of their  
prey!

Such, DICK, are the classical sports that content  
us,

Till five o'clock brings on that hour so mo-  
mentous,<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Veronica, the Saint of the Holy Handkerchief, is also, under the name of Venisse or Venecia, the tutelary saint of milliners.

<sup>2</sup> St. Denys walked three miles after his head was cut off. The *mot*, of a woman of wit upon this legend is well known:—"Je le crois bien; en pareil cas, il n'y a que le premier pas qui coûte."

<sup>3</sup> Off the Boulevards Italiens.

<sup>4</sup> In the Palais Royal; successor, I believe, to the Flamaund, so long celebrated for the *moelleux* of his Gaufres.

<sup>5</sup> Doctor Cotterel recommends, for this purpose, the Beaujon or French Mountains, and calls them "une médecine aérienne, couleur de rose;" but I own I prefer the authority of Mr. Bob, who seems, from the following note found to his own handwriting, to have studied all these mountains very carefully:—

*Memoranda*—The Swiss little notice deserves, While the fall at Ruggieri's is death to weak nerves; And (what'er Doctor Cot'trel may write on the question) The turn at the Beaujon's too sharp for digestion.

I doubt whether Mr. Bob is quite correct in accenting the second syllable of Ruggieri.

<sup>6</sup> A dish so indigestible, that a late novelist, at the end of

his book, could imagine no more summary mode of getting rid of all his heroes and heroines than by a hearty supper of stewed lampreys

<sup>7</sup> They killed Henry I. of England:—"a food (says Hume, gravely,) which always agreed better with his palate than his constitution."

Lampreys, indeed, seem to have been always a favorite dish with kings—whether from some congeniality between them and that fish, I know not; but *Dio Cassius* tells us that Pollio fattened his lampreys with human blood. St. Louis of France was particularly fond of them.—See the anecdote of Thomas Aquinas eating up his majesty's lamprey, in a note upon *Rabelais*, liv. iii. chap. 2.

<sup>8</sup> Had Mr. Bob's *Dinner Epistle* been inserted, it was prepared with an abundance of learned matter to illustrate it, for which, as, indeed, for all my "scientia popinæ;"\* I am indebted to a friend in the Dublin University,—whose reading formerly lay in the *magic line*; but, in consequence of the Provost's enlightened alarm at such studies, he has taken to the authors, "*de re cibariâ*" instead; and has left *Bodin*, *Remigius*, *Agrippa* and his little dog *Filiolus*, as *foot*

That epoch — but woa ! my lad — here comes  
the Schneider,  
And, curse him, has made the stays three inches  
wider —  
Too wide by an inch and a half — what a Guy !  
But, no matter — 'twill all be set right by  
and by.  
As we've MASSINOT'S<sup>1</sup> eloquent *carte* to eat still  
up,  
An inch and a half's but a trifle to fill up.  
So — not to lose time, DICK — here goes for the  
task ;  
*Au revoir*, my old boy — of the Gods I but ask,  
That my life, like "the *Leop* of the German,"<sup>2</sup>  
may be,  
"Du lit à la table, de la table au lit !"

R. F.

## LITTLE IX.

FROM PHIL. FUDGE, ESQ. TO THE LORD VISCOUNT  
C—S—GH.

MY Lord, 'h' Instructions, brought to-day,  
"I shall 'n a' my best obey."  
Your Lordship talks and writes so sensibly .  
And — whatsoe'er some wags may say —  
O, not at *all* incomprehensibly.

I feel th' inquiries in your letter  
About my health and French most flattering ;  
Thank ye, my French, though somewhat better,  
Is, on the whole, but weak and smattering : —  
Nothing, of course, that can compare  
With his who made the Congress stare  
(A certain Lord we need not name),  
Who ev'n in French, would have his trope,  
And talk of "*bâtir un système*  
"Sur l'*équilibre* de l'Europe !" )  
Sweet metaphor ! — and then th' Epistle,  
Which bid the Saxon King go whistle, —  
That tender letter to "Mon Prince,"<sup>3</sup>  
Which show'd alike thy French and sense ; —  
O no, my Lord — there's none can do  
Or say *un-English* things like you ;  
And, if the schemes that fill thy breast  
Could but a vent congenial seek,

*Apicius, Nonius*, and that most learned and savory jesuit,  
*Balengerus*.

<sup>1</sup> A famous Restaurateur — now Dupont.

<sup>2</sup> An old French saying ; — "Faire le saut de l'Allemand,  
du lit à la table et de la table au lit."

<sup>3</sup> The celebrated letter to Prince Hardenburgh (written,  
however, I believe, originally in English,) in which his  
Lordship, professing to see "no moral or political objec-

And use the tongue that suits them best,  
What charming Turkish wouldst thou speak !  
But as for *me*, a Frenchless grub,  
At Congress never born to stammer,  
Nor learn like thee, my Lord, to snub  
Fall'n Monarchs out of CHAMBAUD'S gram-  
mar —  
Bless you, you do not, *cannot* know  
How far a little French will go ;  
For all one's stock, one need but draw  
On some half dozen words like these —  
*Comme ça* — *par-là* — *là-bas* — *ah ha !*  
They'll take you all through France with ease.

Your Lordship's praises of the scraps  
I sent you from my Journal lately,  
(Enveloping a few lac'd caps  
For Lady C.), delight me greatly.  
*Her* flattering speech — "What pretty things  
"One finds in Mr. FUDGE'S pages !"  
Is praise which (as some poet sings)  
Would pay one for the toils of ages.

Thus flatter'd, I presume to send  
A few more extracts by a friend ;  
And I should hope they'll be no less  
Approv'd of than my last MS. —  
The former ones, I fear, were creas'd,  
As BIDDY round the caps *would* pin them ;  
But these will come to hand, at least  
Unrumpled, for there's — nothing in them.

Extracts from Mr. Fudge's Journal, addressed to  
Lord C.

Aug. 10.

WENT to the Madhouse — saw the man,<sup>4</sup>  
Who thinks, poor wretch, that, while the  
Fiend  
Of Discord here full riot ran,  
*He*, like the rest, was guillotined ; —  
But that when, under BONEY'S reign,  
(A more discreet, though quite as strong one),  
The heads were all restor'd again,  
*He*, in the scramble, got a *wrong* one.  
Accordingly, he still cries out  
This strange head fits him most unpleasantly ;

tion" to the dismemberment of Saxony, denounced the un-  
fortunate King as "not only the most devoted, but the most  
favored of Bonaparte's vassals."

<sup>4</sup> This extraordinary madman is, I believe, in the Bicêtre.  
*He* imagines, exactly as Mr. Fudge states it, that, when the  
heads of those who had been guillotined were restored, *he*  
by mistake got some other person's instead of his own.

And always runs, poor dev'l, about,  
 Inquiring for his own incessantly !  
 While to his case a tear I dropp'd,  
 And saunter'd home, thought I — ye Gods !  
 How many heads might thus be swopp'd,  
 And, after all, not make much odds !  
 For instance, there's V—s—T—r's head —  
 (" Tam carum " <sup>1</sup> it may well be said)  
 If by some curious chance it came  
 To settle on BILL SOAMES's <sup>2</sup> shoulders,  
 Th' effect would turn out much the same  
 On all respectable cash holders :  
 Except that while, in its *new* socket,  
 The head was planning schemes to win —  
 A zigzag way into one's pocket,  
 The hands would plunge *directly* in.

Good Viscount S—DM—H, too, instead  
 Of his own grave, respected head,  
 Might wear (for aught I see that bars)  
 Old Lady WILHELMINA FRUMP's —  
 So while the hand sign'd *Circulars*,  
 The head might lip out " What is trumps ?"  
 The R—G—r's brains could we transfer  
 To some robust man-milliner,  
 The shop, the shears, the lace, and ribbon  
 Would go, I doubt not, quite as glib on ;  
 And, *vice versa*, take the pains  
 To give the P—CE the shopman's brains,  
 One only change from thence would flow,  
*Ribbons* would not be wasted so.

'Twas thus I ponder'd on, my Lord ;<sup>3</sup>  
 And, ev'n at night, when laid in bed,  
 I found myself, before I snor'd,  
 Thus chopping, swopping head for head.  
 At length I thought, fantastic elf !  
 How such a change would suit *myself*.  
 'Twixt sleep and waking, one by one,  
 With various pericraniums saddled,  
 At last I tried your Lordship's on,  
 And then I grew completely addled —  
 Forgot all other heads, od rot 'em !  
 And slept, and dreamt that I was — BORROW.

<sup>1</sup> Tam cari capitis. — HORAT.

<sup>2</sup> A celebrated pickpocket.

<sup>3</sup> The only change, if I recollect right, is the substitution of lilies for bees. This war upon the bees is, of course, universal ; " exitium misere apibus," like the angry nymphs in Virgil : — but may not *new swarms* arise out of the victims of Legitimacy yet ?

<sup>4</sup> I am afraid that Mr. Fudge alludes here to a very awkward accident, which is well known to have happened to poor L—s le D—s—é, some years since, at one of the R—g—r's Fêtes. He was sitting next our gracious Queen at the time.

Aug. 21.

Walk'd out with daughter BID — was shown  
 The House of Commons, and the Throne,  
 Whose velvet cushion's just the same<sup>5</sup>  
 NAPOLEON sat on — what a shame !  
 O, can we wonder, best of speechers,  
 When LOUIS seated thus we see,  
 That France's " fundamental features "  
 Are much the same they us'd to be ?  
 However, — God preserve the Throne,  
 And *cushion* too — and keep them free  
 From accidents, which *have* been known  
 To happen ev'n to Royalty !<sup>6</sup>

Aug. 28.

Read, at a stall (for oft one pops  
 On something at these stalls and shops,  
 That does to *quote*, and gives one's Book  
 A classical and knowing look. —  
 Indeed I've found, in Latin, lately,  
 A course of stalls improves me greatly) —  
 'Twas thus I read, that, in the East,  
 A monarch's *fat's* a serious matter ;  
 And once in every year, at least,  
 He's weigh'd — to see if he gets fatter :<sup>5</sup>  
 Then, if a pound or two he be  
 Increas'd, there's quite a jubilee !<sup>6</sup>  
 Suppose, my Lord — and far from me  
 To treat such things with levity —  
 But just suppose the R—G—r's weight  
 Were made thus an affair of state ;  
 And, ev'ry sessions, at the close, —  
 'Stead of a speech, which, all can see, is  
 Heavy and dull enough, God knows —  
 We were to try how heavy *he* is.  
 Much would it glad all hearts to hear  
 That, while the Nation's Revenue  
 Loses so many pounds a year,  
 The P—E, God bless him ! *gains* a few.

With bales of muslin, chintzes, spices,  
 I see the Easterns weigh their Kings ; —  
 But, for the R—G—r, my advice is,  
 We should throw in much *heavier* things :

<sup>5</sup> " The third day of the Feast the King causeth himself to be weighed with great care." — *F. Bernier's Voyage to Surat*, &c.

<sup>6</sup> " I remember," says Bernier, " that all the Omrahs expressed great joy that the King weighed two pounds more now than the year preceding." — Another author tells us that " Fatness, as well as a very large head, is considered, throughout India, as one of the most precious gifts of heaven. An enormous skull is absolutely revered, and the happy owner is looked up to as a superior being. To a Prince a joulter head is invaluable." — *Oriental Field Sports*

For instance ——'s quarto volumes,  
Which, though not spices, serve to wrap  
them ;  
Dominie ST—DD—T's Daily columns,  
"Prodigious!" — in, of course, we'd clap  
them —  
Letters, that C—RTW—T's<sup>1</sup> pen indites,  
In which, with logical confusion,  
The Major like a Minor was,  
And never comes to a Conclusion : —  
Lord S—M—AS' pamphlet — or his head —  
(Ah, *that* were worth its weight in lead !)  
Along with which we *in* may whip, sly,  
The Speeches of Sir JOHN C—X H—FF—SLY ;  
That Baronet of many words,  
Who loves so, in the House of Lords,  
To whisper Bishops — and so nigh  
Unto their wigs in whisp'ring goes,  
That you may always know him by  
A patch of powder on his nose ! —  
If this won't do, we in must cram  
The "Reasons" of Lord B—CK—GH—M ;  
(A Book his Lordship means to write,  
Entitled "Reasons for my Ratting :")  
Or, should these prove too small and light,  
His r——p's a host — we'll bundle *that* in !  
And, *still* should all these masses fail  
To stir the R—G—T's ponderous scale,  
Why then, my Lord, in heaven's name,  
Pitch in, without reserve or stint,  
The whole of R—GL—Y's beauteous Dame —  
If *that* won't raise him, devil's in it !

Aug. 31.

Consulted MURPHY'S TACITUS

About those famous spies at Rome,<sup>2</sup>  
Whom certain Whigs — to make a fuss —  
Describe as much resembling us,<sup>3</sup>  
Informing gentlemen, at home.  
But, bless the fools, they *can't* be serious,  
To say Lord S—DM—TH's like TIBERIUS !  
What ! *he*, the Peer, that injures no man,  
Like that severe, bloodthirsty Roman ! —

<sup>1</sup> Major Cartwright.<sup>2</sup> The name of the first worthy who set up the trade of informer at Rome (to whom our Oliver and Castles ought to erect a statue) was Romanus Hispanus : — "qui formam vite inuit, quam postea celebrem miseræ temporum et audaciæ hominum fecerunt." — TACIT. *Annal.* i. 74.<sup>3</sup> They certainly possessed the same art of *instigating* their victims, which the Report of the Secret Committee attributes to Lord Sidmouth's agents : — "*socius* (says Tacitus of one of them) *libidinum et necessitatum, quo pluribus indicis intigaret.*"<sup>4</sup> "Neque tamen id Sereno noxæ fuit, quem odium publicum tutiorem faciebat. Nam ut quis districtior accusator ve-

Tis true, the Tyrant lent an ear to  
All sorts of spies — so doth the Peer, too,  
'Tis true my Lord's Elect tell fibs,  
And deal in perj'ry — *ditto* TIB's.  
'Tis true the Tyrant screen'd and hid  
His rogues from justice<sup>4</sup> — *ditto* SID.  
'Tis true the Peer is grave and glib  
At mortal speeches — *ditto* TIB.<sup>5</sup>  
'Tis true, the feats the Tyrant did  
Were in his dotage — *ditto* SID.

So far, I own, the parallel

'Twixt TIB and SID goes vastly well ;  
But there are points in TIB that strike  
My humble mind as much more like  
*Yourself*, my dearest Lord, or him,  
Of th' India Board — that soul of whim !  
Like him, TIBERIUS lov'd his joke,<sup>6</sup>  
On matters, too, where few can bear one ;  
*E. g.* a man, cut up, or broke

Upon the wheel — a devilish fair one !  
Your common fractures, wounds, and fits,  
Are nothing to such wholesale wits ;  
But, let the sufferer gasp for life,  
The joke is then worth any money ;  
And, if he writhe beneath a knife, —  
O dear, that's something *quite* too funny.

In this respect, my Lord, you see,  
The Roman wag and ours agree :  
Now as to *your* resemblance — mum —  
This parallel we need not follow ;<sup>7</sup>  
Though 'tis, in Ireland, said by some  
Your Lordship beats TIBERIUS hollow ;  
Whips, chains — but these are things too serious  
For me to mention or discuss ;  
Whene'er your Lordship acts TIBERIUS,  
PHIL. FUDGE's part is *Tacitus* !

Sept. 2

Was thinking, had Lord S—DM—TH got  
Any good decent sort of Plot  
Against the winter time — if not,  
Alas, alas, our ruin's fated ;  
All done up, and *spificated* !

*lut sacrosanctus erat.*" — *Annal.* lib. iv. 36. — Or, as it is translated by Mr. Fudge's friend, Murphy : — "This daring accuser had the *curses of the people*, and the *protection of the Emperor*. Informers, in proportion as they rose in guilt, *he came sacred characters.*"<sup>5</sup> Murphy even confers upon one of his speeches the epithet "constitutional." Mr. Fudge might have added to his parallel, that Tiberius was a *good private character* : — "*egregium vitæ famæque quoad privatus.*"<sup>6</sup> "*Ludibria seriis permiscere solitus.*"<sup>7</sup> There is one point of resemblance between Tiberius and Lord C. which Mr. Fudge *might* have mentioned — "*suspensa semper et obscura verba.*"

Ministers and all their vassals,  
 Down from C—TL—GH to CASTLES, —  
 Unless we can kick up a riot,  
 Ne'er can hope for peace or quiet!  
 What's to be done? — Spa-Fields was clever;  
 But even *that* brought gibes and mockings  
 Upon our heads — *so, mem.* — must never  
 Keep ammunition in old stockings;  
 For fear some wag should in his curs'd head  
 Take it to say our force was *worsted*.  
*Mem.* too — when SID an army raises,  
 It must not be “incog.” like *Bayes's*:  
 Nor must the General be a hobbling  
 Professor of the art of cobbling;  
 Least men, who perpetrate such puns,  
 Should say, with Jacobinic grin,  
 He felt, from *soling Wellingtons*,<sup>1</sup>  
 A *Wellington's* great soul within!  
 Nor must an old Apothecary  
 Go take the Tower, for lack of pence,  
 With (what these wags would call, so merry,)  
*Physical* force and *phial*-ence!  
 No — no — our Plot, my Lord, must be  
 Next time contriv'd more skilfully.  
 John Bull, I grieve to say, is growing  
 So troublesomely sharp and knowing,  
 So wise — in short, so Jacobin —  
 'Tis monstrous hard to *take him in*.

Sept. 6.

Heard of the fate of our Ambassador  
 In China, and was sorely nettled;  
 But think, my Lord, we should not pass it  
 o'er  
 Till all this matter's fairly settled;  
 And here's the mode occurs to me: —  
 As none of our Nobility,  
 Though for their *own* most gracious King  
 (They would kiss hands, or — any thing),  
 Can be persuaded to go through  
 This farce-like trick of the *Ko-tou*;  
 And as these Mandarins *won't* bend,  
 Without some mumming exhibition,  
 Suppose, my Lord, you were to send  
 GRIMALDI to them on a mission:  
 As *Legate*, JOE could play his part,  
 And if, in diplomatic art,  
 The “*volto sciolto*”<sup>2</sup> 's meritorious,  
 Let JOE but grin, he has it, glorious!

<sup>1</sup> Short boots, so called.<sup>2</sup> The open countenance, recommended by Lord Chesterfield.<sup>3</sup> Mr. Fudge is a little mistaken here. It was not Grimaldi, but some very inferior performer, who played this part of “Lord Morley” in the pantomime, — so much to

A *title* for him's easily made;  
 And, by the by, one Christmas time,  
 If I remember right, he play'd  
 Lord MORLEY in some pantomime;<sup>3</sup> —  
 As Earl of M—RL—Y then gazette him,  
 If *t'other* Earl of M—RL—Y 'll let him,  
 (And why should not the world be blest  
 With *two* such stars, for East and West?)  
 Then, when before the Yellow Screen  
 He's brought — and sure, the very essence  
 Of etiquette would be that scene  
 Of JOE in the Celestial Presence!  
 He thus should say: — “Duke Ho and Soo,  
 “I'll play what tricks you please for you,  
 “If you'll, in turn, but do for me  
 “A few small tricks you now shall see.  
 “If I consult *your* Emperor's liking,  
 “At least you'll do the same for *my* King.”  
 He then should give them nine such grins,  
 As would astound ev'n Mandarins;  
 And throw such somersets before  
 The picture of King GEORGE (God bless him!)  
 As, should Duke Ho but try them o'er,  
 Would, by CONFUCIUS, *much* distress him!

I start this merely as a hint,  
 But think you'll find some wisdom in't;  
 And, should you follow up the job,  
 My son, my Lord (you *know* poor BOB),  
 Would in the suite be glad to go  
 And help his Excellency, JOE; —  
 At least, like noble AMH—BST's son,  
 The lad will do to *practise* on.<sup>4</sup>

## LETTER X.

FROM MISS BIDDY FUDGE TO MISS DOROTHY —.

WELL, it *isn't* the King, after all, my dear creature!  
 But *don't* you go laugh, now — there's n<sup>o</sup>thing  
 to quiz in't —  
 For grandeur of air and for grimness of feature,  
 He *might* be a King, DOLL, though, hang him,  
 he isn't.  
 At first, I felt hurt, for I wish'd it, I own,  
 If for no other cause but to vex Miss MALONE, —

the horror of the distinguished Earl of that name. The expostulatory letters of the Noble Earl to Mr. H—R—S, upon this vulgar profanation of his spick-and-span new title, will I trust, some time or other, be given to the world.

<sup>4</sup> See Mr. Ellis's account of the Embassy.



(The great heiress, you know, of Shandangan, who's here,  
 Showing off with *such* airs, and a real Cashmere,<sup>1</sup>  
 While mine's but a paltry, old rabbit skin, dear!)  
 Put Pa says, on deeply consid'ring the thing,  
 "I am just as well pleas'd it should *not* be the  
 King;  
 "As I think for my BIDDY, so *gentille* and *jolie*,  
 "Whose charms may their price in an *honest*  
 way fetch,  
 "That a Brandenburg" — (what *is* a Branden-  
 burgh, DOLLY?) —  
 "Would be, after all, no such very great catch.  
 "If the R—G—T indeed," added he, looking sly —  
 (You remember that comical squint of his eye)  
 But I stopp'd him with "La, Pa, how *can* you  
 say so,  
 "When the R—G—T loves none but old women,  
 you know!"  
 Which is fact, my dear DOLLY — we, girls of  
 eighteen,  
 And so slim — Lord, he'd think us not fit to be  
 seen;  
 And would like us much better as old — ay,  
 as old  
 As that Countess of DESMOND, of whom I've  
 been told  
 That she liv'd to much more than a hundred  
 and ten,  
 And was kill'd by a fall from a cherry tree then!  
 What a frisky old girl! but — to come to my  
 lover,  
 Who, though not a King, is a *hero* I'll swear, —  
 You shall hear all that's happen'd, just briefly  
 run over,  
 Since that happy night, when we whisk'd  
 through the air!

Let me see — 'twas on Saturday — yes, DOLLY,  
 yes —  
 From that evening I date the first dawn of my  
 bliss;

<sup>1</sup> See Lady Morgan's "France" for the anecdote, told her by Madame de Genlis, of the young gentleman whose love was cured by finding that his mistress wore a *shawl* "à peau de lapin."

<sup>2</sup> The cars, on the return, are dragged up slowly by a chain.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Bob need not be ashamed of his cookery jokes, when he is kept in countenance by such men as Cicero, St. Augustine, and that jovial bishop, Venantius Fortunatus. The pun of the great orator upon the "jus Verrinum," which he calls bad *hog broth*, from a play upon both the words, is well known; and the Saint's puns upon the conversion of Lot's wife into salt are equally ingenious: — "In salem conversa nominibus fidelibus quoddam præstitit condimentum, quo sapiant aliquid, unde illud caveatur exem-

When we both rattled off in that dear little  
 carriage,  
 Whose journey, Bob says, is so like Love and  
 Marriage,  
 "Beginning gay, desperate, dashing, down-hilly  
 "And ending as dull as a six-inside Dilly!"<sup>2</sup>  
 Well, scarcely a wink did I sleep the night  
 through;  
 And, next day, having scribbled my letter to  
 you,  
 With a heart full of hope this sweet fellow to  
 meet,  
 I set out with Papa, to see LOUIS DIX-HUIT  
 Make his bow to some half dozen women and  
 boys,  
 Who get up a small concert of shrill *Vive le*  
*Rois* —  
 And how vastly genteeler, my dear, even this  
 is,  
 Than vulgar Pall Mall's oratorio of hisses!  
 The gardens seem'd full — so, of course, we  
 walk'd o'er 'em,  
 'Mong orange trees, clipp'd into town-bred de-  
 corum,  
 And daphnes, and vases, and many a statue  
 There staring, with not ev'n a stitch on them,  
 at you!  
 The ponds, too, we view'd — stood a while on  
 the brink  
 To contemplate the play of those pretty gold  
 fishes —  
 "Live bullion," says merciless Bob, "which, I  
 think,  
 "Would, if *coin'd*, with a little *mint* sauce, be  
 delicious!"<sup>3</sup>

But *what*, DOLLY, what, is the gay orange  
 grove,  
 Or gold fishes, to her that's in search of her love?  
 In vain did I wildly explore every chair  
 Where a thing *like* a man was — no lover sate  
 there!

plum." — *De Civitat. Dei*, lib. xvi. cap. 30. — The jokes of the pious favorite of Queen Radagunda, the convivial Bishop Venantius, may be found among his poems, in some lines against a cook who had robbed him. The following 's similar to Cicero's pun: —

Plus *juscella* Coci quam mea *jura* valent.

See his poems, *Corpus Pœctar. Latin.* tom. ii. p. 1732. — Of the same kind was *Montmaur's* joke, when a dish was split over him — "sumnum Jus, summa injuria;" and the same celebrated parasite, in ordering a sole to be placed before him, said, —

Eligi cui dicas, tu mihi *sola* places.

The reader may likewise see, among a good deal of *kitchen* erudition, the learned *Lipsius's* jokes on cutting up a capon in his *Saturnal. Sermon.* lib. ii. cap. 2.

In vain my fond eyes did I eagerly cast  
At the whiskers, mustachios, and wigs that went  
past,  
To obtain, if I could, but a glance at that curl, —  
A glimpse of those whiskers, as sacred, my girl,  
As the lock that, Pa says,<sup>1</sup> is to Musselmen giv'n,  
For the angel to hold by that "lugs them to  
heaven!"

Alas, there went by me full many a quiz,  
And mustachios in plenty, but nothing like his!  
Disappointed, I found myself sighing out "well-  
aday," —

Thought of the words of T—M M—RE'S Irish  
Melody,

Something about the "green spot of delight"<sup>2</sup>  
Which, you know, Captain MACKINTOSH sung  
to us one day):

Ah DOLLY, my "spot" was that Saturday night,  
And its verdure, how fleeting, had wither'd  
by Sunday!

We din'd at a tavern — La, what do I say?  
If BOB was to know! — a *Restaurateur's*, dear;  
Where your *properest* ladies go dine every day,  
And drink Burgundy out of large tumblers,  
like beer.

Fine BOB (for he's really grown *superfine*)  
Condescended, for once, to make one of the  
party;

Of course, though but three, we had dinner for  
nine,  
And in spite of my grief, love, I own I eat  
heartily.

Indeed, DOLL, I know not how 'tis, but, in grief,  
I have always found eating a wondrous relief;  
And BOB, who's in love, said he felt the same,  
*quite* —

"My sighs," said he, "ceas'd with the first  
glass I drank you;

\*The *lamb* made me tranquil, the *puffs* made  
me light,

"And — now that all's o'er — why, I'm —  
pretty well, thank you!"

<sup>1</sup> For this scrap of knowledge "Pa" was, I suspect, indebted to a note upon Volney's Ruins; a book which usually forms part of a Jacobin's library, and with which Mr. Fudge must have been well acquainted at the time when he wrote his "Down with Kings," &c. The note in Volney is as follows: — "It is by this tuft of hair (on the crown of the head), worn by the majority of Mussulmans, that the Angel of the Tomb is to take the elect and carry them to Paradise."

<sup>2</sup> The young lady, whose memory is not very correct, must allude, I think, to the following lines: —

O that fairy form is ne'er forgot,  
Which First Love traced;  
Still it ling'ring haunts the greenest spot  
On Memory's waste!

To my great annoyance, we sat rather late;  
For BOBBY and Pa had a furious debate  
About singing and cookery — BOBBY, of course,  
Standing up for the latter Fine Art in full force;<sup>3</sup>  
And Pa saying, "God only knows which is  
worst,

"The French Singers or Cooks, but I wish us  
well over it —

"What with old LAIS and VÉRY, I'm curs'd  
"If my head or my stomach will ever recover  
it!"

'Twas dark, when we got to the Boulevards to  
stroll,

And in vain did I look 'mong the street Mac-  
aronis,

When, sudden it struck me — last hope of my  
soul —

That some angel might take the dear man to  
TORTONI'S!<sup>4</sup>

We enter'd, — and, scarcely had BOB, with an  
air,

For a *grappe à la jardinière* call'd to the wait-  
ers,

When, O DOLL! I saw him — my hero was there  
(For I knew his white small clothes and brown  
leather gaiters),

A group of fair statues from Greece smiling o'er  
him,<sup>5</sup>

And lots of red currant juice sparkling before  
him!

O DOLLY, these heroes — what creatures they  
are;

In the *boudoir* the same as in fields full of  
slaughter!

As cool in the Beaujon's precipitous car,  
As when safe at TORTONI'S, o'er ic'd currant  
water!

He join'd us — imagine, dear creature, my ec-  
stasy —

Join'd by the man I'd have broken ten necks to  
see!

<sup>3</sup> Cookery has been dignified by the researches of a Bacon; (see his *Natural History, Receipts, &c.*) and takes its station as one of the Fine Arts in the following passage of Mr. *Dugald Stewart*: — "Agreeably to this view of the subject, *sweet* may be said to be *intrinsically* pleasing, and *bitter* to be relatively pleasing; which both are, in many cases, equally essential to those effects, which, in the art of cookery, correspond to that *composite beauty*, which it is the object of the painter and of the poet to create." — *Philosophical Essays.*

<sup>4</sup> A fashionable *café glacier* on the Italian Boulevards.

<sup>5</sup> "You eat your ice at Tortoni's," says Mr. Scott, "in der a Grecian group."

BOB wish'd to treat him with Punch *à la glace*,  
But the sweet fellow swore that my *beauté*, my  
*grace*,

And my *je-ne-sais-quoi* (then his whiskers he  
twirl'd)

Were, to *him*, "on de top of all Ponch in de  
world." —

How pretty! — though oft (as, of course, it must  
be)

Both his French and his English are Greek,  
DOLL, to me.

But, in short, I felt happy as ever fond heart  
did;

And happier still, when 'twas fix'd, ere we parted,  
That, if the next day should be *pastoral* weather,  
We all would set off, in French buggies, together,  
To see *Montmorency* — that place which, you  
know,

Is so famous for cherries and JEAN JACQUES  
ROUSSEAU.

His card then he gave us — the *name*, rather  
creas'd —

But 'twas CALICOT — something — a Colonel, at  
least!

After which — sure there never was hero so  
civil — he

Saw us safe home to our door in *Rue Rivoli*,  
Where his *last* words, as, at parting, he threw  
A soft look o'er his shoulders, were — "How  
do you do!"<sup>1</sup>

But, lord, — there's Papa for the post — I'm so  
vex'd —

*Montmorency* must now, love, be kept for my next.  
That dear Sunday night! — I was charmingly  
dress'd,

And — so providential! — was looking my best;  
Such a sweet muslin gown, with a flounce —  
and my frills,

You've no notion how rich — (though Pa has  
by the bills)

And you'd smile had you seen, when we sat  
rather near,

Colonel CALICOT eying the cambric, my dear.  
Then the flow'rs in my bonnet — but, la, it's in  
vain —

So, good by, my sweet DOLL — I shall soon  
write again. B. F.

*Nota bene* — our love to all neighbors about —  
Your Papa in particular — how is his gout?

P. S. — I've just open'd my letter to say,  
In your next you must tell me, (now *do*, DOLL,  
pray,  
For I hate to ask BOB, he's so ready to quiz,)  
What sort of a thing, dear, a *Brandenburgh* is

## LETTER XI.

FROM PHELM CONNOR TO —.

YES, 'twas a cause, as noble and as great  
As ever hero died to vindicate —  
A Nation's right to speak a Nation's voice,  
And own no power but of the Nation's choice!  
Such was the grand, the glorious cause that now  
Hung trembling on NAPOLEON'S single brow;  
Such the sublime arbitrament, that pour'd,  
In patriot eyes, a light around his sword,  
A hallowing light, which never, since the day  
Of his young victories, had illum'd its way!

O 'twas not then the time for tame debates,  
Ye men of Gaul, when chains were at your  
gates;

When he, who late had fled your Chieftain's eye,  
As geese from eagles on Mount Taurus fly,<sup>2</sup>  
Denounc'd against the land, that spurn'd his  
chain,

Myriads of swords to bind it fast again —  
Myriads of fierce invading swords, to track  
Through your best blood his path of vengeance  
back;

When Europe's Kings, that never yet combin'd  
But (like those upper Stars, that, when conjoin'd,  
Shed war and pestilence,) to scourge mankind,  
Gather'd around, with hosts from every shore,  
Hating NAPOLEON much, but Freedom more,  
And, in that coming strife, appell'd to see  
The world yet left one chance for liberty! —  
No, 'twas not *then* the time to weave a net  
Of bondage round your Chief; to curb and fret  
Your veteran war horse, pawing for the fight,  
When every hope was in his speed and might —  
To waste the hour of action in dispute,  
And coolly plan how freedom's *boughs* should  
shoot,

When your Invader's axe was at the *root*!  
No, sacred Liberty! that God, who throws,  
Thy light around, like his own sunshine, knows  
How well I love thee, and how deeply hate  
*All* tyrants, upstart and Legitimate —

cross Mount Taurus with stones in their bills, to prevent  
any unlucky cackle from betraying them to the eagles —  
*ἀνακροῦνται ἀκουστικῶς.*

<sup>1</sup> Not an unusual mistake with foreigners.

<sup>2</sup> See *Ælian*, lib. v. cap. 29 — who tells us that these  
geese, from a consciousness of their own loquacity, always

Yet, in that hour, were France my native land,  
I would have follow'd, with quick heart and  
hand,

NAPOLFON, NERO — ay, no matter whom —  
To snatch my country from that damning doom,  
That deadliest curse that on the conquer'd  
waits —

A Conqueror's satrap, thron'd within her gates!

True, he was false — despotic — all you please —  
Had trampled down man's holiest liberties —  
Had, by a genius, form'd for nobler things  
Than lie within the grasp of *vulgar* Kings,  
But rais'd the hopes of men — as eaglets fly  
With tortoises aloft into the sky —  
To dash them down again more shatteringly!  
All this I own — but still! \* \* \*

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### LETTER XII.

FROM MISS BIDDY FUDGE TO MISS DOROTHY —.

At last, DOLLY, — thanks to a potent emetic,  
Which BOBBY and Pa, with grimace sympa-  
thetic,  
Have swallow'd this morning, to balance the  
bliss,

Of an eel *matelote* and *bisque d'écrevisses* —  
I've a morning at home to myself, and sit down  
To describe you our heavenly trip out of town.  
How agog you must be for this letter, my dear!  
Lady JANE, in the novel, less languish'd to hear  
If that elegant cornet she met at Lord NEV-  
ILLE'S

Was actually dying with love or — blue devils.  
But Love, DOLLY, Love is the theme I pursue;  
With Blue Devils, thank heav'n, I have noth-  
ing to do —

Except, indeed, dear Colonel CALICOT spies  
Any imps of that color in *certain* blue eyes,  
Which he stares at till I, DOLL, at *his* do the  
same;

Then he simpers — I blush — and would often  
exclaim,

If I knew but the French for it, "Lord, Sir, for  
shame!"

Well, the morning was lovely — the trees in  
full dress

For the happy occasion — the sunshine *express*,

1 Somebody (Fontenelle, I believe,) has said, that if he had his hand full of truths, he would open but one finger at a time; and the same sort of reserve I find to be necessary with respect to Mr Connor's very plain-spoken letters. The

Had we ordered it, dear, of the best poet going,  
It scarce could be furnish'd more golden and  
glowing.

Though late when we started, the scent of the  
air

Was like GATTIE'S rose water, — and, bright,  
here and there,

On the grass an odd dewdrop was glittering  
yct,

Like my aunt's diamond pin on her green tab-  
binet!

While the birds seem'd to warble as blest on  
the boughs,

As if *each* a plum'd Calicot had for her spouse;  
And the grapes were all blushing and kissing

in rows,  
And — in short, need I tell you, wherever one  
goes

With the creature one loves, 'tis all *couleur de  
rose*;

And, ah, I shall ne'er, liv'd I ever so long, see  
A day such as that at divine Montmorency!

There was but *one* drawback — at first when we  
started,

The Colonel and I were inhumanly parted;  
How cruel — young hearts of such moments to  
rob!

He went in Pa's buggy, and I went with Bob;  
And, I own, I felt spitefully happy to know  
That Papa and his comrade agreed but *so so*.  
For the Colonel, it seems, is a stickler of BO-  
NEY'S —

Served *with* him of course — nay, I'm sure they  
were cronies.

So martial his features! dear DOLL, you can  
trace

Ulm, Austerlitz, Lodi, as plain in his face  
As you do on that pillar of glory and brass,<sup>2</sup>  
Which the poor Duc DE B—RI must hate so to  
pass!

It appears, too, he made — as most foreigners  
do —

About English affairs an odd blunder or too.  
For example — misled by the names, I dare say,

He confounded JACK CASTLES with Lord C—  
—GH;

And — sure such a blunder no mortal hit ever  
on —

Fancied the *present* Lord C—MD—N the *clever*  
one!

remainder of this Epistle is so full of unsafe matter-of-fact, that it must, for the present at least, be withheld from the public.

<sup>2</sup> The column in the Place Vendôme.

But politics ne'er were the sweet fellow's trade;

'Twas for war and the ladies my Colonel was made.

And, O, had you heard, as together we walk'd  
Through that beautiful forest, how sweetly he talk'd;

And how perfectly well he appear'd, DOLL, to know

All the life and adventures of JEAN JACQUES ROUSSEAU! —

"'Twas there," said he — not that his *words* I can state —

'Twas a gibb'rish that Cupid alone could translate; —

But "there," said he, (pointing where, small and remote,

The dear Hermitage rose,) "there his JULIE he wrote, —

"Upon paper gilt edg'd,<sup>1</sup> without blot or erasure;

"Then sanded it over with silver and azure,

"And — O, what will genius and fancy not do?

"Tied the leaves up together with *nompaille* blue!"

What a trait of Rousseau! what a crowd of emotions

From sand and blue ribbons are conjur'd up here!

Alas, that a man of such exquisite<sup>2</sup> notions

Should send his poor brats to the Foundling, my dear!

"'Twas here, too, perhaps," Colonel CALICOT said —

As down the small garden he pensively led —  
(Though once I could see his sublime forehead wrinkle

With rage not to find there the lov'd periwinkle)<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> "Employant pour cela le plus beau papier doré, séchant l'écriture avec de la poudre d'azur et d'argent, et cousant mes cahiers avec de la *nompaille* bleue." — *Les Confessions*, part. ii. liv. 9.

<sup>2</sup> This word, "exquisite," is evidently a favorite of Miss Fudge's; and I understand she was not a little angry when her brother Bob committed a pun on the last two syllables of it in the following couplet: —

"I'd fain praise your Poem — b it tell me, how is it  
When I cry out "Exquisite," *Echo* cries *quit it?*"

<sup>3</sup> The flower which Rousseau brought into such fashion among the Parisiens, by exclaiming one day, "Ah, voilà de la *pervenche!*"

<sup>4</sup> "*Mon ours*, voilà votre asyle — et vous, *mon ours*, ne viendrez vous pas aussi?" — &c. &c.

"'Twas here he receiv'd from the fair D'ÉFINAY  
"Who call'd him so sweetly *her Bear*,<sup>4</sup> every day.)

"That dear flannel petticoat, pull'd off to form

"A waistcoat, to keep the enthusiast warm!"<sup>5</sup>

Such, DOLL, were the sweet recollections we ponder'd,

As, full of romance, through that valley we wander'd.

The flannel (one's train of ideas, how odd it is!)  
Led us to talk about other commodities,

Cambric, and silk, and — I ne'er shall forget,  
For the sun was then hast'ning in pomp to its set,

And full on the Colonel's dark whiskers shone down,

When he ask'd me, with eagerness, — who made my gown?

The question confus'd me — for, Doll, you must know,

And I *ought* to have told my best friend long ago,

That, by Pa's strict command, I no longer employ<sup>6</sup>

That enchanting *couturière*, Madame LE ROI;  
But am forc'd now to have VICTORINE, who —

deuse take her! —

It seems is, at present, the King's mantua maker,  
I mean of *his party* — and, though much the smartest,

LE ROI is condemn'd as a rank Bonapartist.<sup>7</sup>

Think, DOLL, how confounded I look'd — so well knowing

The Colonel's opinions — my cheeks were quite glowing;

I stammer'd out something — nay, even half nam'd

The *legitimate* seamstress, when, loud, he exclaim'd,

<sup>5</sup> "Un jour, qu'il geloit très fort, en ouvrant un paquet qu'elle m'envoyoit, je trouvai un petit jupon de flanelle d'Angleterre, qu'elle me marquoit avoir porté, et dont elle vouloit que je me fisse faire un gilet. Ce soin, plus qu'amical, me parut si tendre, comme si elle se fût dépourlée pour me vêtir, que, dans mon émotion, je baisai vingt fois en pleurant le billet et le jupon."

<sup>6</sup> Miss Biddy's notions of French pronunciation may be perceived in the rhymes which she always selects for "*Le Roi*."

<sup>7</sup> LE ROI, who was the *Couturière* of the Empress Maria Louisa, is at present, of course, out of fashion, and is succeeded in her station by the Royalist mantua maker. VICTORINE.



"Yes, yes, by the stitching 'tis plain to be seen  
 "It was made by that Bourbonite b——h, VIC-  
 TORINE!"

What a word for a hero! — but heroes *will* err,  
 And I thought, dear, I'd tell you things *just* as  
 they were.

Besides, though the word on good manners in-  
 trench,  
 I assure you 'tis not *half* so shocking in French.

But this cloud, though embarrassing, soon  
 pass'd away,

And the bliss altogether, the dreams of that  
 day,

The thoughts that arise, when such dear fellows  
 woo us, —

The *nothings* that then, love, are *every thing* to  
 us —

That quick correspondence of glances and sighs,  
 And what BOB calls the "Twopenny post of  
 the Eyes" —

Ah, DOLL! though I *know* you've a heart, 'tis  
 in vain

To a heart so unpractic'd these things to explain.  
 They can only be felt, in their fulness divine,  
 By her who has wander'd, at evening's decline,  
 Through a valley like that, with a Colonel like  
 mine!

But here I must finish — for BOB, my dear  
 DOLLY,

Whom phisic, I find, always makes melancholy,  
 Is seiz'd with a fancy for churchyard reflections;  
 And, full of all yesterday's rich recollections,  
 Is just setting off for Montmartre — "for *there* is,"  
 Said he, looking solemn, "the tomb of the VÉ-  
 RYRS!"

"Long, long have I wish'd, as a votary true,  
 "O'er the grave of such talents to utter my  
 moans;

"And, to-day — as my stomach is not in good  
 cue

"For the *flesh* of the VÉRYS — I'll visit their  
*bones!*"

He insists upon *my* going with him — how  
 teasing!

This letter, however, dear DOLLY, shall lie  
 Unseal'd in my draw'r, that, if any thing pleas-  
 ing

Occurs while I'm out, I may tell you — good  
 by. B. F.

Four o'clock.

O, DOLLY, dear DOLLY, I'm ruin'd forever —  
 I ne'er shall be happy again, DOLLY, never!  
 To think of the wretch — what a victim was I!  
 'Tis too much to endure — I shall die, I shall  
 die —

My brain's in a fever — my pulses beat quick —  
 I shall die, or, at least, be exceedingly sick!

O, what do you think? after all my romancing,  
 My visions of glory, my sighing, my glancing,  
 This Colonel — I scarce can commit it to paper,  
 This Colonel's no more than a vile liner  
 draper!

'Tis true as I live — I had coax'd brother BOB so,  
 (You'll hardly make out what I'm writing, I  
 sob so,)

For some little gift on my birthday — Septem-  
 ber

The thirtieth, dear, I'm eighteen, you remem-  
 ber —

That BOB to a shop kindly order'd the coach,  
 (Ah, little I thought who the shopman would  
 prove,)

To bespeak me a few of those *mouchoirs de poche*,  
 Which, in happier hours, I have sigh'd for,  
 my love —

(The most beautiful things — two Napoleons  
 the price —

And one's name in the corner embroider'd so  
 nice!)

Well, with heart full of pleasure, I enter'd the  
 shop,

But — ye Gods, what a phantom! — I thought  
 I should drop —

There he stood, my dear DOLLY — no room for  
 a doubt —

There, behind the vile counter, these eyes  
 saw him stand,

With a piece of French cambric, before him  
 roll'd out,

And that horrid yard measure uprais'd in his  
 hand!

O — Papa, all along, knew the secret, 'tis clear,  
 'Twas a *shopman* he meant by a "Brandenburg,"  
 dear!

The man, whom I fondly had fancied a King,  
 And, when *that* too delightful illusion was  
 past,

As a hero had worshipp'd — vile, treacherous  
 thing —

To turn out but a low linen draper at last!

<sup>1</sup> It is the *brother* of the present excellent Restaurateur  
 who lies intombed so magnificently in the Cimetière Mont-  
 martre. The inscription on the column at the head of the

tomb concludes with the following words: — "Toute sa vie  
 fut consacrée aux arts utiles."

My head swam around — the wretch smil'd, I believe,  
 But his smiling, alas, could no longer deceive —  
 I fell back on BOB — my whole heart seem'd to wither —  
 And, pale as a ghost, I was carried back hither !  
 I only remember that BOB, as I caught him,  
 With cruel facetiousness said, " Curse the Kiddy !  
 " A stanch Revolutionist always I've thought him,  
 " But now I find out he's a *Counter* one, BIDDY ! "

Only think, my dear creature, if this should be known  
 Do that saucy, satirical thing, Miss MALONE !  
 What a story 'twill be at Shandangan forever !  
 What laughs and what quizzing she'll have with the men !

It will spread through the country — and never,  
 O, never  
 Can BIDDY be seen at Kilrandy again !  
 Farewell — I shall do something desp'rate, I fear —  
 And, ah ! if my fate ever reaches your ear,  
 One tear of compassion my DOLL will not grudge  
 To her poor — broken-hearted — young friend,  
 BIDDY FUDGE.

*Nota bene* — I am sure you will hear, with delight,  
 That we're going, all three, to see BRUNET to-night.  
 A laugh will revive me — and kind Mr. COX  
 (Do you know him ?) has got us the Governor's box.

FABLES FOR THE HOLY ALLIANCE.

*Eripe.* Tu Regibus alas  
 VIRGIL, *Georg.* lib. iv.  
 ——— Clip the wings  
 Of these high-flying, arbitrary Kings.  
 DRYDEN'S *Translation.*

DEDICATION

TO LORD BYRON.

DEAR LORD BYRON,  
 THOUGH this Volume should possess no other merit in your eyes, than that of reminding you of the short time we passed together at Venice, when some of the trifles which it contains were written, you will, I am sure, receive the dedication of it with pleasure, and believe that I am,

My dear Lord,  
 Ever faithfully yours,  
 T. B.

PREFACE.

THOUGH it was the wish of the Members of the POCO-curante Society (who have lately done me the honor of electing me their Secretary)

that I should prefix my name to the following Miscellany, it is but fair to them and to myself to state, that, except in the "painful preëminence" of being employed to transcribe their lucubrations, my claim to such a distinction in the title page is not greater than that of any other gentleman, who has contributed his share to the contents of the volume.

I had originally intended to take this opportunity of giving some account of the origin and objects of our Institution, the names and characters of the different members, &c. &c. — but, as I am at present preparing for the press the First Volume of the "Transactions of the POCO-curante Society," I shall reserve for that occasion all further details upon the subject; and content myself here with referring, for a general insight into our tenets, to a Song which will be found at the end of this work, and

which is sung to us on the first day of every month, by one of our oldest members, to the tune of (as far as I can recollect, being no musician,) either "Nancy Dawson" or "He stole away the Bacon."

It may be as well also to state, for the information of those critics, who attack with the hope of being answered, and of being, thereby, brought into notice, that it is the rule of this Society to return no other answer to such assailants, than is contained in the three words "Non curat Hippoclidēs," (meaning, in English, "Hippoclidēs does not care a fig,") which were spoken two thousand years ago by the first founder of POCO-CURANTISM, and have ever since been adopted as the leading *dictum* of the sect.

THOMAS BROWN.

### FABLE I.

#### THE DISSOLUTION OF THE HOLY ALLIANCE.

##### A DREAM.

I'VE had a dream that bodes no good  
Unto the Holy Brotherhood.  
I may be wrong, but I confess —  
As far as it is right or lawful  
For one, no conjurer, to guess —  
It seems to me extremely awful.

Methought, upon the Neva's flood  
A beautiful Ice Palace stood,  
A dome of frostwork, on the plan  
Of that once built by Empress Anne,<sup>1</sup>  
Which shone by moonlight — as the tale is —  
Like an Aurora Borealis.

In this said Palace, furnish'd all  
And lighted as the best on land are,  
I dreamt there was a splendid Ball,  
Giv'n by the Emperor Alexander,  
To entertain with all due zeal,  
Those holy gentlemen, who've shown a  
Regard so kind for Europe's weal,  
At Troppau, Laybach, and Verona.

<sup>1</sup> "It is well known that the Empress Anne built a palace of ice on the Neva, in 1740, which was fifty-two feet in

The thought was happy — and design'd  
To hint how thus the human Mind  
May, like the stream imprison'd there,  
Be check'd and chill'd, till it can bear  
The heaviest Kings, that ode or sonnet  
E'er yet beprais'd to dance upon it.

And all were pleas'd, and cold, and stately,  
Shivering in grand illumination —  
Admir'd the superstructure greatly,  
Nor gave one thought to the foundation.  
Much too the Czar himself exulted,  
To all plebeian fears a stranger,  
For, Madame Krudener, when consulted,  
Had pledg'd her word there was no danger.  
So, on he caper'd, fearless quite,  
Thinking himself extremely clever,  
And waltz'd away with all his might,  
As if the Frost would last forever.

Just fancy how a bard like me,  
Who reverence monarchs, must have trem-  
bled  
To see that goodly company,  
At such a ticklish sport assembled.

Nor were the fears, that thus astounded  
My loyal soul, at all unfounded —  
For, lo! ere long, those walls so massy  
Were seiz'd with an ill-omen'd dripping,  
And o'er the floors, now growing glassy,  
Their Holinesses took to slipping.  
The Czar, half through a Polonaise,  
Could scarce get on for downright stumbling;  
And Prussia, though to slippery ways  
Well us'd, was cursedly near tumbling.

Yet still 'twas, *who* could stamp the floor most,  
Russia and Austria 'mong the foremost. —  
And now, to an Italian air,  
This precious brace would, hand in hand, go;  
Now — while old Louis, from his chair,  
Entreated them his toes to spare —  
Call'd loudly out for a Fandango.

And a Fandango, 'faith, they had,  
At which they all set to, like mad!  
Never were Kings (though small th' expense is  
Of wit among their Excellencies)  
So out of all their princely senses.  
But, ah, that dance — that Spanish dance —  
Scarce was the luckless strain begun,

length, and when illuminated had a surprising effect." —  
PINKERTON.

When, glaring red, as 'twere a glance  
 Shot from an angry Southern sun,  
 A light through all the chambers flam'd,  
 Astonishing old Father Frost,  
 Who, bursting into tears, exclaim'd,  
 "A thaw, by Jove — we're lost, we're lost !  
 "Run, France — a second *Waterloo*  
 "Is come to drown you — *sauve qui peut !*"

Why, why will monarchs caper so  
 In palaces without foundations ? —  
 Instantly all was in a flow,  
 Crowns, fiddles, sceptres, decorations —  
 Those Royal Arms, that look'd so nice,  
 Cut out in the resplendent ice —  
 Those Eagles, handsomely provided  
 With double heads for double dealings —  
 How fast the globes and sceptres glided  
 Out of their claws on all the ceilings !  
 Proud Prussia's double bird of prey  
 Tame as a spatch cock, slunk away ;  
 While — just like France herself, when she  
 Proclaims how great her naval skill is —  
 Poor Louis' drowning fleurs-de-lis  
 Imagin'd themselves *water lilies*.

And not alone rooms, ceilings, shelves,  
 But — still more fatal execution —  
 The Great Legitimates themselves  
 Seem'd in a state of dissolution.  
 Th' indignant Czar — when just about  
 To issue a sublime Ukase,  
 "Whereas all light must be kept out" —  
 Dissolv'd to nothing in its blaze.  
 Next Prussia took his turn to melt,  
 And, while his lips illustrious felt  
 The influence of this southern air,  
 Some word, like "Constitution" — long  
 Congeal'd in frosty silence there —  
 Came slowly thawing from his tongue.  
 While Louis, lapsing by degrees,  
 And sighing out a faint adieu  
 To truffles, salmis, toasted cheese  
 And smoking *fondus*, quickly grew,  
 Himself, into a *fondou* too ; —  
 Or like that goodly King they make  
 Of sugar for a Twelfth-night cake,  
 When, in some urchin's mouth, alas,  
 It melts into a shapeless mass !

In short, I scarce could eount a minute,  
 Ere the bright dome, and all within it,

Kings, Fiddlers, Emperors, all were gone —  
 And nothing now was seen or heard  
 But the bright river, rushing on,  
 Happy as an enfranchis'd bird,  
 And prouder of that natural ray,  
 Shining along its chainless way —  
 More proudly happy thus to glide  
 In simple grandeur to the sea,  
 Than when, in sparkling fetters tied,  
 'Twas deck'd with all that kingly pride  
 Could bring to light its slavery !

Such is my dream — and, I confess,  
 I tremble at its awfulness.  
 That Spanish Dance — that southern beam —  
 But I say nothing — there's my dream —  
 And Madame Krudener, the she-prophet,  
 May make just what she pleases of it.

## FABLE II.

## THE LOOKING GLASSES.

## PROEM.

WHERE Kings have been by mob elections  
 Rais'd to the throne, 'tis strange to see  
 What different and what odd perfections  
 Men have requir'd in Royalty.  
 Some, liking monarchs large and plumpy,  
 Have chos'n their Sovereigns by the weight ; —  
 Some wish'd them tall, some thought your  
 dumpy,  
 Dutch-built, the true Legitimate.<sup>1</sup>  
 The Easterns in a Prince, 'tis said,  
 Prefer what's call'd a jolter head :<sup>2</sup>  
 Th' Egyptians wer'n't at all partic'lar,  
 So that their Kings had *not* red hair —  
 This fault not ev'n the greatest stickler  
 For the blood royal well could bear.  
 A thousand more such illustrations  
 Might be adduc'd from various nations.  
 But, 'mong the many tales they tell us,  
 Touching th' acquir'd or natural right  
 Which some men have to rule their fellows,  
 There's one, which I shall here recite : —

## FABLE.

There was a land — to name the place  
 Is neither now my wish nor duty —  
 Where reign'd a certain Royal race,  
 By right of their superior beauty.

<sup>1</sup> The Goths had a law to choose always a short, thick man for their King — MÜNSTER, *Cosmog.* lib. iii. p. 164.

<sup>2</sup> "In a Prince a jolter head is invaluable." — *Oriental Field Sports.*

What was the cut legitimate

Of these great persons' chins and noses,  
By right of which they rul'd the state,  
No history I have seen discloses.

But so it was — a settled case —

Some Act of Parliament, pass'd snugly,  
Had voted *them* a beauteous race,  
And all their faithful subjects ugly.

As rank, indeed, stood high or low,

Some change it made in visual organs ;  
Your Peers were decent — Knights, so so —  
But all your *common* people, gorgons !

Of course, if any knave but hinted

That the King's nose was turn'd awry,  
Or that the Queen (God bless her ! ) squinted —  
The judges doom'd that knave to die.

But rarely things like this occur'd,

The people to their King were duteous,  
And took it, on his Royal word,  
That they were frights, and He was beau-  
teous.

The cause whereof, among all classes,

Was simply this — these island elves  
Had never yet seen looking glasses,  
And, therefore, did not *know themselves*.

Sometimes, indeed, their neighbors' faces

Might strike them as more full of reason,  
More fresh than those in certain places —  
But, Lord, the very thought was treason !

Besides, howe'er we love our neighbor,

And take his face's part, 'tis known  
We ne'er so much in earnest labor,  
As when the face attack'd's our own.

So, on they went — the crowd believing —

(As crowds well govern'd always do)  
Their rulers, too, themselves deceiving —  
So old the joke, they thought 'twas true.

But jokes, we know, if they too far go,

Must have an end — and so, one day,  
Upon that coast there was a cargo  
Of looking glasses cast away.

'Twas said, some Radicals, somewhere,

Had laid their wicked heads together,  
And forc'd that ship to founder there, —  
While some believe it was the weather.

However this might be, the freight

Was landed without fees or duties ;  
And from that hour historians date  
The downfall of the Race of Beauties.

The looking glasses got about,

And grew so common through the land,  
That scarce a tinker could walk out,  
Without a mirror in his hand.

Comparing faces, morning, noon,

And night, their constant occupation —  
By dint of looking glasses, soon,  
They grew a most reflecting nation.

In vain the Court, aware of errors

In all the old, establish'd mazards,  
Prohibited the use of mirrors,  
And tried to break them at all hazards : —

In vain — their laws might just as well

Have been waste paper on the shelves ;  
That fatal freight had broke the spell ;  
People had look'd — and knew themselves.

If chance a Duke, of birth sublime,

Presum'd upon his ancient face,  
(Some calf-head, ugly from all time,)  
They popp'd a mirror to his Grace : —

Just hinting, by that gentle sign,

How little Nature holds it true,  
That what is call'd an ancient line,  
Must be the line of Beauty too.

From Dukes' they pass'd to regal prizes,

Compar'd them proudly with their own,  
And cried, "How *could* such monstrous  
quizes  
"In Beauty's name usurp the throne !" —

They then wrote essays, pamphlets, books,

Upon Cosmetical Economy,  
Which made the King try various looks,  
But none improv'd his physiognomy.

And satires at the Court were levell'd,

And small lampoons, so full of slynesses,  
That soon, in short, they quite be-devill'd  
Their Majesties and Royal Highnesses.

At length — but here I drop the veil,

To spare some loyal folks' sensations ; —  
Besides, what follow'd is the tale  
Of all such late-enlighten'd nations ;



Of all to whom old Time discloses  
 A truth they should have sooner known —  
 That Kings have neither rights nor noses  
 A whit diviner than their own.

## FABLE III.

## THE TORCH OF LIBERTY.

I saw it all in Fancy's glass —  
 Herself, the fair, the wild magician,  
 Who bid this splendid daydream pass,  
 And nam'd each gliding apparition.

'Twas like a torch race — such as they  
 Of Greece perform'd, in ages gone,  
 When the fleet youths, in long array,  
 Pass'd the bright torch triumphant on.

I saw th' expectant nations stand,  
 To catch the coming flame in turn ; —  
 I saw, from ready hand to hand,  
 The clear, though struggling glory, burn.

And, O, their joy, as it came near,  
 'Twas, in itself, a joy to see ; —  
 While Fancy whisper'd in my ear,  
 " That torch they pass is Liberty ! "

And each, as she receiv'd the flame,  
 Lighted her altar with its ray ;  
 Then, smiling to the next who came,  
 Speeded it on its sparkling way.

From ALBION first, whose ancient shrine  
 Was furnish'd with the fire already,  
 COLUMBA caught the boon divine,  
 And lit a flame, like ALBION'S, steady.

The splendid gift then GALLIA took,  
 And, like a wild Bacchante, raising  
 The brand aloft, its sparkles shook,  
 As she would set the world a-blazing !

Thus kindling wild, so fierce and high  
 Her altar blaz'd into the air,  
 That ALBION, to that fire too nigh,  
 Shrunk back, and shudder'd at its glare !

Next, SPAIN, so new was light to her,  
 Leap'd at the torch — but, ere the spark  
 That fell upon her shrine could stir,  
 'Twas quenched — and all again was dark.

Yet, no — *not* quenched — a treasure, worth  
 So much to mortals, rarely dies :  
 Again her living light look'd forth,  
 And shone, a beacon, in all eyes.

Who next receiv'd the flame ? alas,  
 Unworthy NAPLES — shame of shames,  
 That ever through such hands should pass  
 That brightest of all earthly flames !

Scarce had her fingers touch'd the torch,  
 When, frighted by the sparks it shed,  
 Nor waiting ev'n to feel the scorch,  
 She dropp'd it to the earth — and fled.

And fall'n it might have long remain'd ;  
 But GREECE, who saw her moment now,  
 Caught up the prize, though prostrate, stain'd,  
 And wav'd it round her beauteous brow.

And Fancy bade me mark where, o'er  
 Her altar, as its flame ascended,  
 Fair, laurell'd spirits seem'd to soar,  
 Who thus in song their voices blended : —

" Shine, shine forever, glorious Flame,  
 " Divinest gift of Gods to men !  
 " From GREECE thy earliest splendor came,  
 " To GREECE thy ray returns again.

" Take, Freedom, take thy radiant round,  
 " When dimm'd, revive, when lost, return,  
 " Till not a shrine through earth be found,  
 " On which thy glories shall not burn ! "

## FABLE IV.

## THE FLY AND THE BULLOCK.

## PROEM.

OF all that, to the sage's survey,  
 This world presents of topsy turvy,  
 There's nought so much disturbs one's patience  
 As little minds in lofty stations.  
 'Tis like that sort of painful wonder,  
 Which slender columns, laboring under  
 Enormous arches, give beholders ; —  
 Or those poor Caryatides,  
 Condemn'd to smile and stand at ease,  
 With a whole house upon their shoulders.

If, as in some few royal cases,  
 Small minds are *born* into such places —

If they are there, by Right Divine,  
 Or any such sufficient reason,  
 Why — Heav'n forbid we should repine! —  
 To wish it otherwise were treason;  
 Nay, ev'n to see it in a vision,  
 Would be what lawyers call *misprision*.

Sir ROBERT FILMER saith — and he,  
 Of course, knew all about the matter —  
 "Both men and beasts love Monarchy;"  
 Which proves how rational — the *latter*.  
 SIDNEY, we know, or wrong or right,  
 Entirely differ'd from the Knight:  
 Nay, hints a King may lose his head,  
 By slipping awkwardly his bridle: —  
 But this is treasonous, ill bred,  
 And (nowadays, when Kings are led  
 In patent snaffles) downright idle.

No, no — it isn't right-line Kings,  
 (Those sovereign lords in leading strings  
 Who, from their birth, are Faith Defenders,  
 That move my wrath — 'tis your pretenders,  
 Your mushroom rulers, sons of earth,  
 Who — not like t'others, bores by birth,  
 Establish'd *gratia Dei* blockheads,  
 Born with three kingdoms in their pockets —  
 Yet, with a brass that nothing stops,  
 Push up into the loftiest stations,  
 And, though too dull to manage shops,  
 Presume, the dolts, to manage nations!

This class it is, that moves my gall,  
 And stirs up bile, and spleen, and all.  
 While other senseless things appear  
 To know the limits of their sphere —  
 While not a cow on earth romances  
 So much as to conceit she dances —  
 While the most jumping frog we know of,  
 Would scarce at Astley's hope to show off —  
 Your \* \* \*s, your \* \* \*s dare,  
 Untrain'd as are their minds, to set them  
 To *any* business, *any* where,  
 At *any* time that fools will let them.

But leave we here these upstart things —  
 My business is, just now, with Kings;  
 To whom, and to their right-line glory,  
 I dedicate the following story.

## FABLE.

THE wise men of Egypt were secret as dummies;  
 And, ev'n when they most condescended to  
 teach,

They pack'd up their meaning, as they did their  
 mummies,  
 In so many wrappers, 'twas out of one's reach-

They were also, good people, much given to  
 Kings —  
 Fond of craft and of crocodiles, monkeys and  
 mystery;  
 But blue-bottle flies were their best-belov'd  
 things —  
 As will partly appear in this very short history.

A Scythian philosopher (nephew, they say,  
 To that other great traveller, young Anachar-  
 sis,)  
 Stepp'd into a temple at Memphis one day,  
 To have a short peep at their mystical farces.

He saw<sup>1</sup> a brisk blue-bottle Fly on an altar,  
 Made much of, and worshipp'd, as something  
 divine;  
 While a large, handsome Bullock, led there in  
 a halter,  
 Before it lay stabb'd at the foot of the shrine.

Surpris'd at such doings, he whisper'd his teach-  
 er —  
 "If 'tisn't impertinent, may I ask why  
 "Should a Bullock, that useful and powerful  
 creature,  
 "Be thus offer'd up to a blue-bottle Fly?"

"No wonder" — said t'other — "you stare at  
 the sight,  
 "But *we* as a Symbol of Monarchy view it —  
 "That Fly on the Shrine is Legitimate Right,  
 "And that Bullock, the People, that's sacri-  
 fic'd to it."

## FABLE V.

## CHURCH AND STATE.

## PROEM.

"The moment any religion becomes national, or estab-  
 lished, its purity must certainly be lost, because it is then  
 impossible to keep it unconnected with men's interests —  
 and, if connected, it must inevitably be perverted by  
 them." — SOAME JENYNS.

THUS did SOAME JENYNS — though a Tory,  
 A Lord of Trade and the Plantations;

<sup>1</sup> According to Ælian, it was in the island of Leucadia  
 they practised this ceremony — *ὄνειρον βουν ταῖς μυιαῖς*. —  
*De Animal.* lib. ii. cap. 8.

Feel how Religion's simple glory  
Is stain'd by State associations.

When CATHERINE, ere she crush'd the Poles,  
Appeal'd to the benign Divinity ;

Then cut them up in protocols,  
Made fractions of their very souls<sup>1</sup> —

All in the name of the bless'd Trinity :

Or when her grandson, ALEXANDER,  
That mighty Northern salamander,<sup>2</sup>

Whose icy touch, felt all about,  
Puts every fire of Freedom out —

When he, too, winds up his Ukases  
With God and the Panagia's praises —

When he, of royal Saints the type,  
In holy water dips the sponge,

With which, at one imperial wipe,  
He would all human rights expunge ;

When LOUIS (whom as King, and eater,  
Some name *Dix-huit*, and some *Des-huitres*),

Calls down " St. Louis' God " to witness  
The right, humanity, and fitness

Of sending eighty thousand Solons,  
Sages, with muskets and lac'd coats,

To cram instruction, nolens volens,  
Down the poor struggling Spaniards' throats —

I can't help thinking, (though to Kings  
I must, of course, like other men, bow,)

That when a Christian monarch brings  
Religion's name to gloss these things —

Such blasphemy out-Benbows Benbow !<sup>3</sup>

Or — not so far for facts to roam,  
Having a few much nearer home —

When we see Churchmen, who, if ask'd,  
" Must Ireland's slaves be tith'd, and task'd,

" And driv'n, like Negroes or Croats,  
" That *you* may roll in wealth and bliss ? "

Look from beneath their shovel hats

With all due pomp, and answer " Yes ! " —  
But then, if question'd, " Shall the brand

" Intolerance flings throughout that land, —  
" Shall the fierce strife now taught to grow

" Betwixt her palaces and hovels,  
" Be ever quench'd ? " — from the same shovels

Look grandly forth, and answer " No. " —  
Alas, alas ! have *these* a claim

To merciful Religion's name ?

If more you seek, go see a bevy  
Of bowing parsons at a levee —

(Choosing your time, when straw's before  
Some apoplectic bishop's door,)

Then, if thou canst, with life, escape  
That rush of lawn, that press of crape,

Just watch their rev'rences and graces,  
As on each smirking suitor frisks,

And say, if those round shining faces

To heav'n or earth most turn their disks ?

This, this it is — Religion, made,  
" Twixt Church and State, a truck, a trade —

This most ill-match'd, unholy *Co.*,  
From whence the ills we witness flow ;

The war of many creeds with one —  
Th' extremes of *too* much faith, and none —

Till, betwixt ancient trash and new,  
" Twixt Cant and Blasphemy — the two

Rank ills with which this age is curs'd —  
We can no more tell *which* is worst,

Than erst could Egypt, when so rich  
In various plagues, determine which

She thought most pestilent and vile,  
Her frogs, like Benbow and Carlisle.

Croaking their native mud notes loud,  
Or her fat locusts, like a cloud

Of pluralists, obesely lowering,  
At once benighting and devouring ! —

This — this it is — and here I pray

Those sapient wits of the Reviews,  
Who make us poor, dull authors say,

Not what we mean, but what they choose ;  
Who to our most abundant shares

Of nonsense add still more of theirs,  
And are to poets just such evils

As caterpillars find those flies,<sup>4</sup>

Which, not content to sting like devils,  
Lay eggs upon their backs likewise —

To guard against such foul deposits

Of other's meaning in my rhymes,  
(A thing more needful here, because it's

A subject, ticklish in these times) —  
I, here, to all such wits make known,

Monthly and Weekly, Whig and Tory,  
'Tis *this* Religion — this alone —

I aim at in the following story : —

#### FABLE.

When royalty was young and bold,  
Ere, touch'd by Time, he had become —

<sup>1</sup> *Ames, demi-amés, &c.*

<sup>2</sup> The salamander is supposed to have the power of extinguishing fire by its natural coldness and moisture.

<sup>3</sup> A well-known publisher of irreligious books.

<sup>4</sup> " The greatest number of the ichneumon tribe are seen settling upon the back of the caterpillar, and darting at different intervals their stings into its body — at every dart they depose an egg." — GOLDSMITH.

If 't isn't civil to say *old*,  
At least, a *ci-devant jeune homme* ;

One evening, on some wild pursuit,  
Driving along, he chanc'd to see  
Religion, passing by on foot,  
And took him in his vis-à-vis.

This said Religion was a Friar,  
The humblest and the best of men,  
Who ne'er had notion or desire  
Of riding in a coach till then.

"I say" — quoth Royalty, who rather  
Enjoy'd a masquerading joke —  
"I say, suppose, my good old father,  
"You lend me, for a while, your cloak."

The Friar consented — little knew  
What tricks the youth had in his head ;  
Besides, was rather tempted too  
By a lac'd coat he got instead.

Away ran Royalty, slap dash,  
Scampering like mad about the town ;  
Broke windows, shiver'd lamps to smash,  
And knock'd whole scores of watchmen down.

While nought could they, whose heads were  
broke,  
Learn of the "why" or the "wherefore,"  
Except that 'twas Religion's cloak  
The gentleman, who crack'd them, wore.

Meanwhile, the Friar, whose head was turn'd  
By the lac'd coat, grew frisky too ;  
Look'd big — his former habits spurn'd —  
And storm'd about, as great men do :

Dealt much in pompous oaths and curses —  
Said "d—mn you" often, or as bad —  
Laid claim to other people's purses —  
In short, grew either knave, or mad.

As work like this was unbecfitting,  
And flesh and blood no longer bore it,  
The Court of Common Sense, then sitting,  
Summon'd the culprits both before it.

Where, after hours in wrangling spent  
(As Courts must wrangle to decide well),

Religion to St. Luke's was sent,  
And Royalty pack'd off to Bridewell.

With this proviso — should they be  
Restor'd, in due time, to their senses,  
They both must give security,  
In future, against such offences —

Religion ne'er to *lend his cloak*,  
Seeing what dreadful work it leads to ;  
And Royalty to crack his joke, —  
But *not* to crack poor people's heads too.

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FABLE VI.

THE LITTLE GRAND LAMA.

PROEM.

NOVELLA, a young Bolognese,  
The daughter of a learn'd Law Doctor,<sup>1</sup>  
Who had with all the subtleties  
Of old and modern jurists stock'd her,  
Was so exceeding fair, 'tis said,  
And over hearts held such dominion,  
That when her father, sick in bed,  
Or busy, sent her, in his stead,  
To lecture on the Code Justinian,  
She had a curtain drawn before her,  
Lest, if her charms were seen, the students  
Should let their young eyes wander o'er her,  
And quite forget their jurisprudence.<sup>2</sup>  
Just so it is with Truth, when *seen*,  
Too dazzling far, — 'tis from behind  
A light, thin allegoric screen,  
She thus can safest teach mankind.

FABLE.

In Thibet once there reign'd, we're told,  
A little Lama, one year old —  
Rais'd to the throne, that realm to bless,  
Just when his little Holiness  
Had cut — as near as can be reckon'd —  
Some say his *first* tooth, some his *second*.  
Chronologers and Nurses vary,  
Which proves historians should be wary.  
We only know th' important truth,  
His Majesty *had* cut a tooth.<sup>3</sup>  
And much his subjects were enchanted, —  
As well all Lamas' subjects *may* be,

elle avoit une petite courtine devant elle. — *Christ. de Pisa, Cité des Dames*, p. 11, cap. 36.

<sup>3</sup> See Turner's Embassy to Thibet for an account of his interview with the Lama. — "Teshoo Lama (he says) was

<sup>1</sup> Andreas.

<sup>2</sup> Quand il étoit occupé d'aucune essoine, il envoyoit Nouvelle, sa fille, en son lieu lire aux escholes en charge, et, afin que la biauté d'elle n'empêchât la pensée des oyants,

And would have giv'n their heads, if wanted,  
 To make tetotums for the baby.  
 Thron'd as he was by Right Divine —  
 (What Lawyers call *Jure Divino*,  
 Meaning a right to yours, and mine,  
 And every body's goods and rhino,)  
 Of course, his faithful subjects' purses  
 Were ready with their aids and succors ;  
 Nothing was seen but pension'd Nurses,  
 And the land groan'd with bibs and tuckers.

O, had there been a Hume or Bennet,  
 Then sitting in the Thibet Senate,  
 Ye Gods, what room for long debates  
 Upon the Nursery Estimates !  
 What cutting down of swaddling clothes  
 And pinafores, in nightly battles !  
 What calls for papers to expose  
 The waste of sugar plums and rattles !  
 But no — if Thibet had M. P.'s,  
 They were far better bred than these ;  
 Nor gave the slightest opposition,  
 During the Monarch's whole dentition.

But short this calm ; — for, just when he  
 Had reach'd th' alarming age of three,  
 When Royal natures, and, no doubt,  
 Those of *all* noble beasts break out —  
 The Lama, who till then was quiet,  
 Show'd symptoms of a taste for riot ;  
 And, ripe for mischief, early, late,  
 Without regard for Church or State,  
 Made free with whosoe'er came nigh ;  
 Tweak'd the Lord Chancellor by the nose,  
 Turn'd all the Judges' wigs awry,  
 And trod on the old Generals' toes ;  
 Pelted the Bishops with hot buns,

Rode cockhorse on the City maces,  
 And shot from little devilish guns,  
 Hard peas into his subjects' faces.  
 In short, such wicked pranks he play'd,  
 And grew so mischievous, God bless him !  
 That his Chief Nurse — with ev'n the aid  
 Of an Archbishop — was afraid,  
 When in these moods, to comb or dress him.  
 Nay, ev'n the persons most inclin'd  
 Through thick and thin, for Kings to stickle,  
 Thought him (if they'd but speak their mind,  
 Which they did *not*) an odious pickle.

At length some patriot lords — a breed  
 Of animals they've got in Thibet,

at this time eighteen months old. Though he was unable to speak a word, he made the most expressive signs, and conducted himself with astonishing *dignity* and *decorum*."

Extremely rare, and fit, indeed,  
 For folks like Pidcock, to exhibit —  
 Some patriot lords, who saw the length  
 To which things went, combin'd their strength,  
 And penn'd a manly, plain and free  
 Remonstrance to the Nursery ;  
 Protesting warmly that they yielded  
 To none, that ever went before 'em,  
 In loyalty to him who wielded  
 Th' hereditary pap spoon o'er 'em ;  
 That, as for treason, 'twas a thing  
 That made them almost sick to think of —  
 That they and theirs stood by the King,  
 Throughout his measles and his chin cough,  
 When others, thinking him consumptive,  
 Had ratted to the Heir Presumptive ! —  
 But, still, though much admiring Kings  
 (And chiefly those in leading strings),  
 They saw, with shame and grief of soul,  
 There was no longer now the wise  
 And constitutional control  
 Of *birch* before their ruler's eyes ;  
 But that, of late, such pranks, and tricks,  
 And freaks occur'd the whole day long,  
 As all, but men with bishoprics,  
 Allow'd, in ev'n a King, were wrong.  
 Wherefore it was they humbly pray'd  
 That Hlonorable Nursery,  
 That such reforms be henceforth made,  
 As all good men desir'd to see ; —  
 In other words (lest they might seem  
 Too tedious), as the gentleste scheme  
 For putting all such pranks to rest,  
 And in its bud the mischief nipping —  
 They ventur'd humbly to suggest  
 His Majesty should have a whipping !

When this was read, no Congreve rocket,  
 Discharg'd into the Gallic trenches,  
 E'er equal'd the tremendous shock it  
 Produc'd upon the Nursery benches.  
 The Bishops, who of course had votes,  
 By right of age and petticoats,  
 Were first and foremost in the fuss —  
 "What, whip a Lama ! suffer birch  
 "To touch his sacred — infamous !  
 "Deistical ! — assailing thus  
 "The fundamentals of the Church ! —  
 "No — no — such patriot plans as these,  
 "(So help them Heaven — and their Sees !  
 "They held to be rank blasphemies."

Th' alarm thus given, by these and other  
 Grave ladies of the Nursery side,



Spread through the land, till, such a pother,  
 Such party squabbles, far and wide,  
 Never in history's page had been  
 Recorded, as were then between  
 The Whippers and Non-whippers seen.  
 Till, things arriving at a state,  
 Which gave some fears of revolution,  
 The patriot lords' advice, though late,  
 Was put at last in execution.  
 The Parliament of Thibet met —  
 The little Lama, call'd before it,  
 Did, then and there, his whipping get,  
 And (as the Nursery Gazette  
 Assures us) like a hero bore it.

And though, 'mong Thibet Tories, some  
 Lament that Royal Martyrdom  
 (Please to observe, the letter D  
 In this last word's pronounc'd like B),  
 Yet to th' example of that Prince  
 So much is Thibet's land a debtor,  
 That her long line of Lamas, since,  
 Have all behav'd themselves *much* better.

FABLE VII.

THE EXTINGUISHERS.

PROEM.

THOUGH soldiers are the true supports,  
 The natural allies of Courts,  
 Woe to the Monarch, who depends  
 Too *much* on his red-coated friends ;  
 For even soldiers sometimes *think* —  
 Nay, Colonels have been known to *reason*, —  
 And reasoners, whether clad in pink,  
 Or red, or blue, are on the brink  
 (Nine cases out of ten) of treason.

Not many soldiers, I believe, are  
 As fond of liberty as Mina ;  
 Else — woe to Kings, when Freedom's fever  
 Once turns into a *Scarletina* !  
 For then — but hold — 'tis best to veil  
 My meaning in the following tale : —

FABLE.

A Lord of Persia, rich and great,  
 Just come into a large estate,  
 Was shock'd to find he had, for neighbors,  
 Close to his gate, some rascal Ghebers,  
 Whose fires, beneath his very nose,  
 In heretic combustion rose.

But Lords of Persia can, no doubt,  
 Do what they will — so, one fine morning,  
 He turn'd the rascal Ghebers out,  
 First giving a few kicks for warning.  
 Then, thanking heaven most piously,  
 He knock'd their Temple to the ground,  
 Blessing himself for joy to see  
 Such Pagan ruins strew'd around.  
 But much it vex'd my Lord to find,  
 That, while all else obey'd his will,  
 The Fire these Ghebers left behind,  
 Do what he would, kept burning still.  
 Fiercely he storm'd, as if his frown  
 Could scare the bright insurgent down ;  
 But, no — such fires are headstrong things,  
 And care not much for Lords or Kings.  
 Scarce could his Lordship well contrive  
 The flashes in *one* place to smother,  
 Before — hey presto ! — all alive,  
 They sprung up freshly in another.

At length when, spite of prayers and damns,  
 'Twas found the sturdy flame defied him,  
 His stewards came, with low *salams*,  
 Offering, by *contract*, to provide him  
 Some large Extinguishers, (a plan,  
 Much us'd, they said, at Ispahan,  
 Vienna, Petersburg — in short,  
 Wherever Light's forbid at court,)  
 Machines no Lord should be without,  
 Which would, at once, put promptly out  
 All kinds of fires, — from staring, stark  
 Volcanoes to the tiniest spark ;  
 Till all things slept as dull and dark,  
 As, in a great Lord's neighborhood,  
 'Twas right and fitting all things should.

Accordingly, some large supplies  
 Of these Extinguishers were furnish'd  
 (All of the true Imperial size),  
 And there, in rows, stood black and bur-  
 nish'd,  
 Ready, where'er a gleam but shone  
 Of light or fire, to be clapp'd on.

But, ah, how lordly wisdom errs,  
 In trusting to extinguishers !  
 One day, when he had left all sure,  
 (At least, so thought he) dark, secure —  
 The flame, at all its exits, entries,  
 Obstructed to his heart's content,  
 And black extinguishers, like sentries,  
 Plac'd over every dangerous vent —  
 Ye Gods, imagine his amaze,  
 His wrath, his rage, when, on returning,

He found not only the old blaze,  
 Brisk as before, crackling and burning, —  
 Not only new, young conflagrations,  
 Popping up round in various stations —  
 But, still more awful, strange, and dire,  
 Th' Extinguishers themselves on fire !<sup>1</sup>  
 They, they — those trusty, blind machines  
 His Lordship had so long been praising,  
 As, under Providence, the means  
 Of keeping down all lawless blazing,  
 Were now, themselves — alas, too true  
 The shameful fact — turn'd blazers too,  
 And, by a change as odd as cruel,  
 Instead of dampers, served for fuel !

Thus, of his only hope bereft,  
 "What," said the great man, "must be  
 done ?" —  
 All that, in scrapes like this, is left  
 To great men is — to cut and run.  
 So run he did ; while to their grounds,  
 The banish'd Ghebers blest return'd ;  
 And, though their Fire had broke its bounds,  
 And all abroad now wildly burn'd,  
 Yet well could they, who lov'd the flame,  
 Its wand'ring, its excess reclaim ;  
 And soon another, fairer Dome  
 Arose to be its sacred home,  
 Where, cherish'd, guarded, not confin'd,  
 The living glory dwelt enshrin'd,  
 And, shedding lustre strong, but even,  
 Though born of earth, grew worthy heav'n.

## MORAL.

The moral hence my Muse infers  
 Is, that such Lords are simple elves,  
 In trusting to Extinguishers,  
 That are combustible themselves.

## FABLE VIII.

LOUIS FOURTEENTH'S WIG.

THE money rais'd — the army ready —  
 Drums beating, and the Royal Neddy  
 Valiantly braying in the van,  
 To the old tune " *Eh, eh, Sire Ane !* " <sup>2</sup> —

<sup>1</sup> The idea of this Fable was caught from one of those brilliant *mots*, which abound in the conversation of my friend, the author of the "Letters to Julia," — a production which contains some of the happiest specimens of playful poetry that have appeared in this or any age.

<sup>2</sup> They celebrated in the dark ages, at many churches, particularly at Rouen, what was called the Feast of the Ass. On this occasion the ass, finely dressed, was brought before the altar, and they sung before him this elegant anthem,

Nought wanting, but some *coup* dramatic,  
 To make French *sentiment* explode,  
 Bring in, at once, the *goût* fanatic,  
 And make the war " *la dernière mode* " —  
 Instantly, at the *Pavillon Marsan*,  
 Is held an Ultra consultation —  
 What's to be done, to help the farce on ?  
 What stage effect, what decoration,  
 To make this beauteous France forget,  
 In one, grand, glorious *pirouette*,  
 All she had sworn to but last week,  
 And, with a cry of " *Magnifique !* "  
 Rush forth to this, or any war,  
 Without inquiring once — " What for ? "

After some plans propos'd by each,  
 Lord Chateaubriand made a speech,  
 (Quoting, to show what men's rights are,  
 Or rather what men's rights *should be*,  
 From Hobbes, Lord Castlereagh, the Czar,  
 And other friends to Liberty,)  
 Wherein he — having first protested  
 'Gainst humoring the mob — suggested  
 (As the most high-bred plan he saw  
 For giving the new War *éclat*)  
 A grand, Baptismal Melo-drame,  
 To be got up at Nôtre Dame  
 In which the Duke (who, bless his Highness !

Had by his *hilt* acquir'd such fame,  
 'Twas hop'd that he as little shyness  
 Would show, when to *the point* he came,)  
 Should, for his deeds so lion-hearted,  
 Be christen'd *Hero*, ere he started :  
 With power, by Royal Ordonnance,  
 To bear that name — at least in France.  
 Himself — the Viscount Chateaubriand —  
 (To help th' affair with more *esprit* on)  
 Offering, for this baptismal rite,

Some of his own fam'd Jordan water <sup>3</sup> —  
 (Marie Louise not having quite  
 Used all that, for young Nap, he brought her,  
 The baptism, in *this* case, to be  
 Applied to that extremity,  
 Which Bourbon heroes most expose ;  
 And which (as well all Europe knows)  
 Happens to be, in this Defender  
 Of the true Faith, extremely tender.<sup>4</sup>

" *Eh, eh, eh, Sire Ane, eh, eh, eh, Sire Ane.* " — WARTON'S *Essay on Pope*.

<sup>3</sup> Brought from the river Jordan by M. Chateaubriand, and presented to the French Empress for the christening of young Napoleon.

<sup>4</sup> See the Duke's celebrated letter to madame, written during his campaign in 1815, in which he says, " *J'ai la postérieur légèrement endommagé.* "

Or if (the Viscount said) this scheme  
Too rash and premature should seem —  
If thus discounting heroes, on tick —

This glory, by anticipation,  
Was too much in the *genre romantique*

For such a highly classic nation,  
He begg'd to say, the Abyssinians  
A practice had in their dominions,  
Which, if at Paris got up well,  
In full *costume*, was sure to tell.

At all great epochs, good or ill,  
They have, says BRUCE (and BRUCE ne'er  
budes

From the strict truth), a Grand Quadrille  
In public danc'd by the Twelve Judges<sup>1</sup> —

And, he assures us, the grimaces,  
The *entre-chats*, the airs and graces  
Of dancers, so profound and stately,  
Divert the Abyssinians greatly.

"Now (said the Viscount), there's but few  
Great Empires, where this plan would do :

"For instance, England ; — let them take  
"What pains they would — 'twere vain to  
strive —

"The twelve stiff Judges there would make  
"The worst Quadrille set now alive.

"One must have seen them, ere one could  
"Imagine properly JUDGE WOOD,

"Performing, in his wig, so gayly,  
"A *queue-de-chat* with JUSTICE BAILEY !

"French Judges, though, are, by no means,  
"This sort of stiff, be-wigg'd machines ;

"And we, who've seen them at *Saumur*,  
"And *Poitiers* lately, may be sure

"They'd dance quadrilles, or any thing,  
"That would be pleasing to the King —

"Nay, stand upon their heads, and more do,  
"To please the little Duke de Bourdeaux !"

After these several schemes there came  
Some others — needless now to name,  
Since that, which Monsieur plann'd, himself,  
Soon doom'd all others to the shelf,  
And was receiv'd *par acclamation*,  
As truly worthy the *Grande Nation*.

<sup>1</sup> "On certain great occasions, the twelve Judges (who are generally between sixty and seventy years of age) sing the song and dance the figure dance," &c. — Book v.

<sup>2</sup> "Louis XIV. fit présent à la Vierge de son cordon bleu, que l'on conserve soigneusement, et lui envoya ensuite, son Contrat de Mariage et le *Traité des Pyrénées*, magnifiquement relié." — *Mémoires, Anecdotes pour servir*, &c.

<sup>3</sup> The learned author of *Recherches Historiques sur les Perruques* says that the Board consisted but of Forty — the same

It seems (as Monsieur told the story)  
That Louis the Fourteenth, — that glory,  
That *Coryphée* of all crown'd pates, —  
That pink of the Legitimates —  
Had, when, with many a pious pray'er, he  
Bequeath'd unto the Virgin Mary  
His marriage deeds, and *cordons bleus*,<sup>2</sup>  
Bequeath'd to her his State Wig too —  
(An offering which, at Court, 'tis thought,  
The Virgin values as she ought) —  
That Wig, the wonder of all eyes,  
The Cynosure of Gallia's skies,  
To watch and tend whose curls ador'd,

Rebuild its towering roof, when flat,  
And round its rumpled base, a Board  
Of sixty Barbers daily sat,<sup>3</sup>  
With Subs, on State Days, to assist,  
Well pension'd from the Civil List : —  
That wondrous Wig, array'd in which,  
And form'd alike to awe or witch,  
He beat all other heirs of crowns,  
In taking mistresses and towns,  
Requiring but a shot at *one*,  
A smile at *l'other*, and 'twas done ! —

"That Wig (said Monsieur, while his brow  
Rose proudly,) "is existing now ; —

"That Grand Perruque, amid the fall  
"Of every other Royal glory,

"With curls erect survives them all,  
"And tells in every hair their story.

"Think, think, how welcome at this time  
"A relic, so belov'd, sublime !

"What worthier standard of the Cause  
"Of Kingly Right can France demand ?

"Or who among our ranks can pause  
"To guard it, while a curl shall stand ?

"Behold, my friends" — (while thus he cried,  
A curtain, which conceal'd this pride  
Of Princely Wigs was drawn aside)

"Behold that grand Perruque — how big  
"With recollections for the world —

"For France — for us — Great Louis' Wig,  
"By HIPPOLYTE<sup>4</sup> new frizz'd and curl'd —

"*New frizz'd* ! alas, 'tis but too true,  
"Well may you start at that word *new* —

number as the Academy. "Le plus beau tems des perruques fut celui où Louis XIV. commença à porter, lui-même, perruque ; . . . . On ignore l'époque où se fit cette révolution ; mais on sait qu'elle engagea Louis le Grand à y donner ses soins paternels, en créant, en 1656, quarante charges de perruquiers, suivant la cour ; et en 1673, il forma un corps de deux cents perruquiers pour la Ville de Paris — P. 111.

A celebrated *Coiffeur* of the present day.

" But such the sacrifice, my friends,  
 " Th' Imperial Cossack recommends ;  
 " Thinking such small concessions sage,  
 " To meet the spirit of the age,  
 " And do what best that spirit flatters,  
 " In Wigs — if not in weightier matters.  
 " Wherefore, to please the Czar, and show  
 " That *we* too, much-wrong'd Bourbons, know  
 " What liberalism in Monarchs is,  
 " We have conceded the New Friz !  
 " Thus arm'd, ye gallant Ultras, say,  
 " Can men, can Frenchmen, fear the fray ?  
 " With this proud relic in our van,  
 " And D'ANGOULEME our worthy leader,

" Let rebel Spain do all she can,  
 " Let recreant England arm and feed her, —  
 " Urg'd by that pupil of HUNT's school,  
 " That Radical, Lord LIVERPOOL —  
 " France can have nought to fear — far from  
 it —  
 " When once astounded Europe sees  
 " The Wig of LOUIS, like a Comet,  
 " Streaming above the Pyrenees,  
 " All's o'er with Spain — then on, my sons,  
 " On, my incomparable Duke,  
 " And, shouting for the Holy Ones,  
 " Cry *Vive la Guerre — et la Perruque !*"

## RHYMES ON THE ROAD,

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THE greater part of the following Rhymes were written or composed in an old *calèche*, for the purpose of beguiling the *ennui* of solitary travelling ; and as verses, made by a gentleman in his sleep, have been lately called "a *psychological* curiosity," it is to be hoped that verses, composed by a gentleman to keep himself awake, may be honored with some appellation equally Greek.

### INTRODUCTORY RHYMES.

*Different Attitudes in which Authors compose. — Bayes, Henry Stephens, Herodotus, &c. — Writing in Bed — in the Fields. — Plato and Sir Richard Blackmore. — Fiddling with Gloves and Twigs. — Madame de Staël. — Rhyming on the Road, in an old Calèche.*

WHAT various attitudes, and ways,  
 And tricks, we authors have in writing !  
 While some write sitting, some, like BAYES,  
 Usually stand, while they're inditing.  
 Poets there are, who wear the floor out,  
 Measuring a line at every stride ;  
 While some, like HENRY STEPHENS, pour out  
 Rhymes by the dozen, while they ride.<sup>1</sup>

HERODOTUS wrote most in bed ;  
 And RICHERAND, a French physician,  
 Declares the clockwork of the head  
 Goes best in that reclin'd position.  
 If you consult MONTAIGNE<sup>2</sup> and PLINY on  
 The subject, 'tis their joint opinion  
 That Thought its richest harvest yields  
 Abroad, among the woods and fields ;  
 That bards, who deal in small retail,  
 At home may, at their counters, stop ;  
 But that the grove, the hill, the vale,  
 Are Poesy's true wholesale shop.  
 And, verily, I think they're right —  
 For, many a time, on summer eves,  
 Just at that closing hour of light,  
 When, like an Eastern Prince, who leaves  
 For distant war his Harem bowers,  
 The Sun bids farewell to the flowers,  
 Whose heads are sunk, whose tears are flow  
 ing  
 'Mid all the glory of his going ! —  
 Ev'n I have felt, beneath those beams,  
 When wand'ring through the fields alone,  
 Thoughts, fancies, intellectual gleams,  
 Which, far too bright to be my own,  
 Seem'd lent me by the Sunny Power,  
 That was abroad at that still hour.

<sup>1</sup> Pleraque sua carmina equitans composuit. — PARAVICIN Singular

<sup>2</sup> " Mes pensées dorment, si je les assis." — MONTAIGNE  
 Aninus eorum qui in aperto aere ambulat, atollitur.  
 PLINY.

If thus I've felt, how must *they* feel,  
 The few, whom genuine Genius warms ;  
 Upon whose souls he stamps his seal,  
 Graven with Beauty's countless forms ; —  
 The few upon this earth, who seem  
 Born to give truth to PLATO's dream,  
 Since in their thoughts, as in a glass,  
 Shadows of heavenly things appear,  
 Reflections of bright shapes that pass  
 Through other worlds, above our sphere !

But this reminds me I digress ; —  
 For PLATO, too, produc'd, 'tis said,  
 (As one, indeed, might almost guess,)  
 His glorious visions all in bed.<sup>1</sup>  
 'Twas in his carriage the sublime  
 SIR RICHARD BLACKMORE used to rhyme ;  
 And (if the wits don't do him wrong)  
 'Twixt death<sup>2</sup> and epics pass'd his time,  
 Scribbling and killing all day long —  
 Like Phœbus in his car, at ease,  
 Now warbling forth a lofty song,  
 Now murdering the young Niobes.

There was a hero 'mong the Danes,  
 Who wrote, we're told, 'mid all the pains  
 And horrors of exenteration,  
 Nine charming odes, which, if you'll look,  
 You'll find preserv'd with a translation,  
 By BARTHOLINUS in his book.<sup>3</sup>  
 In short, 'twere endless to recite  
 The various modes in which men write.  
 Some wits are only in the mind,  
 When beaux and belles are round them prating ;  
 Some, when they dress for dinner, find  
 Their muse and valet both in waiting ;  
 And manage, at the selfsame time,  
 T' adjust a neckcloth and a rhyme.

Some bards there are who cannot scribble  
 Without a glove, to tear or nibble ;  
 Or a small twig to whisk about —  
 As if the hidden founts of Fancy,  
 Like wells of old, were thus found out  
 By mystic tricks of rhabdomancy.  
 Such was the little feathery wand,<sup>4</sup>  
 That, held forever in the hand

Of her,<sup>5</sup> who won and wore the crown  
 Of female genius in this age,  
 Seem'd the conductor, that drew down  
 Those words of lightning to her page.  
 As for myself — to come, at last,  
 To the odd way in which I write —  
 Having employ'd these few months past  
 Chiefly in travelling, day and night,  
 I've got into the easy mode,  
 Of rhyming thus along the road —  
 Making a way bill of my pages,  
 Counting my stanzas by my stages —  
 'Twixt lays and *re-lays* no time lost —  
 In short, in two words, *writing post*.

## EXTRACT I.

Geneva.

*View of the Lake of Geneva from the Jura.<sup>6</sup> — Anxious to reach it before the Sun went down. — Obligated to proceed on Foot. — Alps. — Mont Blanc. — Effect of the Scene.*

'Twas late — the sun had almost shone  
 His last and best, when I ran on,  
 Anxious to reach that splendid view,  
 Before the daybeams quite withdrew ;  
 And feeling as all feel, on first  
 Approaching scenes, where, they are told,  
 Such glories on their eyes will burst,  
 As youthful bards in dreams behold.

'Twas distant yet, and, as I ran,  
 Full often was my wistful gaze  
 'Turn'd to the sun, who now began  
 To call in all his outpost rays,  
 And form a denser march of light,  
 Such as befits a hero's flight.  
 O, how I wish'd for JOSHUA's power,  
 To stay the brightness of that hour !  
 But no — the sun still less became,  
 Diminish'd to a speck, as splendid  
 And small as were those tongues of flame,  
 That on th' Apostles' heads descended !

'Twas at this instant — while there glow'd  
 This last, intensest gleam of light —  
 Suddenly, through the opening road,  
 The valley burst upon my sight !

<sup>1</sup> The only authority I know for imputing this practice to Plato and Herodotus, is a Latin poem by M. de Valois on his Bed, in which he says : —

Lucifer Herodotum vidit Vesperque cubantem,  
 Desedit totos heic Plato sæpe dies.

<sup>2</sup> Sir Richard Blackmore was a physician, as well as a bad poet.

<sup>3</sup> Eadem curâ nec minores inter cruciatus animam infelicem agenti fuit Asbiorno Prudæ Danico heroi, cum Brnoo ipsum, intestina extrahens, immaniter torqueret, tunc enim novem carmina cecinit, &c. — BARTHOLIN. *de Causis Con temp. Mort.*

<sup>4</sup> Made of paper, twisted up like a fan or feather

<sup>5</sup> Madame de Staël.

<sup>6</sup> Between Vattay and Gex.



That glorious valley, with its Lake,  
 And Alps on Alps in clusters swelling,  
 Mighty, and pure, and fit to make  
 The ramparts of a Godhead's dwelling.

I stood entranc'd — as Rabbins say  
 This whole assembled, gazing world  
 Will stand, upon that awful day,  
 When the Ark's Light, aloft unfurl'd,  
 Among the opening clouds shall shine,  
 Divinity's own radiant sign !

Mighty MONT BLANC, thou wert to me,  
 That minute, with thy brow in heaven,  
 As sure a sign of Deity  
 As e'er to mortal gaze was given.  
 Nor ever, were I destined yet  
 To live my life twice o'er again,  
 Can I the deepfelt awe forget,  
 The dream, the trance that rapt me then !

'Twas all that consciousness of power  
 And life, beyond this mortal hour ; —  
 Those mountings of the soul within  
 At thoughts of Heav'n — as birds begin  
 By instinct in the cage to rise,  
 When near their time for change of skies ; —  
 That proud assurance of our claim  
 To rank among the Sons of Light,  
 Mingled with shame — O bitter shame ! —  
 At having risk'd that splendid right,  
 For aught that earth through all its range  
 Of glories, offers in exchange !  
 'Twas all this, at that instant brought,  
 Like breaking sunshine, o'er my thought —  
 'Twas all this, kindled to a glow  
 Of sacred zeal, which, could it shine  
 Thus purely ever, man might grow,  
 Ev'n upon earth a thing divine,  
 And be, once more, the creature made  
 To walk unstain'd th' Elysian shade !

No, never shall I lose the trace  
 Of what I've felt in this bright place.  
 And, should my spirit's hope grow weak,  
 Should I, O God, e'er doubt thy power,  
 This mighty scene again I'll seek,  
 At the same calm and glowing hour,  
 And here, at the sublimest shrine  
 That Nature ever rear'd to Thee,

Rekindle all that hope divine,  
 And *feel* my immortality !

EXTRACT II.

Geneva.

FATE OF GENEVA IN THE YEAR 1732.

A FRAGMENT.

YES — if there yet live some of those,  
 Who, when this small Republic rose,  
 Quick as a startled hive of bees,  
 Against her leaguering enemies <sup>1</sup> —  
 When, as the Royal Satrap shook  
 His well-known fetters at her gates,  
 Ev'n wives and mothers arm'd, and took  
 Their stations by their sons and mates ;  
 And on these walls there stood — yet, no,  
 Shame to the traitors — *would* have stood  
 As firm a band as e'er let flow  
 At Freedom's base their sacred blood ;  
 If those yet live, who, on that night,  
 When all were watching, girt for fight,  
 Stole, like the creeping of a pest,  
 From rank to rank, from breast to breast,  
 Filling the weak, the old with fears,  
 Turning the heroine's zeal to tears, —  
 Betraying Honor to that brink, —  
 Where, one step more, and he must sink —  
 And quenching hopes, which, though the last,  
 Like meteors on a drowning mast,  
 Would yet have led to death more bright,  
 Than life e'er look'd, in all its light !  
 Till soon, too soon, distrust, alarms  
 Throughout th' embattled thousands ran,  
 And the high spirit, late in arms,  
 The zeal, that might have work'd such charms,  
 Fell, like a broken talisman —  
 Their gates, that they had sworn should be  
 The gates of Death, that very dawn,  
 Gave passage widely, bloodlessly,  
 To the proud foe — nor sword was drawn,  
 Nor ev'n one martyr'd body cast  
 To stain their footsteps, as they pass'd ;  
 But, of the many sworn at night  
 To do or die, some fled the sight,  
 Some stood to look, with sullen frown,  
 While some, in impotent despair,  
 Broke their bright armor and lay down,  
 Weeping, upon the fragments there !

<sup>1</sup> In the year 1732, when the forces of Berne, Sardinia, and France laid siege to Geneva, and when, after a demonstration of heroism and self-devotion, which promised to rival the feats of their ancestors in 1602 against Savoy, the

Genevans, either panic-struck or betrayed, to the surprise of all Europe, opened their gates to the besiegers, and submitted without a struggle to the extinction of their liberties. — See an account of this Revolution in Coxe's Switzerland

If those, I say, who brought that shame,  
That blast upon GENEVA'S name,  
Be living still — though crime so dark  
Shall hang up, fix'd and unforgiven,  
In History's page, th' eternal mark  
For Scorn to pierce — so help me, Heaven,  
I wish the traitorous slaves no worse,  
No deeper, deadlier disaster,  
From all earth's ills no fouler curse  
Than to have \* \* \* \* \* their  
master!

## EXTRACT III.

Geneva.

*Fancy and Truth. — Hippomenes and Atalanta. — Mont Blanc.  
— Clouds.*

EVEN here, in this region of wonders, I find  
That light-footed Fancy leaves Truth far behind;  
Or, at least, like Hippomenes, turns her astray  
By the golden illusions he flings in her way.<sup>1</sup>

What a glory it seem'd the first evening I gaz'd!  
MONT BLANC, like a vision, then suddenly rais'd  
On the wreck of the sunset — and all his array  
Of high-towering Alps, touch'd still with a  
light

Far holier, purer than that of the Day,  
As if nearness to Heaven had made them so  
bright!

Then the dying, at last, of these splendors away  
From peak after peak, till they left but a ray,  
One roseate ray, that, too precious to fly,  
O'er the Mighty of Mountains still glowingly  
hung,

Like the last sunny step of ASTRÆA, when high  
From the summit of earth to Elysium she  
sprung!

And those infinite Alps, stretching out from the  
sight

Till they mingled with Heaven, now shorn of  
their light,

Stood lofty, and lifeless, and pale in the sky,  
Like the ghosts of a Giant Creation gone by!

That scene — I have view'd it this evening again,  
By the same brilliant light that hung over it  
then —

1 ——— nitidique cupidine pomi  
Declinat cursus, aurumque volubile tollit.

OVID.

<sup>2</sup> It is often very difficult to distinguish between clouds and Alps; and on the evening when I first saw this magnificent scene, the clouds were so disposed along the whole horizon, as to deceive me into an idea of the stupendous extent of these mountains, which my subsequent observation was very far, of course, from confirming.

The valley, the lake in their tenderest charms —  
MONT BLANC in his awfullest pomp — and the  
whole

A bright picture of Beauty, reclin'd in the arms  
Of Sublimity, bridegroom elect of her soul!

But where are the mountains, that round me at  
first,

One dazzling horizon of miracles, burst?

Those Alps beyond Alps, without end swelling  
on

Like the waves of eternity — where are *they*  
gone?

Clouds — clouds — they were nothing but clouds,  
after all!<sup>2</sup>

That chain of MONT BLANCs, which my fancy  
flew o'er,

With a wonder that nought on this earth can  
recall,

Were but clouds of the evening, and now are  
no more.

What a picture of Life's young illusions! O,  
Night,

Drop thy curtain, at once, and hide *all* from my  
sight.

## EXTRACT IV.

Milan.

*The Picture Gallery. — A'vano's Rape of Proserpine. — Reflections. — Universal Salvation. — Abraham sending away Agar, by Guercino. — Genius.*

WENT to the Brera — saw a Dance of Loves  
By smooth ALBANO<sup>3</sup>; him, whose pencil teems  
With Cupids, numerous as in summer groves  
The leaflets are, or notes in summer beams.

'Tis for the theft of Enna's flower<sup>4</sup> from earth,  
These urchins celebrate their dance of mirth  
Round the green tree, like fays upon a heath —

Those, that are nearest, link'd in order bright,  
Check after check, like rosebuds in a wreath;  
And those, more distant, showing from beneath  
The others' wings their little eyes of light.

While see, among the clouds, their eldest brother,  
But just flown up, tells with a smile of bliss  
This prank of Pluto to his charmed mother,  
Who turns to greet the tidings with a kiss!

<sup>3</sup> This picture, the Agar of Guercino, and the Apostles of Guido (the two latter of which are now the chief ornaments of the Brera), were formerly in the Palazzo Zampieri at Bologna.

<sup>4</sup> ——— that fair field

Of Enna, where Proserpine, gathering flowers,  
Herself a fairer flower, by gloomy Dis was gather'd.

Well might the Loves rejoice — and well did they,

Who wove these fables, picture, in their weaving,

That blessed truth, (which, in a darker day,  
ORIGEN lost his saintship for believing,<sup>1</sup>) —

That Love, eternal Love, whose fadeless ray  
Nor time, nor death, nor sin can overcast,

Ev'n to the depths of hell will find his way,

And soothe, and heal and triumph there at last!

GUERCINO'S Agar — where the bondmaid hears  
From Abram's lips that he and she must part;

And looks at him with eyes all full of tears,

That seem the very last drops from her heart.

Exquisite picture! — let me not be told  
Of minor faults, of coloring tame and cold —

If thus to conjure up a face so fair,<sup>2</sup>

So full of sorrow; with the story there

Of all that woman suffers, when the stay

Her trusting heart hath lean'd on falls away —

If thus to touch the bosom's tenderest spring,

By calling into life such eyes, as bring

Back to our sad remembrance some of those

We've smil'd and wept with, in their joys and woes,

Thus filling them with tears, like tears we've known,

Till all the pictur'd grief becomes our own —

If *this* be deem'd the victory of Art —

If thus, by pen or pencil, to lay bare

The deep, fresh, living fountains of the heart

Before all eyes, be Genius — it is *there!*

EXTRACT V.

Padua.

*Fancy and Reality. — Raindrops and Lakes. — Plan of a Story. — Where to place the Scene of it. — In some unknown Region. — Psalmanazar's Imposture with respect to the Island of Formosa.*

THE more I've view'd this world, the more I've found,

That, fill'd as 'tis with scenes and creatures rare,

Fancy commands, within her own bright round,

A world of scenes and creatures far more fair.

Nor is it that her power can call up there

A single charm, that's not from Nature won,

<sup>1</sup> The extension of the Divine Love ultimately even to the regions of the damned.

<sup>2</sup> It is probable that this fine head is a portrait, as we find

No more than rainbows, in their pride, can wear

A single hue unborrow'd from the sun —

But 'tis the mental medium it shines through,

That lends to Beauty all its charm and hue;

As the same light, that o'er the level lake

One dull monotony of lustre flings,

Will, entering in the rounded raindrop, make

Colors as gay as those on Peris' wings!

And such, I deem, the difference between real,  
Existing Beauty and that form ideal,

Which she assumes, when seen by poets' eyes,

Like sunshine in the drop — with all those dyes,

Which Fancy's variegating prism supplies.

I have a story of two lovers, fill'd

With all the pure romance, the blissful sadness,

And the sad, doubtful bliss, that ever thrill'd

Two young and longing hearts in that sweet madness.

But where to choose the region of my vision

In this wide, vulgar world — what real spot

Can be found out sufficiently Elysian

For two such perfect lovers, I know not.

O for some fair FORMOSA, such as he,

The young Jew fabled of, in th' Indian Sea,

By nothing, but its name of Beauty, known,

And which Queen Fancy might make all her own,

Her fairy kingdom — take its people, lands,

And tenements into her own bright hands,

And make, at least, one earthly corner fit

For Love to live in, pure and exquisite!

EXTRACT VI.

Venice.

*The Fall of Venice not to be lamented. — Former Glory. — Expedition against Constantinople. — Justinian's. — Republic. — Characteristics of the old Government. — Golden Book. — Brazen Mouths. — Spies. — Dungeons. — Present Desolation.*

MOURN not for VENICE — let her rest

In ruin, 'mong those States unblest,

Beneath whose gilded hoofs of pride,

Where'er they trampled, Freedom died.

No — let us keep our tears for them,

Where'er they pine, whose fall hath been

it repeated in a picture by Guercino, which is in the possession of Signor Camuccini, the brother of the celebrated painter at Rome.

Not from a bloodstain'd diadem,  
 Like that which deck'd this ocean queen,  
 But from high daring in the cause  
 Of human Rights — the only good  
 And blessed strife, in which man draws  
 His mighty sword on land or flood.

Mourn not for VENICE; though her fall  
 Be awful, as if Ocean's wave  
 Swept o'er her, she deserves it all,  
 And Justice triumphs o'er her grave.  
 Thus perish ev'ry King and State,  
 That run the guilty race she ran,  
 Strong but in ill, and only great  
 By outrage against God and man!

True, her high spirit is at rest,  
 And all those days of glory gone,  
 When the world's waters, east and west,  
 Beneath her white-wing'd commerce shone;  
 When, with her countless barks she went  
 To meet the Orient Empire's might,<sup>1</sup>  
 And her Giustinianis sent  
 Their hundred heroes to that fight.<sup>2</sup>

Vanish'd are all her pomps, 'tis true,  
 But mourn them not — for vanish'd, too,

(Thanks to that power, who, soon or  
 late,  
 Hurls to the dust the guilty Great,  
 Are all the outrage, falsehood, fraud,  
 The chains, the rapine, and the blood,  
 That fill'd each spot, at home, abroad,  
 Where the Republic's standard stood.  
 Desolate VENICE! when I track  
 Thy haughty course through centuries back;  
 Thy ruthless power, obey'd but curs'd —  
 The stern machinery of thy State,  
 Which hatred would, like steam, have burst,  
 Had stronger fear not chill'd ev'n hate; —  
 Thy perfidy, still worse than aught  
 Thy own unblushing SARKPI<sup>3</sup> taught; —  
 Thy friendship, which, o'er all beneath  
 Its shadow, rain'd down dews of death; <sup>4</sup> —  
 Thy Oligarchy's Book of Gold,  
 Clos'd against humble Virtue's name,<sup>5</sup>  
 But open'd wide for slaves who sold  
 Their native land to thee and shame; <sup>6</sup> —  
 Thy all-pervading host of spies,  
 Watching o'er every glance and breath,  
 Till men look'd in each other's eyes,  
 To read their chance of life or death; —  
 Thy laws, that made a mart of blood,  
 And legaliz'd the assassin's knife: <sup>7</sup> —

<sup>1</sup> Under the Doge Michaeli, in 1171.

<sup>2</sup> "La famille entière des Justiniani, Pune des plus illustres de Venise, voulut marcher toute entière dans cette expédition; elle fournit cent combattans; c'était renouveler l'exemple d'une illustre famille de Rome; le même malheur les attendait." — *Histoire de Venise, par DARU.*

<sup>3</sup> The celebrated Fra Paolo. The collection of Maxims which this bold monk drew up at the request of the Venetian Government, for the guidance of the Secret Inquisition of State, are so atrocious as to seem rather an over-charged satire upon despotism, than a system of policy, seriously inculcated, and but too readily and constantly pursued.

The spirit, in which these maxims of Father Paul are conceived, may be judged from the instructions which he gives for the management of the Venetian colonies and provinces. Of the former he says: — "Il faut les traiter comme des animaux féroces, les rogner les dents, et les griffes, les humilier souvent, surtout leur ôter les occasions de s'aguerir. Du pain et le bâton, voilà ce qu'il leur faut; gardons l'humanité pour une meilleure occasion."

For the treatment of the provinces he advises thus: — "Tendre à dépouiller les villes de leurs privilèges, faire que les habitans s'appauvrissent, et que leurs biens soient achetés par les Vénitiens. Ceux qui, dans les conseils municipaux, se montreront ou plus audacieux ou plus dévoués aux intérêts de la population, il faut les perdre ou les gagner à quelque prix que ce soit: enfin, s'il se trouve dans les provinces quelques chefs de parti, il faut les exterminer sous un prétexte quelconque, mais en évitant de recourir à la justice ordinaire. Que le poison fa-se l'office de bourreau, cela est moins odieux et beaucoup plus profitable."

<sup>4</sup> Conduct of Venice towards her allies and dependencies,

particularly to unfortunate Padua. — Fate of Francesco Carrara, for which see *Daru*, vol. ii. p. 141.

<sup>5</sup> "A l'exception des trente citadins admis au grand conseil pendant la guerre de Chiozzi, il n'est pas arrivé une seule fois que les talens ou les services aient paru à cette noblesse orgueilleuse des titres suffisans pour s'asseoir avec elle." — *DARU.*

<sup>6</sup> Among those admitted to the honor of being inscribed in the *Libro d'ore* were some families of Brescia, Treviso, and other places, whose only claim to that distinction was the zeal with which they prostrated themselves and their country at the feet of the republic.

<sup>7</sup> By the infamous statutes of the State Inquisition,\* not only was assassination recognized as a regular mode of punishment, but this secret power over life was delegated to their minions at a distance, with nearly as much facility as a license is given under the game laws of England. The only restriction seems to have been the necessity of applying for a new certificate, after every individual exercise of the power.

\* M. Daru has given an abstract of these Statutes, from a manuscript in the Bibliothèque du Roi, and it is hardly credible that such a system of treachery and cruelty should ever have been established by any government, or submitted to, for an instant, by any people. Among various precautions against the intrigues of their own Nobles, we find the following: — "Pour persuader aux étrangers qu'il était difficile et dangereux d'entretenir quelque intrigue secrète avec les nobles Vénitiens, on imagina de faire avertir mystérieusement le Nonce du Pape (afin que les autres ministres en fussent informés) que l'Inquisition avait autorisé les pa-

Thy sunless cells beneath the flood,  
And racks, and Leads,<sup>1</sup> that burnt out life ;—

When I review all this, and see  
The doom that now hath fall'n on thee ;  
Thy nobles, towering once so proud,  
Themselves beneath the yoke now bow'd, —  
A yoke, by no one grace redeem'd,  
Such as, of old, around thee beam'd,  
But mean and base as e'er yet gall'd  
Earth's tyrants, when, themselves, intrall'd, —  
I feel the moral vengeance sweet,  
And, smiling o'er the wreck, repeat,  
" Thus perish every King and State,  
" That tread the steps which VENICE trod,  
" Strong but in ill, and only great,  
" By outrage against man God !

EXTRACT VII.

Venice.

Lord Byron's *Memoirs*, written by himself. — *Reflections*,  
when about to read them.

LET me, a moment, — ere with fear and hope  
Of gloomy, glorious things, these leaves I ope —  
As one, in fairy tale, to whom the key  
Of some enchanter's secret halls is given,  
Doubts, while he enters, slowly, tremblingly,  
If he shall meet with shapes from hell or  
heaven —  
Let me, a moment, think what thousands live  
O'er the wide earth this instant, who would give,  
Gladly, whole sleepless nights to bend the brow  
Over these precious leaves, as I do now.

<sup>1</sup> " Les prisons des plombs ; c'est-à-dire ces fournaises ardentes qu'on avait distribuées en petites cellules sous les terrasses qui couvrent le palais."

<sup>2</sup> Psaphon, in order to attract the attention of the world, taught multitudes of birds to speak his name, and then let

triciens à poignarder quiconque essaierait de tenter leur fidélité. Mais craignant que les ambassadeurs ne prêtassent foi difficilement à une délibération, qui en effet n'existait pas, l'Inquisition voulait prouver qu'elle en était capable. Elle ordonna des recherches pour découvrir s'il n'y avait pas dans Venise quelque exilé au-dessus du commun, qui eût rompu son ban ; ensuite un des patriciens qui étaient aux gages du tribunal, reçut la mission d'assassiner ce malheureux, et l'ordre de s'en vanter, en disant qu'il s'était porté à ret acte, parce que ce banni était l'agent d'un ministre étranger, et avait cherché à le corrompre." — " Remarquons," adds M. Daru, " que ceci n'est pas une simple anecdote ; c'est une mission projetée, délibérée, écrite d'avance ; une règle de conduite tracée par des hommes graves à leurs successeurs, et consignée dans des statuts."

The cases, in which assassination is ordered by these Statutes, are as follow : —

How all who know — and where is he unknown ?  
To what far region have his songs not flown,  
Like PSAPHON'S birds,<sup>2</sup> speaking their master's  
name,

In ev'ry language, syllabled by Fame ? —  
How all, who've felt the various spells combin'd  
Within the circle of that master mind, —  
Like spells, deriv'd from many a star, and met  
Together in some wond'rous amulet, —  
Would burn to know when first the Light awoke  
In his young soul, — and if the gleams that broke  
From that Aurora of his genius, rais'd  
Most pain or bliss in those on whom they blaz'd ;  
Would love to trace th' unfolding of that power,  
Which hath grown ampler, grander, every hour ;  
And feel, in watching o'er his first advance,  
As did th' Egyptian traveller,<sup>3</sup> when he stood  
By the young Nile, and fathom'd with his lance  
The first small fountains of that mighty flood

They, too, who, 'mid the scornful thoughts that  
dwell

In his rich fancy, tinging all its streams,  
As if the Star of Bitterness, which fell  
On earth of old,<sup>4</sup> had touch'd them with its  
beams, —

Can track a spirit, which, though driven to hate,  
From Nature's hands came kind, affectionate ;  
And which, ev'n now, struck as it is with blight,  
Comes out, at times, in loves own native light ;  
How gladly all, who've watch'd these strugg-  
ling rays

Of a bright, ruin'd spirit through his lays,  
Would here inquire, as from his own frank lips,  
What desolating grief, what wrongs had  
driven

them fly away in various directions : whence the proverb.  
" Psaphonis aves."

<sup>3</sup> Bruce.

<sup>4</sup> " And the name of the star is called Wormwood, and the third part of the waters became wormwood." — *Rev. viii.*

" Un ouvrier de l'arsenal, un chef de ce qu'on appelle parmi les marins le menestranche, passait-il au service d'une puissance étrangère : il fallait le faire assassiner, surtout si c'était un homme réputé brave et habile dans sa profession." (*Art. 3, des Statuts.*)

" Avait-il commis quelque action qu'on ne jugeait pas à propos de punir juridiquement, on devait le faire empoisonner." (*Art. 14.*)

" Un artisan passait-il à l'étranger en y exportant quelque procédé de l'industrie nationale : c'était encore un crime capital, que la loi inconnue ordonnait de punir par un assassinat." (*Art. 26.*)

The facility with which they got rid of their Duke of Bedford, Lord Fitzwilliams, &c. was admirable : it was thus : —

" Le patricien qui se permettait le moindre propos contre le gouvernement, était admonété deux fois, et à la troisième, noyé comme incorrigible." (*Art. 39.*)



That noble nature into cold eclipse;  
 Like some fair orb that, once a sun in heaven,  
 And born, not only to surprise, but cheer  
 With warmth and lustre all within its sphere,  
 Is now so quench'd, that of its grandeur lasts  
 Nought, but the wide, cold shadow which it  
 casts!

Eventful volume! whatsoe'er the change  
 Of scene and clime — th' adventures, bold and  
 strange —

The griefs — the frailties, but too frankly told —  
 The loves, the feuds thy pages may unfold,  
 If Truth with half so prompt a hand unlocks

His virtues as his failings, we shall find  
 The record there of friendships, held like rocks,  
 And enmities, like sun-touch'd snow, re-  
 sign'd;

Of fealty, cherish'd without change or chill,  
 In those who serv'd him, young, and serve him  
 still;

Of generous aid, giv'n with that noiseless art  
 Which wakes not pride, to many a wounded  
 heart;

Of acts — but, no — *not* from himself must aught  
 Of the bright features of his life be sought.

While they, who court the world, like MILTON'S  
 cloud,<sup>1</sup>

“Turn forth their silver lining” on the crowd,  
 This gifted Being wraps himself in night;

And, keeping all that softens, and adorns,  
 And gilds his social nature hid from sight,  
 Turns but its darkness on a world he scorns.

## EXTRACT VIII.

Venice.

*Female Beauty at Venice. — No longer what it was in the  
 Time of Titian. — His Mistress. — Various Forms in which  
 he has painted her. — Venus. — Divine and profane Love. —  
 La Fragilità d'Amore. — Paul Veronese. — His Women. —  
 Marriage of Cana. — Character of Italian Beauty. — Ra-  
 phael Fornarina. — Modesty.*

Thy brave, thy learn'd, have pass'd away:  
 Thy beautiful! — ah, where are they?

<sup>1</sup> “Did a sable cloud  
 Turn forth her silver lining on the night?”  
 Comus.

<sup>2</sup> In the Tribune at Florence.

<sup>3</sup> In the Palazzo Pitti.

<sup>4</sup> Alludes particularly to the portrait of her in the Sciarra collection at Rome, where the look of mournful reproach in those full, shadowy eyes, as if she had been unjustly accused of something wrong, is exquisite.

<sup>5</sup> The fine picture in the Palazzo Borghese, called (it is

The forms, the faces, that once shone,  
 Models of grace, in Titian's eye,  
 Where are they now? while flowers live on  
 In ruin'd places, why, O why  
 Must Beauty thus with Glory die?  
 That maid, whose lips would still have mov'd,  
 Could art have breath'd a spirit through  
 them;

Whose varying charms her artist lov'd  
 More fondly every time he drew them,  
 (So oft beneath his touch they pass'd,  
 Each semblance fairer than the last);

Wearing each shape that Fancy's range  
 Offers to Love — yet still the one  
 Fair idol, seen through every change,  
 Like facets of some orient stone, —

In each the same bright image shown.  
 Sometimes a Venus, unarray'd

But in her beauty<sup>2</sup> — sometimes deck'd  
 In costly raiment, as a maid

That kings might for a throne select.<sup>3</sup>  
 Now high and proud, like one who thought  
 The world should at her feet be brought;

Now, with a look reproachful, sad,<sup>4</sup> —  
 Unwonted look from brow so glad; —

And telling of a pain too deep  
 For tongue to speak or eyes to weep.  
 Sometimes, through allegory's veil,

In double semblance seen to shine,  
 Telling a strange and mystic tale  
 Of Love Profane and Love Divine<sup>5</sup> —

Akin in features, but in heart  
 As far as earth and heav'n apart.  
 Or else, (by quaint device to prove  
 The frailty of all worldly love)

Holding a globe of glass, as thin  
 As air-blown bubbles, in her hand,  
 With a young Love confin'd therein,

Whose wings seem waiting to expand —  
 And telling, by her anxious eyes,  
 That, if that frail orb breaks, he flies!<sup>6</sup>

Thou, too, with touch magnificent,  
 PAUL OF VERONA! — where are they,  
 The oriental forms,<sup>7</sup> that lent  
 Thy canvas such a bright array?

not easy to say why) “Sacred and Profane Love,” in which the two figures, sitting on the edge of the fountain, are evidently portraits of the same person.

<sup>6</sup> This fanciful allegory is the subject of a picture by Titian in the possession of the Marquis Cambian at Turin, whose collection, though small, contains some beautiful specimens of all the great masters.

<sup>7</sup> As Paul Veronese gave but little into the *beau idéal*, his women may be regarded as pretty close imitations of the living models which Venice afforded in his time.

Noble and gorgeous dames, whose dress  
 Seems part of their own loveliness ;  
 Like the sun's drapery, which, at eve,  
 The floating clouds around him weave  
 Of light they from himself receive !  
 Where is there now the living face

Like those that, in thy nuptial throng,<sup>1</sup>  
 By their superb, voluptuous grace,  
 Make us forget the time, the place,  
 The holy guests they smile among, —  
 Till, in that feast of heaven-sent wine,  
 We see no miracles but thine.

If e'er, except in Painting's dream,  
 There bloom'd such beauty here, 'tis gone, —  
 Gone, like the face that in the stream

Of Ocean for an instant shone,  
 When Venus at that mirror gave  
 A last look, ere she left the wave.  
 And though, among the crowded ways,  
 We oft are startled by the blaze  
 Of eyes that pass, with fitful light,  
 Like fireflies on the wing at night,<sup>2</sup>  
 'Tis not that nobler beauty, given  
 To show how angels look in heaven.  
 Ev'n in its shape most pure and fair,  
 'Tis Beauty, with but half her zone, —  
 All that can warm the Sense is there,  
 But the Soul's deeper charm is flown : —  
 'Tis RAPHAEL'S Fornarina, — warm,  
 Luxuriant, arch, but unrefin'd ;  
 A flower, round which the noontide swarm  
 Of young Desires may buzz and wind,  
 But where true Love no treasure meets,  
 Worth hoarding in his hive of sweets.

Ah no, — for this, and for the hue  
 Upon the rounded cheek, which tells  
 How fresh, within the heart, this dew  
 Of Love's unrifled sweetness dwells,  
 We must go back to our own Isles,  
 Where Modesty, which here but gives  
 A rare and transient grace to smiles,  
 In the heart's holy centre lives ;  
 And thence, as from her throne diffuses  
 O'er thoughts and looks so bland a reign,  
 That not a thought or feeling loses  
 Its freshness in that gentle train.

EXTRACT IX.

Venice.

*The English to be met with every where. — Alps and Thread-needle Street. — The Simplon and the Stocks. — Rage for travelling. — Blue Stockings among the Wahabees. — Parasols and Pyramids. — Mrs. Hopkins and the Wall of China.*

AND is there then no earthly place,  
 Where we can rest, in dream Elysian,  
 Without some curs'd, round English face,  
 Popping up near, to break the vision ?  
 'Mid northern lakes, 'mid southern vines,  
 Unholy cites we're doom'd to meet ;  
 Nor highest Alps nor Apennines  
 Are sacred from Threadneedle Street !

If up the Simplon's path we wind,  
 Fancying we leave this world behind,  
 Such pleasant sounds salute one's ear  
 As — " Baddish news from 'Change, my dear —  
 " The Funds — (pshaw, curse this ugly hill) —  
 " Are lowering fast — (what, higher still ? —  
 " And — zooks, we're mounting up to hear-  
 en !) —  
 " Will soon be down to sixty-seven."

Go were we may — rest where we will,  
 Eternal London haunts us still.  
 The trash of Almack's or Fleet Ditch —  
 And scarce a pin's head difference *which* —  
 Mixes, though even to Greece we run,  
 With every rill from Helicon !  
 And, if this rage for travelling lasts,  
 If Cockneys, of all sects and castes,  
 Old maidens, aldermen, and squires,  
*Will* leave their puddings and coal fires,  
 To gape at things in foreign lands,  
 No soul among them understands ;  
 If Blues desert their coteries,  
 To show off 'mong the Wahabees ;  
 If neither sex nor age controls,  
 Nor fear of Mamelukes forbids  
 Young ladies, with pink parasols,  
 To glide among the Pyramids<sup>3</sup>.  
 Why, then, farewell all hope to find  
 A spot, that's free from London-kind !  
 Who knows, if to the West we roam,  
 But we may find some *Blue* " at home " —  
 Among the *Blacks* of Carolina —  
 Or, flying to the Eastward, see  
 Some Mrs. HOPKINS, taking tea  
 And toast upon the Wall of China !

<sup>1</sup> The Marriage of Cana.

" Certain it is (as Arthur Young truly and feelingly says) one now and then meets with terrible eyes in Italy."

<sup>3</sup> It was pink *spencers*, I believe, that the imagination of the French traveller conjured up.

## EXTRACT X.

Mantua.

*Verses of Hippolyta to her Husband.*

THEY tell me thou'rt the favor'd guest<sup>1</sup>  
 Of every fair and brilliant throng ;  
 No wit, like thine, to wake the jest,  
 No voice like thine, to breathe the song.  
 And none could guess, so gay thou art,  
 That thou and I are far apart.  
 Alas, alas, how different flows,  
 With thee and me the time away.  
 Not that I wish thee sad, heaven knows —  
 Still, if thou canst, be light and gay ;  
 I only know that without thee  
 The sun himself is dark for me.

Do I put on the jewels rare  
 Thou'st always lov'd to see me wear ?  
 Do I perfume the locks that thou  
 So oft hast braided o'er my brow,  
 Thus deck'd, through festive crowds to run,  
 And all th' assembled world to see, —  
 All but the one, the absent one,  
 Worth more than present worlds to me !  
 No, nothing cheers this widow'd heart —  
 My only joy, from thee apart,  
 From thee thyself, is sitting hours  
 And days, before thy pictur'd form —  
 That dream of thee, which Raphael's powers  
 Have made with all but lifebreath warm !  
 And as I smile to it, and say  
 The words I speak to thee in play,  
 I fancy from their silent frame,  
 Those eyes and lips give back the same ;  
 And still I gaze, and still they keep  
 Smiling thus on me — till I weep !  
 Our little boy, too, knows it well,  
 For there I lead him every day,  
 And teach his lisping lips to tell  
 The name of one that's far away.  
 Forgive me, love, but thus alone  
 My time is cheer'd, while thou art gone.

## EXTRACT XI.

Florence.

No — 'tis not the region where Love's to be  
 found —  
 They have bosoms that sigh, they have glances  
 that rove,  
 They have language a Sappho's own lip might  
 resound,  
 When she warbled her best — but they've  
 nothing like Love.

Nor is't that pure *sentiment* only they want,  
 Which Heav'n for the mild and the tranquil  
 hath made —  
 Calm, wedded affection, that home-rooted plant,  
 Which sweetsen seclusion, and smiles in the  
 shade ;

That feeling, which, after long years have gone  
 by,  
 Remains, like a portrait we've sat for in youth,  
 Where, ev'n though the flush of the colors  
 may fly,  
 The features still live, in their first smiling  
 truth ;

That union, where all that in Woman is kind,  
 With all that in Man most ennoblingly towers,  
 Grow wreath'd into one — like the column  
 combin'd  
 Of the *strength* of the shaft and the capital's  
*flowers*.

Of this — bear ye witness, ye wives every where,  
 By the ARNO, the Po, by all ITALY'S streams —  
 Of this heart-wedded love, so delicious to share,  
 Not a husband hath even one glimpse in his  
 dreams.

But it is not this, only ; — born full of the light  
 Of a sun, from whose fount the luxuriant  
 festoons

Of these beautiful valleys drink lustre so bright,  
 That, beside him, our suns of the north are  
 but moons, —

<sup>1</sup> Utque ferunt lætus convivia læta  
 Et celebras lentis otia mista jocis ;  
 Aut cithara æstivum attenuas cantuque calorem  
 Hei mihi, quam dispar nunc mea vita tuæ !  
 Nec mihi displiceant quæ sunt tibi grata ; sed ipsa es !  
 Te sine, lux oculis pene inimica meis.  
 Non auro aut gemmâ caput exornare nitenti  
 Me juvat, aut Arabo spargere odore comas :  
 Non celebres ludos fastis spectare diebus.

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 Sola tuos vultus referens Raphaelis imago  
 Picta manu, curas allevat usque meas.  
 Huic ego delicias facio, arrideoque jocoque,  
 Alloquor et tanquam reddere verba queat.  
 Assensu nutuque mihi sæpe illa videtur  
 Dicere velle aliquid et tua verba loqui.  
 Agnoscit balbeque patrem puer ore salutat  
 Hoc solor longas decipioque dies.

We might fancy, at least, like their climate they  
burn'd ;  
And that Love, though unus'd in this region  
of spring,  
To be thus to a tame Household Deity turn'd,  
Would yet be all soul, when abroad on the  
wing.

And there *may* be, there *are* those explosions  
of heart,  
Which burst, when the senses have first  
caught the flame ;  
Such fits of the blood as those climates impart,  
Where Love is a sunstroke, that maddens the  
frame.

But that Passion, which springs in the depth of  
the soul ;  
Whose beginnings are virginly pure as the  
source  
Of some small mountain rivulet, destin'd to roll  
As a torrent, ere long, losing peace in its  
course —

A course, to which Modesty's struggle but lends  
A more headlong descent, without chance of  
recall ;  
But which Modesty ev'n to the last edge attends,  
And, then, throws a halo of tears round its  
fall !

This exquisite Passion — ay, exquisite, even  
'Mid the ruin its madness too often hath made,  
As it keeps, even then, a bright trace of the  
heaven,  
That heaven of Virtue from which it has  
stray'd —

This entireness of love, which can only be found,  
Where Woman, like something that's holy,  
watch'd over,  
And fenc'd, from her childhood, with purity  
round,  
Comes, body and soul, fresh as Spring, to a  
lover !

Where not an eye answers, where not a hand  
presses,  
Till spirit with spirit in sympathy move ;  
And the Senses, asleep in their sacred recesses,  
Can only be reach'd through the temple of  
Love ! —

This perfection of Passion — how *can* it be found,  
Where the mystery nature hath hung round  
the tie

By which souls are together attracted and bound  
Is laid open, forever, to heart, ear, and eye ; —

Where nought of that innocent doubt can exist,  
That ignorance, even than knowledge more  
bright,

Which circles the young, like the morn's sunny  
mist,  
And curtains them round in their own native  
light ; —

Where Experience leaves nothing for Love to  
reveal,  
Or for Fancy, in visions, to gleam o'er the  
thought ;

But the truths which, alone, we would die to  
conceal  
From the maiden's young heart, are the *only*  
ones taught.

No, no, 'tis not here, howsoever we sigh,  
Whether purely to Hymen's *one* planet we  
pray,  
Or adore, like Sabæans, each light of Love's sky,  
Here *is* not the region, to fix or to stray.

For faithless in wedlock, in gallantry gross,  
Without honor to guard, or reserve to restrain,  
*What* have they, a husband can mourn as a loss ?  
*What* have they, a lover can prize as a gain ?

EXTRACT XII.

Florence.

*Music in Italy. — Disappointed by it. — Recollections of other  
Times and Friends. — Dalton. — Sir John Stevenson. — His  
Daughter. — Musical Evenings together.*

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If it *be* true that Music reigns,  
Supreme, in ITALY's soft shades,  
'Tis like that Harmony, so famous,  
Among the spheres, which, He of SAMOS  
Declar'd, had such transcendent merit,  
That not a soul on earth could hear it ;  
For, far as I have come — from Lakes,  
Whose sleep the Tramontana breaks,  
Through MILAN, and that land, which gave  
The Hero of the rainbow vest <sup>1</sup> —  
By MINCIO's banks, and by that wave,<sup>2</sup>  
Which made VERONA's bard so blest —  
Places, that (like the Attic shore,  
Which rung back music, when the sea

<sup>1</sup> Bergamo — the birthplace, it is said, of Harloquin.

<sup>2</sup> The Lago di Garda.

Struck on its marge) should be, all o'er,  
 Thrilling alive with melody —  
 I've heard no music — not a note  
 Of such sweet native airs as float,  
 In my own land, among the throng,  
 And speak our nation's soul for song.

Nay, ev'n in higher walks, where Art  
 Performs, as 'twere, the gardener's part,  
 And richer, if not sweeter, makes  
 The flowers she from the wild hedge takes —  
 Ev'n there, no voice hath charm'd my ear,  
 No taste hath won my perfect praise,  
 Like thine, dear friend<sup>1</sup> — long, truly dear —  
 Thine, and thy lov'd OLIVIA's lays.  
 She, always beautiful, and growing  
 Still more so every note she sings —  
 Like an inspir'd young Sibyl,<sup>2</sup> glowing  
 With her own bright imaginings!  
 And thou, most worthy to be tied  
 In music to her, as in love,  
 Breathing that language by her side,  
 All other language far above,  
 Eloquent Song — whose tones and words  
 In every heart find answering chords!

How happy once the hours we pass'd,  
 Singing or listening all day long,  
 Till Time itself seem'd chang'd, at last,  
 To music, and we liv'd in song!  
 Turning the leaves of HAYDN o'er,  
 As quick, beneath her master hand,  
 They open'd all their brilliant store,  
 Like chambers, touch'd by fairy wand;  
 Or o'er the page of MOZART bending,  
 Now by his airy warblings cheer'd,  
 Now in his mournful *Requiem* blending  
 Voices, through which the heart was heard.

And still, to lead our evening choir,  
 Was He invok'd, thy lov'd-one's Sire<sup>3</sup> —  
 He, who, if aught of grace there be  
 In the wild notes I write or sing,  
 First smooth'd their links of harmony,  
 And lent them charms they did not bring; —  
 He, of the gentlest, simplest heart,  
 With whom, employ'd in his sweet art,

(That art, which gives this world of ours  
 A notion how they speak in heaven,)  
 I've pass'd more bright and charmed hours  
 Than all earth's wisdom could have given.  
 O happy days, O early friends,  
 How Life, since then, hath lost its flowers!  
 But yet — though Time some foliage rends,  
 The stem, the Friendship, still is ours;  
 And long may it endure, as green,  
 And fresh as it hath always been!

How I have wander'd from my theme!  
 But where is he, that could return  
 To such cold subjects from a dream,  
 Through which these best of feelings burn? —  
 Not all the works of Science, Art,  
 Or Genius in this world are worth  
 One genuine sigh, that from the heart  
 Friendship or Love draws freshly forth.

## EXTRACT XIII.

Rome.

*Reflections on reading De Cerceau's Account of the Conspiracy of Rienzi, in 1347.<sup>4</sup>—The Meeting of the Conspirators on the Night of the 19<sup>th</sup> of May.—Their Procession in the Morning to the Capitol.—Rienzi's Speech.*

'Twas a proud moment — ev'n to hear the words  
 Of Truth and Freedom 'mid these temples  
 breath'd,  
 And see, once more, the Forum shine with  
 swords,  
 In the Republic's sacred name unsheath'd —  
 That glimpse, that vision of a brighter day  
 For his dear ROME, must to a Roman be,  
 Short as it was, worth ages pass'd away  
 In the dull lapse of hopeless slavery.

'Twas on a night of May, beneath that moon,  
 Which had, through many an age, seen Time  
 untune  
 The strings of this Great Empire, till it fell  
 From his rude hands, a broken, silent shell —  
 The sound of the church clock,<sup>5</sup> near ADRIAN'S  
 Tomb,  
 Summon'd the warriors, who had risen for ROME,

more authentic work of Fortifocca on the same subject. Rienzi was the son of a laundress.

<sup>5</sup> It is not easy to discover what church is meant by Du Cerceau here: — "Il fit crier dans les rues de Rome, à son de trompe, que chacun eût à se trouver, sans armes, la nuit du lendemain, dix neuvième, dans l'église du château de Saint-Ange, au son de la cloche, afin de pourvoir au Bon Etat."

<sup>1</sup> Edward Tuite Dalton, the first husband of Sir John Stevenson's daughter, the late Marchioness of Headfort.

<sup>2</sup> Such as those of Domenichino in the Palazzo Borghese at the Capitol, &c.

<sup>3</sup> Sir John Stevenson.

<sup>4</sup> The "Conjuration de Nicolas Gabrini, dit de Rienzi," by the Jesuit De Cerceau, is chiefly taken from the much



To meet unarm'd, — with none to watch them there,  
But God's own eye, — and pass the night in prayer.

Holy beginning of a holy cause,  
When heroes, girt for Freedom's combat, pause  
Before high Heav'n, and, humble in their might,  
Call down its blessing on that coming fight.

At dawn, in arms, went forth the patriot band ;  
And, as the breeze, fresh from the TIBER, fann'd  
Their gilded gonfalons, all eyes could see

The palm tree there, the sword, the keys of Heaven<sup>1</sup> —

Types of the justice, peace, and liberty,  
That were to bless them, when their chains were riven,

On to the Capitol the pageant mov'd,  
While many a Shade of other times, that still  
Around that grave of grandeur sighing rov'd,  
Hung o'er their footsteps up the Sacred Hill,  
And heard its mournful echoes, as the last  
High-minded heirs of the Republic pass'd.

'Twas then that thou, their Tribune,<sup>2</sup> (name,  
which brought

Dreams of lost glory to each patriot's thought,)  
Didst, with a spirit Rome in vain shall seek  
To wake up in her sons again, thus speak : —

"ROMANS, look round you — on this sacred place  
"There once stood shrines, and gods, and  
godlike men.

"What see you now? what solitary trace  
"Is left of all, that made ROME's glory then?

"The shrines are sunk, the Sacred Mount bereft  
"Ev'n of its name — and nothing now remains

"But the deep memory of that glory, left  
"To whet our pangs and aggravate our chains!

"But *shall* this be? — our sun and sky the same, —

"Treading the very soil our fathers trod, —

"What withering curse hath fall'n on soul and  
frame,

"What visitation hath there come from God,

<sup>1</sup> Les gentilshommes conjurés portaient devant lui trois étendards. Nicolas Guallato, surnommé le bon diseur, portait le premier, qui était de couleur rouge, et plus grand que les autres. On y voyait des caractères d'or avec une femme assise sur deux lions, tenant d'une main le globe du monde, et de l'autre une Palme pour représenter la ville de Rome. C'était le Gonfalon de la Liberté. Le second, à fonds blanc, avec un St. Paul tenant de la droite une Epée nue et de la gauche la couronne de Justice, était porté par Etienne Magnacuccia, notaire apostolique. Dans le troisième, St. Pierre avait en main les clefs de la Concorde et de la Paix. Tout cela insinuait le dessein de Rienzi, qui était de rétablir la liberté la justice et la paix." — DU CERCEAU, liv. ii.

<sup>2</sup> Rienzi.

"To blast our strength, and rot us into slaves,  
"Here, on our great forefathers' glorious graves?"  
"It cannot be — rise up, ye Mighty Dead, —

"If we, the living, are too weak to crush

"These tyrant priests, that o'er your empire tread,

"Till all but Romans at Rome's tameness blush!

"Happy, PALMYRA, in thy desert domes,

"Where only date trees sigh and serpents hiss;

"And thou, whose pillars are but silent homes  
"For the stork's brood, superb PERSEPOLIS!

"Thrice happy both, that your extinguish'd race

"Have left no embers — no half-living trace —

"No slaves, to crawl around the once proud spot,

"Till past renown in present shame's forgot.

"While ROME, the Queen of all whose very wrecks,

"If lone and lifeless through a desert hurl'd,

"Would wear more true magnificence than decks

"Th' assembled thrones of all th' existing world —

"ROME, ROME alone, is haunted, stain'd and curs'd

"Through every spot her princely TIBER lavcs,

"By living human things — the deadliest, worst,

"This earth engenders — tyrants and their slaves!

"And we — O shame! — we, who have ponder'd o'er

"The patriot's lesson and the poet's lay;<sup>3</sup>

"Have mounted up the streams of ancient lore,

"Tracking our country's glories all the way —

"Ev'n we have tamely, basely kiss'd the ground

"Before that Papal Power, — that Ghost of Her,

"The World's Imperial Mistress — sitting, crown'd

"And ghastly, on her mouldering sepulchre!<sup>4</sup>

"But this is past : — too long have lordly priests

"And priestly lords led us, with all our pride

<sup>3</sup> The fine Canzone of Petrarch, beginning "Spirto gentil," is supposed, by Voltaire and others, to have been addressed to Rienzi; but there is much more evidence of its having been written, as Ginguéné asserts, to the young Stephen Colonna, on his being created a Senator of Rome. That Petrarch, however, was filled with high and patriotic hopes by the first measures of this extraordinary man, appears from one of his letters, quoted by Du Cerceau, where he says, — "Pour tout dire, en un mot, j'atteste, non comme lecteur, mais comme témoin oculaire, qu'il nous a ramenés le justice, la paix, la bonne foi, la sécurité, et tous les autres vestiges de l'âge d'or."

<sup>4</sup> This image is borrowed from Hobbes, whose words are, as near as I can recollect: — "For what is the Papacy, but

“ Withering about us — like devoted beasts,  
 “ Dragg’d to the shrine, witl. faded garlands  
 tied.  
 “ ’Tis o’er — the dawn of our deliverance breaks !  
 “ Up from his sleep of centuries awakes  
 “ The Genius of the Old Republic, free  
 “ As first he stood, in chainless majesty,  
 “ And sends his voice through ages yet to  
 come,  
 “ Proclaiming ROME, ROME, ROME, Eternal  
 ROME ! ”

## EXTRACT XIV.

Rome.

*Fragment of a Dream.*—*The great Painters supposed to be Magicians.*—*The Beginnings of the Art.*—*Gildings on the Glories and Draperies.*—*Improvements under Giotto, &c.*—*The first Dawn of the true Style in Masaccio.*—*Studied by all the great Artists who followed him.*—*Leonardo da Vinci, with whom commenced the Golden Age of Painting.*—*His Knowledge of Mathematics and of Music.*—*His female Heads all like each other.*—*Triangular Faces.*—*Portraits of Mona Lisa, &c.*—*Picture of Vanity and Modesty.*—*His chef-d’œuvre, the Last Supper.*—*Faded and almost effaced.*

FILL’D with the wonders I had seen,  
 In Rome’s stupendous shrines and halls,  
 I felt the veil of sleep, serene,  
 Come o’er the memory of each scene,  
 As twilight o’er the landscape falls.  
 Nor was it slumber, sound and deep,  
 But such as suits a poet’s rest —  
 That sort of thin, transparent sleep,  
 Through which his daydreams shine the best.  
 Methought upon a plain I stood,  
 Where certain wondrous men, ’twas said,  
 With strange, miraculous power endu’d,  
 Were coming, each in turn, to shed  
 His arts’ illusions o’er the sight,  
 And call up miracles of light.  
 The sky above this lonely place,  
 Was of that cold, uncertain hue,  
 The canvas wears, ere, warm’d apace,  
 Its bright creation dawns to view.

But soon a glimmer from the east  
 Proclaim’d the first enchantments nigh ;<sup>1</sup>  
 And as the feeble light increas’d,  
 Strange figures mov’d across the sky,  
 With golden glories deck’d, and streaks  
 Of gold among their garments’ dyes ;<sup>2</sup>  
 And life’s resemblance ting’d their cheeks,  
 But nought of life was in their eyes ; —  
 Like the fresh-painted Dead one meets,  
 Borne slow along Rome’s mournful streets.

But soon these figures pass’d away ;  
 And forms succeeded to their place,  
 With less of gold, in their array,  
 But shining with more natural grace,  
 And all could see the charming wands  
 Had pass’d into more gifted hands.<sup>3</sup>

Among these visions there was one,<sup>4</sup>  
 Surpassing fair, on which the sun,  
 That instant risen, a beam let fall,  
 Which through the dusky twilight trem-  
 bled,  
 And reach’d at length, the spot where all  
 Those great magicians stood assembled.  
 And as they turn’d their heads, to view  
 The shining lustre, I could trace  
 The bright varieties it threw  
 On each uplifted studying face ;<sup>5</sup>  
 While many a voice with loud acclaim,  
 Call’d forth, “ Masaccio ” as the name  
 Of him, th’ Enchanter, who had rais’d  
 This miracle, on which all gaz’d.

’Twas daylight now — the sun had risen,  
 From out the dungeon of old Night, —  
 Like the Apostle, from his prison  
 Led by the Angel’s hand of light ;  
 And — as the fetters, when that ray  
 Of glory reach’d them, dropp’d away,<sup>6</sup>  
 So fled the clouds at touch of day !  
 Just then, a bearded sage<sup>7</sup> came forth,  
 Who oft in thoughtful dream would stand,

the Ghost of the old Roman Empire, sitting crowned on the grave thereof ? ”

<sup>1</sup> The paintings of those artists who were introduced into Venice and Florence from Greece.

<sup>2</sup> Margaritone of Orezza, who was a pupil and imitator of the Greeks, is said to have invented this art of gilding the ornaments of pictures, a practice which, though it gave way to a purer taste at the beginning of the 16th century, was still occasionally used by many of the great masters : as by Raphael in the ornaments of the Fornarina, and by Rubens not unfrequently in glories and flames.

<sup>3</sup> Cimabue, Giotto, &c.

<sup>4</sup> The works of Masaccio. — For the character of this powerful and original genius, see Sir Joshua Reynolds’s twelfth discourse. His celebrated frescoes are in the church of St. Pietro del Carmine, at Florence.

<sup>5</sup> All the great artists studied, and many of them borrowed from Masaccio. Several figures in the Cartoons of Raphael are taken, with but little alteration, from his frescoes.

<sup>6</sup> “ And a light shined in the prison . . . and his chains fell off from his hands.” — *Acts*.

<sup>7</sup> Leonardo da Vinci.

To trace upon the dusky earth  
 Strange learned figures with his wand ;<sup>1</sup>  
 And oft he took the silver lute<sup>2</sup>  
 His little page behind him bore,  
 And wak'd such music as, when mute,  
 Left in the soul a thirst for more !

Meanwhile, his potent spells went on,  
 And forms and faces, that from out  
 A depth of shadow mildly shone,  
 Were in the soft air seen about.  
 Though as thick as midnight stars they  
 beam'd,  
 Yet all like living sisters seem'd,  
 So close, in every point, resembling  
 Each other's beauties — from the eyes  
 Lucid as if through crystal trembling,  
 Yet soft as if suffused with sighs,  
 To the long, fawn-like mouth, and chin,  
 Lovely tapering, less and less,  
 Till, by this very charm's excess,  
 Like virtue on the verge of sin,  
 It touch'd the bounds of ugliness.  
 Here look'd as when they liv'd the shades  
 Of some of Arno's dark-ey'd maids —  
 Such maids as should alone live on,  
 In dreams thus, when their charms are gone :  
 Some Mona Lisa, on whose eyes  
 A painter for whole years might gaze,<sup>3</sup>  
 Nor find in all his pallet's dyes,  
 One that could even approach their blaze !

Here float two spirit shapes,<sup>4</sup> the one,  
 With her white fingers to the sun  
 Outspread, as if to ask his ray  
 Whether it e'er had chanc'd to play  
 On lilies half so fair as they !  
 This self-pleas'd nymph, was Vanity —  
 And by her side another smil'd,  
 In form as beautiful as she,  
 But with that air, subdu'd and mild,  
 That still reserve of purity,  
 Which is to beauty like the haze  
 Of evening to some sunny view,  
 Softening such charms as it displays,

And veiling others in that hue,  
 Which fancy only can see through !  
 This phantom nymph, who could she be,  
 But the bright Spirit, Modesty !

Long did the learn'd enchanter stay  
 To weave his spells, and still there pass'd,  
 As in the lantern's shifting play,  
 Group after group in close array,  
 Each fairer, grander, than the last.  
 But the great triumph of his power  
 Was yet to come : — gradual and slow,  
 (As all that is ordain'd to tower  
 Among the works of man must grow,)  
 The sacred vision stole to view,  
 In that half light, half shadow shown,  
 Which gives to ev'n the gayest hue,  
 A sober'd, melancholy tone.  
 It was a vision of that last,<sup>5</sup>  
 Sorrowful night which Jesus pass'd  
 With his disciples when he said  
 Mournfully to them — “ I shall be  
 “ Betray'd by one, who here hath fed  
 “ This night at the same board with me.”  
 And though the Savior, in the dream,  
 Spoke not these words, we saw them beam  
 Legibly in his eyes (so well  
 The great magician work'd his spell),  
 And read in every thoughtful line  
 Imprinted on that brow divine,  
 The meek, the tender nature, griev'd,  
 Not anger'd, to be thus deceiv'd —  
 Celestial love requited ill  
 For all its care, yet loving still —  
 Deep, deep regret that there should fall  
 From man's deceit so foul a blight  
 Upon that parting hour — and all  
 His Spirit must have felt that night,  
 Who, soon to die for humankind,  
 Thought only, 'mid his mortal pain,  
 How many a soul was left behind  
 For whom he died that death in vain !

Such was the heavenly scene — alas  
 That scene so bright so soon should pass !

<sup>1</sup> His treatise on Mechanics, Optics, &c. preserved in the Ambrosian library at Milan.

<sup>2</sup> On dit que Léonard parut pour la première fois à la cour de Milan, dans un espèce de concours ouvert entre les meilleurs joueurs de lyre d'Italie. Il se présenta avec une lyre de sa façon, construit en argent. — *Histoire de la Peinture en Ita'ie*.

<sup>3</sup> He is said to have been four years employed upon the portrait of this fair Florentine, without being able, after all, to come up to his idea of her beauty.

<sup>4</sup> Vanity and Modesty in the collection of Cardinal Fesch,

at Rome. The composition of the four hands here is rather awkward, but the picture, altogether, is very delightful. There is a repetition of the subject in the possession of Lucien Bonaparte.

<sup>5</sup> The Last Supper of Leonardo da Vinci, which is in the Refectory of the Convent delle Grazie at Milan. See *L'Histoire de la Peinture en Italie*, liv. iii. chap. 42. The writer of that interesting work (to whom I take this opportunity of offering my acknowledgments, for the copy he sent me a year since from Rome,) will see I have profited by some of his observations on this celebrated picture.

But pictur'd on the humid air,  
 Its tints, ere long, grew languid there ;<sup>1</sup>  
 And storms came on, that, cold and rough,  
 Scatter'd its gentlest glories all —  
 As when the baffling winds blow off  
 The hues that hang o'er Terni's fall, —  
 Till, one by one, the vision's beams  
 Faded away, and soon it fled,  
 To join those other vanish'd dreams  
 That now flit palely 'mong the dead, —  
 The shadows of those shades, that go,  
 Around Oblivion's lake, below !

## EXTRACT XV.

Rome.

*Mary Magdalen. — Her Story. — Numerous Pictures of her — Correggio. — Guido. — Raphael, &c. — Canova's two exquisite Statues. — The Somariva Magdalen. — Chantrey's Admiration of Canova's Works.*

No wonder, MARY, that thy story  
 Touches all hearts — for there we see  
 The soul's corruption, and its glory,  
 Its death and life combin'd in thee.

From the first moment, when we find  
 Thy spirit haunted by a swarm  
 Of dark desires, — like demons shrin'd  
 Unholy in that fair form, —  
 Till when, by touch of Heav'n set free,  
 Thou cam'st, with those bright locks of gold  
 (So oft the gaze of BETHANY),

And, covering in their precious fold  
 Thy Savior's feet, didst shed such tears  
 As paid, each drop, the sins of years ! —  
 Thence on, through all thy course of love  
 To Him, thy Heavenly Master, — Him,  
 Whose bitter death cup from above  
 Had yet this cordial round the brim,  
 That woman's faith and love stood fast  
 And fearless by Him to the last : —  
 Till, O, blest boon for truth like thine !

Thou wert, of all, the chosen one,  
 Before whose eyes that Face Divine,  
 When risen from the dead, first shone ;  
 That thou mightst see how, like a cloud,  
 Had pass'd away its mortal shroud,  
 And make that bright revelation known  
 To hearts, less trusting than thy own.

<sup>1</sup> Leonardo appears to have used a mixture of oil and varnish for this picture, which alone, without the various other causes of its ruin, would have prevented any long duration of its beauties. It is now almost entirely effaced.

<sup>2</sup> This statue is one of the last works of Canova, and was

All is affecting, cheering, grand ;  
 The kindest record ever given,  
 Ev'n under God's own kindly hand,  
 Of what Repentance wins from Heaven !

No wonder, MARY, that thy face,  
 In all its touching light of tears,  
 Should meet us in each holy place,  
 Where Man before his God appears,  
 Hopeless — were he not taught to see  
 All hope in Him, who pardon'd thee !  
 No wonder that the painter's skill  
 Should oft have triumph'd in the power  
 Of keeping thee all lovely still  
 Ev'n in thy sorrow's bitterest hour ;  
 That soft CORREGGIO should diffuse  
 His melting shadows round thy form ;  
 That GUIDO's pale, unearthly hues  
 Should, in portraying thee, grow warm ;  
 That all — from the ideal, grand,  
 Inimitable Roman hand,  
 Down to the small, enamelling touch  
 Of smooth CARLINO — should delight  
 In picturing her, who "lov'd so much,"  
 And was, in spite of sin, so bright !

But, MARY, 'mong these bold essays  
 Of Genius and of Art to raise  
 A semblance of those weeping eyes —  
 A vision, worthy of the sphere  
 Thy faith has earn'd thee in the skies,  
 And in the hearts of all men here, —  
 None e'er hath match'd, in grief or grace,  
 CANOVA's daydream of thy face,  
 In those bright sculptur'd forms, more bright  
 With true expression's breathing light,  
 Than ever yet, beneath the stroke  
 Of chisel, into life awoke.  
 The one,<sup>2</sup> portraying what thou wert  
 In thy first grief, — while yet the flower  
 Of those young beauties was unhurt  
 By sorrow's slow, consuming power ;  
 And mingling earth's seductive grace  
 With heav'n's subliming thoughts so well,  
 We doubt, while gazing, in *which* place  
 Such beauty was most form'd to dwell ! —  
 The other, as thou look'dst, when years  
 Of fasting, penitence, and tears  
 Had worn thy frame ; — and ne'er did Art  
 With half such speaking power express

not yet in marble when I left Rome. The other, which seems to prove, in contradiction to very high authority, that expression, of the intensest kind, is fully within the sphere of sculpture, was executed many years ago, and is in the possession of the Count Somariva, at Paris.



The ruin which a breaking heart  
 Spreads, by degrees, o'er loveliness.  
 These wasting arms, that keep the trace,  
 Ev'n still, of all their youthful grace,  
 That loosen'd hair, of which thy brow  
 Was once so proud, — neglected now! —  
 Those features, ev'n in fading worth  
 The freshest bloom to others given,  
 And those sunk eyes, now lost to earth,  
 But, to the last, still full of heaven!

Wonderful artist! praise, like mine —  
 Though springing from a soul, that feels  
 Deep worship of those works divine,  
 Where Genius all his light reveals —  
 How weak 'tis to the words that came  
 From him, thy peer in art and fame,<sup>1</sup>  
 Whom I have known, by day, by night,  
 Hang o'er thy marble with delight;  
 And, while his lingering hand would steal  
 O'er every grace the taper's rays,<sup>2</sup>  
 Give thee, with all the generous zeal  
 Such master spirits only feel,  
 That best of fame, a rival's praise!

EXTRACT XVI.

Les Charmettes.

*A Visit to the House where Rousseau lived with Madame de Warrens. — Their Ménage. — Its Grossness. — Claude Anet. — Reverence with which the Spot is now visited. — Absurdity of this blind Devotion to Fame. — Feelings excited by the Beauty and Seclusion of the Scene. — Disturbed by its Associations with Rousseau's History. — Impostures of Men of Genius. — Their Power of mimicking all the best Feelings, Love, Independence, &c.*

STRANGE power of Genius, that can throw  
 Round all that's vicious, weak, and low,  
 Such magic lights, such rainbow dyes  
 As dazzle ev'n the steadiest eyes.

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'Tis worse than weak — 'tis wrong, 'tis shame,  
 This mean prostration before Fame;  
 This casting down, beneath the car  
 Of Idols, whatsoever they are,  
 Life's purest, holiest decencies,  
 To be career'd o'er as they please.  
 No — give triumphant Genius all  
 For which his loftiest wish can call:  
 If he be worshipp'd, let it be  
 For attributes, his noblest, first;

Not with that base idolatry,  
 Which sanctifies his last and worst.

I may be cold; — may want that glow  
 Of high romance, which bards should know;  
 That holy homage, which is felt  
 In treading where the great have dwelt;  
 This reverence, whatsoever it be,  
 I fear, I feel, I have it *not*: —  
 For here, at this still hour, to me  
 The charms of this delightful spot;  
 Its calm seclusion from the throng,  
 From all the heart would fain forget;  
 This narrow valley, and the song  
 Of its small murmuring rivulet;  
 The fitting, to and fro, of birds,  
 Tranquil and tame as they were once  
 In Eden, ere the startling words  
 Of Man disturb'd their orisons;  
 Those little, shadowy paths, that wind  
 Up the hillside, with fruit trees lin'd,  
 And lighted only by the breaks  
 The gay wind in the foliage makes,  
 Or vistas, here and there, that ope  
 Through weeping willows, like the snatches  
 Of far-off scenes of light, which Hope  
 Ev'n through the shade of sadness catches! —  
 All this, which — could I once but lose  
 The memory of those vulgar ties,  
 Whose grossness all the heavenliest hues  
 Of Genius can no more disguise,  
 Than the sun's beams can do away  
 The filth of fens o'er which they play —  
 This scene, which would have fill'd my heart  
 With thoughts of all that happiest is; —  
 Of Love, where self hath only part,  
 As echoing back another's bliss;  
 Of solitude, secure and sweet,  
 Beneath whose shade the Virtues meet;  
 Which, while it shelters, never chills  
 Our sympathies with human woe,  
 But keeps them, like sequester'd rills,  
 Purer and fresher in their flow;  
 Of happy days, that share their beams  
 'Twixt quiet mirth and wise employ;  
 Of tranquil nights, that give, in dreams,  
 The moonlight of the morning's joy! —  
 All this my heart could dwell on here,  
 But for those gross mementoes near;  
 Those sullyng truths, that cross the track  
 Of each sweet thought, and drive them back  
 Full into all the mire, and strife,  
 And vanities of that man's life,  
 Who, more than all that e'er have glow'd  
 With Fancy's flame (and it was *his*,

<sup>1</sup> Chantrey.

<sup>2</sup> Canova always shows his fine statue, the Venere Vincitrice, by the light of a small candle



In fullest warmth and radiance) show'd  
 What an impostor Genius is ;  
 How, with that strong, mimetic art,  
 Which forms its life and soul, it takes  
 All shapes of thought, all hues of heart,  
 Nor feels, itself, one throb it wakes ;  
 How like a gem its light may smile  
 O'er the dark path, by mortals trod,  
 Itself as mean a worm, the while,  
 As crawls at midnight o'er the sod ;  
 What gentle words and thoughts may fall  
 From its false lip, what zeal to bless,  
 While home, friends, kindred, country, all,  
 Lie waste beneath its selfishness ;  
 How, with the pencil hardly dry  
 From coloring up such scenes of love  
 And beauty, as make young hearts sigh,  
 And dream, and think through heav'n they  
 rove,  
 They, who can thus describe and move,  
 The very workers of these charms,

Nor seek, nor know a joy, above  
 Some Maman's or Theresa's arms !

How all, in short, that makes the boast  
 Of their false tongues, they want the most ;  
 And, while with freedom on their lips,  
 Sounding their timbrels, to set free  
 This bright world, laboring in th' eclipse  
 Of priestcraft, and of slavery, —  
 They may, themselves, be slaves as low  
 As ever Lord or Patron made  
 To blossom in his smile, or grow,  
 Like stunted brushwood, in his shade.  
 Out on the craft ! — I'd rather be  
 One of those hinds, that round me tread,  
 With just enough of sense to see  
 The noonday sun that's o'er his head,  
 Than thus, with high-built genius eurs'd,  
 That hath no heart for its foundation,  
 Be all, at once, that's brightest, worst,  
 Sublimest, meanest in creation !

## MISCELLANEOUS POEMS.

### OCCASIONAL EPILOGUE.

SPOKEN BY MR. CORRY, IN THE CHARACTER OF  
 VAPID, AFTER THE PLAY OF THE DRAMATIST,  
 AT THE KILKENNY THEATRE.

(*Entering as if to announce the Play.*)

LADIES and Gentlemen, on Monday night,  
 For the ninth time — O accents of delight  
 To the poor author's ear, when *three times three*  
 With a full bumper crowns his Comedy !  
 When, long by money, and the muse, forsaken,  
 He finds at length his jokes and boxes taken,  
 And sees his playbill circulate — alas,  
 The only bill on which his name will pass !  
 Thus, Vapid, thus shall Thespian scrolls of fame  
 Through box and gallery wait your well-known  
 name.  
 While critic eyes the happy cast shall con,  
 And learned ladies spell your *Dram. Person*.

'Tis said our worthy Manager<sup>1</sup> intends  
 To help my night, and *he*, you know, has friends.

Friends, did I say ? for fixing friends, or *parts*,  
 Engaging actors, or engaging hearts,  
 There's nothing like him ! wits, at his request,  
 Are turn'd to fools, and dull dogs learn to  
 jest ;  
 Soldiers, for him, good "trembling cowards"  
 make,  
 And beaux, turn'd clowns, look ugly for his  
 sake ;  
 For him ev'n lawyers talk without a fee,  
 For him (O friendship ! ) I act tragedy !  
 In short, like Orpheus, his persuasive tricks  
 Make *boars* amusing, and put life in *sticks*.

With *such* a manager we can't but please,  
 Though London sent us all her loud O. P.'s,<sup>2</sup>  
 Let them come on, like snakes, all hiss and  
 rattle,  
 Arm'd with a thousand fans, we'd give them  
 battle ;  
 You, on our side, R. P.<sup>3</sup> upon our banners,  
 Soon should we teach the saucy O. P.'s manners :

<sup>1</sup> The late Mr. Richard Power.

<sup>2</sup> The brief appellation by which those persons were distinguished who at the opening of the new theatre of Cov-

ent Garden, clamored for the continuance of the old prices of admission.

<sup>3</sup> The initials of our manager's name.

And show that, here — how'er John Bull may  
doubt —

In all *our* plays, the Riot Act's cut out ;  
And, while we skin, the cream of many a jost,  
Your well-timed thunder never sours its zest.

O gently thus, when three short weeks are pass'd,  
At Shakspeare's altar,<sup>1</sup> shall we breathe our  
last ;

And, ere this long-lov'd dome to ruin nods,  
Die all, die nobly, die like demigods !

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EXTRACT

FROM A PROLOGUE WRITTEN AND SPOKEN BY THE  
AUTHOR, AT THE OPENING OF THE KILKENNY  
THEATRE, OCTOBER, 1809.

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YET, even here, though Fiction rules the hour,  
There shine some genuine smiles, beyond her  
power ;

And there are tears, too — tears that Memory  
sheds

Ev'n o'er the feast that mimic fancy spreads,  
When her heart misses *one* lamented guest,<sup>2</sup>  
Whose eye so long threw light o'er all the rest !  
There, there, indeed, the Muse forgets her task,  
And drooping weeps behind Thalia's mask.

Forgive this gloom — forgive this joyless strain,  
Too sad to welcome pleasure's smiling train.

But, meeting thus, our hearts will part the  
lighter,

As mist at dawn but makes the setting brighter ;  
Gay Epilogue will shine where Prologue fails —  
As glowworms keep their splendor for their  
tails.

I know not why — but time, methinks, hath  
pass'd

More fleet than usual since we parted last.

It seems but like a dream of yesternight,  
Whose charm still hangs, with fond, delaying  
light ;

And, ere the memory lose one glowing hue  
Of former joy, we come to kindle new.  
Thus ever may the flying moments haste  
With trackless foot along life's vulgar waste,  
But deeply print and lingeringly move,  
When thus they reach the sunny spots we love.

O yes, whatever be our gay career,  
Let this be still the solstice of the year,  
Where Pleasure's sun shall at its height remain,  
And slowly sink to level life again.

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THE SYLPH'S BALL.

A SYLPH, as bright as ever spirited  
Her figure through the fields of air,  
By an old swarthy Gnome was courted,  
And, strange to say, he won the fair.

The annals of the oldest witch  
A pair so sorted could not show ;  
But how refuse ? — the Gnome was rich,  
The Rothschild of the world below ;

And Sylphs, like other pretty creatures,  
Are told, betimes, they must consider  
Love as an auctioneer of features,  
Who knocks them down to the best bidder.

Home she was taken to his Mine —  
A Palace, paved with diamonds all —  
And, proud as Lady Gnome to shine,  
Sent out her tickets for a Ball.

The *lower* world, of course, was there,  
And all the best ; but of the *upper*  
The sprinkling was but shy and rare, —  
A few old Sylphids, who lov'd supper.

As none yet knew the wondrous Lamp  
Of DAVY, that renown'd Aladdin,  
And the Gnome's Halls exhal'd a damp,  
Which accidents from fire were bad in ;

The chambers were supplied with light  
By many strange but safe devices ;  
Large fireflies, such as shine at night  
Among the Orient's flowers and spices ; —

Musical flint mills — swiftly play'd  
By elfin hands — that, flashing round,  
Like certain fire-eyed minstrel maids,  
Gave out, at once, both light and sound.

Bologna stones, that drink the sun ;  
And water from that Indian sea,  
Whose waves at night like wildfire run —  
Cork'd up in crystal carefully.

<sup>1</sup> This alludes to a scenic representation then preparing for the last night of the performances.

<sup>2</sup> The late Mr. John Lyster, one of the oldest members and best actors of the Kilkenny Theatrical Society.

Glowworms, that round the tiny dishes,  
Like little lighthouses, were set up ;  
And pretty phosphorescent fishes,  
That by their own gay light were eat up.

'Mong the few guests from Ether, came  
That wicked Sylph, whom Love we call —  
My Lady knew him but by name,  
My Lord, her husband, not at all.

Some prudent Gnomes, 'tis said, appris'd  
That he was coming, and, no doubt,  
Alarm'd about his torch, advis'd  
He should, by all means, be kept out.

But others disapprov'd this plan,  
And, by his flame though somewhat frighted,  
Thought Love too much a gentleman,  
In such a dangerous place to light it.

However, *there* he was — and dancing  
With the fair Sylph, light as a feather ;  
They look'd like two fresh sunbeams, glancing,  
At daybreak, down to earth together.

And all had gone off safe and well,  
But for that plaguy torch, whose light,  
Though not *yet* kindled — who could tell  
How soon, how devilishly, it *might* ?

And so it chanced — which, in those dark  
And fireless halls was quite amazing ;  
Did we not know how small a spark  
Can set the torch of Love a-blazing.

Whether it came (when close entangled  
In the gay waltz) from her bright eyes,  
Or from the *luciole*, that spangled  
Her locks of jet — is all surmise ;

But certain 'tis th' ethereal girl  
*Did* drop a spark, at some odd turning,  
Which, by the waltz's windy whirl  
Was fann'd up into actual burning.

O for that Lamp's metallic gauze,  
That curtain of protecting wire,  
Which *DAVY* delicately draws  
Around illicit, dangerous fire ! —

The wall he sets 'twixt Flame and Air,  
(Like that, which barr'd young Thisbe's  
bliss,

Through whose small holes this dangerous pair  
May see each other, but not kiss.¹

At first the torch look'd rather bluely, —  
A sign, they say, that no good boded —  
Then quick the gas became unruly,  
And, crack ! the ball room all exploded.

Sylphs, gnomes, and fiddlers mix'd together,  
With all their aunts, sons, cousins, nieces,  
Like butterflies in stormy weather,  
Were blown — legs, wings, and tails — to  
pieces !

While, 'mid these victims of the torch,  
The Sylph, alas, too, bore her part !  
Found lying, with a livid scorch  
As if from lightning, o'er her heart !

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“ Well done ” — a laughing Goblin said —  
Escaping from this gaseous strife —  
“ 'Tis not the *first* time Love has made  
“ A *blow-up* in connubial life ! ”

#### REMONSTRANCE.

*After a Conversation with Lord John Russell, in which he had  
intimated some Idea of giving up all political Pursuits.*

WHAT ! *thou*, with thy genius, thy youth, and  
thy name —  
Thou, born of a Russell — whose instinct to  
run  
The acustom'd career of thy sires, is the same  
As the eagle's, to soar with his eyes on the  
sun !

Whose nobility comes to thee, stamp'd with a  
seal,  
Far, far more ennobling than monarch e'er set ;  
With the blood of thy race, offer'd up for the  
weal  
Of a nation, that swears by that martyrdom  
yet !

Shalt *thou* be faint hearted and turn from the  
strife,  
From the mighty arena, where all that is grand,

¹

— Partique dedere  
Oscula quisque suæ, non pervenientia contra.  
OVID.

And devoted, and pure, and adorning in life,  
 'Tis for high-thoughted spirits like thine to  
 command?

O no, never dream it — while good men despair  
 Between tyrants and traitors, and timid men  
 bow,  
 Never think, for an instant, thy country can  
 spare  
 Such a light from her darkening horizon as  
 thou.

With a spirit, as meek as the gentlest of those  
 Who in life's sunny valley lie shelter'd and  
 warm;  
 Yet bold and heroic as ever yet rose  
 To the top cliffs of Fortune, and breasted her  
 storm;

With an ardor for liberty, fresh as, in youth,  
 It first kindles the bard and gives life to his  
 lyre;  
 Yet mellow'd, ev'n now, by that mildness of  
 truth,  
 Which tempers, but chills not, the patriot fire;

With an eloquence — not like those rills from a  
 height,  
 Which sparkle, and foam, and in vapor are  
 o'er;  
 But a current, that works out its way into light  
 Through the filtering recesses of thought and  
 of lore.

Thus gifted, thou never canst sleep in the shade;  
 If the stirrings of Genius, the music of fame,  
 And the charms of thy cause have not power to  
 persuade,  
 Yet think how to Freedom thou'rt pledg'd by  
 thy Name.

Like the boughs of that laurel, by Delphi's de-  
 ceree,  
 Set apart for the Fame and its service divine,  
 So the branches, that spring from the old Rus-  
 sell tree,  
 Are by Liberty *claim'd* for the use of her  
 Shrine.

#### MY BIRTHDAY.

\* My birthday " — what a different sound  
 That word had in my youthful ears !

And how, each time the day comes round,  
 Less and less white its mark appears !

When first our scanty years are told,  
 It seems like pastime to grow old;  
 And, as Youth counts the shining links,  
 That Time around him binds so fast,  
 Pleased with the task, he little thinks  
 How hard that chain will press at last.  
 Vain was the man, and false as vain,  
 Who said ' — " were he ordain'd to run  
 " His long career of life again,  
 " He would do all that he *had* done."  
 Ah, 'tis not thus the voice, that dwells  
 In sober birthdays, speaks to me;  
 Far otherwise — of time it tells,  
 Lavish'd unwisely, carelessly;  
 Of counsel mock'd; of talents, made  
 Haply for high and pure designs,  
 But oft, like Israel's incense, laid  
 Upon unholy, earthly shrines;  
 Of nursing many a wrong desire;  
 Of wandering after Love too far,  
 And taking every meteor fire,  
 That cross'd my pathway, for his star.  
 All this it tells, and, could I trace  
 Th' imperfect picture o'er again,  
 With pow'r to add, retouch, efface  
 The lights and shades, the joy and pain,  
 How little of the past would stay!  
 How quickly all should melt away —  
 All — but that Freedom of the Mind,  
 Which hath been more than wealth to me;  
 Those friendships, in my boyhood twin'd,  
 And kept till now unchangingly;  
 And that dear home, that saving ark,  
 Where Love's true light at last I've found,  
 Cheering within, when all grows dark,  
 And comfortless, and stormy round!

#### FANCY.

THE more I've view'd this world, the more I've  
 found,  
 That, fill'd as 'tis with scenes and creatures  
 rare,  
 Fancy commands, within her own bright round,  
 A world of scenes and creatures far more fair.  
 Nor is it that her power can call up there  
 A single charm, that's not from Nature won, —

1 FONTENELLE. — " Si je recommençais ma carrière, je  
 ferai tout ce que j'ai fait."

No more than rainbows, in their pride, can wear  
 A single tint unborrow'd from the sun ;  
 But 'tis the mental medium it shines through,  
 That lends to Beauty all its charm and hue ;  
 As the same light, that o'er the level lake  
 One dull monotony of lustre flings,  
 Will, entering in the rounded raindrop, make  
 Colors as gay as those on angels' wings !

—  
 SONG.

FANNY, DEAREST !

Yes ! had I leisure to sigh and mourn,  
 Fanny, dearest, for thee I'd sigh ;  
 And every smile on my cheek should turn  
 To tears when thou art nigh.  
 But, between love, and wine, and sleep,  
 So busy a life I live,  
 That even the time it would take to weep  
 Is more than my heart can give.  
 Then wish me not to despair and pine,  
 Fanny, dearest of all the dears !  
 The Love that's order'd to bathe in wine,  
 Would be sure to take cold in tears.

Reflected bright in this heart of mine,  
 Fanny, dearest, thy image lies ;  
 But, ah ! the mirror would cease to shine,  
 If dimm'd too often with sighs.  
 They lose the half of beauty's light,  
 Who view it through sorrow's tear ;  
 And 'tis but to see thee truly bright  
 That I keep my eyebeams clear.  
 Then wait no longer till tears shall flow —  
 Fanny, dearest ! the hope is vain ;  
 If sunshine cannot dissolve thy snow,  
 I shall never attempt it with rain.

—  
 TRANSLATIONS FROM CATULLUS.

*Carm. 70.*

*Dicbas quondam, &c.*

TO LESBIA.

Thou told'st me, in our days of love,  
 That I had all that heart of thine ;  
 That, ev'n to share the couch of Jove,  
 Thou wouldst not, Lesbia, part from mine.

How purely wert thou worshipp'd then !  
 Not with the vague and vulgar fires

Which Beauty wakes in soulless men, —  
 But lov'd, as children by their sires.

That flattering dream, alas, is o'er ; —  
 I know thee now — and though these eyes  
 Doat on thee wildly as before,  
 Yet, even in doating, I despise.

Yes, sorceress — mad as it may seem —  
 With all thy craft, such spells adorn thee,  
 That passion even outlives esteem,  
 And I, at once, adore — and scorn thee.

*Carm. 11.*

*Pauca nunciante mœ puella.*

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COMRADES and friends ! with whom, where'er  
 The fates have will'd through life I've rov'd,  
 Now speed ye home, and with you bear  
 These bitter words to her I've lov'd.

Tell her from fool to fool to run,  
 Where'er her vain caprice may call ;  
 Of all her dupes not loving one,  
 But ruining and maddening all.

Bid her forget — what now is pass'd —  
 Our once dear love, whose ruin lies  
 Like a fair flower, the meadow's last,  
 Which feels the ploughshare's edge, and  
 dies !

*Carm. 29.*

*Peninsularum Sirmio, insularumque  
 Ocellæ.*

SWEET Sirmio ! thou, the very eye  
 Of all peninsulas and isles,  
 That in our lakes of silver lie,  
 Or sleep, inwreath'd by Neptune's smiles —

How gladly back to thee I fly ;  
 Still doubting, asking — can it be  
 That I have left Bithynia's sky,  
 And gaze in safety upon thee ?

O, what is happier than to find  
 Our hearts at ease, our perils pass'd ;  
 When, anxious long, the lighten'd mind  
 Lays down its load of care at last :

When, tired with toil o'er land and deep,  
 Again we tread the welcome floor



Of our own home, and sink to sleep  
On the long-wish'd-for bed once more.<sup>1</sup>

This, this it is, that pays alone  
The ills of all life's former track. —  
Shine out, my beautiful, my own  
Sweet Sirmio, greet thy master back.

And thou, fair Lake, whose water quaffs  
The light of heav'n like Lydia's sea,  
Rejoice, rejoice — let all that laughs  
Abroad, at home, laugh out for me !

TIBULLUS TO SULPICIA.

Nulla tuum nobis subducat femina lectum, &c. &c.  
Lib. iv. Carn. 13.

"NEVER shall woman's smile have power  
"To win me from those gentle charms !" —  
Thus swore I, in that happy hour,  
When Love first gave thee to my arms.

And still alone thou charm'st my sight —  
Still, though our city proudly shine  
With forms and faces, fair and bright,  
I see none fair or bright but thine.

Would thou wert fair for only me,  
And couldst no heart but mine allure ! —  
To all men else unpleasing be,  
So shall I feel my prize secure.<sup>2</sup>

O, love like mine ne'er wants the zest  
Of others' envy, others' praise ;  
But, in its silence safely blest,  
Broods o'er a bliss it ne'er betrays.

Charm of my life ; by whose sweet power  
All cares are hush'd, all ills subdued —  
My light, in even the darkest hour,  
My crowd, in deepest solitude !<sup>3</sup>

No, not though heaven itself sent down  
Some maid of more than heavenly charms,  
With bliss undreamt thy bard to crown,  
Would he for her forsake those arms !

IMITATION.

FROM THE FRENCH.

WITH women and apples both Paris and Adam  
Made mischief enough in their day : —  
God be prais'd that the fate of mankind, my  
dear Madam,  
Depends not on *us*, the same way.  
For, weak as I am with temptation to grapple  
The world would have doubly to rue thee ;  
Like Adam, I'd gladly take *from* thee the apple,  
Like Paris, at once give it *to* thee.

INVITATION TO DINNER,

ADDRESSED TO LORD LANSDOWNE.

September, 1818.

SOME think we bards have nothing real ;  
That poets live among the stars so,  
Their very dinners are ideal, —  
(And, heaven knows, too oft they *are* so,) —  
For instance, that we have, instead  
Of vulgar chops, and stews, and hashes,  
First course — a Phoenix, at the head,  
Done in its own celestial ashes ;  
At foot, a cygnet, which kept singing  
All the time its neck was wringing.  
Side dishes, thus — Minerva's owl,  
Or any such like learned fowl ;  
Doves, such as heav'n's poulterer gets,  
When Cupid shoots his mother's pets.  
Larks, stew'd in Morning's roseate breath,  
Or roasted by a sunbeam's splendor ;  
And nightingales, berhymed to death —  
Like young pigs whipp'd to make them tender.

Such fare may suit those bards, who're able  
To banquet at Duke Humphrey's table ;  
But as for me, who've long been taught  
To eat and drink like other people ;  
And can put up with mutton, bought  
Where Bromham<sup>4</sup> rears its ancient steeple —  
If Lansdowne will consent to share  
My humble feast, though rude the fare,  
Yet, season'd by that salt he brings  
From Attica's salinest springs,  
'Twill turn to dainties ; — while the cup,  
Beneath his influence brightening up,

<sup>1</sup> O quid solutis est beatus curis,  
Cum mens onus reponit, ac peregrino  
Labore fessi venimus larem ad nostrum,  
Desideratoque acquiescimus lecto.

<sup>2</sup> Displceas aliis, sic ego tutus ero.

<sup>3</sup> Tu mihi curarum requies, tu nocte vel atra  
Lumen, et in solis tu mihi turba locis.

<sup>4</sup> A picturesque village in sight of my cottage, and from which it is separated but by a small verdant valley

Like that of Baucis, touch'd by Jove,  
Will sparkle fit for gods above !

VERSES TO THE POET CRABBE'S  
INKSTAND.<sup>1</sup>

WRITTEN MAY, 1832.

ALL, as he left it ! — even the pen,  
So lately at that mind's command,  
Carelessly lying, as if then  
Just fallen from his gifted hand.

Have we then lost him ? scarce an hour,  
A little hour, seems to have pass'd,  
Since Life and Inspiration's power  
Around that relic breath'd their last.

Ah, powerless now — like talisman,  
Found in some vanish'd wizard's halls,  
Whose mighty charm with him began,  
Whose charm with him extinguish'd falls.

Yet though, alas ! the gifts that shone  
Around that pen's exploring track,  
Be now, with its great master, gone,  
Nor living hand can call them back ;

Who does not feel, while thus his eyes  
Rest on the enchanter's broken wand,  
Each earth-born spell it work'd arise  
Before him in succession grand ? —

Grand, from the Truth that reigns o'er all ;  
The unshrinking Truth, that lets her light  
Through Life's low, dark, interior fall,  
Opening the whole, severely bright ;

Yet softening, as she frowns along,  
O'er scenes which angels weep to see —  
Where Truth herself half veils the Wrong,  
In pity of the Misery.

True bard ! — and simple as the race  
Of true-born poets ever are,  
When, stooping from their starry place,  
They're children, near, though gods, afar.

How freshly doth my mind recall,  
'Mong the few days I've known with thee,

<sup>1</sup> Soon after Mr. Crabbe's death, the sons of that gentleman did me the honor of presenting to me the inkstand, pencil, &c. which their distinguished father had long been in the habit of using.

<sup>2</sup> The lines that follow allude to a day passed in company

One that, most buoyantly of all,  
Floats in the wake of memory ;<sup>2</sup>

When he, the poet, doubly graced,  
In life, as in his perfect strain,  
With that pure, mellowing power of Taste,  
Without which Fancy shines in vain ;

Who in his page will leave behind,  
Pregnant with genius though it be,  
But half the treasures of a mind,  
Where Sense o'er all holds mastery : —

Friend of long years ! of friendship tried  
Through many a bright and dark event ;  
In doubts, my judge — in taste, my guide —  
In all, my stay and ornament !

He, too, was of our feast that day,  
And all were guests of one, whose hand  
Hath shed a new and deathless ray  
Around the lyre of this great land ;

In whose sea odes — as in those shells  
Where Ocean's voice of majesty  
Seems still to sound — immortal dwells  
Old Albion's Spirit of the Sea.

Such was our host ; and though, since then,  
Slight clouds have ris'n 'twixt him and me,  
Who would not grasp such hand again,  
Stretch'd forth again in amity ?

Who can, in this short life, afford  
To let such mists a moment stay,  
When thus one frank, atoning word,  
Like sunshine, melts them all away ?

Bright was our board that day — though *one*  
Unworthy brother there had place ;  
As 'mong the horses of the Sun,  
One was, they say, of earthly race.

Yet, *next* to Genius is the power  
Of feeling where true Genius lies ;  
And there was light around that hour  
Such as, in memory, never dies ;

Light which comes o'er me, as I gaze,  
Thou Relic of the Dead, on thee,

with Mr. Crabbe, many years since, when a party, consisting only of Mr. Rogers, Mr. Crabbe, and the author of these verses, had the pleasure of dining with Mr. Thomas Campbell, at his house at Sydenham.





Like all such dreams of vanish'd days,  
Brightly, indeed — but mournfully !

TO

CAROLINE, VISCOUNTESS VALLETORT.

WRITTEN AT LACOCK ABBEY, JANUARY, 1832.

WHEN I would sing thy beauty's light,  
Such various forms, and all so bright,  
I've seen thee, from thy childhood, wear,  
I know not which to call most fair,  
Nor 'mong the countless charms that spring  
Forever round thee, *which* to sing.

When I would paint thee, as thou *art*,  
Then all thou *wert* comes o'er my heart —  
The graceful child, in beauty's dawn,  
Within the nursery's shade withdraw,  
Or peeping out — like a young moon  
Upon a world 'twill brighten soon.  
Then next, in girlhood's blushing hour,  
As from thy own lov'd Abbey tower  
I've seen thee look, all radiant, down,  
With smiles that to the hoary frown  
Of centuries round thee lent a ray,  
Chasing even Age's gloom away ; —  
Or, in the world's resplendent throng,  
As I have mark'd thee glide along,  
Among the crowds of fair and great  
A spirit, pure and separate,  
To which even Admiration's eye  
Was fearful to approach too nigh ; —  
A creature, circled by a spell  
Within which nothing wrong could dwell ;  
And fresh and clear as from the source,  
Holding through life her limpid course,  
Like Arethusa through the sea,  
Stealing in fountain purity.

Now, too, another change of light !  
As noble bride, still meekly bright,  
Thou bring'st thy Lord a dowry above  
All earthly price, pure woman's love ;  
And show'st what lustre Rank receives,  
When with his proud Corinthian leaves  
Her rose thus high-bred Beauty weaves.

Wonder not if, where all's so fair,  
To choose were more than bard can dare ;  
Wonder not if, while every scene  
I've watch'd thee through so bright hath been,  
Th' enamour'd Muse should in her quest  
Of beauty, know not where to rest,

But, dazzled, at thy feet thus fall,  
Hailing thee beautiful in all !

A SPECULATION.

OF all speculations the market holds forth,  
The best that I know for a lover of pelf,  
Is to buy Marcus up, at the price he is worth,  
And then sell him at that which he sets on  
himself.

TO MY MOTHER.

WRITTEN IN A POCKET BOOK, 1822.

THEY tell us of an Indian tree,  
Which, howsoe'er the sun and sky  
May tempt its boughs to wander free,  
And shoot, and blossom, wide and high,  
Far better loves to bend its arms  
Downward again to that dear earth,  
From which the life, that fills and warms  
Its grateful being, first had birth.

'Tis thus, though woo'd by flattering friends,  
And fed with fame (*if* fame it be)  
This heart, my own dear mother, bends,  
With love's true instinct, back to thee !

LOVE AND HYMEN. ?

Love had a fever — ne'er could close  
His little eyes till day was breaking ;  
And wild and strange enough, Heav'n knows,  
The things he rav'd about while waking.

To let him pine so were a sin ; —  
One, to whom all the world's a debtor —  
So Doctor Hymen was call'd in,  
And Love that night slept rather better.

Next day the case gave further hope yet,  
Though still some ugly fever latent ;  
" Dose, as before " — a gentle opiate,  
For which old Hymen has a patent.

After a month of daily call,  
So fast the dose went on restoring,  
That Love, who first ne'er slept at all,  
Now took, the rogue ! to downright snoring.



## LINES

ON THE

ENTRY OF THE AUSTRIANS INTO NAPLES, 1821.

*Carbone notati.*

AY — down to the dust with them, slaves as they are,

From this hour, let the blood in their dastardly veins,

That shrunk at the first touch of Liberty's war,  
Be wasted for tyrants, or stagnate in chains.

On, on like a cloud, through their beautiful vales,

Ye locusts of tyranny, blasting them o'er —  
Fill, fill up their wide sunny waters, ye sails  
From each slave mart of Europe, and shadow  
their shore !

Let their fate be a mockword — let men of all lands

Laugh out, with a scorn that shall ring to the poles,

When each sword, that the cowards let fall from their hands,

Shall be forg'd into fetters to enter their souls.

And deep, and more deep, as the iron is driv'n,  
Base slaves ! let the whet of their agony be,  
To think — as the Doom'd often think of that heav'n

They had once within reach — that they *might* have been free.

O shame ! when there was not a bosom, whose heat

Ever rose 'bove the zero of C——h's heart,  
That did not, like echo, your war hymn repeat,  
And send all its prayers with your Liberty's start ;

When the world stood in hope — when a spirit, that breath'd

The fresh air of the olden time, whisper'd about ;

And the swords of all Italy, half way unsheath'd,  
But waited one conquering cry, to flash out !

When around you the shades of your Mighty in fame,

FILICAJAS and PETRARCHS, seemed bursting to view,

And their words, and their warnings, like tongues of bright flame

Over Freedom's apostles, fell kindling on you !

O shame ! that, in such a proud moment of life,

Worth the hist'ry of ages, when, had you but hurl'd

One bolt at your tyrant invader, that strive  
Between freemen and tyrants had spread  
through the world —

That then — O, disgrace upon manhood — ev'n then,

You should falter, should cling to your pitiful breath ;

Cow'r down into beasts, when you might have stood men,

And prefer the slave's life of prostration to death.

It is strange, it is dreadful : — shout, Tyranny, shout

Through your dungeons and palaces, "Freedom is o'er ;" —

If there lingers one spark of her light, tread it out,

And return to your empire of darkness once more.

For, if *such* are the braggarts that claim to be free,

Come, Despot of Russia, thy feet let me kiss ;

Far nobler to live the brute bondman of thee,  
Than to sully ev'n chains by a struggle like **this !**

## THE LOVES OF THE ANGELS.

## PREFACE

## TO THE EIGHTH VOLUME.

ON my return from the interesting visit to Rome, of which some account has been given in the preceding Preface, I took up my abode in Paris, and, being joined there by my family, continued to reside in that capital, or its environs, till about the close of the year 1822. As no life, however sunny, is without its clouds, I could not escape, of course, my share of such passing shadows; and this long estrangement from our happy English home, towards which my family yearned even more fondly than myself, had been caused by difficulties of a pecuniary nature, and to a large amount, in which I had been involved by the conduct of the person who acted as my deputy in the small office I held at Bermuda.

That I should ever have come to be chosen for such an employment seems one of those freaks or anomalies of human destiny which baffle all ordinary speculation; and went far, indeed, to realize Beaumarchais' notion of the sort of standard by which, too frequently, qualification for place is regulated, — "Il fallut un calculateur; ce fut un danseur qui l'obtint."

But however much, in this instance, I suffered from my want of schooling in matters of business, and more especially from my having neglected the ordinary precaution of requiring security from my deputy, I was more than consoled for all such embarrassment, were it even ten times as much, by the eager kindness with which friends pressed forward to help to release me from my difficulties. Could I venture to name the persons, — and they were many, — who thus volunteered their aid, it would be found they were all of them men whose characters enhanced such a service, and that, in all, the name and the act reflected honor upon each other.

I shall so far lift the veil in which such delicate generosity seeks to shroud itself, as to mention briefly the manner in which one of these kind friends, — himself possessing but limited means, — proposed to contribute to the object of releasing me from my embarrassments. After

adverting, in his letter, to my misfortunes, and "the noble way," as he was pleased to say, "in which I bore them," he adds, — "would it be very impertinent to say, that I have 500*l.* entirely at your disposal, to be paid when you like; and as much more that I could advance, upon any reasonable security, payable in seven years?" The writer concludes by apologizing anxiously and delicately for "the liberty which he thus takes," assuring me that "he would not have made the offer if he did not feel that he would most readily accept the same assistance from me." I select this one instance from among the many which that trying event of my life enables me to adduce, both on account of the deliberate feeling of manly regard which it manifests, and also from other considerations which it would be out of place here to mention, but which rendered so genuine a mark of friendship from such a quarter peculiarly touching and welcome to me.

When such were the men who hastened to my aid in this emergency, I need hardly say, it was from no squeamish pride, — for the pride would have been in receiving favors from such hands, — that I came to the resolution of gratefully declining their offers, and endeavoring to work out my deliverance by my own efforts. With a credit still fresh in the market of literature, and with publishers ready as ever to risk their thousands on my name, I could not but feel that, however gratifying was the generous zeal of such friends, I should best show that I, in some degree, deserved their offers, by declining, under such circumstances, to accept them.

Meanwhile, an attachment had issued against me from the Court of Admiralty; and as a negotiation was about to be opened with the American claimants, for a reduction of their large demand upon me, — supposed, at that time, to amount to six thousand pounds, — it was deemed necessary that, pending the treaty, I should take up my abode in France.

To write for the means of daily subsistence, and even in most instances to "forestall the slow harvest of the brain," was for me, unluckily, no novel task. But I had now, in addition to these home calls upon the Muse, a



quaintance, Denon, whose drawings of Egypt, then of some value, I frequently consulted, I found Mons. Fourier and Mons. Langlès no less prompt in placing books at my disposal. With Humboldt, also, who was at that time in Paris, I had more than once some conversation on the subject of Egypt, and remember his expressing himself in no very laudatory terms respecting the labors of the French savans in that country.

I had now been foiled and frustrated in two of those literary projects on which I had counted most sanguinely in the calculation of my resources; and, though I had found sufficient time to furnish my musical publisher with the Eighth Number of the Irish Melodies, and also a Number of the National Airs, these works alone, I knew, would yield but an insufficient supply, compared with the demands so closely and threateningly hanging over me. In this difficulty I called to mind a subject, — the Eastern allegory of the Loves of the Angels, — on which I had, some years before, begun a prose story, but in which, as a theme for poetry, I had now been anticipated by Lord Byron, in one of the most sublime of his many poetical miracles, "Heaven and Earth." Knowing how soon I should be lost in the shadow into which so gigantic a precursor would cast me, I had endeavored, by a speed of composition which must have astonished my habitually slow pen, to get the start of my noble friend in the time of publication, and thus give myself the sole chance I could perhaps expect, under such unequal rivalry, of attracting to my work the attention of the public. In this humble speculation, however, I failed; for both works, if I recollect right, made their appearance at the same time.

In the mean while, the negotiation which had been entered into with the American claimants, for a reduction of the amount of their demands upon me, had continued to "drag its slow length along;" nor was it till the month of September, 1822, that, by a letter from the Messrs. Longman, I received the welcome intelligence that the terms offered, as our ultimatum, to the opposite party, had been at last accepted, and that I might now with safety return to England. I lost no time, of course, in availing myself of so welcome a privilege; and as all that remains now to be told of this trying episode in my past life may be comprised in a small compass, I shall trust to the patience of my readers for tolerating the recital.

On arriving in England I learned, for the first

time, — having been, till then, kept very much in darkness on the subject, — that, after a long and frequently interrupted course of negotiation, the amount of the claims of the American merchants had been reduced to the sum of one thousand guineas, and that towards the payment of this the uncle of my deputy, — a rich London merchant, — had been brought, with some difficulty, to contribute three hundred pounds. I was likewise informed, that a very dear and distinguished friend of mine, to whom, by his own desire, the state of the negotiation was, from time to time, reported, had, upon finding that there appeared, at last, some chance of an arrangement, and learning also the amount of the advance made by my deputy's relative, immediately deposited in the hands of a banker the remaining portion (750*l.*) of the required sum, to be there in readiness for the final settlement of the demand.

Though still adhering to my original purpose of owing to my own exertions alone the means of relief from these difficulties, I yet felt a pleasure in allowing this thoughtful deposit to be applied to the generous purpose for which it was destined; and having employed in this manner the 750*l.*, I then transmitted to my kind friend, — I need hardly say with what feelings of thankfulness, — a check on my publishers for the amount.

Though this effort of the poet's purse was but, as usual, a new launch into the Future, — a new anticipation of yet unborn means, — the result showed, I am happy to say, that, in *this* instance at least, I had not counted on my bank "*in nubibus*" too sanguinely; for, on receiving my publishers' account, in the month of June following, I found 1000*l.* placed to my credit from the sale of the Loves of the Angels, and 500*l.* from the Fables of the Holy Alliance.

I must not omit to mention, that, among the resources at that time placed at my disposal, was one small and sacred sum, which had been set apart by its young possessor for some such beneficent purpose. This fund, amounting to about 300*l.*, arose from the proceeds of the sale of the first edition of a biographical work, then recently published, which will long be memorable, as well from its own merits and subject, as from the lustre that has been since shed back upon it from the public career of its noble author. To a gift from such hands might well have been applied the words of Ovid,

— acceptissima semper  
Munera sunt, auctor quæ pretiosa facit.



In this volume, and its immediate successor, will be found collected almost all those delinquencies of mine, in the way of satire, which have appeared, from time to time, in the public journals, during the last twenty or thirty years. The comments and notices required to throw light on these political trifles must be reserved for our next volume.

### PREFACE.

THE Eastern story of the angels Harut and Marut,<sup>1</sup> and the Rabbinical fictions of the loves of Uzziel and Shámchazai,<sup>2</sup> are the only sources to which I need refer, for the origin of the notion on which this Romance is founded. In addition to the fitness of the subject for poetry, it struck me also as capable of affording an allegorical medium, through which might be shadowed out (as I have endeavored to do in the following stories) the fall of the Soul from its original purity<sup>3</sup> — the loss of light and happiness which it suffers, in the pursuit of this world's perishable pleasures — and the punishments, both from conscience and Divine justice, with which impurity, pride, and presumptuous inquiry into the awful secrets of Heaven are sure to be visited. The beautiful story of Cupid and Psyche owes its chief charm to this sort of "veiled meaning," and it has been my wish (however I may have failed in the attempt) to communicate to the following pages the same moral interest.

Among the doctrines, or notions, derived by Plato from the East, one of the most natural and sublime is that which inculcates the pre-existence of the soul, and its gradual descent into this dark material world, from that region of spirit and light which it is supposed to have once inhabited, and to which, after a long lapse of purification and trial, it will return. This belief, under various symbolical forms, may be traced through almost all the Oriental theologues. The Chaldeans represent the Soul as

originally endowed with wings, which fall away when it sinks from its native element, and must be reproduced before it can hope to return. Some disciples of Zoroaster once inquired of him, "How the wings of the Soul might be made to grow again?" — "By sprinkling them," he replied, "with the Waters of Life." — "But where are those Waters to be found?" they asked. — "In the Garden of God," replied Zoroaster.

The mythology of the Persians has allegorized the same doctrine, in the history of those genii of light who strayed from their dwellings in the stars, and obscured their original nature by mixture with this material sphere; while the Egyptians, connecting it with the descent and ascent of the sun in the zodiac, considered Autumn as emblematic of the Soul's decline towards darkness, and the reappearance of Spring as its return to life and light.

Besides the chief spirits of the Mahometan heaven, such as Gabriel, the angel of Revelation, Israfil, by whom the last trumpet is to be sounded, and Azrael, the angel of death, there were also a number of subaltern intelligences, of which tradition has preserved the names, appointed to preside over the different stages, or ascents, into which the celestial world was supposed to be divided.<sup>4</sup> Thus Kelail governs the fifth heaven; while Sadiel, the presiding spirit of the third, is also employed in steadying the motions of the earth, which would be in a constant state of agitation, if this angel did not keep his foot planted upon its orb.<sup>5</sup>

Among other miraculous interpositions in favor of Mahomet, we find commemorated in the pages of the Koran the appearance of five thousand angels on his side at the battle of Bedr.

The ancient Persians supposed that Ormuzd appointed thirty angels to preside successively over the days of the month, and twelve greater ones to assume the government of the months themselves; among whom Bahman (to whom Ormuzd committed the custody of all animals, except man,) was the greatest. Mihr, the an-

but to a violent inroad of the spirits of darkness, who, finding themselves in the neighborhood of this pure light, and becoming passionately enamoured of its beauty, break the boundaries between them, and take forcible possession of it.†

† "We adorned the lower heaven with lights, and placed therein a guard of angels." — *Koran*, chap. xli.

‡ See D'Herbelot, *passim*

<sup>1</sup> See note on page 534.

<sup>2</sup> Hyde, *de Relig. Vet. Persarum*, p. 272.

<sup>3</sup> The account which Macrobius gives \* of the downward journey of the Soul, through that gate of the zodiac which opens into the lower spheres, is a curious specimen of the wild fancies that passed for philosophy in ancient times.

In the system of Manes, the luminous or spiritual principle owes its corruption not to any evil tendency of its own,

\* In *Sonn. Scipionis*, cap. 12.

† See a Treatise "De la Religion des Perses," by the Abbé Foucher, *Mémoires de l'Académie*, tom. xxxi. p. 456.



gel of the 7th month, was also the spirit that watched over the affairs of friendship and love; — Chûr had the care of the disk of the sun; — Mah was agent for the concerns of the moon; — Isphandârmaz (whom Cuzvin calls the Spirit of the Earth) was the tutelâr genius of good and virtuous women, &c. &c. &c. For all this the reader may consult the 19th and 20th chapters of *Hyde de Relig. Vet. Persarum*, where the names and attributes of these daily and monthly angels are with much minuteness and erudition explained. It appears, from the *Zend-avesta*, that the Persians had a certain office or prayer for every day of the month (addressed to the particular angel who presided over it), which they called the *Sirouzé*.

The celestial Hierarchy of the Syrians, as described by Kircher, appears to be the most regularly graduated of any of these systems. In the sphere of the Moon they placed the angels, in that of Mercury the archangels, Venus and the Sun contained the Principalities and the Powers; — and so on to the summit of the planetary system, where, in the sphere of Saturn, the Thrones had their station. Above this was the habitation of the Cherubim in the sphere of the fixed stars; and still higher, in the region of those stars which are so distant as to be imperceptible, the Seraphim, we are told, the most perfect of all celestial creatures, dwelt.

The Sabæans also (as D'Herbelot tells us) had their classes of angels, to whom they prayed as mediators, or intercessors; and the Arabians worshipped *female* angels, whom they called *Benab Hasche*, or, Daughters of God.

TWAS when the world was in its prime,

When the fresh stars had just begun

Their race of glory, and young Time

Told his first birthdays by the sun;

When, in the light of Nature's dawn

Rejoicing, men and angels met<sup>1</sup>

On the high hill and sunny lawn, —

Ere sorrow came, or Sin had drawn

'Twixt man and heaven her curtain yet!

When earth lay nearer to the skies

Than in those days of crime and woe,

And mortals saw, without surprise,

In the mid air, angelic eyes

Gazing upon this world below.

Alas, that Passion should profane,

Ev'n then, the morning of the earth!

That, sadder still, the fatal stain

Should fall on hearts of heavenly birth —

And that from Woman's love should fall

So dark a stain, most sad of all!

One evening, in that primal hour,

On a hill's side, where hung the ray

Of sunset, brightening rill and bower,

Three noble youths conversing lay;

And, as they look'd, from time to time,

To the far sky, where Daylight furl'd

His radiant wing, their brows sublime

Bespoke them of that distant world —

Spirits, who once, in brotherhood

Of faith and bliss, near ALLA stood,

And o'er whose cheeks full oft had blown

The wind that breathes from ALLA's throne,<sup>2</sup>

Creatures of light, such as *still* play,

Like motes in sunshine round the Lord,

And through their infinite array

Transmit each moment, night and day,

The echo of His luminous word!

Of Heaven they spoke, and, still more oft,

Of the bright eyes that charm'd them  
thence;

Time, yielding gradual to the soft

And balmy evening's influence —

The silent breathing of the flowers —

The melting light that beam'd above,

As on their first, fond, erring hours, —

Each told the story of his love,

The history of that hour unless'd,

When, like a bird, from its high nest

Won down by fascinating eyes,

For Woman's smile he lost the skies.

The First who spoke was one, with look

The least celestial of the three —

A Spirit of light mould, that took

The prints of earth most yieldingly;

Who, ev'n in heaven, was not of those

Nearest the Throne,<sup>3</sup> but held a place

<sup>1</sup> The Mahometans believe, says D'Herbelot, that in that early period of the world, "les hommes n'eurent qu'une seule religion, et furent souvent visités des Anges, qui leur donnoient la main."

<sup>2</sup> "To which will be joined the sound of the bells hanging on the trees, which will be put in motion by the wind

proceeding from the Throne, so often as the Blessed wisht for music." — See *Sale's Koran, Prelim. Dissert.*

<sup>3</sup> The ancient Persians supposed that this Throne was placed in the Sun, and that through the stars were distributed the various classes of Angels that encircled it.

The Basilidians supposed that there were three hundred

Far off, among those shining rows  
That circle out through endless space,  
And o'er whose wings the light from Him  
In Heaven's centre falls most dim.

Still fair and glorious, he but shone  
Among those youths th' unheavenliest one —  
A creature, to whom light remain'd  
From Eden still, but alter'd, stain'd,  
And o'er whose brow not Love alone  
A blight had, in his transit, cast,  
But other, earthlier joys had gone,  
And left their footprints as they pass'd.  
Sighing, as back through ages flown,  
Like a tomb searcher, Memory ran,  
Lifting each shroud that Time had thrown  
O'er buried hopes, he thus began : —

#### FIRST ANGEL'S STORY.

" 'Twas in a land, that far away  
Into the golden orient lies,  
Where Nature knows not night's delay,  
But springs to meet her bridegroom, Day,  
Upon the threshold of the skies.  
One morn, on earthly mission sent,<sup>1</sup>  
And mid way choosing where to light,  
I saw, from the blue element —  
O beautiful, but fatal sight ! —  
One of earth's fairest womankind,  
Half veil'd from view, or rather shrin'd  
In the clear crystal of a brook ;  
Which, while it hid no single gleam  
Of her young beauties, made them look  
More spirit-like, as they might seem  
Through the dim shadowing of a dream.  
Passing in wonder I look'd on,  
While, playfully around her breaking  
The waters, that like diamonds shone,  
She mov'd in light of her own making.  
At length, as from that airy height  
I gently lower'd my breathless flight,  
The tremble of my wings all o'er  
(For through each plume I felt the thrill)  
Startled her, as she reach'd the shore  
Of that small lake — her mirror still —  
Above whose brink she stood, like snow  
When rosy with a sunset glow.  
Never shall I forget those eyes ! —  
The shame, the innocent surprise

Of that bright face, when in the air  
Uplooking, she beheld me there.  
It seem'd as if each thought and look,  
And motion were that minute chain'd  
Fast to the spot, such root she took,  
And — like a sunflower by a brook,  
With face upturn'd — so still remain'd !

In pity to the wondering maid,  
Though loath from such a vision turning,  
Downward I bent, beneath the shade  
Of my spread wings to hide the burning  
Of glances, which — I well could feel —  
For me, for her, too warmly shone ;  
But, ere I could again unseal  
My restless eyes, or even steal  
One sidelong look, the maid was gone —  
Hid from me in the forest leaves,  
Sudden as when, in all her charms  
Of full-blown light, some cloud receives  
The Moon into his dusky arms.

'Tis not in words to tell the power,  
The despotism that, from that hour,  
Passion held o'er me. Day and night  
I sought around each neighboring spot ;  
And, in the chase of this sweet light,  
My task, and heaven, and all forgot ; —  
All, but the one, sole, haunting dream  
Of her I saw in that bright stream.

Nor was it long, ere by her side  
I found myself, whole happy days,  
Listening to words, whose music vied  
With our own Eden's seraph lays,  
When seraph lays are warm'd by love,  
But, wanting *that*, far, far above ! —  
And looking into eyes where, blue  
And beautiful, like skies seen through  
The sleeping wave, for me there shone  
A heaven, more worshipp'd than my own.  
O what, while I could hear and see  
Such words and looks, was heaven to me ?  
Though gross the air on earth I drew,  
'Twas blessed, while she breath'd it too ;  
Though dark the flowers, though dim the sky,  
Love lent them light, while she was nigh.  
Throughout creation I but knew  
Two separate worlds — the *one*, that small,  
Belov'd, and consecrated spot

and sixty-five orders of angels, " dont la perfection alloit en décroissant, à mesure qu'ils s'éloignoient de la première classe d'esprits placés dans le premier ciel." — See Dupuis, *Orig. des Cultes*, tom. ii. p. 112.

<sup>1</sup> It appears that, in most languages, the term employed

for an angel means also a messenger. Firischtch, the Persian word for angel, is derived (says D'Herbelot) from the verb Firischtin, to send. The Hebrew term, too, Melak, has the same signification.

Where *LEA* was — the other, all  
The dull, wide waste, where she was *not* !

But vain my suit, my madness vain ;  
Though gladly, from her eyes to gain  
One earthly look, one stray desire,  
I would have torn the wings, that hung  
Furl'd at my back, and o'er the Fire  
In *GERIM*'s <sup>1</sup> pit their fragments flung ; —  
'Twas hopeless all — pure and unmov'd  
She stood, as lilies in the light  
Of the hot noon but look more white ; —  
And though she lov'd me, deeply lov'd,  
'Twas not as man, as mortal — no,  
Nothing of earth was in that glow —  
She lov'd me but as one, of race  
Angelic, from that radiant place  
She saw so oft in dreams — that Heaven,  
To which her prayers at morn were sent,  
And on whose light she gaz'd at even,  
Wishing for wings, that she might go  
Out of this shadowy world below,  
To that free, glorious element !

Well I remember by her side  
Sitting at rosy eventide,  
When, — turning to the star, whose head  
Look'd out, as from a bridal bed,  
At that mute, blushing hour, — she said,  
“ O, that it were my doom to be  
“ The Spirit of yon beauteous star,  
“ Dwelling up there in purity,  
“ Alone, as all such bright things are ; —  
“ My sole employ to pray and shine,  
“ To light my censer at the sun,  
“ And cast its fire towards the shrine  
“ Of Him in heaven, the Eternal One ! ”

So innocent the maid, so free  
From mortal taint in soul and frame,  
Whom 'twas my crime — my destiny —  
To love, ay, burn for, with a flame,  
To which earth's wildest fires are tame.  
Had you but seen her look, when first  
From my mad lips th' avowal burst ;  
Not anger'd — no — the feeling came  
From depths beyond mere anger's flame —  
It was a sorrow, calm as deep,  
A mournfulness that could not weep,

<sup>1</sup> The name given by the Mahometans to the infernal regions, over which, they say, the angel *Tabhek* presides.

By the seven gates of hell, mentioned in the *Koran*, the commentators understand seven different departments or wards, in which seven different sorts of sinners are to be punished. The first, called *Gehennem*, is for sinful Muslims ; the second, *Ladha*, for Christian offenders ; the

So fill'd her heart was to the brink,  
So fix'd and froz'n with grief, to think  
That angel natures — that ev'n I,  
Whose love she clung to, as the tie  
Between her spirit and the sky —  
Should fall thus headlong from the height  
Of all that heaven hath pure and bright !

That very night — my heart had grown  
Impatient of its inward burning ;  
The term, too, of my stay was flown,  
And the bright Watchers near the throne,  
Already, if a meteor shone  
Between them and this nether zone,  
Thought 'twas their herald's wing return-  
ing.

Oft did the potent spellword, given  
To Envoys hither from the skies,  
To be pronounc'd, when back to heaven  
It is their time or wish to rise,  
Come to my lips that fatal day ;  
And once, too, was so nearly spoken,  
That my spread plumage in the ray  
And breeze of heaven began to play ; —  
When my heart fail'd — the spell was broken,  
The word unfinish'd died away,  
And my check'd plumes, ready to soar,  
Fell slack and lifeless as before.

How could I leave a world, which she,  
Or lost or won, made all to me ?  
No matter where my wanderings were,  
So there she look'd, breath'd, mov'd about —  
Woe, ruin, death, more sweet with her,  
Than Paradise itself, without !

But, to return — that very day  
A feast was held, where, full of mirth,  
Came — crowding thick as flowers that play  
In summer winds — the young and gay  
And beautiful of this bright earth.  
And she was there, and 'mid the young  
And beautiful stood first, alone ;  
Though on her gentle brow still hung  
The shadow I that morn had thrown —  
The first, that ever shame or woe  
Had cast upon its vernal snow.  
My heart was madden'd ; — in the flush  
Of the wild revel I gave way

third, *Hothama*, is appointed for Jews ; and the fourth and fifth, called *Sair* and *Sacar*, are destined to receive the *Sabæans* and the worshippers of fire ; in the sixth, named *Ge-him*, those pagans and idolaters who admit a plurality of gods are placed ; while into the abyss of the seventh, called *Derk Asfal*, or the *Deepest*, the hypocritical canters of all religions are thrown.

To all that frantic mirth — that rush  
 Of desperate gayety, which they,  
 Who never felt how pain's excess  
 Can break out thus, think happiness !  
 Sad mimicry of mirth and life,  
 Whose flashes come but from the strife  
 Of inward passions—like the light  
 Struck out by clashing swords in fight.

Then, too, that juice of earth, the bane  
 And blessing of man's heart and brain —  
 That draught of sorcery, which brings  
 Phantoms of fair, forbidden things —  
 Whose drops, like those of rainbows, smile  
 Upon the mists that circle man,  
 Bright'ning not only Earth, the while,  
 But grasping Heaven, too, in their span ! —  
 Then first the fatal wine cup rain'd  
 Its dews of darkness through my lips,<sup>1</sup>  
 Casting whate'er of light remain'd  
 To my lost soul into eclipse ;  
 And filling it with such wild dreams,  
 Such fantasies and wrong desires,  
 As, in the absence of heaven's beams,  
 Haunt us forever — like wild fires  
 That walk this earth, when day retires.

Now hear the rest ; — our banquet done,  
 I sought her in th' accustom'd bower,  
 Where late we oft, when day was gone,  
 And the world hush'd, had met alone,  
 At the same silent, moonlight hour.  
 Her eyes, as usual, were upturn'd  
 To her lov'd star, whose lustre burn'd  
 Purer than ever on that night ;  
 While she, in looking, grew more bright,  
 As though she borrow'd of its light.

There was a virtue in that scene,  
 A spell of holiness around,  
 Which, had my burning brain not been  
 Thus madden'd, would have held me bound,  
 As though I trod celestial ground.  
 Ev'n as it was, with soul all flame,  
 And lips that burn'd in their own sighs,  
 I stood to gaze with awe and shame —  
 The memory of Eden came  
 Full o'er me when I saw those eyes ;

And though too well each glance of mine  
 To the pale, shrinking maiden prov'd  
 How far, alas, from aught divine,  
 Aught worthy of so pure a shrine,  
 Was the wild love with which I lov'd,  
 Yet must she, too, have seen — O yes,  
 'Tis soothing but to *think* she saw  
 The deep, true, soulfelt tenderness,  
 The homage of an Angel's awe  
 To her, a mortal, whom pure love  
 Then plac'd above him — far above —  
 And all that struggle to repress  
 A sinful spirit's mad excess,  
 Which work'd within me at that hour,  
 When, with a voice, where Passion shed  
 All the deep sadness of her power,  
 Her melancholy power — I said,  
 " Then be it so ; if back to heaven  
 " I must unlov'd, unpitied fly,  
 " Without one blest memorial given  
 " 'To soothe me in that lonely sky ;  
 " One look, like those the young and fond  
 " Give when they're parting — which would  
 be,  
 " Ev'n in remembrance, far beyond  
 " All heaven hath left of bliss for me !

" O, but to see that head recline  
 " A minute on this trembling arm,  
 " And those mild eyes look up to mine,  
 " Without a dread, a thought of harm !  
 " To meet, but once, the thrilling touch  
 " Of lips too purely fond to fear me —  
 " Or, if that boon be all too much,  
 " Ev'n thus to bring their fragrance near me !  
 " Nay, shrink not so — a look — a word —  
 " Give them but kindly and I fly ;  
 " Already, see, my plumes have stir'd,  
 " And tremble for their home on high.  
 " Thus be our parting — check to check —  
 " One minute's lapse will be forgiven,  
 " And thou, the next, shalt hear me speak  
 " The spell that plumes my wing for heaven ! "

While thus I spoke, the fearful maid,  
 Of me, and of herself afraid,  
 Had shrinking stood, like flowers beneath  
 The scorching of the south wind's breath :

<sup>1</sup> I have already mentioned that some of the circumstances of this story were suggested to me by the eastern legend of the two angels, Harut and Marut, as given by Mariti, who says that the author of the *Taalim* founds upon it the Mahometan prohibition of wine.\* I have since found

that Mariti's version of the tale (which differs also from that of Dr. Prideaux, in his *Life of Mahomet*), is taken from the French *Encyclopédie*, in which work, under the head "Arot et Marot," the reader will find it.

\* The Bahardanus tells the fable differently.

But when I nam'd — alas, too well,  
 I now recall, though wilder'd then, —  
 Instantly, when I nam'd the spell,  
 Her brow, her eyes uprose again,  
 And, with an eagerness, that spoke  
 The sudden light that o'er her broke,  
 "The spell, the spell! — O, speak it now,  
 "And I will bless thee!" she exclaim'd —  
 Unknowing what I did, inflam'd,  
 And lost already, on her brow  
 I stamp'd one burning kiss, and nam'd  
 The mystic word, till then ne'er told  
 To living creature of earth's mould!  
 Scarce was it said, when, quick as thought,  
 Her lips from mine, like echo, caught  
 The holy sound — her hands and eyes  
 Were instant lifted to the skies,  
 And thrice to heaven she spoke it out  
 With that triumphant look Faith wears,  
 When not a cloud of fear or doubt,  
 A vapor from this vale of tears,  
 Between her and her God appears!

That very moment her whole frame  
 All bright and glorified became,  
 And at her back I saw unclosed  
 Two wings, magnificent as those  
 That sparkle around ALLA's Throne,  
 Whose plumes, as buoyantly she rose  
 Above me, in the moonbeam shone  
 With a pure light, which — from its hue,  
 Unknown upon this earth — I knew  
 Was light from Eden, glistening through!  
 Most holy vision! ne'er before  
 Did aught so radiant — since the day  
 When EBLIS, in his downfall, bore  
 The third of the bright stars away —  
 Rise, in earth's beauty, to repair  
 That loss of light and glory there!

But did I tamely view her flight?  
 Did not I, too, proclaim out thrice  
 The powerful words that were, that night, —  
 O ev'n for heaven too much delight! —  
 Again to bring us, eyes to eyes,  
 And soul to soul, in Paradise?  
 I did — I spoke it o'er and o'er —  
 I pray'd, I wept, but all in vain;  
 For me the spell had power no more.  
 There seem'd around me some dark chain  
 Which still, as I essay'd to soar,  
 Baffled, alas, each wild endeavor:  
 Dead lay my wings, as they have lain  
 Since that sad hour, and will remain —  
 So wills th' offended God — forever!

It was to yonder star I trac'd  
 Her journey up the illumin'd waste —  
 That isle in the blue firmament,  
 To which so oft her fancy went  
 In wishes and in dreams before,  
 And which was now — such, Purity,  
 Thy blest reward — ordain'd to be  
 Her home of light forevermore!  
 Once — or did I but fancy so? —  
 Ev'n in her flight to that fair sphere,  
 Mid all her spirit's new-felt glow,  
 A pitying look she turn'd below  
 On him who stood in darkness here;  
 Him whom, perhaps, if vain regret  
 Can dwell in heaven, she pities yet;  
 And oft, when looking to this dim  
 And distant world, remembers him.

But soon that passing dream was gone;  
 Farther and farther off she shone,  
 Till lessen'd to a point, as small  
 As are those specks that yonder burn, —  
 Those vivid drops of light, that fall,  
 The last from Day's exhausted urn.  
 And when at length she merg'd, afar,  
 Into her own immortal star,  
 And when at length my straining sight  
 Had caught her wing's last fading ray,  
 That minute from my soul the light  
 Of heaven and love both pass'd away;  
 And I forgot my home, my birth,  
 Profan'd my spirit, sunk my brow,  
 And revell'd in gross joys of earth,  
 Till I became — what I am now!"

The Spirit bow'd his head in shame;  
 A shame, that of itself would tell —  
 Were there not even those breaks of flame,  
 Celestial, through his clouded frame —  
 How grand the height from which he fell!  
 That holy Shame, which ne'er forgets  
 Th' unblench'd renown it us'd to wear;  
 Whose blush remains, when Virtue sets,  
 To show her sunshine has been there.  
 Once only, while the tale he told,  
 Were his eyes lifted to behold  
 That happy stainless star, where she  
 Dwelt in her bower of purity!  
 One minute did he look, and then,  
 As though he felt some deadly pain  
 From its sweet light through heart and brain,  
 Shrunk back, and never look'd again.



Who was the Second Spirit? he

With the proud front and piercing glance—

Who seem'd, when viewing heaven's expanse,

As though his far-sent eye could see

On, on into th' Immensity

Behind the veils of that blue sky,

Where ALLA's grandest secrets lie?—

His wings, the while, though day was gone,

Flashing with many a various hue

Of light they from themselves alone,

Instinct with Eden's brightness, drew.

'Twas RUBI—once among the prime

And flower of those bright creatures, nam'd

Spirits of Knowledge,<sup>1</sup> who o'er Time

And Space and Thought an empire claim'd,

Second alone to Him, whose light

Was, ev'n to theirs, as day to night;

'Twixt whom and them was distance far

And wide, as would the journey be

To reach from any island star

The vague shores of Infinity!

'Twas RUBI, in whose mournful eye

Slept the dim light of days gone by;

Whose voice, though sweet, fell on the ear

Like echoes, in some silent place,

When first awak'd for many a year;

And when he smil'd, if o'er his face

Smile ever shone, 'twas like the grace

Of moonlight rainbows, fair, but wan,

The sunny life, the glory gone.

Ev'n o'er his pride, though still the same,

A softening shade from sorrow came;

And though at times his spirit knew

The kindlings of disdain and ire,

Short was the fitful glare they threw—

Like the last flashes, fierce but few,

Seen through some noble pile on fire!

Such was the Angel, who now broke

The silence that had come o'er all,

When he, the Spirit that last spoke,

Clos'd the sad history of his fall;

And, while a sacred lustre, flown

For many a day, relum'd his cheek—

Beautiful, as in days of old;

And not those eloquent lips alone

But every feature seem'd to speak—

Thus his eventful story told:—

## SECOND ANGEL'S STORY.

"You both remember well the day,

When unto Eden's new-made bowers,

ALLA convok'd the bright array

Of his supreme angelic powers,

To witness the one wonder yet,

Beyond man, angel, star, or sun,

He must achieve, ere he could set

His seal upon the world, as done—

To see that last perfection rise,

That crowning of creation's birth,

When, 'mid the worship and surprise

Of circling angels, Woman's eyes

First open'd upon heaven and earth;

And from their lids a thrill was sent,

That through each living spirit went

Like first light through the firmament!

Can you forget how gradual stole

The fresh-awaken'd breath of soul

Throughout her perfect form—which seem'd

To grow transparent, as there beam'd

That dawn of Mind within, and caught

New loveliness from each new thought?

Slow as o'er summer seas we trace

The progress of the noontide air,

Dimpling its bright and silent face

Each minute into some new grace,

And varying heaven's reflections there—

Or, like the light of evening, stealing

O'er some fair temple, which all day

Hath slept in shadow, slow revealing

Its several beauties, ray by ray,

Till it shines out, a thing to bless,

All full of light and loveliness.

Can you forget her blush, when round

Through Eden's lone, enchanted ground

She look'd, and saw, the sea—the skies—

And heard the rush of many a wing,

On high behests then vanishing;

And saw the last few angel eyes,

Still lingering—mine among the rest,—

Reluctant leaving scenes so blest?

From that miraculous hour, the fate

Of this new, glorious Being dwelt

Forever, with a spell-like weight,

Upon my spirit—early, late,

What'er I did, or dream'd, or felt,

The thought of what might yet befall

That matchless creature mix'd with all.—

<sup>1</sup> The Kerubiim, as the Mussulmans call them, are often joined indiscriminately with the Asrafil or Seraphim, under

one common name of Azazil, by which all spirits who approach near the throne of Alla are designated.

Nor she alone, but her whole race  
 Through ages yet to come — whate'er  
 Of feminine, and fond, and fair,  
 Should spring from that pure mind and face,  
 All wak'd my soul's intensest care ;  
 Their forms, souls, feelings, still to me  
 Creation's strangest mystery !

It was my doom — ev'n from the first,  
 When witnessing the primal burst  
 Of Nature's wonders, I saw rise  
 Those bright creations in the skies, —  
 Those worlds instinct with life and light,  
 Which Man, remote, but sees by night, —  
 It was my doom still to be haunted  
 By some new wonder, some sublime  
 And matchless work, that, for the time  
 Held all my soul, enchain'd, enchanted,  
 And left me not a thought, a dream,  
 A word, but on that only theme !

The wish to know — that endless thirst,  
 Which ev'n by quenching is awak'd,  
 And which becomes or bless'd or curs'd,  
 As is the fount wherewith 'tis slak'd —  
 Still urg'd me onward, with desire  
 Insatiate, to explore, inquire —  
 Whate'er the wondrous things might be,  
 That wak'd each new idolatry —  
 Their cause, aim, source, whence ever sprung —  
 Their inmost powers, as though for me  
 Existence on that knowledge hung.

O what a vision were the stars,  
 When first I saw them burn on high,  
 Rolling along, like living cars  
 Of light, for gods to journey by !<sup>1</sup>  
 They wore my heart's first passion — days  
 And nights, unwearied, in their rays  
 Have I hung floating, till each sense  
 Seem'd full of their bright influence.  
 Innocent joy ! alas, how much  
 Of misery had I shunn'd below,  
 Could I have still liv'd bless'd with such ;  
 Nor, proud and restless, burn'd to know  
 The knowledge that brings guilt and woe.

<sup>1</sup> C'est un fait indubitable que la plupart des anciens philosophes, soit Chaldéens, soit Grecs, nous ont donné les astres comme animés, et ont soutenu que les astres, qui nous éclairaient n'étoient que, ou les chars, ou même les navires des Intelligences qui les conduisoient. Pour les Chars, cela se lit partout ; on n'a qu'ouvrir Plinè, St. Clément,<sup>2</sup> &c. &c. — *Mémoire Historique, sur le Sabiisme*, par M. Fournmont.

A belief that the stars are either spirits or the vehicles of spirits, was common to all the religions and heresies of the

Often — so much I lov'd to trace  
 The secrets of this starry race —  
 Have I at morn and evening run  
 Along the lines of radiance spun  
 Like webs, between them and the sun,  
 Untwisting all the tangled ties  
 Of light into their different dyes —  
 Then fleetly wing'd I off, in quest  
 Of those, the farthest, loneliest,  
 That watch, like winking sentinels,<sup>2</sup>  
 The void, beyond which Chaos dwells ;  
 And there, with noiseless plume, pursued  
 Their track through that grand solitude,  
 Asking intently all and each  
 What soul within their radiance dwelt,  
 And wishing their sweet light were speech,  
 That they might tell me all they felt.

Nay, oft, so passionate my chase  
 Of these resplendent heirs of space,  
 Oft did I follow — lest a ray  
 Should 'scape me in the farthest night —  
 Some pilgrim Comet, on his way  
 To visit distant shrines of light,  
 And well remember how I sung  
 Exultingly, when on my sight  
 New worlds of stars, all fresh and young,  
 As if just born of darkness, sprung !

Such was my pure ambition then,  
 My sinless transport, night and morn ;  
 Ere yet this newer world of men,  
 And that most fair of stars was born  
 Which I, in fatal hour, saw rise  
 Among the flowers of Paradise !  
 Thenceforth my nature all was chang'd,  
 My heart, soul, senses turn'd below ;  
 And he, who but so lately rang'd  
 Yon wonderful expanse, where glow  
 Worlds upon worlds, — yet found his mind  
 Ev'n in that luminous range confin'd, —  
 Now bless'd the humblest, meanest sod  
 Of the dark earth where Woman trod !  
 In vain my former idols glisten'd  
 From their far thrones ; in vain these  
 ears

East. Kircher has given the names and stations of the seven archangels, who were by the Cabala of the Jews distributed through the planets.

<sup>2</sup> According to the cosmogony of the ancient Persians, there were four stars set as sentinels in the four quarters of the heavens, to watch over the other fixed stars, and superintend the planets in their course. The names of these four sentinel stars are, according to the Boundesh, Taschter, for the east ; Satevis, for the west ; Venand, for the south ; and Haftorang, for the north.

To the once thrilling music listen'd,  
 That hymn'd around my favorite spheres —  
 To earth, to earth each thought was given,  
 That in this half-lost soul had birth ;  
 Like some high mount, whose head's in heaven,  
 While its whole shadow rests on earth !

Nor was it Love, ev'n yet, that thrall'd  
 My spirit in his burning ties ;  
 And less, still less could it be call'd  
 That grosser flame, round which Love flies  
 Nearer and nearer, till he dies —  
 No, it was wonder, such as thrill'd  
 At all God's works my dazzled sense ;  
 The same rapt wonder, only fill'd  
 With passion, more profound, intense, —  
 A vehement, but wandering fire,  
 Which, though nor love, nor yet desire,  
 Though through all womankind it took  
 Its range, as lawless lightnings run,  
 Yet wanted but a touch, a look,  
 To fix it burning upon *One*.

Then, too, the ever-restless zeal,  
 Th' insatiate curiosity  
 To know how shapes, so fair, must feel —  
 To look, but once, beneath the seal  
 Of so much loveliness, and see  
 What souls belong'd to such bright eyes —  
 Whether, as sunbeams find their way  
 Into the gem that hidden lies,  
 Those looks could inward turn their ray,  
 And make the soul as bright as they :  
 All this impell'd my anxious chase,  
 And still the more I saw and knew  
 Of Woman's fond, weak, conquering race,  
 Th' intenser still my wonder grew.

I had beheld their First, their Eve,  
 Born in that splendid Paradise,  
 Which sprung there solely to receive  
 The first light of her waking eyes.  
 I had seen purest angels lean  
 In worship o'er her from above ;  
 And man — O yes, had envying seen  
 Proud man possess'd of all her love.

I saw their happiness, so brief,  
 So exquisite, — her error, too,  
 That easy trust, that prompt belief  
 In what the warm heart wishes true ;  
 That faith in words, when kindly said,  
 By which the whole fond sex is led —  
 Mingled with — what I durst not blame,  
 For 'tis my own — that zeal to *know*,

Sad, fatal zeal, so sure of woe ;  
 Which, though from heaven all pure it came,  
 Yet stain'd, misus'd, brought sin and shame  
 On her, on me, on all below !

I had seen this ; had seen Man, arm'd,  
 As his soul is, with strength and sense,  
 By her first words to ruin charm'd ;  
 His vaunted reason's cold defence,  
 Like an ice barrier in the ray  
 Of melting summer, smil'd away.  
 Nay, stranger yet, spite of all this —  
 Though by her counsels taught to err,  
 Though driv'n from Paradise for her,  
 (And *with* her — *that*, at least, was bliss,)  
 Had I not heard him, ere he cross'd  
 The threshold of that earthly heaven,  
 Which by her wildering smile he lost —  
 So quickly was the wrong forgiven ! —  
 Had I not heard him, as he press'd  
 The frail, fond trembler to a breast  
 Which she had doom'd to sin and strife,  
 Call her — ev'n then — his Life ! his Life !<sup>1</sup>  
 Yes, such the love-taught name, the first,  
 That ruin'd Man to Woman gave,  
 Ev'n in his outcast hour, when curs'd  
 By her fond witchery, with that worst  
 And earliest boon of love, the grave !  
 She, who brought death into the world,  
 There stood before him, with the light  
 Of their lost Paradise still bright  
 Upon those sunny locks, that curl'd  
 Down her white shoulders to her feet —  
 So beautiful in form, so sweet  
 In heart and voice, as to redeem  
 The loss, the death of all things dear,  
 Except herself — and make it seem  
 Life, endless Life, while she was near !  
 Could I help wondering at a creature,  
 Thus circled round with spells so strong —  
 One, to whose every thought, word, feature,  
 In joy and woe, through right and wrong,  
 Such sweet omnipotence heaven gave,  
 To bless or ruin, curse or save ?

Nor did the marvel cease with her —  
 New Eves in all her daughters came,  
 As strong to charm, as weak to err,  
 As sure of man through praise and blame,  
 Whate'er they brought him, pride or shame,  
 He still th' unreasoning worshipper,

<sup>1</sup> Chavah, or, as it is in Arabic, Havah (the name by which Adam called the woman after their transgression), means "Life."

And they, throughout all time, the same  
 Enchantresses of soul and frame,  
 Into whose hands, from first to last,  
 This world with all its destinies,  
 Devotedly by heaven seems cast,  
 To save or ruin, as they please!  
 O, 'tis not to be told how long,  
 How restlessly I sigh'd to find  
 Some *one*, from out that witching throng,  
 Some abstract of the form and mind  
 Of the whole matchless sex, from which,  
 In my own arms beheld, possess'd,  
 I might learn all the powers to witch,  
 To warm, and (if my fate unblest  
 Would have it) ruin, of the rest!  
 Into whose inward soul and sense  
 I might descend, as doth the bee  
 Into the flower's deep heart, and thence  
 Rife, in all its purity,  
 The prime, the quintessence, the whole  
 Of wondrous Woman's frame and soul!

At length, my burning wish, my prayer —  
 (For such — O what will tongues not dare,  
 When hearts go wrong! — this lip preferr'd) —  
 At length my ominous prayer was heard —  
 But whether heard in heaven or hell,  
 Listen — and thou wilt know *too* well.

There was a maid, of all who move  
 Like visions o'er this orb, most fit  
 To be a bright young angel's love,  
 Herself so bright, so exquisite!  
 The pride, too, of her step, as light  
 Along th' unconscious earth she went,  
 Seem'd that of one, born with a right  
 To walk some heav'nlier element,  
 And tread in places where her feet  
 A star at every step should meet.  
 'Twas not alone that loveliness  
 By which the 'wilder'd sense is caught —  
 Of lips, whose very breath could bless;  
 Of playful blushes, that seem'd nought  
 But luminous escapes of thought;  
 Of eyes that, when by anger stirr'd,  
 Were fire itself, but, at a word  
 Of tenderness, all soft became  
 As though they could, like the sun's bird,  
 Dissolve away in their own flame —  
 Of form, as pliant as the shoots  
 Of a young tree, in vernal flower;  
 Yet round and glowing as the fruits,  
 That drop from it in summer's hour; —  
 'Twas not alone this loveliness  
 That falls to loveliest women's share,

Though, even here, her form could spare  
 From its own beauty's rich excess  
 Enough to make ev'n *them* more fair —  
 But 'twas the Mind, outshining clear  
 Through her whole frame — the soul, still  
 near,  
 To light each charm, yet independent  
 Of what it lighted, as the sun  
 That shines on flowers, would be resplendent  
 Were there no flowers to shine upon —  
 'Twas this, all this, in one combir'd —  
 Th' unnumber'd looks and arts that form  
 The glory of young womankind,  
 Taken, in their perfection, warm,  
 Ere time had chill'd a single charm,  
 And stamp'd with such a seal of Mind,  
 As gave to beauties, that might be  
 Too sensual else, too unrefin'd,  
 The impress of Divinity!

'Twas this — a union, which the hand  
 Of Nature kept for her alone,  
 Of every thing most playful, bland,  
 Voluptuous, spiritual, grand,  
 In angel natures and her own —  
 O this it was that drew me nigh  
 One, who seem'd kin to heaven as I,  
 A bright twin sister from on high —  
 One, in whose love, I felt, were given  
 The mix'd delights of either sphere,  
 All that the spirit seeks in heaven,  
 And all the senses burn for here.

Had we — but hold — hear every part  
 Of our sad tale — spite of the pain  
 Remembrance gives, when the fix'd dart  
 Is stirr'd thus in the wound again —  
 Hear every step, so full of bliss,  
 And yet so ruinous, that led  
 Down to the last, dark precipice,  
 Where perish'd both — the fall'n, the dead!

From the first hour she caught my sight,  
 I never left her — day and night  
 Hovering unseen around her way,  
 And 'mid her loneliest musings near,  
 I soon could track each thought that lay,  
 Gleaming within her heart, as clear  
 As pebbles within brooks appear;  
 And there, among the countless things  
 That keep young hearts forever glowing,  
 Vague wishes, fond imaginings,  
 Love dreams, as yet no object knowing —  
 Light, winged hopes, that come when bid,  
 And rainbow joys that end in weeping;

And passions, among pure thoughts hid,  
 Like serpents under flow'rets sleeping : —  
 'Mong all these feelings — felt where'er  
 Young hearts are beating — I saw there  
 Proud thoughts, aspirings high — beyond  
 Whate'er yet dwelt in soul so fond —  
 Glimpses of glory, far away  
 Into the bright, vague future given ;  
 And fancies, free and grand, whose play,  
 Like that of eaglets, is near heaven !  
 With this, too — what a soul and heart  
 To fall beneath the tempter's art ! —  
 A zeal for knowledge, such as ne'er  
 Enshrin'd itself in form so fair,  
 Since that first, fatal hour, when Eve,  
 With every fruit of Eden blest,  
 Save one alone — rather than leave  
 That *one* unreach'd, lost all the rest.

It was in dreams that first I stole  
 With gentle mastery o'er her mind —  
 In that rich twilight of the soul,  
 When reason's beam, half hid behind  
 The clouds of sleep, obscurely gilds  
 Each shadowy shape the Fancy builds —  
 'Twas then, by that soft light, I brought  
 Vague, glimmering visions to her view ; —  
 Catches of radiance, lost when caught,  
 Bright labyrinths, that led to nought,  
 And vistas, with no pathway through ; —  
 Dwellings of bliss, that opening shone,  
 Then clos'd, dissolv'd, and left no trace —  
 All that, in short, could tempt Hope on,  
 But give her wing no resting-place ;  
 Myself the while, with brow, as yet,  
 Pure as the young moon's coronet,  
 Through every dream *still* in her sight,  
 Th' enchanter of each mocking scene,  
 Who gave the hope, then brought the blight,  
 Who said, "Behold yon world of light,"  
 Then sudden dropp'd a veil between !

At length, when I perceiv'd each thought,  
 Waking or sleeping, fix'd on nought  
 But these illusive scenes, and me —  
 The phantom, who thus came and went,  
 In half revelations, only meant  
 To madden curiosity —  
 When by such various arts I found  
 Her fancy to its utmost wound,  
 One night — 'twas in a holy spot,  
 Which she for pray'r had chos'n — a grot  
 Of purest marble, built below  
 Her garden beds, through which a glow

From lamps invisible then stole,  
 Brightly pervading all the place —  
 Like that mysterious light the soul,  
 Itself unseen, sheds through the face.  
 There, at her altar while she knelt,  
 And all that woman ever felt,  
 When God and man both claim'd her sighs —  
 Every warm thought, that ever dwelt,  
 Like summer clouds, 'twixt earth and skies,  
 Too pure to fall, too gross to rise,  
 Spoke in her gestures, tones, and eyes —  
 Then, as the mystic light's soft ray  
 Grew softer still, as though its ray  
 Was breath'd from her, I heard her say : —

"O idol of my dreams ! whate'er  
 "Thy nature be — human, divine,  
 "Or but half heav'nly — still too fair,  
 "Too heavenly to be ever mine !

"Wonderful Spirit, who dost make  
 "Slumber so lovely, that it seems  
 "No longer life to live awake,  
 "Since heaven itself descends in dreams.

"Why do I ever lose thee ? why  
 "When on thy realms and thee I gaze  
 "Still drops that veil, which I could die,  
 "O gladly, but one hour to raise ?

"Long ere such miracles as thou  
 "And thine came o'er my thoughts, a thirst  
 "For light was in this soul, which now  
 "Thy looks have into passion nurs'd.

"There's nothing bright above, below,  
 "In sky — earth — ocean, that this breast  
 "Doth not intensely burn to know,  
 "And thee, thee, thee, o'er all the rest !

"Then come, O Spirit, from behind  
 "The curtains of thy radiant home,  
 "If thou wouldst be as angel shrin'd,  
 "Or lov'd and clasp'd as mortal, come !

"Bring all thy dazzling wonders here,  
 "That I may, waking, know and see ;  
 "Or waft me hence to thy own sphere,  
 "Thy heaven or — ay, even *that* with thee !

"Demon or God, who hold'st the book  
 "Of knowledge spread beneath thine eye,  
 "Give me, with thee, but one bright look  
 "Into its leaves, and let me die !



"By those ethereal wings, whose way  
 "Lies through an element, so fraught  
 "With living Mind, that, as they play,  
 "Their every movement is a thought!  
  
 "By that bright, wreathed hair, between  
 "Whose sunny clusters the sweet wind  
 "Of Paradise so late hath been,  
 "And left its fragrant soul behind!  
  
 "By those impassion'd eyes, that melt  
 "Their light into the inmost heart;  
 "Like sunset in the waters, felt  
 "As molten fire through every part —  
  
 "I do implore thee, O most bright  
 "And worshipp'd Spirit, shine but o'er  
 "My waking, wondering eyes this night,  
 "This one blest night — I ask no more!"

Exhausted, breathless, as she said  
 These burning words, her languid head  
 Upon the altar's steps she cast,  
 As if that brain throb were its last —

Till, startled by the breathing, sigh,  
 Of lips, that echoed back her sigh,  
 Sudden her brow again she rais'd;  
 And there, just lighted on the shrine,  
 Beheld me — not as I had blaz'd  
 Around her, full of light divine,  
 In her late dreams, but soften'd down  
 Into more mortal grace; — my crown  
 Of flowers, too radiant for this world,  
 Left hanging on yon starry steep;  
 My wings shut up, like banners furl'd,  
 When Peace hath put their pomp to sleep;  
 Or like autumnal clouds, that keep  
 Their lightnings sheath'd, rather than mar  
 The dawning hour of some young star;  
 And nothing left, but what bescem'd  
 Th' accessible, though glorious mate  
 Of mortal woman — whose eyes beam'd  
 Back upon hers, as passionate;  
 Whose ready heart brought flame for flame,  
 Whose sin, whose madness was the same;  
 And whose soul lost, in that one hour,  
 For her and for her love — O more  
 Of heaven's light than ev'n the power  
 Of heav'n itself could now restore!

1. Called by the Mussulmans *Al Araf*—a sort of wall or partition which, according to the 7th chapter of the *Koran*, separates hell from paradise, and where they, who have not merits sufficient to gain them immediate admittance into heaven, are supposed to stand for a certain period, alternate-

And yet, that hour!" —

The Spirit here  
 Stopp'd in his utterance, as if words  
 Gave way beneath the wild career  
 Of his then rushing thoughts — like chords,  
 Midway in some enthusiast's song,  
 Breaking beneath a touch too strong;  
 While the clinch'd hand upon the brow  
 Told how remembrance throbb'd there low!  
 But soon 'twas o'er — that casual blaze  
 From the sunk fire of other days —  
 That relic of a flame, whose burning  
 Had been too fierce to be return'd,  
 Soon pass'd away, and the youth, turning  
 To his bright listeners, thus resum'd: —  
  
 "Days, months elaps'd, and, though what  
 most  
 On earth I sigh'd for was mine, all —  
 Yet — was I happy? God, thou know'st.  
 Howe'er they smile, and feign, and boast,  
 What happiness is theirs, who fall!  
 'Twas bitterest anguish — made more keen  
 Ev'n by the love, the bliss, between  
 Whose throbs it came, like gleams of hell  
 In agonizing cross light given  
 Athwart the glimpses, they who dwell  
 In purgatory<sup>1</sup> catch of heaven!  
 The only feeling that to me  
 Seem'd joy — or rather my sole rest  
 From aching misery — was to see  
 My young, proud, blooming *LILIS* blest.  
 She, the fair fountain of all ill  
 To my lost soul — whom yet its thirst  
 Fervidly panted after still,  
 And found the charm fresh as at first —  
 To see *her* happy — to reflect  
 Whatever beams still round me play'd  
 Of former pride, of glory wreck'd,  
 On her, my Moon, whose light I made,  
 And whose soul worshipp'd ev'n my shade —  
 This was, I own, enjoyment — this  
 My sole, last lingering glimpse of bliss.  
 And proud she was, fair creature! — proud,  
 Beyond what ev'n most queenly stirs  
 In woman's heart, nor would have bow'd  
 That beautiful young brow of hers  
 To aught beneath the First above,  
 So high she deem'd her Cherub's love!

ly tantalized and tormented by the sights that are on *es* side presented to them.

Manes, who borrowed in many instances from the *Platonists*, placed his purgatories, or places of purification, in the Sun and Moon. — *Beausobre*, liv. iii. chap. 8.

Then, too, that passion, hourly growing  
 Stronger and stronger — to which even  
 Her love, at times, gave way — of knowing  
 Every thing strange in earth and heaven ;  
 Not only all that, full reveal'd,  
 Th' eternal ALLA loves to show,  
 But all that He hath wisely seal'd  
 In darkness, for man *not* to know —  
 Ev'n this desire, alas, ill starr'd  
 And fatal as it was, I sought  
 To feed each minute, and un barr'd  
 Such realms of wonder on her thought,  
 As ne'er, till then, had let their light  
 Escape on any mortala's sight !  
 In the deep earth — beneath the sea —  
 Through caves of fire — through wilds of air —  
 Wherever sleeping Mystery  
 Had spread her curtain, we were there —  
 Love still beside us, as we went,  
 At home in each new element,  
 And sure of worship every where !

Then first was Nature taught to lay  
 The wealth of all her kingdoms down  
 At woman's worshipp'd feet, and say,  
 "Bright creature, this is all thine own !"  
 Then first were diamonds, from the night,<sup>1</sup>  
 Of earth's deep centre brought to light,  
 And made to grace the conquering way  
 Of proud young beauty with their ray.  
 Then, too, the pearl from out its shell  
 Un sightly, in the sunless sea,  
 (As 'twere a spirit, forc'd to dwell  
 In form unlovely) was set free,  
 And round the neck of woman threw  
 A light it lent and borrow'd too.  
 For never did this maid — whate'er  
 Th' ambition of the hour — forget  
 Her sex's pride in being fair ;  
 Nor that adornment, tasteful, rare,  
 Which makes the mighty magnet, set  
 In Woman's form, more mighty yet.  
 Nor was there aught within the range  
 Of my swift wing in sea or air,

<sup>1</sup> "Quelques gnomes désireux de devenir immortels, avoient voulu gagner les bonnes grâces des nos filles, et leur avoient apporté des pierreries dont ils sont gardiens naturels : et ces auteurs ont crû, s'appuyant sur le livre d'Enoch mal-entendu, que c'étoient des pièges que les anges amoureux," &c. &c. — *Comte de Gabalis*.

As the fiction of the loves of angels with women gave birth to the fanciful world of sylphs and gnomes, so we owe to it also the invention of those beautiful Genii and Peris, which embellish so much the mythology of the East ; for in the fabulous histories of Caïûnarath, of Thamurath, &c., these spiritual creatures are always represented as the

Of beautiful, or grand, or strange,  
 That, quickly as her wish could change,  
 I did not seek, with such fond care,  
 That when I've seen her look above  
 At some bright star admiringly,  
 I've said, "Nay, look not there, my love,"<sup>2</sup>  
 Alas, I *cannot* give it thee !"

But not alone the wonders found  
 Through Nature's realm — th' unvail'd, ma-  
 terial,  
 Visible glories, that abound,  
 Through all her vast, enchanted ground —  
 But whatsoe'er unseen, ethereal,  
 Dwells far away from human sense,  
 Wrapp'd in its own intelligence —  
 The mystery of that Fountain head,  
 From which all vital spirit runs,  
 All breath of Life, where'er 'tis spread  
 Through men or angels, flowers or suns  
 The workings of th' Almighty Mind,  
 When first o'er Chaos he design'd  
 The outlines of this world ; and through  
 That depth of darkness — like the bow,  
 Call'd out of rain clouds, hue by hue<sup>3</sup> —  
 Saw the grand, gradual picture grow ; —  
 The covenant with humankind  
 By ALLA made<sup>4</sup> — the chains of Fate  
 He round himself and them hath twin'd,  
 Till his high task he consummate ; —  
 Till good from evil, love from hate,  
 Shall be work'd out through sin and pain,  
 And Fate shall loose her iron chain,  
 And all be free, be bright again !

Such were the deep-drawn mysteries,  
 And some, ev'n more obscure, profound,  
 And wildering to the mind than these,  
 Which — far as woman's thought could  
 sound,  
 Or a fall'n, outlaw'd spirit reach —  
 She dar'd to learn, and I to teach.  
 Till — fill'd with such unearthly lore,  
 And mingling the pure light it brings

scendants of Seth, and called the Bani Algiann, or children of Giann.

<sup>2</sup> I am aware that this happy saying of Lord Albemarle's loses much of its grace and playfulness, by being put into the mouth of any but a human lover.

<sup>3</sup> According to Whitehurst's theory, the mention of rain bows by an antediluvian angel is an anachronism ; as he says, "There was no rain before the flood, and consequently no rainbow, which accounts for the novelty of this sight after the Deluge."

<sup>4</sup> For the terms of this compact, of which the angels were supposed to be witnesses, see the chapter of the Koran, entitled *Al Araf*, and the article "Adam" in *D'Herbelot*

With much that fancy had, before,  
 Shed in false, tinted glimmerings —  
 Th' enthusiast girl spoke out, as one  
 Inspir'd, among her own dark race,  
 Who from their ancient shrines would run,  
 Leaving their holy rites undone,  
 To gaze upon her holier face.  
 And, though but wild the things she spoke,  
 Yet, 'mid that play of error's smoke  
 Into fair shapes by fancy curl'd,  
 Some gleams of pure religion broke —  
 Glimpses, that have not yet awoke,  
 But startled the still dreaming world !  
 O, many a truth, remote, sublime,  
 Which Heav'n would from the minds of men  
 Have kept conceal'd till its own time,  
 Stole out in these revealments then —  
 Revealments dim, that have forerun,  
 By ages, the great, Sealing One !<sup>1</sup>  
 Like that imperfect dawn, or light<sup>2</sup>  
 Escaping from the Zodiac's signs,  
 Which makes the doubtful east half bright,  
 Before the real morning shines !

Thus did some moons of bliss go by —  
 Of bliss to her, who saw but love  
 And knowledge throughout earth and sky ;  
 To whose enamour'd soul and eye,  
 I seem'd — as is the sun on high —  
 The light of all below, above,  
 The spirit of sea, and land, and air,  
 Whose influence, felt every where,  
 Spread from its centre, her own heart,  
 Ev'n to the world's extremest part ;  
 While through that world her reinless mind  
 Had now career'd so fast and far,  
 That earth it-elf seem'd left behind,  
 And her proud fancy, unconfin'd,  
 Already saw Heaven's gates ajar !

Happy enthusiast ! still, O, still  
 Spite of my own heart's mortal chill,  
 Spite of that double-fronted sorrow,  
 Which looks at once before and back,  
 Beholds the yesterday, the morrow,  
 And sees both comfortless, both black —  
 Spite of all this, I could have still  
 In her delight forgot all ill ;  
 Or, if pain *would* not be forgot,  
 At least have borne and murmur'd not.

When thoughts of an offended heaven,  
 Of sinfulness, which I — ev'n I,  
 While down its steep most headlong driven —  
 Well knew could never be forgiven,  
 Came o'er me with an agony  
 Beyond all reach of mortal woe —  
 A torture kept for those who know,  
 Know *every* thing, and — worst of all —  
 Know and love Virtue while they fall !  
 Ev'n then, her presence had the power  
 To soothe, to warm — nay, ev'n to bless —  
 If ever bliss could graft its flower  
 On stem so full of bitterness —  
 Ev'n then her glorious smile to me  
 Brought warmth and radiance, if not  
 balm ;  
 Like moonlight o'er a troubled sea,  
 Brightening the storm it cannot calm.

Oft, too, when that disheartening fear,  
 Which all who love, beneath yon sky,  
 Feel, when they gaze on what is dear —  
 The dreadful thought that it must die !  
 That desolating thought, which comes  
 Into men's happiest hours and homes ;  
 Whose melancholy boding flings  
 Death's shadow o'er the brightest things,  
 Sicklies the infant's bloom, and spreads  
 The grave beneath young lovers' heads !  
 This fear, so sad to all — to me  
 Most full of sadness, from the thought  
 That I must still live on,<sup>3</sup> when she  
 Would, like the snow that on the sea  
 Fell yesterday, in vain be sought ;  
 That heaven to me this final seal  
 Of all earth's sorrow would deny,  
 And I eternally must feel  
 The death pang, without power to die !  
 Ev'n this, her fond endearments — fond  
 As ever cherish'd the sweet bond  
 'Twixt heart and heart — could charm away ;  
 Before her look no clouds would stay,  
 Or, if they did, their gloom was gone,  
 Their darkness put a glory on !  
 But 'tis not, 'tis not for the wrong,  
 The guilty, to be happy long ;  
 And she, too, now, had sunk within  
 The shadow of her tempter's sin,  
 Too deep for ev'n Omnipotence  
 To snatch the fated victim thence !

<sup>1</sup> In acknowledging the authority of the great Prophets who had preceded him, Mahomet represented his own mission as the final "Seal," or consummation of them all.

<sup>2</sup> The Zodiacal Light.

<sup>3</sup> Pococke, however, gives it as the opinion of the Mahometan doctors, that all souls, not only of men and of animals, living either on land or in the sea, but of the angels also, must necessarily taste of death.

Listen, and, if a tear there be  
Left in your hearts, weep it for me.

'Twas on the evening of a day,  
Which we in love had dreamt away;  
In that same garden, where — the pride  
Of seraph splendor laid aside,  
And those wings furl'd, whose open light  
For mortal gaze were else too bright —  
I first had stood before her sight,  
And found myself — O, ecstasy,  
Which ev'n in pain I ne'er forget —  
Worshipp'd as only God should be,  
And lov'd as never man was yet!  
In that same garden were we now,  
Thoughtfully side by side reclining,  
Her eyes turn'd upward, and her brow  
With its own silent fancies shining.

It was an evening bright and still  
As ever blush'd on wave or bower,  
Smiling from heaven, as if nought ill  
Could happen in so sweet an hour.  
Yet, I remember, both grew sad  
In looking at that light — ev'n she,  
Of heart so fresh, and brow so glad,  
Felt the still hour's solemnity,  
And thought she saw, in that repose,  
The death hour not alone of light,  
But of this whole fair world — the close  
Of all things beautiful and bright —  
The last, grand sunset, in whose ray  
Nature herself died calm away!

At length, as though some livelier thought  
Had suddenly her fancy caught,  
She turn'd upon me her dark eyes,  
Dilated into that full shape  
They took in joy, reproach, surprise,  
As 'twere to let more soul escape,  
And, playfully as on my head  
Her white hand rested, smil'd and said: —

"I had, last night, a dream of thee,  
" Resembling those divine ones, given,  
" Like preludes to sweet minstrelsy,  
" Before thou cam'st, thyself, from heaven.

"The same rich wreath was on thy brow,  
" Dazzling as if of starlight made;  
" And these wings, lying darkly now,  
" Like meteors round thee flash'd and play'd.

"Thou stood'st, all bright, as in those dreams,  
" As if just wafted from above;

"Mingling earth's warmth with heaven's beams  
" A creature to adore and love.

"Sudden I felt thee draw me near  
" To thy pure heart, where, fondly plac'd,  
" I seem'd within the atmosphere  
" Of that exhaling light embrac'd;

"And felt, methought, th' ethereal flame  
" Pass from thy purer soul to mine;  
"Till — O, too blissful — I became,  
" Like thee, all spirit, all divine!

"Say, why did dream so blest come o'er  
me,  
" If, now I wake, 'tis faded, gone;  
" When will my Cherub shine before me  
" Thus radiant, as in heaven he shone?

"When shall I, waking, be allow'd  
" To gaze upon those perfect charms,  
" And clasp thee once, without a cloud,  
" A chill of earth, within these arms?

"O what a pride to say, this, this  
" Is my own Angel — all divine,  
" And pure, and dazzling as he is,  
" And fresh from heaven — he's mine, he's  
mine!

"Think'st thou, were LILIS in thy place,  
" A creature of yon lofty skies,  
" She would have hid one single grace,  
" One glory from her lover's eyes?

"No, no — then, if thou lov'st like me,  
" Shine out, young Spirit, in the blaze  
" Of thy most proud divinity,  
" Nor think thou'lt wound this mortal  
gaze.

"Too long and oft I've look'd upon  
" Those ardent eyes, intense ev'n thus —  
" Too near the stars themselves have gone,  
" To fear aught grand or luminous.

"Then doubt me not — O, who can say  
" But that this dream may yet come true,  
" And my blest spirit drink thy ray,  
" Till it becomes all heavenly too?

"Let me this once but feel the flame  
" Of those spread wings, the very pride  
" Will change my nature, and this frame  
" By the mere touch be deified!"

Thus spoke the maid, as one, not us'd  
To be by earth or heav'n refus'd —  
As one, who knew her influence o'er  
All creatures, whatsoe'er they were,  
And, though to heaven she could not soar,  
At least would bring down heaven to her.

Little did she, alas, or I —  
Ev'n I, whose soul, but half way yet  
Immerg'd in sin's obscurity  
Was as the earth whereon we lie,  
O'er half whose disk the sun is set —  
Little did we foresee the fate,  
The dreadful — how can it be told ?  
Such pain, such anguish to relate  
Is o'er again to feel, behold !  
But, charg'd as 'tis, my heart must speak  
Its sorrow out, or it will break !  
Some dark misgivings *had*, I own,  
Pass'd for a moment through my breast —  
Fears of some danger, vague, unknown,  
To one, or both — something unblest'd  
To happen from this proud request.  
But soon these boding fancies fled ;  
Nor saw I aught that could forbid  
My full revelation, save the dread  
Of that first dazzle, when, unhid,  
Such light should burst upon a lid  
Ne'er tried in heaven ; — and ev'n this glare  
She might, by love's own nursing care,  
Be, like young eagles, taught to bear.  
For well I knew, the lustre shed  
From cherub wings, when proudest spread,  
Was, in its nature, lambent, pure,  
And innocent as is the light  
The glowworm hangs out to allure  
Her mate to her green bower at night.  
Oft had I, in the mid air, swept  
Through clouds in which the lightning slept,  
As in its lair, ready to spring,  
Yet wak'd it not — though from my wing  
A thousand sparks fell glittering !  
Oft too when round me from above  
The feather'd snow, in all its whiteness,  
Fell, like the moultings of heaven's Dove,<sup>1</sup> —  
So harmless, though so full of brightness,

Was my brow's wreath, that it would shake  
From off its flowers each downy flake  
As delicate, unmelted, fair,  
And cool as they had lighted there.

Nay ev'n with LILIS — had I not  
Around her sleep all radiant beam'd,  
Hung o'er her slumbers, nor forgot  
To kiss her eyelids, as she dream'd ?  
And yet, at morn, from that repose,  
Had she not wak'd, unscath'd and bright,  
As doth the pure, unconscious rose,  
Though by the firely kiss'd all night ?

Thus having — as, alas, deceiv'd  
By my sin's blindness, I believ'd —  
No cause for dread, and those dark eyes  
Now fix'd upon me, eagerly  
As though th' unlocking of the skies  
Then waited but a sign from me —  
How could I pause ? how ev'n let fall  
A word, a whisper that could stir  
In her proud heart a doubt, that all  
I brought from heaven belong'd to her  
Slow from her side I rose, while she  
Arose, too, mutely, tremblingly,  
But not with fear — all hope, and pride,  
She waited for the awful boon,  
Like priestesses, at eventide,  
Watching the rise of the full moon,  
Whose light, when once its orb hath shone,  
'Twill madden them to look upon !

Of all my glories, the bright crown,  
Which, when I last from heaven came down,  
Was left behind me, in yon star  
That shines from out those clouds afar, —  
Where, relic sad, 'tis treasur'd yet,  
The downfall'n angel's coronet !  
Of all my glories, this alone  
Was wanting : — but th' illumin'd brow,  
The sunbright locks, the eyes that now  
Had love's spell added to their own,  
And pour'd a light till then unknown ; —  
Th' unfolded wings, that, in their play,  
Shed sparkles bright as ALLA's throne ;

<sup>1</sup> The Dove, or pigeon which attended Mahomet as his familiar, and was frequently seen to whisper into his ear, was, if I recollect right, one of that select number of animals (including also the ant of Solomon, the dog of the Seven Sleepers, &c.) which were thought by the Prophet worthy of admission into Paradise.

"The Moslems have a tradition that Mahomet was saved (when he hid himself in a cave in Mount Shur) by his pur-

suers finding the mouth of the cave covered by a spider's web, and a nest built by two pigeons at the entrance, with two eggs unbroken in it, which made them think no one could have entered it. In consequence of this, they say, Mahomet enjoined his followers to look upon pigeons as sacred, and never to kill a spider." — *Modern Universal History*, vol. i.



All I could bring of heaven's array,  
 Of that rich panoply of charms  
 A Cherub moves in, on the day  
 Of his best pomp, I now put on ;  
 And, proud that in her eyes I chose  
 Thus glorious, glided to her arms ;  
 Which still (though, at a sight so splendid,  
 Her dazzled brow had, instantly,  
 Sunk on her breast,) were wide extended  
 To clasp the form she durst not see !<sup>1</sup>  
 Great Heav'n ! how *could* thy vengeance light  
 So bitterly on one so bright ?  
 How could the hand, that gave such charms,  
 Blast them again, in love's own arms ?  
 Scarce had I touch'd her shrinking frame,  
 When — O most horrible ! — I felt  
 That every spark of that pure flame —  
 Pure, while among the stars I dwelt —  
 Was now, by my transgression, turn'd  
 Into gross, earthly fire, which burn'd,  
 Burn'd all it touch'd, as fast as eye  
 Could follow the fierce, ravening flashes ;  
 Till there — O God, I still ask why  
 Such doom was hers ? — I saw her lie  
 Black'ning within my arms to ashes !  
 That brow, a glory but to see —  
 Those lips, whose touch was what the first  
 Fresh cup of immortality  
 Is to a new-made angel's thirst !  
 Those clasping arms, within whose round —  
 My heart's horizon — the whole bound  
 Of its hope, prospect, heaven was found !  
 Which, ev'n in this dread moment, fond  
 As when they first were round me cast,  
 Loos'd not in death the fatal bond,  
 But, burning, held me to the last !  
 All, all, that, but that morn, had seem'd  
 As if Love's self there breath'd and beam'd,  
 Now, parch'd and black, before me lay,  
 Withering in agony away ;  
 And mine, O misery ! mine the flame,  
 From which this desolation came ; —  
 I, the curs'd spirit, whose caress  
 Had blasted all that loveliness !

'Twas maddening ! — but now hear even worse —  
 Had death, death only, been the curse  
 I brought upon her — had the doom  
 But ended here, when her young bloom  
 Lay in the dust — and did the spirit  
 No part of that fell curse inherit,

'Twere not so dreadful — but, come near —  
 Too shocking 'tis for earth to hear —  
 Just when her eyes, in fading, took  
 Their last, keen, agoniz'd farewell,  
 And look'd in mine with — O, that look !  
 Great vengeful Power, whate'er the hell  
 Thou mayst to human souls assign,  
 The memory of that look is mine ! —

In her last struggle, on my brow  
 Her ashy lips a kiss impress'd,  
 So withering ! — I feel it now —  
 'Twas fire — but fire, ev'n more unblest'd  
 Than was my own, and like that flame,  
 The angels shudder but to name,  
 Hell's everlasting element !  
 Deep, deep it pierc'd into my brain,  
 Madd'ning and torturing as it went ;  
 And here — mark here, the brand, the  
 stain  
 It left upon my front — burnt in  
 By that last kiss of love and sin —  
 A brand, which all the pomp and pride  
 Of a fallen Spirit cannot hide !

But is it thus, dread Providence  
 Can it, indeed, be thus, that she,  
 Who, (but for *one* proud, fond offence,)  
 Had honor'd heaven itself, should be  
 Now doom'd — I cannot speak it — no,  
 Merciful ALLA ! 'tis not so —  
 Never could lips divine have said  
 The fiat of a fate so dread.  
 And yet, that look — so deeply fraught  
 With more than anguish, with despair —  
 That new, fierce fire, resembling nought  
 In heaven or earth — this scorch I bear ! —  
 O — for the first time that these knees  
 Have bent before thee since my fall,  
 Great Power, if ever thy decree  
 Thou couldst for prayer like mine recall,  
 Pardon that spirit, and on me,  
 On me, who taught her pride to err,  
 Shed out each drop of agony  
 Thy burning vial keeps for her !  
 See, too, where low beside me kneel  
 Two other outcasts, who, though gone  
 And lost themselves, yet dare to feel  
 And pray for that poor mortal one.  
 Alas, too well, too well they know  
 The pain, the penitence, the woe  
 That Passion brings upon the best,  
 The wisest, and the loveliest. —  
 O, who is to be sav'd, if such  
 Bright, erring souls are not forgiven ;

<sup>1</sup> " Mohammed (says Sale), though a prophet, was not able to bear the sight of Gabriel, when he appeared in his proper form, much less would others be able to support it."

So loath they wander, and so much  
 Their very wanderings lean towards heaven !  
 Again, I cry, Just Power, transfer  
 That creature's sufferings all to me —  
 Mine, mine the guilt, the torment be,  
 To save one minute's pain to her,  
 Let mine last all eternity !”

He paus'd, and to the earth bent down  
 His throbbing head ; while they, who felt  
 That agony as 'twere their own,  
 Those gentle youths, beside him knelt,  
 And, in the night's still silence there,  
 While mournfully each wandering air  
 Play'd in those plumes, that never more  
 To their lost home in heav'n must soar,  
 Breath'd inwardly the voiceless prayer,  
 Unheard by all but Mercy's ear —  
 And which if Mercy *did not* hear,  
 O, God would *not* be what this bright  
 And glorious universe of His,  
 This world of beauty, goodness, light  
 And endless love proclaims He *is* !

Not long they knelt, when, from a wood  
 That crown'd that airy solitude,  
 They heard a low, uncertain sound,  
 As from a lute, that just had found  
 Some happy theme, and murmur'd round  
 The new-born fancy, with fond tone,  
 Scarce thinking aught so sweet its own !  
 Till soon a voice, that match'd as well  
 That gentle instrument, as suits  
 The sea air to an ocean shell,  
 (So kin its spirit to the lute's),  
 Tremblingly follow'd the soft strain,  
 Interpreting its joy, its pain,  
 And lending the light wings of words  
 To many a thought, that else had lain  
 Unfledg'd and mute among the chords.

All started at the sound — but chief  
 The third young Angel, in whose face,  
 Though faded like the others, grief  
 Had left a gentler, holier trace ;  
 As if, ev'n yet, through pain and ill,  
 Hope had not fled him — as if still  
 Her precious pearl, in sorrow's cup,  
 Unmelted at the bottom lay,  
 To shine again, when, all drunk up,  
 The bitterness should pass away.  
 Chiefly did he, though in his eyes  
 There shone more pleasure than surprise,  
 Furn to the wood, from whence that sound  
 Of solitary sweetness broke ;

Then, listening, look delighted round  
 To his bright peers, while thus it spoke :—

“ Come, pray with me, my seraph love,  
 “ My angel lord, come pray with me ;  
 “ In vain to-night my lip hath strove  
 “ To send one holy prayer above —  
 “ The knee may bend, the lip may move,  
 “ But pray I cannot, without thee !  
 “ I've fed the altar in my bower  
 “ With droppings from the incense tree ;  
 “ I've shelter'd it from wind and shower,  
 “ But dim it burns the livelong hour,  
 “ As if, like me, it had no power  
 “ Of life or lustre, without thee !

“ A boat at midnight sent alone  
 “ To drift upon the moonless sea,  
 “ A lute, whose leading chord is gone,  
 “ A wounded bird, that hath but one  
 “ Imperfect wing to soar upon,  
 “ Are like what I am, without thee !

“ Then ne'er, my spirit love, divide,  
 “ In life or death, thyself from me ;  
 “ But when again, in sunny pride,  
 “ Thou walk'st through Eden, let me glide,  
 “ A prostrate shadow, by thy side —  
 “ O happier thus than without thee !”

The song had ceas'd, when, from the wood  
 Which, sweeping down that airy height,  
 Reach'd the lone spot whereon they stood —  
 There suddenly shone out a light  
 From a clear lamp, which, as it blaz'd  
 Across the brow of one, who rais'd  
 Its flame aloft (as if to throw  
 The light upon that group below),  
 Display'd two eyes, sparkling between  
 The dusky leaves, such as are seen  
 By fancy only, in those faces,  
 That haunt a poet's walk at even,  
 Looking from out their leafy places  
 Upon his dreams of love and heaven.  
 'Twas but a moment — the blush, brought  
 O'er all her features at the thought  
 Of being seen thus, late, alone,  
 By any but the eyes she sought,  
 Had scarcely for an instant shone  
 Through the dark leaves, when she ~~was~~  
 gone —

Gone, like a meteor that o'erhead  
 Suddenly shines, and, ere we've said,  
 “ Behold, how beautiful !” — 'tis fled

Yet, ere she went, the words, "I come,  
 "I come, my NAMA," reach'd her ear,  
 In that kind voice, familiar, dear,  
 Which tells of confidence, of home, —  
 Of habit, that hath drawn hearts near,  
 Till they grow *one*, — of faith sincere,  
 And all that Love most loves to hear ;  
 A music, breathing of the past,  
 The present and the time to be,  
 Where Hope and Memory, to the last,  
 Lengthen out life's true harmony !

Nor long did he, whom call so kind  
 Summon'd away, remain behind ;  
 Nor did there need much time to tell  
 What they — alas, more fall'n than he  
 From happiness and heaven — knew well,  
 His gentler love's short history !

Thus did it run — *not* as he told  
 The tale himself, but as 'tis grav'd  
 Upon the tablets that, of old,  
 By SETH<sup>1</sup> were from the deluge sav'd,  
 All written over with sublime  
 And saddening legends of th' unblest,  
 But glorious Spirits of that time,  
 And this young Angel's 'mong the rest.

### THIRD ANGEL'S STORY.

AMONG the Spirits, of pure flame,  
 That in th' eternal heav'n's abide —  
 Circles of light, that from the same  
 Unclouded centre sweeping wide,  
 Carry its beams on every side —  
 Like spheres of air that waft around  
 The undulations of rich sound —

<sup>1</sup> Seth is a favorite personage among the Orientals, and acts a conspicuous part in many of their most extravagant romances. The Syrians pretended to have a Testament of this Patriarch in their possession, in which was explained the whole theology of angels, their different orders, &c. &c. The Curds, too (as Hyde mentions in his Appendix), have a book, which contains all the rites of their religion, and which they call *Sohuph Sheit*, or the Book of Seth.

In the same manner that Seth and Cham are supposed to have preserved these memorials of antediluvian knowledge, Xixuthrus is said in Chaldean fable to have deposited in Siparis, the city of the Sun, those monuments of science which he had saved out of the waters of a deluge. — See Jablonski's learned remarks upon these columns or tablets of Seth, which he supposes to be the same with the pillars of Mercury, or the Egyptian Thoth. — *Pantheon. Egypt. lib. v. cap. 5.*

<sup>2</sup> The Mussulmans, says D'Herbelot, apply the general name, Mocarreboun, to all those Spirits "qui approchent le plus près le Trône." Of this number are Mikail and Gebrail.

Till the far-circling radiance be  
 Diffus'd into infinity !  
 First and immediate near the Throne  
 Of ALLA,<sup>2</sup> as if most his own,  
 The Seraphs stand<sup>3</sup> — this burning sign  
 Trac'd on their banner, "Love Divine!"  
 Their rank, their honors, far above  
 Ev'n those to high-brow'd Cherubs given,  
 Though knowing all ; — so much doth Love  
 Transcend all Knowledge, ev'n in heaven !

'Mong these was ZARAPH once — and none  
 E'er felt affection's holy fire,  
 Or yearn'd towards th' Eternal One,  
 With half such longing, deep desire.  
 Love was to his impassion'd soul  
 Not, as with others, a mere part  
 Of its existence, but the whole —  
 The very lifebreath of his heart !  
 Oft, when from ALLA's lifted brow  
 A lustre came, too bright to bear,  
 And all the seraph ranks would bow,  
 To shade their dazzled sight, nor dare  
 To look upon th' effulgence there —  
 This Spirit's eyes would court the blaze  
 (Such pride he in adoring took),  
 And rather lose, in that one gaze,  
 The power of looking, than *not* look !  
 Then too, when angel voices sung  
 The mercy of their God, and strung  
 Their harps to hail, with welcome sweet,  
 That moment, watch'd for by all eyes,  
 When some repentant sinner's feet  
 First touch'd the threshold of the skies,  
 O then how clearly did the voice  
 Of ZARAPH above all rejoice !

<sup>3</sup> The Seraphim, or Spirits of Divine Love.

There appears to be, among writers on the East, as well as among the Orientals themselves, considerable indecision with regard to the respective claims of Seraphim and Cherubim to the highest rank in the celestial hierarchy. The derivation which Hyde assigns to the word *Cherub* seems to determine the precedence in favor of that order of spirits: — "*Cherubim, i. e. Propinqui Angeli, qui sc. Deo proprius quam alii accedunt; nam Charab est i. q. Karab, appropinquare.*" (P. 263.) Al Beidawi, too, one of the commentators of the Koran, on that passage, "the angels, who bear the throne," and those who stand about it," (chap. xl.) says, "These are the Cherubim, the highest order of angels." On the other hand, we have seen, in a preceding note, that the Syrians place the sphere in which the Seraphs dwell at the very summit of all the celestial systems; and even, among Mahometans, the word Azazil and Mocarreboun (which mean the spirits that stand nearest to the throne of Alla) are indiscriminately applied to both Seraphim and Cherubim.

Love was in every buoyant tone —  
 Such love, as only could belong  
 To the blest angels, and alone  
 Could, ev'n from angels, bring such song !

Alas, that it should e'er have been  
 In heav'n as 'tis too often here,  
 Where nothing fond or bright is seen,  
 But it hath pain and peril near ; —  
 Where right and wrong so close resemble,  
 That what we take for virtue's thrill  
 Is often the first downward tremble  
 Of the heart's balance unto ill ;  
 Where Love hath not a shrine so pure,  
 So holy, but the serpent, Sin,  
 In moments, ev'n the most secure,  
 Beneath his altar may glide in !

So was it with that Angel — such  
 The charm, that slop'd his fall along,  
 From good to ill, from loving much,  
 Too easy lapse, to loving wrong.  
 Ev'n so that am'rous Spirit, bound  
 By beauty's spell, where'er 'twas found,  
 From the bright things above the moon  
 Down to earth's beaming eyes descended,  
 Till love for the Creator soon  
 In passion for the creature ended.

'Twas first at twilight, on the shore  
 Of the smooth sea, he heard the lute  
 And voice of her he lov'd steal o'er  
 The silver waters, that lay mute,  
 As loath, by even a breath, to stay  
 The pilgrimage of that sweet lay ;  
 Whose echoes still went on and on,  
 Till lost among the light that shone  
 Far off, beyond the ocean's brim —  
 There, where the rich cascade of day  
 Had, o'er th' horizon's golden rim,  
 Into Elysium roll'd away !  
 Of God she sung, and of the mild  
 Attendant Mercy, that beside  
 His awful throne forever smil'd,  
 Ready, with her white hand, to guide  
 His bolts of vengeance to their prey —  
 That she might quench them on the way !  
 Of Peace — of that Atoning Love,  
 Upon whose star, shining above  
 This twilight world of hope and fear,  
 The weeping eyes of Faith are fix'd  
 So fond, that with her every tear  
 The light of that love star is mix'd ! —  
 All this she sung, and such a soul  
 Of piety was in that song,

That the charm'd Angel, as it stole  
 Tenderly to his ear, along  
 Those lulling waters where he lay,  
 Watching the daylight's dying ray,  
 Thought 'twas a voice from out the wave,  
 An echo, that some sea nymph gave  
 To Eden's distant harmony,  
 Heard faint and sweet beneath the sea !

Quickly, however, to its source,  
 Tracking that music's melting course,  
 He saw, upon the golden sand  
 Of the sea shore a maiden stand,  
 Before whose feet th' expiring waves  
 Flung their last offering, with a sigh —  
 As, in the East, exhausted slaves  
 Lay down the far-brought gift, and die —  
 And, while her lute hung by her, hush'd,  
 As if unequal to the tide  
 Of song, that from her lips still gush'd,  
 She rais'd, like one beatified,  
 Those eyes, whose light seem'd rather given  
 To be ador'd than to adore —  
 Such eyes, as may have look'd *from* heaven,  
 But ne'er were rais'd to it before !

O Love, Religion, Music<sup>1</sup> — all  
 That's left of Eden upon earth  
 The only blessings, since the fall  
 Of our weak souls, that still recall  
 A trace of their high, glorious birth —  
 How kindred are the dreams you bring !  
 How Love, though unto earth so prone,  
 Delights to take Religion's wing,  
 When time or grief hath stain'd his own !  
 How near to Love's beguiling brink,  
 Too oft, entranc'd Religion lies !  
 While Music, Music is the link  
 They *both* still hold by to the skies,  
 The language of their native sphere,  
 Which they had else forgotten here.

How then could ZARAPH fail to feel  
 That moment's witcheries ? — one, so fair,  
 Breathing out music, that might steal  
 Heaven from itself, and rapt in prayer  
 That seraphs might be proud to share !  
 O, he *did* feel it, all too well —  
 With warmth, that far too dearly cost —  
 Nor knew he, when at last he fell,  
 To which attraction, to which spell,

<sup>1</sup> " Les Egyptiens disent que la Musique est *Sœur de la Religion.*" — *Voyages de Pythagore*, tom. i. p. 422.



Love, Music, or Devotion, most  
His soul in that sweet hour was lost.

Sweet was the hour, though dearly won,  
And pure, as aught of earth could be,  
For then first did the glorious sun  
Before religion's altar see  
Two hearts in wedlock's golden tie  
Self-pledg'd, in love to live and die.  
Blest union! by that Angel wove,  
And worthy from such hands to come;  
Safe, sole asylum, in which Love,  
When fall'n or exil'd from above,  
In this dark world can find a home.

And though the Spirit had transgress'd,  
Had, from his station 'mong the blest  
Won down by woman's smile, allow'd  
Terrestrial passion to breathe o'er  
The mirror of his heart, and cloud  
God's image, there so bright before —  
Yet never did that Power look down  
On error with a brow so mild;  
Never did Justice wear a frown,  
Through which so gently Mercy smil'd.  
For humble was their love — with awe  
And trembling like some treasure kept,  
That was not theirs by holy law —  
Whose beauty with remorse they saw,  
And o'er whose preciousness they wept.  
Humility, that low, sweet root,  
From which all heavenly virtues shoot,  
Was in the hearts of both — but most  
In NAMA's heart, by whom alone  
Those charms, for which a heaven was lost,  
Seem'd all unvalued and unknown;  
And when her Seraph's eyes she caught,  
And hid hers glowing on his breast,  
Ev'n bliss was humbled by the thought —  
“What claim have I to be so blest?”  
Still less could maid, so meek, have nurs'd  
Desire of knowledge — that vain thirst,  
With which the sex hath all been curs'd,  
From luckless EVE to her, who near  
The Tabernacle stole to hear

<sup>1</sup> Sara.

<sup>2</sup> An allusion to the Sephiroths or Splendors of the Jewish Cabbala, represented as a tree, of which God is the crown or summit.

The Sephiroths are the higher orders of emanative beings in the strange and incomprehensible system of the Jewish Cabbala. They are called by various names, Pity, Beauty, &c. &c.; and their influences are supposed to act through certain canals, which communicate with each other.

<sup>3</sup> The reader may judge of the rationality of this Jewish system by the following explanation of part of the machine-

The secrets of the angels<sup>1</sup>: no —

To love as her own Seraph lov'd,  
With Faith, the same through bliss and woe —  
Faith, that, were ev'n its light remov'd,  
Could, like the dial, fix'd remain,  
And wait till it shone out again; —  
With Patience that, though often bow'd  
By the rude storm, can rise anew;  
And Hope that, ev'n from Evil's cloud,  
Sees sunny Good half breaking through!  
This deep, relying Love, worth more  
In heaven than all a Cherub's lore —  
This Faith, more sure than aught beside,  
Was the sole joy, ambition, pride  
Of her fond heart — th' unreasoning scope  
Of all its views, above, below —

So true she felt it that to *hope*,  
To *trust*, is happier than to *know*.  
And thus in humbleness they trod,  
Abash'd, but pure before their God;  
Nor e'er did earth behold a sight  
So meekly beautiful as they,  
When, with the altar's holy light  
Full on their brows, they knelt to pray,  
Hand within hand, and side by side,  
Two links of love, a while untied  
From the great chain above, but fast  
Holding together to the last! —  
Two fallen Splendors,<sup>2</sup> from that tree,  
Which buds with such eternally,<sup>3</sup>  
Shaken to earth, yet keeping all  
Their light and freshness in the fall.

Their only punishment, (as wrong,  
However sweet, must bear its brand,)  
Their only doom was this — that, long  
As the green earth and ocean stand,  
They both shall wander here — the same,  
Throughout all time, in heart and frame —  
Still looking to that goal sublime,  
Whose light remote, but sure, they see;  
Pilgrims of Love, whose way is Time,  
Whose home is in Eternity!  
Subject, the while, to all the strife,  
True Love encounters in this life —

ry: — “Les canaux qui sortent de la Miséricorde et de la Force, et qui vont aboutir à la Beauté, sont chargés d'un grand nombre d'Anges. Il y en a trente-cinq sur le canal de la Miséricorde, qui récompensent et qui couronnent la vertu des Saints,” &c. &c. — For a concise account of the Cabalistic Philosophy, see Enfield's very useful compendium of Brucker.

“On les représente quelquefois sous la figure d'un arbre . . . l'Ensoch qu'on met au-dessus de l'arbre Sephirotique ou des Splendeurs divins, est l'Infini.” — *L'Histoire des Juifs*, liv. ix. 11



The wishes, hopes he breathes in vain ;  
 The chill, that turns his warmest sighs  
 To earthly vapor, ere they rise ;  
 The doubt he feeds on, and the pain  
 That in his very sweetness lies : —  
 Still worse, th' illusions that betray  
 His footsteps to their shining brink ;  
 That tempt him, on his desert way  
 Through the bleak world, to bend and drink,  
 Where nothing meets his lips, alas, —  
 But he again must sighing pass  
 On to that far-off home of peace,  
 In which alone his thirst will cease.

All this they bear, but, not the less,  
 Have moments rich in happiness —  
 Blest meetings, after many a day  
 Of widowhood pass'd far away,  
 When the lov'd face again is seen  
 Close, close, with not a tear between —  
 Confidings frank, without control,  
 Pour'd mutually from soul to soul ;  
 As free from any fear or doubt  
 As is that light from chill or stain,  
 The sun into the stars sheds out,  
 To be by them shed back again ! —  
 That happy minglement of hearts,  
 Where, chang'd as chemic compounds are,  
 Each with its own existence parts,  
 To find a new one, happier far !  
 Such are their joys — and, crowning all,  
 That blessed hope of the bright hour,  
 When, happy and no more to fall,  
 Their spirits shall, with freshen'd power,  
 Rise up rewarded for their trust  
 In Him, from whom all goodness springs,

And, shaking off earth's soiling dust  
 From their emancipated wings,  
 Wander forever through those skies  
 Of radiance, where Love never dies !

In what lone region of the earth  
 These Pilgrims now may roam or dwell,  
 God and the Angels, who look forth  
 To watch their steps, alone can tell.  
 But should we, in our wanderings,  
 Meet a young pair, whose beauty wants  
 But the adornment of bright wings,  
 To look like heaven's inhabitants —  
 Who shine where'er they tread, and yet  
 Are humble in their earthly lot,  
 As is the wayside violet,  
 That shines unseen, and were it not  
 For its sweet breath would be forgot —  
 Whose hearts, in every thought, are one,  
 Whose voices utter the same wills —  
 Answering, as Echo doth some tone  
 Of fairy music 'mong the hills,  
 So like itself, we seek in vain  
 Which is the echo, which the strain —  
 Whose piety is love, whose love,  
 Though close as 'twere their souls' embrace,  
 Is not of earth, but from above —  
 Like two fair mirrors, face to face,  
 Whose light, from one to th' other thrown,  
 Is heaven's reflection, not their own  
 Should we e'er meet with aught so pure,  
 So perfect here, we may be sure  
 'Tis ZARAPH and his bride we see ;  
 And call young lovers round, to view  
 The pilgrim pair, as they pursue  
 Their pathway towards eternity.

## MISCELLANEOUS POEMS.

## SCEPTICISM.

EÆ Psyche drank the cup, that shed  
 Immortal Life into her soul,  
 Some evil spirit pour'd, 'tis said,  
 One drop of Doubt into the bowl —

Which, mingling darkly with the stream,  
 To Psyche's lips — she knew not why —  
 Made ev'n that blessed nectar seem  
 As though its sweetness soon would die.

Of, in the very arms of Love,  
 A chill came o'er her heart — a fear  
 That Death might, even yet, remove  
 Her spirit from that happy sphere.

"Those sunny ringlets," she exclaim'd,  
 Twining them round her snowy fin-  
 gers ;

"That forehead, where a light, unnam'd,  
 "Unknown on earth, forever lingers ;

"Those lips, through which I feel the breath  
 "Of Heav'n itself, whene'er they sever —  
 "Say, are they mine, beyond all death,  
 "My own, hereafter, and forever?"

"Smile not — I know that starry brow,  
 "Those ringlets, and bright lips of thine,  
 "Will always shine, as they do now —  
 "But shall *I* live to *see* them shine?"

In vain did Love say, "Turn thine eyes  
 "On all that sparkles round thee here —  
 "Thou'rt now in heaven, where nothing dies,  
 "And in these arms — what *canst* thou fear?"

In vain — the fatal drop, that stole  
 Into that cup's immortal treasure,  
 Had lodg'd its bitter near her soul,  
 And gave a tinge to every pleasure.

And though there ne'er was transport given  
 Like Pyche's with that radiant boy,  
 Hers is the only face in heaven,  
 That wears a cloud amid its joy.

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### A JOKE VERSIFIED.

"COME, come," said Tom's father, "at your  
 time of life,  
 "There's no longer excuse for thus playing  
 the rake —  
 "It is time you should think, boy, of taking a  
 wife" —  
 "Why, so it is, father — whose wife shall I  
 take?"

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### ON THE DEATH OF A FRIEND.

PURE as the mantle, which, o'er him who stood  
 By JORDAN'S stream, descended from the sky,  
 Is that remembrance, which the wise and good  
 Leave in the hearts that love them, when  
 they die.

So pure, so precious shall the memory be,  
 Bequeath'd, in dying, to our souls by thee —  
 So shall the love we bore thee, cherish'd warm  
 Within our souls through grief, and pain, and  
 strife,

Be, like ELISHA'S cruise, a holy charm,  
 Wherewith to "heal the waters" of this life!

### TO JAMES CORRY, ESQ.

ON HIS MAKING ME A PRESENT OF A WINE  
 STRAINER.

Brighton, June, 1825.

THIS life, dear Corry, who can doubt? —  
 Resembles much friend Ewart's<sup>1</sup> wine,  
 When *first* the rosy drops come out,  
 How beautiful, how clear they shine!

And thus a while they keep their tint,  
 So free from even a shade with some,  
 That they would smile, did you but hint,  
 That darker drops would *ever* come.

But soon the ruby tide runs short,  
 Each minute makes the sad truth plainer,  
 Till life, like old and crusty port,  
 When near its close, requires a strainer

*This* friendship can alone confer,  
 Alone can teach the drops to pass,  
 If not as bright as *once* they were,  
 At least unclouded, through the glass.

Nor, Corry, could a boon be mine,  
 Of which this heart were fonder, vainer,  
 Than thus, if life grow like old wine,  
 To have *thy* friendship for its strainer.

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### FRAGMENT OF A CHARACTER.

HERE lies Factotum Ned at last;  
 Long as he breath'd the vital air,  
 Nothing throughout all Europe pass'd,  
 In which Ned hadn't some small share.

Whoe'er was *in*, whoe'er was *out*,  
 Whatever statesmen did or said,  
 If not exactly brought about,  
 'Twas all, at least, contriv'd by Ned.

With NAP, if Russia went to war,  
 'Twas owing, under Providence,  
 To certain hints Ned gave the Czar —  
 (Vide his pamphlet — price, sixpence.)

If France was beat at Waterloo —  
 As all but Frenchmen think she was —  
 To Ned, as Wellington well knew,  
 Was owing half that day's applause.

<sup>1</sup> A wine merchant.

Then for his news — no envoy's bag  
 E'er pass'd so many secrets through it ;  
 Scarcely a telegraph could wag  
 Its wooden finger, but Ned knew it.

Such tales he had of foreign plots,  
 With foreign names, one's ear to buzz in !  
 From Russia, *chefs* and *ofs* in rose,  
 From Poland, *owskis* by the dozen.

When George, alarm'd for England's creed,  
 Turn'd out the last Whig ministry,  
 And men ask'd — who advis'd the deed ?  
 Ned modestly confess'd 'twas he.

For though, by some unlucky miss,  
 He had not downright *seen* the King,  
 He sent such hints through Viscount *This*,  
 To Marquis *That*, as clinch'd the thing.

The same it was in science, arts,  
 The Drama, Books, MS. and printed —  
 Kean learn'd from Ned his cleverest parts,  
 And Scott's last work by him was hinted.

Childe Harold in the proofs he read,  
 And, here and there, infused some soul in't —  
 Nay, Davy's Lamp, till seen by Ned,  
 Had — odd enough — an awkward hole in't.

'Twas thus, all-doing and all-knowing,  
 Wit, statesman, boxer, chemist, singer,  
 Whatever was the best pie going,  
 In *that* Ned — trust him — had his finger.  
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#### WHAT SHALL I SING THEE?

to —.

WHAT shall I sing thee? Shall I tell  
 Of that bright hour, remember'd well  
 As though it shone but yesterday,  
 When, loitering idly in the ray  
 Of a spring sun, I heard, o'erhead,  
 My name as by some spirit said,  
 And, looking up, saw two bright eyes  
 Above me from a casement shine,  
 Dazzling my mind with such surprise  
 As they, who sail beyond the Line,  
 Feel when new stars above them rise; —  
 And it was thine, the voice that spoke,  
 Like Ariel's, in the mid air then ;  
 And thine the eye, whose lustre broke —  
 Never to be forgot again !

What shall I sing thee? Shall I weave  
 A song of that sweet summer eve,  
 (Summer, of which the sunniest part  
 Was that we, each, had in the heart,)  
 When thou and I, and one like thee,  
 In life and beauty, to the sound  
 Of our own breathless minstrelsy,  
 Danc'd till the sunlight faded round,  
 Ourselves the whole ideal Ball,  
 Lights, music, company, and all !  
 O, 'tis not in the languid strain  
 Of lute like mine, whose day is pass'd,  
 To call up ev'n a dream again  
 Of the fresh light those moments cast.

#### COUNTRY DANCE AND QUADRILLE.

ONE night the nymph call'd COUNTRY DANCE —  
 (Whom folks, of late, have us'd so ill,  
 Preferring a coquette from France,  
 That mincing thing, *Mamselle* QUADRILLE) —

Having been chased from London down  
 To that most humble haunt of all  
 She used to grace — a Country Town —  
 Went smiling to the New Year's Ball.

"Here, here, at least," she cried, "though driv'n  
 "From London's gay and shining tracks —  
 "Though, like a Peri cast from heaven,  
 "I've lost, forever lost, Almack's —

"Though not a London Miss alive  
 "Would now for her acquaintance own me ;  
 "And spinsters, ev'n, of forty-five,  
 "Upon their honors ne'er have known me ;

"Here, here, at least, I triumph still,  
 "And — spite of some few dandy Lancers,  
 "Who vainly try to preach Quadrille —  
 "See nought but *true-blue* Country Dancers.

"Here still I reign, and, fresh in charms,  
 "My throne, like Magna Charta, raise  
 "'Mong sturdy, free-born legs and arms,  
 "That scorn the threaten'd *chaîne Anglaise* "

'Twas thus she said, as 'mid the din  
 Of footmen, and the town sedan,  
 She lighted at the King's Head Inn,  
 And up the stairs triumphant ran.

The Squires and their Squiresesses all,  
 With young Squirinas, just *come out*,

And my Lord's daughters from the Hall,  
(Quadrillers, in their hearts, no doubt,) —

All these, as light she tripp'd up stairs,  
Were in the cloak room seen assembling —  
When, hark ! some new, outlandish airs,  
From the First Fiddle, set her trembling.

She stops — she listens — *can* it be ?  
Alas, in vain her ears would 'scape it —  
It is "Di tanti palpiti"  
As plain as English bow can scrape it,

"Courage !" however — in she goes,  
With her best, sweeping country grace ;  
When, ah too true, her worst of foes,  
QUADRILLE, there meets her, face to face.

O for the lyre, or violin,  
Or kit of that gay Muse, Terpsichore,  
To sing the rage these nymphs were in,  
Their looks and language, airs and trickery.

There stood QUADRILLE, with catlike face  
(The beau ideal of French beauty),  
A bandbox thing, all art and lace  
Down from her nose tip to her shoetie.

Her flounces, fresh from *Victorine* —  
From *Hippolyte*, her rouge and hair —  
Her poetry, from *Lamartine* —  
Her morals, from — the Lord knows where.

And, when she danc'd — so slidingly,  
So near the ground she plied her art,  
You'd swear her mother earth and she  
Had made a compact ne'er to part.

Her face too, all the while, sedate,  
No signs of life or motion showing,  
Like a bright *pendule's* dial plate —  
So still, you'd hardly think 'twas *going*.

Full fronting her stood *Country Dance* —  
A fresh, frank nymph, whom you would know  
For English, at a single glance —  
English all o'er, from top to toe.

A little *gauche*, 'tis fair to own,  
And rather given to skips and bounces ;  
Endangering thereby many a gown,  
And playing, oft, the dev'l with flounces.

Unlike *Mamselle* — who would prefer  
(As morally a lesser ill)

A thousand flaws of character,  
To one vile rumple of a frill.

No rouge did She of Albion wear ;  
Let her but run that two-heat race  
She calls a *Set*, not Dian e'er  
Came rosier from the woodland chase.

Such was the nymph, whose soul had in't  
Such anger now — whose eyes of blue  
(Eyes of that bright, victorious tint,  
Which English maids call "*Waterloo*") —

Like summer lightnings, in the dusk  
Of a warm evening, flashing broke,  
While — to the tune of "*Money Musk*,"<sup>1</sup>  
Which struck up now — she proudly spoke —

' Heard you that strain — that joyous strain ?  
' 'Twas such as England lov'd to hear,  
' Ere thou, and all thy frippery train,  
' Corrupted both her foot and ear —

' Ere Waltz, that rake from foreign lands,  
' Presum'd, in sight of all beholders,  
' To lay his rude, licentious hands  
' On virtuous English backs and shoul-  
ders —

' Ere times and morals both grew bad,  
' And, yet unfleec'd by funding blockheads,  
' Happy John Bull not only *had*,  
' But danc'd to, ' Money in both pockets.'

' Alas, the change ! — O, I — d — y,  
' Where is the land could 'scape disasters,  
' With *such* a Foreign Secretary,  
' Aided by Foreign Dancing Masters ?

' Woe to ye, men of ships and shops !  
' Rulers of daybooks and of waves !  
' Quadrill'd, on one side, into fops,  
' And drill'd, on t'other, into slaves !

' Ye, too, ye lovely victims, seen,  
' Like pigeons, truss'd for exhibition,  
' With elbows, *à la crapaudine*,  
' And feet, in — God knows what position ;

' Hemm'd in by watchful chaperons,  
' Inspectors of your airs and graces,  
' Who intercept all whisper'd tones,  
' And read your telegraphic faces ;

<sup>1</sup> An old English Country Dance.

"Unable with the youth ador'd,  
 "In that grim *cordon* of Mammas,  
 "To interchange one tender word,  
 "Though whisper'd but in *queue-de-chats*.

"Ah did you know how bless'd we rang'd,  
 "Ere vile Quadrille usurp'd the fiddle —  
 "What looks in *setting* were exchanging'd,  
 "What tender words in *down the middle* ;

"How many a couple, like the wind,  
 "Which nothing in its course controls,  
 "Left time and chaperons far behind,  
 "And gave a loose to legs and souls ;

"How matrimony throve — ere stopp'd  
 "By this cold, silent, foot coquetting —  
 "How charmingly one's partner popp'd  
 "Th' important question in *poussetting*.

"While now, alas — no sly advances —  
 "No marriage hints — all goes on badly —  
 "Twixt Parson Malthus and French Dances,  
 "We, girls, are at a discount sadly.

"Sir William Scott (now Baron Stowell)  
 "Declares not half so much is made  
 "By Licenses — and he must know well —  
 "Since vile Quadrilling spoil'd the trade."

She ceas'd — tears fell from every Miss —  
 She now had touch'd the true pathetic : —  
 One such authentic fact as this,  
 Is worth whole volumes theoretic.

Instant the cry was "Country Dance !"  
 And the maid saw, with brightening face,  
 The Steward of the night advance,  
 And lead her to her birthright place.

The fiddles, which a while had ceas'd,  
 Now tun'd again their summons sweet,  
 And, for one happy night, at least,  
 Old England's triumph was complete.

—  
 GAZEL.

HASTE, Maami, the spring is nigh ;  
 Already, in th' unopen'd flowers  
 That sleep around us, Fancy's eye  
 Can see the blush of future bowers ;  
 And joy it brings to thee and me,  
 My own beloved Maami !

The streamlet frozen on its way,  
 To feed the marble Founts of Kings,  
 Now, loosen'd by the vernal ray,  
 Upon its path exulting springs —  
 Ae doth this bounding heart to thee,  
 My ever blissful Maami !

Such bright hours were not made to stay,  
 Enough if they a while remain,  
 Like Irem's bowers, that fade away,  
 From time to time, and come again.  
 And life shall all one Irem be  
 For us, my gentle Maami.

O haste, for this impatient heart,  
 Is like the rose in Yemen's vale,  
 That rends its inmost leaves apart  
 With passion for the nightingale ;  
 So languishes this soul for thee,  
 My bright and blushing Maami !

—  
 LINES

ON THE DEATH OF

JOSEPH ATKINSON, ESQ. OF DUBLIN

If ever life was prosperously cast,  
 If ever life was like the lengthen'd flow  
 Of some sweet music, sweetness to the last,  
 'Twas his who, mourn'd by many, sleeps  
 below.

The sunny temper, bright where all is strife,  
 The simple heart above all worldly wiles ;  
 Light wit that plays along the calm of life,  
 And stirs its languid surface into smiles ;

Pure charity, that comes not in a shower,  
 Sudden and loud, oppressing what it feeds,  
 But, like the dew, with gradual silent power,  
 Felt in the bloom it leaves along the meads ;

The happy grateful spirit, that improves  
 And brightens every gift by fortune given ;  
 That wander where it will with those it loves,  
 Makes every place a home, and home a heaven :

All these were his. — O, thou who read'st this  
 stone,  
 When for thyself, thy children, to the sky  
 Thou humbly prayest, ask this boon alone,  
 That ye like him may live, like him may die !



## GENIUS AND CRITICISM.

*Scriptis quidem fata, sed sequitur.*

SENECA.

OF old, the Sultan Genius reign'd,  
As Nature meant, supreme, alone;  
With mind uncheck'd, and hands unchain'd,  
His views, his conquests were his own.

But power like his, that digs its grave  
With its own sceptre, could not last;  
So Genius' self became the slave  
Of laws that Genius' self had pass'd.

As Jove, who forg'd the chain of Fate,  
Was, ever after, doom'd to wear it;  
His nods, his struggles all too late —  
“*Qui semel jussit, semper parat.*”

To check young Genius' proud career,  
The slaves, who now his throne invaded,  
Made Criticism his prime Vizir,  
And from that hour his glories faded.

Tied down in Legislation's school,  
Afraid of even his own ambition,  
His very victories were by rule,  
And he was great but by permission.

His most heroic deeds — the same,  
That dazzled, when spontaneous actions —  
Now, done by law, seem'd cold and tame,  
And shorn of all their first attractions.

If he but stirr'd to take the air,  
Instant, the Vizir's Council sat —  
“Good Lord, your Highness can't go there —  
“Bless me, your Highness can't do that.”

If, loving pomp, he chose to buy  
Rich jewels for his diadem,  
“The taste was bad, the price was high —  
“A flower were simpler than a gem.”

To please them if he took to flowers —  
“What trifling, what unmeaning things!  
“Fit for a woman's toilet hours,  
“But not at all the style for Kings.”

If, fond of his domestic sphere,  
He play'd no more the rambling comet —

“A dull, good sort of man, 'twas clear,  
“But, as for great or brave, far from it.”

Did he then look o'er distant oceans,  
For realms more worthy to enthrone him! —  
“Saint Aristotle, what wild notions!  
“Serve a ‘ne exeat regno’ on him.”

At length, their last and worst to do,  
They round him plac'd a guard of watchmen,  
Reviewers, knaves in brown, or blue  
Turn'd up with yellow — chiefly Scotchmen;

To dog his footsteps all about,  
Like those in Longwood's prison grounds,  
Who at Napoleon's heels rode out,  
For fear the Conqueror should break bounds

O for some Champion of his power,  
Some *Ultra* spirit, to set free,  
As erst in Shakspeare's sovereign hour,  
The thunders of his Royalty! —

To vindicate his ancient line,  
The first, the true, the only one,  
Of Right eternal and divine,  
That rules beneath the blessed sun.

## TO LADY J \* R \* \* Y,

ON BEING ASKED TO WRITE SOMETHING IN HER  
ALBUM.

Written at Middleton.

O ALBUMS, albums, how I dread  
Your everlasting scrap and scrawl!  
How often wish that from the dead,  
Old Omar would pop forth his head,  
And make a bonfire of you all!

So might I 'scape the spinster band,  
The blushless blues, who, day and night,  
Like duns in doorways, take their stand,  
To waylay bards, with book in hand,  
Crying forever, “Write, sir, write!”

So might I shun the shame and pain,  
That o'er me at this instant come,  
When Beauty, seeking Wit in vain,  
Knocks at the portal of my brain,  
And gets, for answer, “Not at home!”

November, 1828.

## TO THE SAME.

ON LOOKING THROUGH HER ALBUM.

No wonder bards, both high and low,  
From Byron down to \* \* \* \* and me,

Should seek the fame, which all bestow  
On him whose task is praising thee.

Let but the theme be J \* r \* \* y's eyes,  
At once all errors are forgiven ;  
As ev'n old Sternhold still we prize,  
Because, though dull, he sings of heaven.

## SATIRICAL AND HUMOROUS POEMS.

THE following trifles, having enjoyed, in their circulation through the newspapers, all the celebrity and length of life to which they were entitled, would have been suffered to pass quietly into oblivion without pretending to any further distinction, had they not already been published, in a collective form, both in London and Paris, and, in each case, been mixed up with a number of other productions, to which, whatever may be their merit, the author of the following pages has no claim. A natural desire to separate his own property, worthless as it is, from that of others, is, he begs to say, the chief motive of the publication of this volume.

And needles in the great man's breeches :  
And how some *very* little things,  
That pass'd for Lords, on scaffoldings  
Got up, and worried him with speeches.

Alas, alas ! that it should happen  
To mighty men to be caught napping ! —  
Though different, too, these persecutions ;  
For Gulliver, *there*, took the nap,  
While, *here*, the *Nap*, O sad mishap,  
Is taken by the Lilliputians !

AMATORY COLLOQUY BETWEEN BANK  
AND GOVERNMENT.

1826.

BANK.

Is all then forgotten ? those amorous pranks  
You and I, in our youth, my dear Govern-  
ment, play'd ;  
When you call'd me the fondest, the truest of  
Banks,  
And enjoy'd the endearing *advances* I made !

When left to ourselves, unmolested and free,  
To do all that a dashing young couple should  
do,  
A law against *paying* was laid upon me,  
But none against *owing*, dear helpmate, on you.

And is it then vanish'd ? — that "hour (as Othello  
So happily calls it) of Love and *Direction* ?" <sup>1</sup>  
And must we, like other fond doves, my dear  
fellow,  
Grow good in our old age, and cut the con-  
nection ?

1

———— "An hour  
Of love, of worldly matter and direction."

## TO SIR HUDSON LOWE.

Effare causam nominis,  
Utrumne mores hoc tui  
Nomen dedere, an nomen hoc  
Secuta morum regula. AUSONIUS.

1816.

SIR Hudson Lowe, Sir Hudson *Low*,  
(By name, and ah ! by nature so)  
As thou art fond of persecutions,  
Perhaps thou'st read, or heard repeated,  
How Captain Gulliver was treated,  
When thrown among the Lilliputians.

They tied him down — these little men did —  
And having valiantly ascended  
Upon the Mighty Man's protuberance,  
They did so strut ! — upon my soul,  
It must have been extremely droll  
To see their pygmy pride's exuberance !

And how the doughty manikins  
Amus'd themselves with sticking pins

## GOVERNMENT.

Even so, my belov'd Mrs. Bank, it must be ;  
This paying in cash plays the devil with woo-  
ing ;<sup>1</sup>

We've both had our swing, but I plainly foresee  
There must soon be a stop to our *bill*-ing and  
cooing.

Propagation in reason — a small child or two —  
Even Reverend Malthus himself is a friend to ;  
The issue of some folks is mod'rate and few —  
But *ours*, my dear corporate Bank, there's no  
end to !

So — hard though it be on a pair, who've already  
Disposed of so many pounds, shillings, and  
pence ;

And, in spite of that pink of prosperity, Freddy,<sup>2</sup>  
So lavish of cash and so sparing of sense —

The day is at hand, my Papyrus<sup>3</sup> Venus,  
When — high as we once us'd to carry our  
capers —

Those soft *billet doux* we're now passing between  
us,

Will serve but to keep Mrs. Coutts in curl  
papers.

And when — if we *still* must continue our love,  
(After all that has pass'd) — our amour, it is  
clear,

Like that which Miss Danaë manag'd with Jove,  
Must all be transacted in *bullion*, my dear !

February, 1826.

DIALOGUE BETWEEN A SOVEREIGN  
AND A ONE-POUND NOTE.

IL "O ego non felix, quam tu fugis, ut pavet acres  
Agra lupcs, capreæque leones." Hor.

SAID a Sovereign to a Note,  
In the pocket of my coat,

Where they met in a neat purse of leather,

"How happens it, I prithee,

"That, though I'm wedded *with* thee,

"Fair Pound, we can never live together ?

"Like your sex, fond of *change*,

"With Silver you can range,

<sup>1</sup> It appears, however, that Ovid was a friend to the re-  
sumption of payment in specie : —

— "finem, specie cælesti resumptâ,  
Luctibus imposuit venitque salutifer urbi."

*Met.* l. 15, v. 743.

"And of lots of young sixpences be mother ;  
"While with *me* — upon my word,  
"Not my Lady and my Lord  
"Of W—stm—th see so little of each other !"

The indignant Note replied  
(Lying crumpled by his side),  
"Shame, shame, it is *yourself* that roam, Sir —  
"One cannot look askance,  
"But, whip ! you're off to France,  
"Leaving nothing but old rags at home, Sir.

"Your scampering began  
"From the moment Parson Van,  
"Poor man, made us *one* in Love's fetter ;  
" 'For better or for worse'  
"Is the usual marriage curse,  
"But ours is all 'worse' and no 'better.'

"In vain are laws pass'd,  
"There's nothing holds you fast,  
"Though you know, sweet Sovereign, I adore  
you —  
"At the smallest hint in life,  
"You forsake your lawful wife,  
"As *other* Sovereigns did before you.

"I flirt with Silver, true —  
"But what can ladies do,  
"When disown'd by their natural protectors ?  
"And as to falsehood, stuff !  
"I soon shall be *false* enough,  
"When I get among those wicked Bank Di-  
rectors."

The Sovereign, smiling on her,  
Now swore, upon his honor,  
To be henceforth domestic and loyal ;  
But, within an hour or two,  
Why — I sold him to a Jew,  
And now he's at No. 10 Palais Royal.

## AN EXPOSTULATION TO LORD KING.

"Quem das finem, Rex magne, laborum?" — VIRGIL.  
1826.

How *can* you, my Lord, thus delight to tor-  
ment all

The Peers of the realm about cheapening their  
corn,<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Honorable Frederic R—b—ns—n.

<sup>3</sup> So called, to distinguish her from the "Aurea" or  
*Golden Venus*.

<sup>4</sup> See the proceedings of the Lords, Wednesday, March 1.  
1826, when Lord King was severely reproved by several of

When you know, if one hasn't a very high rental,  
'Tis hardly worth while being very high born ?

Why bore them so rudely, each night of your  
life,

On a question, my Lord, there's so much to  
abhor in ?

A question — like asking one, "How is your  
wife ?" —

At once so confounded *domestic* and *foreign*.

As to weavers, no matter how poorly they feast ;  
But Peers, and such animals, fed up for show,  
(Like the well-physick'd elephant, lately de-  
ceas'd,)

Take a wonderful quantum of cramming, you  
know.

You might see, my dear Baron, how bor'd and  
distress'd

Were their high noble hearts by your merci-  
less tale,

When the force of the agony wrung ev'n a jest  
From the frugal Scotch wit of my Lord  
L—d—d—le !<sup>1</sup>

Bright Peer ! to whom Nature and Berwick-  
shire gave

A humor, endow'd with effects so provoking,  
That, when the whole House looks unusually  
grave,

You may always conclude that Lord L—d—  
—d—le's joking !

And then, those unfortunate weavers of Perth —  
Not to know the vast difference Providence  
dooms

Between weavers of Perth and Peers of high  
birth,

"Twixt those who have *heir*looms, and those  
who've but looms !

"To talk *now* of starving !" — as great Ath—l  
said<sup>2</sup> —

(And the nobles all cheer'd, and the bishops  
all wonder'd,)

"When, some years ago, he and others had fed  
Of these same hungry devils about fifteen  
hundred !"

the noble Peers, for making so many speeches against the  
Corn Laws.

<sup>1</sup> This noble Earl said, that "when he heard the petition  
brought from ladies' boot and shoemakers, he thought it must  
be against the 'corns' which they inflicted on the fair sex."

<sup>2</sup> The Duke of Athol said, that "at a former period,

It follows from hence — and the Duke's very  
words

Should be stamp'd wherever poor rogues of  
this craft are —

That weavers, *once* rescued from starving by  
Lords,

Are bound to be starved by said Lords ever  
after.

When Rome was uproarious, her knowing pa-  
tricians

Made "Bread and the Circus" a cure for each  
*row* ;

But not so the plan of *our* noble physicians,  
"No Bread and the Treadmill's" the regimen  
now.

So cease, my dear Baron of Ockham, your  
prose,

As I shall my poetry — *neither* convinces ;  
And all we have spoken and written but shows,  
When you tread on a noblman's *corn*,<sup>3</sup> how  
he winces.

#### THE SINKING FUND CRIED.

"Now what, we ask, is become of this Sinking Fund —  
these eight millions of surplus above expenditure, which  
were to reduce the interest of the national debt by the  
amount of four hundred thousand pounds annually ?  
Where, indeed, is the Sinking Fund itself ?" — *The  
Times*.

TAKE your bell, take your bell,  
Good Crier, and tell

To the Bulls and the Bears, till their ears are  
stunn'd,

That, lost or stolen,

Or fall'n through a hole in

The Treasury floor, is the Sinking Fund !

O yes ! O yes !

Can any body guess

What the deuse has become of this Treasury  
wonder ?

It has Pitt's name on't,

All brass, in the front,

And R—b—ns—n's, scrawl'd with a goose quill,  
under.

when these weavers were in great distress, the landed inter-  
est of Perth had supported 1500 of them. It was a poor re-  
turn for these very men now to petition against the persons  
who had fed them."

<sup>3</sup> An improvement, we flatter ourselves, on Lord L.'s  
joke.

Folks well knew what  
 Would soon be its lot,  
 When Frederic and Jenky set hobnobbing,<sup>1</sup>  
 And said to each other,  
 "Suppose, dear brother,  
 "We make this funny old Fund worth robbing."

We are come, alas!  
 To a very pretty pass —  
 Eight Hundred Millions of score to pay,  
 With but Five in the till,  
 To discharge the bill,  
 And even that Five, too, whipp'd away!

Stop thief! stop thief! —  
 From the Sub to the Chief,  
 These *Gemmen* of Finance are plundering cattle —  
 Call the watch — call Brougham,  
 Tell Joseph Hume,  
 That best of Charleys, to spring his rattle.

Whoever will bring  
 This aforesaid thing  
 To the well-known House of Bobinson and  
 Jenkin,  
 Shall be paid, with thanks,  
 In the notes of banks,  
 Whose Funds have all learn'd "the Art of  
 Sinking."

O yes! O yes!  
 Can any body guess  
 What the dev'l has become of this Treasury  
 wonder?  
 It has Pitt's name on't,  
 All brass, in the front,  
 And R—b—ns—n's, scrawl'd with a goose quill,  
 under.

#### ODE TO THE GODDESS CERES.

BY SIR TH—M—S L—THBR—E.

"Legifera Cereri Phœboque." VIRGIL.

DEAR Goddess of Corn, whom the ancients, we  
 know,  
 (Among other odd whims of those comical  
 bodies,)

Adorn'd with somniferous poppies, to show  
 Thou wert always a true Country-gentleman's  
 Goddess.

Behold, in his best shooting jacket, before thee,  
 An eloquent Squire, who most humbly be-  
 seesches,  
 Great Queen of Mark Lane (if the thing doesn't  
 bore thee),  
 Thou'lt read o'er the last of his — *never*-last  
 speeches.

Ah, Ceres! thou knows't not the slander and  
 scorn  
 Now heap'd upon England's Squirearchy, so  
 boasted;  
 Improving on Hunt,<sup>2</sup> 'tis no longer the Corn,  
 'Tis the *growers* of Corn that are now, alas!  
 roasted.

In speeches, in books, in all shapes they attack  
 us —  
 Reviewers, economists — fellows, no doubt,  
 That you, my dear Ceres, and Venus, and Bac-  
 chus,  
 And Gods of high fashion know little about.

There's B—nth—m, whose English is all his  
 own making, —  
 Who thinks just as little of settling a nation  
 As he would of smoking his pipe, or of taking  
 (What he, himself, calls) his "post-prandial  
 vibration."<sup>3</sup>

There are two Mr. M—lls, too, whom those  
 that love reading  
 Through all that's unreadable, call very  
 clever; —  
 And, whereas M—ll Senior makes war on  
*good* breeding,  
 M—ll Junior makes war on all *breeding*  
 whatever!

In short, my dear Goddess, Old England's di-  
 vided  
 Between *ultra* blockheads and superfine sages;  
 With *which* of these classes we, landlords, have  
 sided  
 Thou'lt find in my Speech, if thou'lt read a  
 few pages.

<sup>1</sup> In 1824, when the Sinking Fund was raised by the im-  
 position of new taxes to the sum of five millions.

<sup>2</sup> A sort of "breakfast powder," composed of roasted

corn, was about this time introduced by Mr. Hunt, as a sub-  
 stitute for coffee.

<sup>3</sup> The venerable Jeremy's phrase for his after-dinne  
 walk



For therein I've prov'd, to my own satisfaction,  
 And that of all Squires I've the honor of  
 meeting,  
 That 'tis the most senseless and foul-mouth'd  
 detraction  
 To say that poor people are fond of cheap  
 eating.

On the contrary, such the "*chaste notions*"<sup>1</sup> of  
 food  
 That dwell in each pale manufacturer's heart,  
 They would scorn any law, be it ever so good,  
 That would make thee, dear Goddess, less  
 dear than thou art!

And, O, for Monopoly what a bless'd day,  
 When the Land and the Silk<sup>2</sup> shall, in fond  
 combination,  
 (Like *Sulky* and *Silky*, that pair in the play,<sup>3</sup>)  
 Cry out, with one voice, for High Rents and  
 Starvation!

Long life to the Minister!—no matter who,  
 Or how dull he may be, if, with dignified  
 spirit, he  
 Keeps the ports shut—and the people's mouths,  
 too—  
 We shall all have a long run of Freddy's  
 prosperity.

And, as for myself, who've, like Hannibal, sworn  
 To hate the whole crew who would take our  
 rents from us,  
 Had England but *One* to stand by thee, Dear  
 Corn,  
 That last, honest Uni-Corn<sup>4</sup> would be Sir  
 Th—m—s!

#### A HYMN OF WELCOME AFTER THE RECESS.

"Animas sapientiores fieri quiescendo."

AND NOW — cross buns and pancakes o'er —  
 Hail, Lords and Gentlemen, once more!

<sup>1</sup> A phrase in one of Sir T—m—s's last speeches.  
<sup>2</sup> Great efforts were, at that time, making for the exclu-  
 sion of foreign silk.

<sup>3</sup> "Road to Ruin."

<sup>4</sup> This is meant not so much for a pun, as in allusion to  
 the natural history of the Unicorn, which is supposed to be  
 something between the Bos and the Asinus, and, as Rees's  
 Cyclopædia assures us, has a particular liking for every  
 thing "*chaste*."

<sup>5</sup> An item of expense which Mr. Hume in vain endeav-

Thrice hail and welcome, Houses Twain!  
 The short eclipse of April Day  
 Having (God grant it!) pass'd away,  
 Collective Wisdom, shine again!

Come, Ayes and Noes, through thick and  
 thin,—

With Paddy H—lmes for whipper-in, —  
 Whate'er the job, prepar'd to back it;  
 Come, voters of Supplies — bestowers  
 Of jackets upon trumpet blowers,  
 At eighty mortal pounds the jacket!<sup>5</sup>

Come — free, at length, from Joint-Stock cares—  
 Ye Senators of many Shares,  
 Whose dreams of premium knew no bound-  
 ary;  
 So fond of aught like *Company*,  
 That you would even have taken *tea*  
 (Had you been ask'd) with Mr. Goundry.<sup>6</sup>

Come, matchless country gentlemen;  
 Come, wise Sir Thomas — wisest then,  
 When creeds and corn laws are debated;  
 Come, rival ev'n the Harlot Red,  
 And show how wholly into *bread*  
 A Squire is *transubstantiated*.

Come, L—derd—e, and tell the world,  
 That — surely as thy scratch is curl'd,  
 As never scratch was curl'd before —  
 Cheap eating does more harm than good,  
 And working people, spoil'd by food,  
 The less they eat, will work the more.

Come, G—lb—rn, with thy glib defence  
 (Which thou'dst have made for Peter's Pence)  
 Of Church Rates, worthy of a halter;  
 Two pipes of port (*old port*, 'twas said  
 By honest *Newport*<sup>7</sup>) bought and paid  
 By Papists for the Orange Altar!<sup>8</sup>

Come H—rt—n, with thy plan, so merry,  
 For peopling Canada from Kerry —  
 Not so much rendering Ireland quiet,

ored to get rid of:—trumpeters, it appears, like the mex.  
 of All-Souls, must be "*bene vestiti*."

<sup>6</sup> The gentleman, lately before the public, who kept his  
*Joint-Stock Tea Company* all to himself, singing "*Te solo*  
*adoro*."

<sup>7</sup> Sir John Newport.

<sup>8</sup> This charge of two pipes of port for the sacramental  
 wine is a precious specimen of the sort of rates levied upon  
 their Catholic fellow-parishioners by the Irish Protestants.

IL "The thirst that from the soul doth rise  
 Doth ask a drink divine."

As grafting on the dull Canadians  
That liveliest of earth's contagions,  
The *bull*-pock of Hibernian riot!

Come all, in short, ye wond'rous men  
Of wit and wisdom, come again;  
Though short your absence, all deplore it—  
O, come and show, whate'er men say,  
That you can, *after* April Day,  
Be just as—sapient as *before* it.

### MEMORABILIA OF LAST WEEK.

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1826.

THE Budget—quite charming and witty—no hearing,

For plaudits and laughs, the good things that were in it;—

Great comfort to find, though the Speech isn't *cheering*,

That all its gay auditors *were*, every minute.

What, *still* more prosperity!—mercy upon us,  
"This boy 'll be the death of me"—oft as, already,

Such smooth Budgeteers have genteelly undone us,

For *Ruin made easy* there's no one like Freddy.

TUESDAY.

Much grave apprehension express'd by the Peers,

Lest—calling to life the old Peachums and Lockitts—

The large stock of gold we're to have in three years,

Should all find its way into highwaymen's pockets!!<sup>1</sup>

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WEDNESDAY.

Little doing—for sacred, O Wednesday, thou art  
To the seven-o'clock joys of full many a table—

When *the Members* all meet, to make much of that part,

With which they so rashly fell out, in the Fable.

<sup>1</sup> "Another objection to a metallic currency was, that it produced a greater number of highway robberies."—*Debate in the Lords.*

It appear'd, though, to-night, that—as church-wardens, yearly,

Eat up a small baby—those cormorant sinners,

The Bankrupt Commissioners, *bolt* very nearly  
A mod'rate-sized bankrupt, *tout chaud*, for their dinners!<sup>2</sup>

*Nota bene*—a rumor to-day, in the City,

"Mr. R—b—ns—n just has resign'd"—what a pity!

The Bulls and the Bears all fell a-sobbing,  
When they heard of the fate of poor Cock *Robin*;  
While thus, to the nursery tune, so pretty,  
A murmuring *Stock* dove breath'd her ditty:—

Alas, poor *Robin* he crow'd as long

And as sweet as a prosperous Cock could crow;

But his *note* was *small*, and the *goldfinch's* song  
Was a pitch too high for Robin to go.

Who'll make his shroud?

"I," said the Bank, "though he play'd me a prank,

"While I have a rag, poor *Rob* shall be roll'd in't,

"With many a pound I'll paper him round,  
"Like a plump rouleau—*without* the gold in't."

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### ALL IN THE FAMILY WAY.

A NEW PASTORAL BALLAD.

(SUNG IN THE CHARACTER OF BRITANNIA.)

"The Public Debt is due from ourselves to ourselves, and resolves itself into a Family Account."—*Sir Robert Peel's Letter.*

Tune—*My banks are all furnish'd with bees.*

My banks are all furnish'd with rags;  
So thick, even Freddy can't thin 'em;

I've torn up my old money bags,  
Having little or nought to put in 'em.

My tradesmen are smashing by dozens,  
But this is all nothing, they say;

For bankrupts, since Adam, are cousins,—  
So, it's all in the family way.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Abercromby's statement of the enormous tavern bills of the Commissioners of Bankrupts.

My Debt not a penny takes from me,  
 As sages the matter explain ;—  
 Bob owes it to Tom, and then Tommy  
 Just owes it to Bob back again.  
 Since all have thus taken to *owing*,  
 There's nobody left that can *pay* ;  
 And this is the way to keep going,—  
 All quite in the family way.

My senators vote away millions,  
 To put in Prosperity's budget ;  
 And though it were billions or trillions,  
 The generous rogues wouldn't grudge it.  
 'Tis all but a family *hop*,  
 'Twas Pitt began dancing the hay ;  
 Hands round !— why the deuse should we stop ?  
 'Tis all in the family way.

My laborers used to eat mutton,  
 As any great man of the State does ;  
 And now the poor devils are put on  
 Small rations of tea and potatoes.  
 But cheer up, John, Sawney, and Paddy,  
 The King is your father, they say ;  
 So, ev'n if you starve for your Daddy,  
 'Tis all in the family way.

My rich manufacturers tumble,  
 My poor ones have nothing to chew ;  
 And, ev'n if themselves do not grumble,  
 Their stomachs undoubtedly do.  
 But coolly to fast *en famille*,  
 Is as good for the soul as to pray ;  
 And famine itself is genteel,  
 When one starves in a family way.

I have found out a secret for Freddy,  
 A secret for next Budget day ;  
 Though, perhaps, he may know it already,  
 As *he*, too, 's a sage in his way.  
 When next for the Treasury scene he  
 Announces "the Devil to pay,"  
 Let him write on the bills, "*Nota bene*,  
 " 'Tis all in the family way."

#### BALLAD FOR THE CAMBRIDGE ELECTION.

I authorized my Committee to take the step which they did, of proposing a fair comparison of strength, upon the understanding that *whichever of the two should prove to be the weakest, should give way to the other.*"— *Extract from Mr. W. J. B—kes's Letter to Mr. G—lb—n.*

B—KES is weak, and G—lb—n too,  
 No one e'er the fact denied ;—

Which is "*weakest*" of the two,  
 Cambridge can alone decide.  
 Choose between them, Cambridge, *pray*.  
 Which is weakest, Cambridge, say.

G—lb—n of the Pope afraid is,  
 B—kes, as much afraid as he :  
 Never yet did two old ladies  
 On this point so well agree.  
 Choose between them, Cambridge, *pray*  
 Which is weakest, Cambridge, say.

Each a different mode pursues,  
 Each the same conclusion reaches ;  
 B—kes is foolish in Reviews,  
 G—lb—n, foolish in his speeches.  
 Choose between them, Cambridge, *pray*,  
 Which is weakest, Cambridge, say.

Each a different foe doth damn,  
 When his own affairs have gone ill ;  
 B—kes he damneth Buckingham,  
 C—lb—n damneth Dan O'Connell.  
 Choose between them, Cambridge, *pray*,  
 Which is weakest, Cambridge, say.

Once, we know, a horse's neigh  
 Fix'd th' election to a throne,  
 So, whichever first shall *bray*,  
 Choose him, Cambridge, for thy own.  
 Choose him, choose him by his bray,  
 Thus elect him, Cambridge, *pray*.

June, 1836.

#### MR. ROGER DODSWORTH.

1836.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,— Having just heard of the wonderful resurrection of Mr. Roger Dodsworth from under an *avalanche*, where he had remained, *bien frappé*, it seems, for the last 166 years, I hasten to impart to you a few reflections on the subject.—  
 Yours, &c. LAUDATOR TEMPORIS ACTI.

WHAT a lucky turn up!— just as Eld—n's  
 withdrawing,

To find thus a gentleman, froz'n in the year  
 Sixteen hundred and sixty, who only wants  
 thawing,

To serve for *our* times quite as well as the  
 Peer ;—

To bring thus to light, not the Wisdom alone  
 Of our Ancestors, such as 'tis found on our  
 shelves,

But, in perfect condition, full wigg'd and full grown,  
To shovel up one of those wise bucks themselves!

O thaw Mr. Dodsworth, and send him safe home!  
Let him learn nothing useful or new on the way;  
With his wisdom kept snug from the light let him come,  
And our Tories will hail him with "Hear!" and "Hurrah!"

What a Godsend to *them!* — a good, obsolete man,  
Who has never of Locke or Voltaire been a reader; —

O thaw Mr. Dodsworth as fast as you can,  
And the L—nsd—les and H—rtf—rds shall choose him for leader.

Yes, Sleeper of Ages, thou *shall* be their chosen!  
And deeply with thee will they sorrow, good men,  
To think that all Europe has, since thou wert frozen,  
So alter'd, thou hardly wilt know it again.

And Eld—n will weep o'er each sad innovation  
Such oceans of tears, thou wilt fancy that he  
Has been also laid up in a long congelation,  
And is now only thawing, dear Roger, like thee.

#### COPY OF AN INTERCEPTED DESPATCH.

FROM HIS EXCELLENCY DON STREPITOSO DIABOLO,  
ENVOY EXTRAORDINARY TO HIS SATANIC MAJESTY.

St. James's Street, July 1, 1836.

GREAT Sir, having just had the good luck to catch  
An official young Demon, preparing to go,  
Ready booted and spurr'd, with a blackleg despatch  
From the Hell here, at Cr—ckf—rd's, to our Hell, below —

I write these few lines to your Highness Satanic,  
To say that, first having obey'd your directions,

And done all the mischief I could in "the Panic,"  
My next special care was to help the Elections.

Well knowing how dear were those times to thy soul,  
When ev'ry good Christian tormented his brother,  
And caus'd, in thy realm, such a saving of coal,  
From all coming down, ready grill'd by each other;

Rememb'ring, besides, how it pain'd thee to part  
With the Old Penal Code — that *chef-d'œuvre* of Law,  
In which (though to own it too modest thou art)  
We could plainly perceive the fine touch of thy claw;

I thought, as we ne'er can those good times revive,  
(Though Eld—n, with help from your Highness would try,)  
'Twould still keep a taste for Hell's music alive,  
Could we get up a thund'ring No-Popery cry; —

That yell which, when chorus'd by laics and clerics,  
So like is to *ours*, in its spirit and tone,  
That I often nigh laugh myself into hysterics,  
To think that Religion should make it her own.

So, having sent down for th' original notes  
Of the chorus, as sung by your Majesty's choir,  
With a few pints of lava, to gargle the throats  
Of myself and some others, who sing it "with fire,"<sup>1</sup>

Thought I, "if the Marseillois Hymn could command  
"Such audience, though yell'd by a *Sans-culotte* crew,  
"What wonders shall *we* do, who've men in our band,  
"That not only wear breeches, but petticoats too."

<sup>1</sup> *Con fuoco* — a music-book direction.

Such *then* were my hopes ; but, with sorrow,  
your Highness,

I'm forc'd to confess — be the cause what it  
will,

Whether fewness of voices, or hoarseness, or  
shyness, —

Our Beelzebub Chorus has gone off but ill.

The truth is, no placeman now knows his right  
key,

The Treasury pitch pipe of late is so various ;  
And certain *base* voices, that look'd for a fee

At the *York* music meeting, now think it pre-  
carious.

Even some of our Reverends *might* have been  
warmer, —

Though one or two capital roars we've had ;  
Doctor Wise <sup>1</sup> is, for instance, a charming per-  
former,

And *Huntingdon* Maberley's yell was not bad !

Altogether, however, the thing was not hearty ;  
Even Eld—n allows we got on but so so ;

And when next we attempt a No-Popery party,  
We *must*, please your Highness, recruit *from*  
*below*.

But, hark, the young Blackleg is cracking his  
whip —

Excuse me, Great Sir — there's no time to be  
civil ; —

The next opportunity shan't be let slip,

But, till then,

I'm, in haste, your most dutiful

July, 1826.

DEVIL.

### THE MILLENNIUM.

SUGGESTED BY THE LATE WORK OF THE REV-  
EREND MR. IRVING "ON PROPHECY."

1826.

A MILLENNIUM at hand ! — I'm delighted to  
hear it —

As matters, both public and private, now go,

<sup>1</sup> This reverend gentleman distinguished himself at the  
Reading election.

<sup>2</sup> "A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures  
of barley for a penny." — *Rev.* vi.

<sup>3</sup> See the oration of this reverend gentleman, where he  
describes the connubial joys of Paradise, and paints the an-  
gels hovering round "each happy fair."

<sup>4</sup> When Whiston presented to Prince Eugene the Essay

With multitudes round us all starving, or near it,  
A good, rich Millennium will come *à propos*

Only think, Master Fred, what delight 't be-  
hold,

Instead of thy bankrupt old City of Rags,  
A bran new Jerusalem, built all of gold,  
Sound bullion throughout, from the roof to  
the flags —

A City, where wine and cheap corn<sup>2</sup> shall  
abound —

A celestial *Cocaigne*, on whose buttery shelves  
We may swear the best things of this world will  
be found,

As your Saints seldom fail to take care of  
themselves !

Thanks, reverend expounder of raptures Elys-  
ian,<sup>3</sup>

Divine Squintifobus, who, plac'd within reach  
Of two opposite worlds, by a twist of your vision,  
Can cast, at the same time, a sly look at  
each ; —

Thanks, thanks for the hope thou affordest, that  
we

May, ev'n our own times, a Jubilee share,  
Which so long has been promis'd by prophets  
like thee,

And so often postpon'd, we began to despair.

There was Whiston,<sup>4</sup> who learnedly took Prince  
Eugene

For the man who must bring the Millennium  
about ;

There's Faber, whose pious productions have  
been

All belied, ere his book's first edition was  
out ; —

There was Counsellor Dobbs, too, an Irish M. P.,  
Who discours'd on the subject with signal  
*éclat*,

And, each day of his life, sat expecting to see

A Millennium break out in the town of Ar-  
magh !<sup>5</sup>

in which he attempted to connect his victories over the  
Turks with Revelation, the Prince is said to have replied,  
that "he was not aware he had ever had the honor of being  
known to St. John."

<sup>5</sup> Mr. Dobbs was a member of the Irish Parliament, and,  
on all other subjects but the Millennium, a very sensible  
person : he chose Armagh as the scene of his Millennium  
on account of the name Armageddon, mentioned in Revela-  
tion.



There was also — but why should I burden my  
lay

With your Brothesers, Southcotes, and names  
less deserving,

When all past Millenniums henceforth must give  
way

To the last new Millennium of Orator Irv—ng.

Go on, mighty man,—doom them all to the  
shelf,—

And when next thou with Prophecy troublest  
thy sconce,

(I forgot not, I pray thee, to prove that thyself  
Art the Beast (Chapter iv.) that sees nine  
ways at once.

### THE THREE DOCTORS.

Doctoribus lætamur tribus.

1826.

THOUGH many great Doctors there be,

There are three that all Doctors out-top,  
Doctor Eady, that famous M. D.,  
Doctor S—th—y, and dear Doctor Slop.<sup>1</sup>

The purger—the proser—the bard —  
All quacks in a different style;

Doctor S—th—y writes books by the yard,  
Doctor Eady writes puffs by the mile!<sup>2</sup>

Doctor Slop, in no merit outdone  
By his scribbling or physicking brother,  
Can dose us with stuff like the one,  
Ay, and *doze* us with stuff like the other.

Doctor Eady good company keeps  
With “No-Popery” scribes, on the walls;  
Doctor S—th—y as gloriously sleeps  
With “No-Popery” scribes, on the stalls.

Doctor Slop, upon subjects divine,  
Such bedlamite slaver lets drop,  
That, if Eady should take the *mad* line,  
He'll be sure of a patient in Slop.

Seven millions of Papists, no less,  
Doctor S—th—y attacks, like a Turk;<sup>3</sup>  
Doctor Eady, less bold, I confess,  
Attacks but his maid-of-all-work.<sup>4</sup>

Doctor S—th—y, for *his* grand attack,  
Both a laureate and pensioner is;  
While poor Doctor Eady, alack,  
Has been *had up* to Bow street, for his!

And truly, the law does so blunder,  
That, though little blood has been spilt, he  
May probably suffer as, under  
The *Chalking Act*, known to be guilty.

So much for the merits sublime  
(With whose catalogue ne'er should I stop)  
Of the three greatest lights of our time,  
Doctor Eady, and S—th—y, and Slop!

Should you ask me, to *which* of the three  
Great Doctors the preference should fall,  
As a matter of course, I agree  
Doctor Eady must go to *the wall*.

But as S—th—y with laurels is crown'd,  
And Slop with a wig and a tail is,  
Let Eady's bright temples be bound  
With a swingeing “*Corona Muralis!*”<sup>5</sup>

### EPITAPH ON A TUFT HUNTER

LAMENT, lament, Sir Isaac Heard,  
Put mourning round thy page, Debrett,  
For here lies one, who ne'er preferr'd  
A Viscount to a Marquis yet.

Beside him place the God of Wit,  
Before him Beauty's rosiest girls,  
Apollo for a *star* he'd quit,  
And Love's own sister for an Earl's.

Did niggard fate no peers afford,  
He took, of course, to peers' relations;

<sup>1</sup> The editor of the Morning Herald, so nicknamed.

<sup>2</sup> Alluding to the display of this doctor's name, in chalk, on all the walls round the metropolis.

<sup>3</sup> This seraphic doctor, in the preface to his last work (*Vindiciae Ecclesie Anglicanae*), is pleased to anathematize not only all Catholics, but all advocates of Catholics:—“They have for their immediate allies (he says) every faction that is banded against the State, every demagogue, every irreligious and seditious journalist, every open and every insidious enemy to Monarchy and to Christianity.”

<sup>4</sup> See the late accounts in the newspapers of the appearance of this gentleman at one of the Police offices, in consequence of an alleged assault on his “maid-of-all work.”

<sup>5</sup> A crown granted as a reward among the Romans to persons who performed any extraordinary exploits upon walls, such as scaling them, battering them, &c.—No doubt, writing upon them, to the extent Dr. Eady does, would equally establish a claim to the honor.

And, rather than not sport a Lord,  
Put up with ev'n the last creations.

Ev'n Irish names, could he but tag 'em  
With "Lord" and "Duke," were sweet to  
call ;

And, at a pinch, Lord Ballyraggum  
Was better than no Lord at all.

Heav'n grant him now some noble nook,  
For, rest his soul ! he'd rather be  
Genteelly damn'd beside a Duke,  
Than sav'd in vulgar company.

ODE TO A HAT.

— "altum  
Ædificat caput." JUVENAL.

1826.

HAIL, reverend Hat ! — sublime 'mid all  
The minor felts that round thee grovel ; —  
Thou, that the Gods "a Delta" call,  
While meaner mortals call thee "shovel."

When on thy shape (like pyramid,  
Cut horizontally in two<sup>1</sup>)  
I raptur'd gaze, what dreams, unbid,  
Of stalls and mitres bless my view !

That brim of brims, so sleekly good —  
Not flapp'd, like dull Wesleyans', down,  
But looking (as all churchmen's should)  
Devoutly upward — towards the *crow*n.

Gods ! when I gaze upon that brim,  
So redolent of Church all over,  
What swarms of Tithes, in vision dim, —  
Some pig-tail'd, some like cherubim,  
With ducklings' wings — around it hover !  
Tents of all dead and living things,  
That Nature into being brings,  
From calves and corn to chitterlings.

Say, holy Hat, that hast, of cocks,  
The very cock most orthodox,  
To *which*, of all the well-fed throng  
Of Zion,<sup>2</sup> joy'st thou to belong ?  
Thou'rt *not* Sir Harcourt Lees's — no —  
For hats grow like the heads that wear 'em ;  
And hats, on heads like his, would grow  
Particularly *harum-scarum*.

<sup>1</sup> So described by a Reverend in section of the Church : —  
"A Delta hat, like the horizontal section of a pyramid." —  
GRANT'S *History of the English Church*.

Who knows but thou mayst deck the pate  
Of that fam'd Doctor Ad—mth—te,  
(The reverend rat, whom we saw stand  
On his hind legs in Westmoreland.)  
Who chang'd so quick from *blue* to *yellow*,  
And would from *yellow* back to *blue*,  
And back again, convenient fellow,  
If 'twere his interest so to do.

Or, haply, smartest of triangles,  
Thou art the hat of Doctor Ow—n ;  
The hat that, to his vestry wrangles,  
That venerable priest doth go in, —  
And, then and there, amid the stare  
Of all St. Olave's, takes the chair,  
And quotes, with phiz right orthodox,  
Th' example of his reverend brothers,  
To prove that priests all fleece their flocks,  
And *he* must fleece as well as others.

Bless'd Hat ! (whoe'r thy lord may be)  
Thus low I take off mine to thee,  
The homage of a layman's *castor*,  
To the spruce *delta* of his pastor.  
O mayst thou be, as thou proceedest,  
Still smarter cock'd, still brush'd the brighter,  
Till, bowing all the way, thou leapest  
Thy sleek possessor to a mitre !

NEWS FOR COUNTRY COUSINS.

1836.

DEAR Coz, as I know neither you nor Miss  
Draper,  
When Parliament's up, ever take in a paper,  
But trust for your news to such stray odds and  
ends  
As you chance to pick up from political friends  
Being one of this well-inform'd class, I sit down  
To transmit you the last newest news that's in  
town.

As to Greece and Lord Cochrane, things couldn't  
look better —  
His Lordship (who promises now to fight  
faster)  
Has just taken Rhodes, and despatch'd off a  
letter  
To Daniel O'Connell, to make him Grand  
Master ;

<sup>2</sup> Archbishop Magee affectionately calls the Church Estab-  
lishment of Ireland "the little Zion"

Engaging to change the old name, if he can,  
From the Knights of St. John to the Knights  
of St. Dan; —

Or, if Dan should prefer (as a still better whim)  
Being made the Colossus, 'tis all one to him.

From Russia the last accounts are that the Czar,  
Most gen'rous and kind, as all sovereigns are,  
And whose first princely act (as you know, I  
suppose)

Was to give away all his late brother's old  
clothes<sup>1</sup> —

Is now busy collecting, with brotherly care,  
The late Emperor's nightcaps, and thinks of  
bestowing

One nightcap apiece (if he has them to spare)

On all the distinguish'd old ladies now going.  
(While I write, an arrival from Riga — the  
"Brothers" —

Having nightcaps on board for Lord Eld—n and  
others.)

Last advices from India — Sir Archy, 'tis  
thought,

Was near catching a Tartar (the first ever caught  
In N. Lat. 21.) — and his Highness Burmese,  
Being very hard press'd to shell out the rupees,  
And not having rhino sufficient, they say, meant  
To pawn his august Golden Foot<sup>2</sup> for the pay-  
ment.

(How lucky for monarchs, that thus, when they  
choose,

Can establish a *running* account with the Jews!)  
The security being what Rothschild calls "goot,"  
A loan will be shortly, of course, set *on foot*;  
The parties are Rothschild, A. Baring and Co.

With three other great pawnbrokers; each takes  
a toe,

And engages (lest Goldfoot should give us *leg*  
bail,

As he did once before) to pay down *on the nail*.

This is all for the present — what vile pens and  
paper!

Yours truly, dear Cousin — best love to Miss  
Draper.

September, 1826.

### A VISION.

BY THE AUTHOR OF CHRISTABEL.

"UP!" said the Spirit, and, ere I could pray  
One hasty orison, whirl'd me away

<sup>1</sup> A distribution was made of the Emperor Alexander's  
military wardrobe by his successor.

To a Limbo, lying — I wist not where —  
Above or below, in earth or air;  
For it glimmer'd o'er with a *doubtful* light,  
One couldn't say whether 'twas day or night;  
And 'twas cross'd by many a mazy track,  
One didn't know how to get on or back;  
And I felt like a needle that's going astray  
(With its *one* eye out) through a bundle of hay;  
When the Spirit he grinn'd, and whisper'd me,  
"Thou'rt now in the Court of Chancery!"

Around me fitted unnumber'd swarms  
Of shapeless, bodiless, tailless forms;  
(Like bottled up babes, that grace the room  
Of that worthy knight, Sir Everard Home) —  
All of them, things half kill'd in rearing;  
Some were lame — some wanted *hearing*;  
Some had through half a century run,  
Though they hadn't a leg to stand upon.  
Others, more merry, as just beginning,  
Around on a *point of law* were spinning;  
Or balanc'd aloft, 'twixt *Bill* and *Answer*,  
Lead at each end, like a tight-rope dancer.  
Some were so *cross*, that nothing could please  
'em; —

Some gulp'd down *affidavits* to ease 'em; —  
All were in motion, yet never a one,  
Let it *move* as it might, could ever move on.  
"These," said the Spirit, "you plainly see,  
"Are what they call suits in Chancery!"

I heard a loud screaming of old and young,  
Like a chorus by fifty *Vellutis* sung;  
Or an Irish Dump ("the words by Moore")  
At an amateur concert scream'd in score; —  
So harsh on my ear that wailing fell  
Of the wretches who in this Limbo dwell!  
It seem'd like the dismal symphony  
Of the shapes *Aeneas* in hell did see;  
Or those frogs, whose legs a barbarous cook  
Cut off, and left the frogs in the brook.  
To cry all night, till life's last dregs, —  
"Give us our legs! — give us our legs!"  
Touch'd with the sad and sorrowful scene,  
I ask'd what all this yell might mean, —  
When the Spirit replied, with a grin of glee,  
"'Tis the cry of the Suitors in Chancery!"

I look'd, and I saw a wizard rise,<sup>3</sup>  
With a wig like a cloud before men's eyes.  
In his aged hand he held a wand,  
Wherewith he beckon'd his embryo band,

<sup>2</sup> This potentate styles himself the Monarch of the Golden  
Foot.

<sup>3</sup> The Lord Chancellor Eld—n.

And they mov'd and mov'd, as he wav'd it o'er,  
 But they never got on one inch the more.  
 And still they kept limping to and fro,  
 Like Ariels round old Prospero —  
 Saying, "Dear Master, let us go,"  
 But still old Prospero answer'd "No."  
 And I heard, the while, that wizard elf  
 Muttering, muttering spells to himself,  
 While o'er as many old papers he turn'd,  
 As Hume e'er mov'd for, or Omar burn'd.  
 He talk'd of his virtue — "though some, less  
 nice,

(He own'd with a sigh) prefer'd his *Vice*" —  
 And he said, "I think" — "I doubt" — "I  
 hope,"

Call'd God to witness, and damn'd the Pope;  
 With many more sleights of tongue and hand  
 I couldn't, for the soul of me, understand.  
 Amaz'd and pos'd, I was just about  
 To ask his name, when the screams without,  
 The merciless clack of the imps within,  
 And that conjurer's mutterings made such a din,  
 That, startled, I woke — leap'd up in my bed —  
 Found the Spirit, the imps, and the conjurer fled,  
 And bless'd my stars, right pleas'd to see,  
 That I wasn't, as yet, in Chancery.

THE PETITION OF THE ORANGEMEN  
 OF IRELAND.

1836.

To the people of England, the humble Petition  
 Of Ireland's disconsolate Orangemen, showing —

That sad, very sad, is our present condition: —  
 Our jobbing all gone, and our noble selves  
 going; —

That, forming one seventh, within a few frac-  
 tions,  
 Of Ireland's seven millions of hot heads and  
 hearts,  
 We hold it the basest of all base transactions  
 To keep us from murd'ring the other six  
 parts; —

That, as to laws made for the good of the many,  
 We humbly suggest there is nothing less true;  
 As all human laws (and our own, more than  
 any)  
 Are made *by* and *for* a particular few; — A

That much it delights ev'ry true Orange brother,  
 To see you, in England, such ardor evince,  
 In discussing *which* sect most tormented the  
 other,  
 And burn'd with most *gusto*, some hundred  
 years since; —

That we love to behold, while old England grows  
 faint,  
 Messrs. Southey and Butler nigh coming to  
 blows,  
 To decide whether Dunstan, that strong-bodied  
 Saint,  
 Ever truly and really pull'd the Dev'l's nose;

Whether t'other Saint, Dominic, burnt the  
 Dev'l's paw —  
 Whether Edwy intrigued with Elgiva's old  
 mother' —  
 And many such points, from which Southey can  
 draw  
 Conclusions most apt for our hating each  
 other.

That 'tis very well known this devout Irish  
 nation  
 Has now, for some ages, gone happily on,  
 Believing in two kinds of Substantiation,  
 One party in *Trans* and the other in *Con*;<sup>2</sup>

That we, your petitioning *Cons*, have, in right  
 Of the said monosyllable, ravag'd the lands,  
 And embezzed the goods, and annoy'd, day and  
 night,  
 Both the bodies and souls of the sticklers for  
*Trans*; —

That we trust to Peel, Eldon, and other such  
 sages,  
 For keeping us still in the same state of  
 mind;  
 Pretty much as the world us'd to be in those  
 ages,  
 When still smaller syllables madden'd man-  
 kind; —

When the words *ex* and *per*<sup>3</sup> serv'd as well, &  
 annoy  
 One's neighbors and friends with, as *con* and  
*trans* now;

1 To such important discussions as these the greater part  
 of Dr Southey's *Vindicia Ecclesie Anglicana* is devoted.

2 Consubstantiation — the true Reformed belief; at least,

the belief of Luther, and, as Mosheim, asserts, of Melan-  
 thon also.

3 When John of Ragusa went to Constantinople (at the





Thou'lt find still among us one Personage old,  
Who also by tricks and the *Seals*<sup>1</sup> makes a  
penny.

Thou, too, of the Shakers, divine Mother Lee!<sup>2</sup>  
Thy smiles to beatified B—tt—rw—rth deign;  
Two "lights of the Gentiles" are thou, Anne,  
and he,  
One hallowing Fleet Street, and *t'other* Toad  
Lane!<sup>3</sup>

The Heathen, we know, made their Gods out  
of wood,  
And Saints may be fram'd of as handy ma-  
terials;—  
Old women and B—tt—rw—rths make just as  
good  
As any the Pope ever *book'd* as Ethereals.

Stand forth, Man of Bibles!—not Mahomet's  
pigeon,  
When, perch'd on the Koran, he dropp'd there,  
they say,  
Strong marks of his faith, ever shed o'er religion  
Such glory as B—tt—rw—rth sheds every day.

Great Galen of souls, with what vigor he crams  
Down Erin's idolatrous throats, till they crack  
again,  
Bolus on bolus, good man!—and then damns  
Both their stomachs and souls, if they dare  
cast them back again.

How well might his shop—as a type represent-  
ing  
The creed of himself and his sanctified clan—  
On its counter exhibit "the Art of Tormenting,"  
Bound neatly, and letter'd "Whole Duty of  
Man!"

Canonize him!—by Judas, we *will* canonize him;  
For Cant is his hobby, and twaddling his bliss;  
And, though wise men may pity and wits may  
despise him,  
He'll make but the better *shop* saint for all this.

Call quickly together the whole tribe of Canters,  
Convoke all the *serious* Tag-rag of the nation;

<sup>1</sup> A great part of the income of Joanna Southcott arose from the *Seals* of the Lord's protection which she sold to her followers.

<sup>2</sup> Mrs. Anne Lee, the "chosen vessel" of the Shakers, and "Mother of all the children of regeneration."

<sup>3</sup> Toad Lane, in Manchester, where Mother Lee was born. In her "Address to Young Believers," she says, that "it is a matter of no importance with them from whence

Bring Shakers and Snufflers and Jumpers and  
Ranters,  
To witness their B—tt—rw—rth's Canoniza-  
tion!

Yea, humbly I've ventur'd his merits to paint,  
Yea, feebly have tried all his gifts to portray;  
And they form a sum total for making a Saint,  
That the Devil's own Advocate could not  
gainsay.

Jump high, all ye Jumpers, ye Ranters all roar,  
While B—tt—rw—rth's spirit, uprais'd from  
your eyes,  
Like a kite made of foolscap, in glory shall soar,  
With a long tail of rubbish behind, to the  
skies!

### AN INCANTATION.

SUNG BY THE BUBBLE SPIRIT.

*Air.—Come with me, and we will go  
Where the rocks of coral grow.*

COME with me, and we will blow  
Lots of bubbles, as we go;  
Bubbles, bright as ever Hope  
Drew from fancy—or from soap;  
Bright as e'er the South Sea sent  
From its frothy element!  
Come with me, and we will blow  
Lots of bubbles, as we go.  
Mix the lather, Johnny W—lks,  
Thou, who rhym'st so well to bilks;  
Mix the lather—who can be  
Fitter for such task than thee,  
Great M. P. for *Sudsbury*?

Now the frothy charm is ripe,  
Puffing Peter,<sup>4</sup> bring thy pipe,—  
Thou, whom ancient Coventry  
Once so dearly lov'd, that she  
Knew not which to her was sweeter,  
Peeping Tom or Puffing Peter.  
Puff the bubbles high in air,  
Puff thy best to keep them there.

the means of their deliverance come, whether from a stable in Bethlehem, or from Toad Lane, Manchester."

<sup>4</sup> Strong indications of character may be sometimes traced in the rhymes to names. Marvell thought so, when he wrote

"Sir Edward Sutton,  
The foolish Knight who rhymes to mutton."

<sup>5</sup> The Member, during a long period, for Coventry.

Bravo, bravo, Peter M—re !  
 Now the rainbow humbugs<sup>1</sup> soar,  
 Glittering all with golden hues,  
 Such as haunt the dreams of Jews ; —  
 Some, reflecting mines that lie  
 Under Chili's glowing sky,  
 Some, those virgin pearls that sleep  
 Cloister'd in the southern deep ;  
 Others, as if lent a ray  
 From the streaming Milky Way,  
 Glistening o'er with curds and whey  
 From the cows of Alderney.

Now's the moment — who shall first  
 Catch the bubbles, ere they burst ?  
 Run, ye Squires, ye Viscounts, run,  
 Br—gd—n, T—ynh—m, P—lm—t—n ; —  
 John W—lks junior runs beside ye !  
 Take the good the knaves provide ye !<sup>2</sup>  
 See, with upturn'd eyes and hands,  
 Where the *Shareman*,<sup>3</sup> Br—gd—n, stands,  
 Gaping for the froth to fall  
 Down his gullet — *lye* and all.  
 See ! —

But, hark, my time is out —

Now, like some great waterspout,  
 Scatter'd by the cannon's thunder,  
 Burst, ye bubbles, all asunder !

[Here the stage darkens — a discordant crash is heard from the orchestra — the broken bubbles descend in a saponaceous but uncleanly mist over the heads of the *Dramatis Personæ*, and the scene drops, leaving the bubble hunters — all in the suds.]

## A DREAM OF TURTLE.

BY SIR W. CURTIS.

1826.

'Twas evening time, in the twilight sweet  
 I sail'd along, when — whom should I meet  
 But a Turtle journeying o'er the sea,  
 " On the service of his Majesty." <sup>4</sup>

When spying him first through twilight dim,  
 I didn't know what to make of him ;  
 But said to myself, as slow he plied  
 His fins, and roll'd from side to side

<sup>1</sup> An humble imitation of one of our modern poets, who, in a poem against War, after describing in the splendid habiliments of the soldier, thus apostrophizes him — " thou rainbow ruffian !"

<sup>2</sup> "Lovely Thais sits beside thee :  
 Take the good the Gods provide thee."

<sup>3</sup> So called by a sort of Tuscan dulcification of the *ch*, in the word "Chairman."

<sup>4</sup> We are told that the passport of this grand diplomatic

Conceitedly o'er the watery path —  
 " 'Tis my Lord of St—w—ll taking a bath,  
 " And I hear him now, among the fishes,  
 " Quoting Vatel and Burgersdicius !"  
 But no — 'twas, indeed, a Turtle, wide  
 And plump as ever these eyes descried ;  
 A Turtle, juicy as ever yet  
 Glu'd up the lips of a Baronet !  
 And much did it grieve my soul to see  
 That an animal of such dignity,  
 Like an absentee abroad should roam,  
 When he *ought* to stay and be ate at home.

But now " a change came o'er my dream,"

Like the magic lantern's shifting slider ; —  
 I look'd, and saw, by the evening beam,  
 On the back of that Turtle sat a rider —  
 A goodly man, with an eye so merry,  
 I knew 'twas our Foreign Secretary,<sup>5</sup>  
 Who there, at his ease, did sit and smile,  
 Like Waterton on his crocodile ;<sup>6</sup>  
 Cracking such jokes, at every motion,  
 As made the Turtle squeak with glee,  
 And own they gave him a lively notion  
 Of what his *forc'd*-meat balls would be.

So, on the Sec. in his glory went,  
 Over that briny element,  
 Waving his hand, as he took farewell,  
 With graceful air, and bidding me tell  
 Inquiring friends that the Turtle and he  
 Were gone on a foreign embassy —  
 To soften the heart of a *Diplomate*,  
 Who is known to doat upon verdant fat,  
 And to let admiring Europe see,  
 That *calipash* and *calipee*  
 Are the English forms of Diplomacy.

## THE DONKEY AND HIS PANNIERS.

A FABLE.

— " fessus jam sudat asellus,  
 " Parce illi ; vestrum delictum est asinus."

VIRGIL. *Copa*.

A DONKEY, whose talent for burdens was wondrous,  
 So much that you'd swear he rejoic'd in a load,

Turtle (sent by the Secretary for Foreign Affairs to a certain noble envoy) described him as " on his majesty's service."

— dapibus supremi

• Grata testudo Jovis.

<sup>5</sup> Mr. Canning.

<sup>6</sup> *Wanderings in South America*. "It was the first and last time (says Mr. Waterton) I was ever on a crocodile's back."

One day had to jog under panniers so pond'rous,  
That — down the poor Donkey fell smack on  
the road !

His owners and drivers stood round in amaze —  
What ! Neddy, the patient, the prosperous  
Neddy,

So easy to drive, through the dirtiest ways,  
For every description of job work so ready !

One driver (whom Ned might have "hail'd" as  
a "brother" <sup>1</sup>)

Had just been proclaiming his Donkey's re-  
nown

For vigor, for spirit, for one thing or other —  
When, lo, 'mid his praises, the Donkey came  
down !

But, how to upraise him ? — *one* shouts, *t'other*  
whistles,

While Jenky, the Conjurer, wisest of all,  
Declared that an "overproduction of thistles" <sup>2</sup> —  
(Here Ned gave a stare) — was the cause of  
his fall."

Another wise Solomon cries, as he passes —

"There, let him alone, and the fit will soon  
cease ;

"The beast has been fighting with other jack-  
asses,

"And this is his mode of '*transition to peace*.'"

Some look'd at his hoofs, and, with learned  
grimaces,

Pronounc'd that too long without shoes he  
he had gone —

"Let the blacksmith provide him a *sound metal*  
*basis*

(The wiseacres said), "and he's sure to jog  
on."

Meanwhile, the poor Neddy, in torture and fear,  
Lay under his panniers, scarce able to groan ;

And — what was still dolefuller — leading an ear  
To advisers, whose ears were a match for his  
own.

At length, a plain rustic, whose wit went so far  
As to see others' folly, roar'd out, as he  
pass'd —

<sup>1</sup> Alluding to an early poem of Mr. Coleridge's, addressed to an Ass, and beginning, "I hail thee, brotner !"

<sup>2</sup> A certain country gentleman having said in the House, "that we must return at last to the food of our ancestors," somebody asked Mr. T. "what food the gentleman meant ?" — "Thistles, I suppose," answered Mr. T.

"Quick — off with the panniers, all dolts as ye  
are,

"Or your prosperous Neddy will soon kick  
his last !"

October, 1826.

### ODE TO THE SUBLIME PORTE.

1826.

GREAT Sultan, how wise are thy state composi-  
tions !

And O, above all, I admire that Decree,  
In which thou command'st, that all *she* politi-  
cians

Shall forthwith be strangled and cast in the  
sea.

'Tis my fortune to know a lean Benthamite spin-  
ster —

A maid, who her faith in old Jeremy puts ;  
Who talks, with a lisp, of "the last new West-  
*minster*,"

And hopes you're delighted with "Mill upon  
Gluts ;"

Who tells you how clever one Mr. Fun-blank is,  
How charming his Articles 'gainst the Nobil-  
ity ; —

And assures you that even a gentleman's rank is,  
In Jeremy's school, of no sort of *utility*.

To see her, ye Gods, a new Number perusing —  
ART. 1. — "On the *Needle's* variations," by  
Pl—e : <sup>3</sup>

ART. 2. — By her fav'rite Fun-blank <sup>4</sup> — "so  
amusing !

"Dear man ! he makes Poetry quite a *Lavo*  
*case*."

ART. 3. — "Upon Fallacies," Jeremy's own —  
(Chief Fallacy being, his hope to find read-  
ers) ; —

ART. 4. — "Upon Honesty," author unknown ;

ART. 5. — (by the young Mr. M——) "Hints  
to Breeders."

O, Sultan, O, Sultan, though oft for the bag  
And the bowstring, like thee, I am tempted to  
call —

<sup>3</sup> A celebrated political tailor.

<sup>4</sup> This painstaking gentleman has been at the trouble of counting, with the assistance of Cocker, the number of metaphors in Moore's "Life of Sheridan," and has found them to amount, as nearly as possible, to 2235 — and son e *frae* *tions*.

Though drowning's too good for each blue-  
stocking hag,  
I would bag this *she* Benthamite first of them  
all !

And, lest she should ever again lift her head  
From the watery bottom, her clack to re-  
new —  
As a clog, as a sinker, far better than lead,  
I would hang round her neck her own dar-  
ling Review.

### CORN AND CATHOLICS.

*Utrum horum  
Ditius borum ? Incerti Auctoris.*

WHAT ! *still* those two infernal questions,  
That with our meals, our slumbers mix —  
That spoil our tempers and digestions —  
Eternal Corn and Catholics !

Gods ! were there ever two such bores ?  
Nothing else talk'd of night or morn —  
Nothing *in* doors, or *out* of doors,  
But endless Catholics and Corn !

Never was such a brace of pests —  
While Ministers, still worse than either,  
Skill'd but in feathering their nests,  
Plague us with both, and settle neither.

So addled in my cranium meet  
Popery and Corn, that oft I doubt,  
Whether, this year, 'twas bonded Wheat,  
Or bonded Papists, they let out.

*Here*, landlords, *here*, polemics nail you,  
Arm'd with all rubbish they can rake up ;  
*Prices* and *Texts* at once assail you —  
From Daniel *these*, and *those* from Jacob.<sup>1</sup>

And when you sleep, with head still torn  
Between the two, their shapes you mix,  
Till sometimes Catholics seem Corn —  
Then Corn again seems Catholics.

Now, Dantzic wheat before you floats —  
Now, Jesuits from California —  
Now Ceres, link'd with Titus *Oats*,  
Comes dancing through the "Porta *Cornea*."<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Author of the late Report on Foreign Corn.

<sup>2</sup> The Horn Gate, through which the ancients supposed

Oft, too, the Corn grows animate,  
And a whole crop of heads appears,  
Like Papists, *bearding* Church and State —  
Themselves, together *by the ears* !

In short, these torments never cease ;  
And oft I wish myself transferr'd off  
To some far, lonely land of peace,  
Where Corn or Papists ne'er were heard of.

Yes, waft me, Parry, to the Pole ;  
For — if my fate is to be chosen  
'Twi'x bores and icebergs — on my soul,  
I'd rather, of the two, be frozen !

### A CASE OF LIBEL.

"The greater the truth, the worse the libel."

A CERTAIN Sprite, who dwells below,  
( 'Twere a libel, perhaps, to mention where, )  
Came up *incog.*, some years ago,  
To try, for a change, the London air.

So well he look'd and dress'd and talk'd,  
And hid his tail and horns so handy,  
You'd hardly have known him as he walk'd,  
From C—e, or any other Dandy.

(His horns, it seems, are made t' unscrew ;  
So, he has but to take them out of the socket,  
And — just as some fine husbands do —  
Conveniently clap them into his pocket.)

In short, he look'd extremely natty,  
And ev'n contriv'd — to his own great won-  
der —  
By dint of sundry scents from Gattie,  
To keep the sulphurous *hogo* under.

And so my gentleman hoof'd about,  
Unknown to all but a chosen few  
At White's and Crockford's, where, no don't,  
He had many *post-obits* falling due.

Alike a gamester and a wit,  
At night he was seen with Crockford's crew  
At morn with learned dames would sit —  
So pass'd his time 'twixt *black* and *blue*.

Some wish'd to make him an M. P.,  
But finding W—lks was also one, he

all true dreams (such as those of the Popish Plot, &c.) to pass.

Swore, in a rage, "he'd be d——d, if he  
"Would ever sit in one house with Johnny."

At length, as secrets travel fast,  
And devils, whether he or she,  
Are sure to be found out at last,  
The affair got wind most rapidly.

The Press, the impartial Press, that snubs  
Alike a fiend's or an angel's capers —  
Miss Paton's soon as Beelzebub's —  
Fir'd off a squib in the morning papers:

"We warn good men to keep aloof  
"From a grim old Dandy, seen about,  
"With a fire-proof wig, and a cloven hoof  
"Through a neat-cut Hoby smoking out."

Now, — the Devil being a gentleman,  
Who piques himself on well-bred dealings, —  
You may guess, when o'er these lines he ran,  
How much they hurt and shock'd his feel-  
ings.

Away he posts to a Man of Law,  
And 'twould make you laugh could you have  
seen 'em,  
As paw shook hand, and hand shook paw,  
And 'twas "hail, good fellow, well met," be-  
tween 'em.

Straight an indictment was preferr'd —  
And much the Devil enjoy'd the jest,  
When, asking about the Bench, he heard  
That, of all the Judges, his own was *Best*.<sup>1</sup>

In vain Defendant proffer'd proof  
That Plaintiff's self was the Father of Evil —  
Brought Hoby forth, to swear to the hoof,  
And Stultz to speak to the tail of the Devil.

The Jury (saints, all snug and rich,  
And readers of virtuous Sunday papers)  
Found for the Plaintiff — on hearing which  
The Devil gave one of his loftiest capers.

For O, 'twas nuts to the Father of Lies  
(As this wily fiend is nam'd in the Bible)  
To find it settled by laws so wise,  
That the greater the truth, the worse the  
libel!

## LITERARY ADVERTISEMENT.

WANTED — Authors of all work, to job for the  
season,  
No matter which party, so faithful to neither;  
Good hacks, who, if pos'd for a rhyme or a  
reason,  
Can manage, like \* \* \* \* \*, to do without  
either.

If in jail, all the better for out-o'-door topics:  
Your jail is for Trav'lers a charming retreat;  
They can take a day's rule for a trip to the  
Tropics,  
And sail round the world, at their ease, in the  
Fleet.

For a Dramatist, too, the most useful of schools —  
He can study high life in the King's Bench  
community;  
Aristotle could scarce keep him more *within*  
*rules*,  
And of *place* he, at least, must adhere to the  
*unity*.

Any lady or gentleman, come to an age  
To have good "Reminiscences" (threescore  
or higher),  
Will meet with encouragement — so much, *per*  
*page*,  
And the spelling and grammar both *fixed* by  
the buyer.

No matter with *what* their remembrance is  
stock'd,  
So they'll only remember the *quantum* desir'd;  
Enough to fill handsomely Two Volumes, *oct.*,  
Price twenty-four shillings, is all that's re-  
quir'd.

They may treat us, like Kelly, with old *jeu-*  
*d'esprits*,  
Like Dibdin, may tell of each farcical frolic;  
Or kindly inform us, like Madame Genlis,<sup>2</sup>  
That gingerbread cakes always give them the  
colic.

Wanted, also, a new stock of Pamphlets on Corn,  
By "Farmers" and "Landholders" — (wor-  
thies whose lands

given her pills that agreed with her; always desiring that  
the pills should be ordered "*comme pour elle*."

<sup>1</sup> A celebrated Judge, so named.

<sup>2</sup> This lady also favors us, in her Memoirs, with the ad-  
dress of those apothecaries, who have, from time to time,



Enclos'd all in bow pots, their attics adorn,  
Or, whose share of the soil may be seen on  
their hands).

No-Popery Sermons, in ever so dull a vein,  
Sure of a market;—should they, too, who  
pen 'em,  
be renegade Papists, like Murtagh O'S—ll—v—n,<sup>1</sup>  
Something *extra* allow'd for th' additional  
venom.

Funds, Physic, Corn, Poetry, Boxing, Romance,  
All excellent subjects for turning a penny;—  
To write upon *all* is an author's sole chance  
For attaining, at last, the least knowledge of  
*any*.

Nine times out of ten, if his *title* is good,  
The material *within* of small consequence is;—  
Let him only write fine, and, if not understood,  
Why—that's the concern of the reader, not  
his.

*Nota Bene*—an Essay, now printing, to show,  
That Horace (as clearly as words could ex-  
press it)

Was for taxing the Fundholders, ages ago,  
When he wrotethus—“*Quodcunque in Fund  
is assessit.*”<sup>2</sup>

### THE IRISH SLAVE.<sup>3</sup>

1827.

I HEARD, as I lay, a wailing sound,  
“He is dead—he is dead,” the rumor flew;  
And I rais'd my chain, and turn'd me round,  
And ask'd, through the dungeon window,  
“Who?”

I saw my livid tormentors pass;  
Their grief 'twas bliss to hear and see!  
For, never came joy to them, alas,  
That didn't bring deadly bane to me.

Eager I look'd through the mist of night,  
And ask'd, “What foe of my race hath died?”  
“Is it he—that Doubter of law and right,  
“Whom nothing but wrong could e'er de-  
cide—

<sup>1</sup> A gentleman, who distinguished himself by his evidence before the Irish Committees.

<sup>2</sup> According to the common reading, “*quodcunque in fundis, assessit.*”

“Who, long as he sees but wealth to win,  
“Hath never yet felt a qualm or doubt  
“What suitors for justice he'd keep in,  
“Or what suitors for freedom he'd shut out—

“Who, a clog forever on Truth's advance,  
“Hangs round her (like the Old Man of the  
Sea  
“Round Sinbad's neck<sup>4</sup>), nor leaves a chance  
“Of shaking him off—is't he? is't he?”

Ghastly my grim tormentors smil'd,  
And thrusting me back to my den of woe,  
With a laughter even more fierce and wild  
Than their funeral howling, answer'd “No.”

But the cry still pierc'd my prison gate,  
And again I ask'd, “What scourge is gone?  
“Is it he—that Chief, so coldly great,  
“Whom Fame unwillingly shines upon:—

“Whose name is one of th' ill-omen'd words  
“They link with hate, on his native plains,  
“And why?—they lent him hearts and swords,  
“And he, in return, gave scoffs and chains!

“Is it he? is it he?” I loud inquir'd,  
When, hark!—there sounded a Royal knell;  
And I knew what spirit had just expir'd,  
And, slave as I was, my triumph fell.

He had pledg'd a hate unto me and mine,  
He had left to the future nor hope nor choice,  
But seal'd that hate with a Name Divine,  
And he now was dead, and—I *couldn't* re-  
joice!

He had fann'd afresh the burning brands  
Of a bigotry waxing cold and dim;  
He had arm'd anew my torturers' hands,  
And *them* did I curse—but sigh'd for him.

For, *his* was the error of head, not heart;  
And—O, how beyond the ambush'd foe,  
Who to enmity adds the traitor's part,  
And carries a smile, with a curse below!

If ever a heart made bright amends  
For the fatal fault of an erring head—  
Go, learn *his* fame from the lips of friends,  
In the orphan's tear be his glory read.

<sup>3</sup> Written on the death of the Duke of York.

<sup>4</sup> “You fell, said they, into the hands of the Old Man of the Sea, and are the first who ever escaped strangling by his malicious tricks.”—*Story of Sinbad.*

A Prince without pride, a man without guile,  
To the last unchanging, warm, sincere,  
For Worth he had ever a hand and smile,  
And for Misery ever his purse and tear.

Fouch'd to the heart by that solemn toll,  
I calmly sunk in my chains again ;  
While, still as I said " Heaven rest his soul !"  
My mates of the dungeon sigh'd " Amen !"

January, 1827.

ODE TO FERDINAND.

1827.

QUIR the sword, thou King of men,  
Grasp the needle once again ;  
Making petticoats is far  
Safer sport than making war ;  
Trimming is a better thing,  
Than the *being* trimm'd, O King !  
Grasp the needle bright with which  
Thou didst for the Virgin stitch  
Garment, such as ne'er before  
Monarch stitch'd or Virgin wore.  
Not for her, O seamster nimble !  
Do I now invoke thy thimble ;  
Not for her thy wanted aid is,  
But for certain grave old ladies,  
Who now sit in England's cabinet,  
Waiting to be clothed in tabbinet,  
Or whatever choice *étoffe* is  
Fit for Dowagers in office.  
First, thy care, O King, devote  
To Dame Eld—n's petticoat,  
Make it of that silk, whose dye  
Shifts forever to the eye,  
Just as if it hardly knew  
Whether to be pink or blue.  
Or — material fitter yet —  
If thou couldst a remnant get  
Of that stuff, with which, of old,  
Sage Penelope, we're told,  
Still by doing and undoing,  
Kept her *suitors* always wooing —  
That's the stuff which I pronounce, is  
Fittest for Dame Eld—n's flounces.

After this, we'll try thy hand,  
Mantua-making Ferdinand,  
For old Goody W—stm—l—d ;  
One who loves, like Mother Cole,  
Church and State with all her soul ;

And has pass'd her life in frolics  
Worthy of your Apostolics.  
Choose, in dressing this old flirt,  
Something that won't show the dirt,  
As, from habit, every minute  
Goody W—stm—l—d is in it.

This is all I now shall ask,  
Hie thee, monarch to thy task ;  
Finish Eld—n's frills and borders,  
Then return for further orders.  
O what progress for our sake,  
Kings in millinery make !  
Ribbons, garters, and such things,  
Are supplied by *other* Kings —  
Ferdinand his rank denotes  
By providing petticoats.

HAT VERSUS WIG.

1827.

" At the interment of the Duke of York, Lord Eld—n, in order to guard against the effects of the damp, stood upon his hat during the whole of the ceremony."

— metus omnes et inexorabile fatum  
Subject pedibus, strepitumque Acherontis avari.

'TWIXT Eld—n's Hat and Eld—n's Wig  
There lately rose an altercation, —  
Each with its own importance big,  
Disputing *which* most serves the nation.

Quoth Wig, with consequential air,  
" Pooh ! pooh ! you surely can't design,  
" My worthy beaver, to compare  
" Your station in the state with mine.

" Who meets the learned legal crew ?  
" Who fronts the lordly Senate's pride ?  
" The Wig, the Wig, my friend — while you  
" Hang dangling on some peg outside.

" O, 'tis the Wig, that rules, like Love,  
" Senate and Court, with like *éclat* —  
" And wards below, and lords above,  
" For Law is Wig and Wig is Law !<sup>1</sup>

" Who tried the long, *Long* W—LL—SL—Y suit,  
" Which tried one's patience, in return ?  
" Not thou, O Hat ! — though, *couldst* thou do't,  
" Of other *brims* <sup>2</sup> than thine thou'dst learn.

<sup>1</sup> " Love rules the court, the camp, the grove,  
And men below and gods above,  
For Love is Heav'n and Heav'n is Love." — SCOTT.

<sup>2</sup> "*Brim* — a naughty woman." — GROSE.

"'Twas mine our master's toil to share ;  
 "When, like 'Truepenny,' in the play,<sup>1</sup>  
 "He, every minute, cried out 'Swear,'  
 "And merrily to swear went they ;<sup>2</sup>—

"When, loath poor W—LL—SL—Y to condemn,  
 he  
 "With nice driscrimination weigh'd,  
 "Whether 'twas only 'Hell and Jemmy,'  
 "Or 'Hell and Tommy' that he play'd.

"No, no, my worthy beaver, no—  
 "Though cheapen'd at the cheapest hatter's,  
 "And smart enough, as beavers go,  
 "Thou ne'er wert made for public matters."

Here Wig concluded his oration,  
 Looking, as wigs do, wondrous wise ;  
 While thus, full cock'd for declamation,  
 The veteran Hat enrag'd replies :—

"Ha ! dost thou then so soon forget  
 "What thou, what England owes to me ?  
 "Ungrateful Wig !—when will a debt,  
 "So deep, so vast, be owed to thee ?

"Think of that night, that fearful night,  
 "When, through the steaming vault below,  
 "Our master dar'd, in gout's despite,  
 "To venture his podagric toe !

"Who was it then, thou boaster, say,  
 "When thou hadst to thy box sneak'd off,  
 "Beneath his feet protecting lay,  
 "And sav'd him from a mortal cough ?

"Think, if Catarrh had quench'd that sun,  
 "How blank this world had been to thee !  
 "Without that head to shine upon,  
 "O Wig, where would thy glory be ?

"You, too, ye Britons,—had this hope  
 "Of Church and state been ravish'd from ye,  
 "O think, how Canning and the Pope  
 "Would then have play'd up 'Hell and  
 Tommy !'

"At sea, there's but a plank, they say,  
 "'Twixt seamen and annihilation ;  
 "A Hat, that awful moment, lay  
 "'Twixt England and Emancipation !

<sup>1</sup> "Ghost [beneath].—Swear !

"Hamlet.—Ha, ha ! say'st thou so ? Art thou there, Truepenny ? Come on."

"O !!! —"

At this "O !!!" *The Times*

Reporter  
 Was taken poorly, and retir'd ;  
 Which made him cut Hat's rhetoric shorter  
 Than justice to the case requir'd.

On his return, he found these shocks  
 Of eloquence all ended quite ;  
 And Wig lay snoring in his box,  
 And Hat was — hung up for the night.

## THE PERIWINKLES AND THE LOCUSTS

### A SALMAGUNDIAN HYMN.

"To Panurge was assigned the Lairdship of Salmagundi, which was yearly worth 6,789,106,789 reals, besides the revenue of the *Locusts* and *Periwinkles*, amounting one year with another to the value of 2,435,763," &c. &c.—  
 RABELAIS.

"HURRAH ! hurrah !" I heard them say,  
 And they cheer'd and shouted all the way,  
 As the Laird of Salmagundi went,  
 To open in state his Parliament.

The Salmagundians once were rich,  
 Or *thought* they were—no matter which  
 For, every year, the Revenue<sup>3</sup>  
 From their Periwinkles larger grew ;  
 And their rulers, skill'd in all the trick  
 And legerdeman of arithmetic,  
 Knew how to place 1, 2, 3, 4,  
 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 and 10,  
 Such various ways, behind, before,  
 That they make a unit seem a score,  
 And prov'd themselves most wealthy men.  
 So, on they went, a prosperous crew,  
 The people wise, the rulers clever—  
 And God help those, like me and you,  
 Who dar'd to doubt (as some now do)  
 That the Periwinkle Revenue  
 Would thus go flourishing on forever.

"Hurrah ! hurrah !" I heard them say,  
 And they cheer'd and shouted all the way  
 As the Great Panurge in glory went  
 To open his own dear Parliament.

<sup>2</sup> His Lordship's demand for fresh affidavits was . . . . . sant.

<sup>3</sup> Accented as in Swift's line—

"Not so a nation's revenues are paid."

But folks at length began to doubt  
 What all this conjuring was about ;  
 For, every day, more deep in debt  
 They saw their wealthy rulers get : —  
 " Let's look (said they) the items through,  
 " And see if what we're told be true  
 " Of our Periwinkle Revenue."  
 But, lord ! they found there wasn't a tittle  
 Of truth in aught they heard before ;  
 For, they gain'd by Periwinkles little,  
 And lost by Locusts ten times more !  
 These Locusts are a lordly breed  
 Some Salmagundians love to feed.  
 Of all the beasts that ever were born,  
 Your Locust most delights in *corn* ;  
 And, though his body be but small,  
 To fatten him takes the dev'l and all !  
 " O fie ! O fie ! " was now the cry,  
 As they saw the gaudy show go by,  
 And the Laird of Salmagundi went  
 To open his Locust Parliament !

### NEW CREATION OF PEERS.

#### BATCH THE FIRST.

" His 'prentice han'  
 He tried on man,  
 And then he made the lasses."

1827.

" AND now," quoth the Minister, (eas'd of his  
 panics,  
 And ripe for each pastime the summer affords,)  
 " Having had our full swing at destroying me-  
 chanics,  
 " By way of *set-off*, let us make a few Lords.  
 " 'Tis pleasant — while nothing but mercantile  
 fractures,  
 " Some simple, some *compound*, is dinn'd in  
 our ears —  
 " To think that, though robb'd of all coarse  
 manufactures,  
 " We still have our fine manufacture of  
 Peers ; —  
 " Those *Gobelin* productions, which Kings take  
 a pride  
 " In engrossing the whole fabrication and  
 trade of ;  
 " Choice tapestry things, very grand on *one* side,  
 " But showing, on t'other, what rags they are  
 made of."

The plan being fix'd, raw material was sought, —  
 No matter how middling, if Tory the creed  
 be ;  
 And first, to begin with, Squire W——, 'twas  
 thought,  
 For a Lord was as raw a material as need be.

Next came, with his *penchant* for painting and  
 pelf,  
 The tasteful Sir Charles,<sup>1</sup> so renown'd, far and  
 near,  
 For purchasing pictures, and selling himself —  
 And *both* (as the public well knows) very dear.

Beside him Sir John comes, with equal *éclat*,  
 in ; —  
 Stand forth, chosen pair, while for titles we  
 measure ye ;  
 Both connoisseur baronets, both fond of *drawing*,  
 Sir John, after nature, Sir Charles, on the  
 Treasury.

But, bless us ! — behold a new candidate come —  
 In his hand he upholds a prescription, new  
 written ;  
 He poiseth a pill box 'twixt finger and thumb,  
 And he asketh a seat 'mong the Peers of Great  
 Britain ! !

" Forbid it," cried Jenky, " ye Viscounts, ye  
 Earls ! —

" O Rank, how thy glories would fall disen-  
 chanted,

" If coronets glisten'd with pills 'stead of pearls,  
 " And the strawberry leaves were by rhubarb  
 supplanted !

" No — ask it not, ask it not, dear Doctor H—l-  
 f—rd —

" If nought but a Peerage can gladden thy  
 life,

" And young Master H—lf—rd as yet is too  
 small for't,

" Sweet Doctor, we'll make a *she* Peer of thy  
 wife.

" Next to bearing a coronet on our *own* brows,  
 " Is to bask in its light from the brows of  
 another ;

" And grandeur o'er thee shall reflect from thy  
 spouse,

" As o'er V—y F—tz—d 'twill shine through  
 his mother." <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Created Lord F—mb—gh.

<sup>2</sup> Among the persons mentioned as likely to be raised to  
 the Peerage are the mother of Mr V—y F—tz—d, &c.

Thus ended the *First* Batch — and Jenky, much  
tir'd  
(It being no joke to make Lords by the heap),  
Took a large dram of ether — the same that in-  
spir'd  
His speech 'gainst the Papists — and pros'd  
off to sleep.

SPEECH ON THE UMBRELLA<sup>1</sup>  
QUESTION.

BY LORD ELD—N.

"Vos inumbrelles video."<sup>2</sup> — *Ex Juvenil. GEORGI  
CANNINGII.*

1827.

My Lords, I'm accus'd of a trick that, God  
knows, is  
The last into which, at my age, I could fall —  
Of leading this grave House of Peers, by their  
noses,  
Wherever I choose, princes, bishops, and all.

My Lords, on the question before us at present,  
No doubt I shall hear, "'Tis that cursed old  
fellow,  
"That bugbear of all that is lib'ral and pleasant,  
"Who won't let the Lords give the man his  
umbrella!"

God forbid that your Lordships should knuckle  
to me;  
I am ancient — but were I as old as King  
Priam,  
Not much, I confess, to your credit 'twould be,  
To mind such a twaddling old Trojan as I am.

I own, of our Protestant laws I am jealous,  
And, long as God spares me, will always main-  
tain,  
That, *once* having taken men's rights, or um-  
brellas,  
We ne'er should consent to restore them again.

What security have you, ye Bishops and Peers,  
If thus you give back Mr. Bell's paraplue,  
That he mayn't, with its stick, come about all  
your ears,  
And then — *where* would your Protestant per-  
iwigs be?

<sup>1</sup> A case which interested the public very much at this period. A gentleman, of the name of Bell, having left his umbrella behind him in the House of Lords, the doorkeepers (standing, no doubt, on the privileges of that noble body) refused to restore it to him; and the above speech, which

No, heav'n be my judge, were I dying to-day,  
Ere I dropp'd in the grave, like a medlar that's  
mellow,  
"For God's sake" — at that awful moment I'd  
say —  
"For God's sake, *don't* give Mr. Bell his um-  
brella."

["This address," says a ministerial journal, "delivered with amazing emphasis and earnestness, occasioned an extraordinary sensation in the House. Nothing since the memorable address of the Duke of York has produced so remarkable an impression."]

A PASTORAL BALLAD.

BY JOHN BULL.

*Dublin, March 12, 1827.* — Friday, after the arrival of the packet bringing the account of the defeat of the Catholic Question, in the House of Commons, orders were sent to the Pigeon House to forward 5,000,000 rounds of musket ball cartridge to the different garrisons round the country. — *Freeman's Journal.*

I HAVE found out a gift for my Erin,  
A gift that will surely content her; —  
Sweet pledge of a love so endearing!  
Five millions of bullets I've sent her.

She ask'd me for Freedom and Right,  
But ill she her wants understood; —  
Ball cartridges, morning and night,  
Is a dose that will do her more good.

There is hardly a day of our lives  
But we read, in some amiable trials,  
How husbands make love to their wives  
Through the medium of hemp and of vials.

One thinks, with his mistress or mate  
A good halter is sure to agree —  
That love knot, which, early and late,  
I have tried, my dear Erin, on thee.

While *another*, whom Hymen has bless'd  
With a wife that is not over placid,  
Consigns the dear charmer to rest,  
With a dose of the best Prussic acid.

Thus, Erin! my love do I show —  
Thus quiet thee, mate of my bed!

may be considered as a *pendant* to that of the Learned Ear on the Catholic question, arose out of the transaction.

<sup>2</sup> From Mr. Canning's translation of Jekyl's —

"I say, my good fellows,  
As you've no umbrellas."



And, as poison and hemp are too slow,  
Do thy business with bullets instead.

Should thy faith in my medicine be shaken,  
Ask R—d—n, that mildest of saints ;  
He'll tell thee, lead, inwardly taken,  
Alone can remove thy complaints ; —

That, blest as thou art in thy lot,  
Nothing's wanted to make it more pleasant  
But being hang'd, tortur'd, and shot,  
Much oft'ner than thou art at present.

Even W—ll—t—n's self hath averr'd  
Thou art yet but half sabred and hung,  
And I lov'd him the more when I heard  
Such tenderness fall from his tongue.

So take the five millions of pills,  
Dear partner, I herewith enelope ;  
'Tis the cure that all quacks for thy ills,  
From Cromwell to Eld—n, propose.

And you, ye brave bullets that go,  
How I wish that, before you set out,  
The *Devil* of the Freischutz could know  
The good work you are going about.

For he'd charm ye, in spite of your lead,  
Into such supernatural wit,  
That you'd all of you know, as you sped,  
Where a bullet of sense *ought* to hit.

#### A LATE SCENE AT SWANAGE.<sup>1</sup>

Regnis ex-sul ademtis. VINC.

1827.

To Swanage — that neat little town, in whose bay  
Fair Thetis shows off, in her best silver slip-  
pers —

Lord Bags<sup>2</sup> took his annual trip t'other day,  
To taste the sea breezes, and chat with the  
dippers.

There — learn'd as he is in conundrums and  
laws —

Quoth he to his dame (whom he oft plays the  
wag on),

<sup>1</sup> A small bathing place on the coast of Dorsetshire, long a favorite summer resort of the ex-nobleman in question, and, till this season, much frequented also by gentlemen of the church.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord Chancellor Eld—n.

“Why are chancery suitors like bathers?” —  
“Because  
Their *suits* are *put off*, till — they haven't a  
rag on.”

Thus on he went chatting — but, lo, while he  
chats,  
With a face full of wonder around him he  
looks ;  
For he misses his parsons, his dear shovel hats,  
Who used to flock round him at Swanage like  
rooks.

“How is this, Lady Bags? — to this region  
aquatic  
“Last year they came swarming, to make me  
their bow,  
“As thick as Burke's cloud o'er the vales of  
Carnatic,  
“Deans, Rectors, D. D.'s — where the dev'l  
are they now?”

“My dearest Lord Bags!” saith his dame, “*can*  
you doubt?  
“I am loath to remind you of things so un-  
pleasant ;  
“But *don't* you perceive, dear, the Church have  
found out  
“That you're one of the people call'd *Ex's*, at  
present?”

“Ah, true — you have hit it — I *am*, indeed, one  
“Of those ill-fated *Ex's* (his Lordship replies),  
“And, with tears, I confess — God forgive me  
the pun! —  
“We *X's* have proved ourselves not to be *Y's*.”

#### WOE! WOE!<sup>2</sup>

Woe, woe unto him who would check or dis-  
turb it —

That beautiful Light, which is now on its way ;  
Which, beaming, at first, o'er the bogs of Bel-  
turbet,  
Now brightens sweet Ballinafad with its ray !

O F—rnh—m, Saint F—rnh—m, how much do  
we owe thee !

How form'd to all tastes are thy various em-  
ploys !

<sup>2</sup> Suggested by a speech of the Bishop of Ch—st—r on the subject of the New Reformation in Ireland, in which his Lordship denounced “Woe! Woe! Woe!” pretty abundantly on all those who dared to interfere with its progress.

The old, as a catcher of Catholics, know thee,  
The young, as an amateur scourger of boys.

Woe, woe to the man, who such doings would  
smother! —

On, Luther of Cavan! On, Saint of Kilgrog-  
gy!

With whip in one hand, and with Bible in t'other,  
Like Mungo's tormentor, both "preachee and  
floggee."

Come, Saints from all quarters, and marshal his  
way;

Come, L—rt—n, who, scorning profane eru-  
dition,

Popp'd Shakspeare, they say, in the river, one  
day,

Though 'twas only old Bowdler's *Velluti* edi-  
tion.

Come, R—den, who doubtest — so mild are thy  
views —

Whether Bibles or bullets are best for the  
nation;

Who leav'st to poor Paddy no medium to  
choose,

"Twixt good *old* Rebellion and *new* Reforma-  
tion.

What more from her Saints can Hibernia re-  
quire?

St. Bridget, of yore, like a dutiful daughter,  
Supplied her, 'tis said, with perpetual fire,<sup>1</sup>

And Saints keep her, *now*, in eternal hot  
water.

Woe, woe to the man, who would check their  
career,

Or stop the Millennium, that's sure to await  
us,

When, bless'd with an orthodox crop every year,  
We shall learn to raise Protestants, fast as  
potatoes.

In kidnapping Papists, our rulers, we know,

Had been trying their talent for many a day;  
Till F—rn—m, when all had been tried, came  
to show,

Like the German fleacatcher, "anoder goot  
way."

And nothing's more simple than F—rn—m's  
receipt; —

"Catch your Catholic, first — soak him well  
in *poteen* <sup>2</sup> —

"Add *salary* sauce,<sup>3</sup> and the thing is complete.

"You may serve up your Protestant, smok-  
ing and clean."

"Woe, woe to the wag, who would laugh at  
such cookery!"

Thus, from his perch, did I hear a black crow<sup>4</sup>  
Caw angrily out, while the rest of the rookery  
Open'd their bills, and re-echo'd "Woe!  
woe!"

### TOUT POUR LA TRIPE.

"If, in China or among the natives of India, we claimed  
civil advantages which were connected with religious  
usages, little as we might value those forms in our hearts,  
we should think common decency required us to abstain  
from treating them with offensive contumely; and, though  
unable to consider them sacred, we would not sneer at  
the name of *Fot*, or laugh at the imputed divinity of *Vish-  
nou*." — *Courier*, Tuesday, Jan. 16.

1827.

COME, take my advice, never trouble your cra-  
nium,

When "civil advantages" are to be gain'd,

What god or what goddess may help to obtain  
you 'em,

Hindoo or Chinese, so they're only obtain'd.

In this world (let me hint in your organ auric-  
ular)

All the good things to good hypocrites fall;

And he, who in swallowing creeds is particular,  
Soon will have nothing to swallow at all.

O place me where *Fo* (or, as some call him, *Fot*)  
Is the god, from whom "civil advantages"  
flow,

And you'll find, if there's any thing snug to be  
got,

I shall soon be on excellent terms with old *Fo*.

Or were I where *Vishnu*, that four-handed god,  
Is the quadruple giver of pensions and places,

I own I should feel it unchristian and odd

Not to find myself also in *Vishnu*'s good graces.

<sup>1</sup> The inextinguishable fire of St. Bridget, at Kildare.

<sup>2</sup> Whiskey.

<sup>3</sup> "We understand that several applications have lately  
been made to the Protestant clergymen of this town by fel-

lows, inquiring 'What are they giving a head for con-  
verts?' — *Wexford Post*.

<sup>4</sup> Of the rook species — *Corvus frugilegus*, i. e. a great  
consumer of corn.

For, among all the gods that humanely attend  
To our wants in this planet, the gods to *my*  
wishes

Are those that, like *Vishnu* and others, descend  
In the form, so attractive, of loaves and of  
fishes!<sup>1</sup>

So take my advice — for if even the devil  
Should tempt men again as an idol to try him,  
’Twere best for us Tories, even then, to be civil,  
As nobody doubts we should get something  
by him.

## ENIGMA.

Monstrum nulla virtute redemptum.

COME, riddle-me-ree, come, riddle-me-ree,  
And tell me what my name may be.  
I am nearly one hundred and thirty years old,  
And therefore no chicken, as you may suppose ; —  
Though a dwarf in my youth (as my nurses  
have told),  
I have, ev’ry year since, been outgrowing my  
clothes ;

Till, at last, such a corpulent giant I stand,  
That, if folks were to furnish me now with a  
suit,

It would take every morsel of *scrip* in the land  
But to measure my bulk from the head to the  
foot.

Hence, they who maintain me, grown sick of  
my stature,

To cover me nothing but *rags* will supply ;  
And the doctors declare that, in due course of  
nature,

About the year 30 in rags I shall die.  
Meanwhile, I stalk hungry and bloated around,  
An object of *int’rest*, most painful, to all ;  
In the warehouse, the cottage, the palace I’m  
found,

Holding citizen, peasant, and king in my  
thrall.

Then riddle-me-ree, O riddle-me-ree,  
Come, tell me what my name may be.

When the lord of the counting house bends o’er  
his book,

Bright pictures of profit delighting to draw,  
O’er his shoulders with large cipher eyeballs I  
look,

And down drops the pen from his paralyz’d  
paw !

<sup>1</sup> Vishnu was (as Sir W. Jones calls him) “ a pisciform  
god,” — his first Avatar being in the shape of a fish.

When the Premier lies dreaming of dear Wa-  
terloo,

And expects through *another* to caper and  
prank it,

You’d laugh did you see, when I bellow out  
“ Boo ! ”

How he hides his brave Waterloo head in the  
blanket.

When mighty Belshazzar brims high in the hall  
His cup, full of gout, to the Gaul’s overthrow,  
Lo, “ *Eight Hundred Millions* ” I write on the  
wall,

And the cup falls to earth and — the gout to  
his toe !

But the joy of my heart is when largely I cram  
My maw with the fruits of the Squirearchy’s  
acres,

And, knowing who made me the thing that I am,  
Like the monster of Frankenstein, worry my  
makers.

Then riddle-me-ree, come, riddle-me-  
ree,

And tell, if thou know’st, who *I* may be.

## DOG-DAY REFLECTIONS.

RY A DANDY KEPT IN TOWN.

“ Vox clamantis in deserto.”

1837.

SAID Malthus, one day, to a clown  
Lying stretch’d on the beach, in the sun, —  
“ What’s the number of souls in this town ? ” —  
“ The number ! Lord bless you, there’s none.

“ We have nothing but *dabs* in this place,  
“ Of *them* a great plenty there are ! —  
“ But the *soles*, please your rev’rence and grace  
“ Are all t’other side of the bar.”

And so ’tis in London just now,  
Not a soul to be seen, up or down ; —  
Of *dabs* a great glut, I allow,  
But your *soles*, every one, out of town.

East or west, nothing wondrous or new ;  
No courtship or scandal, worth knowing,  
Mrs. B —, and a Mermaid<sup>2</sup> or two,  
Are the only loose fish that are going.

Ah, where is that dear house of Peers,  
That, some weeks ago, kept us merry ?

<sup>2</sup> One of the shows of London

Where, Eld—n, art thou, with thy tears?  
And thou, with thy sense, L—d—d—y?

Wise Marquis, how much the Lord May'r,  
In the dog days, with *thee* must be puzzled! —  
It being his task to take care  
That such animals shan't go unmuzzled.

Thou, too, whose political toils  
Are so worthy a captain of horse —  
Whose amendments<sup>1</sup> (like honest Sir Boyle's)  
Are "*amendments, that make matters worse;*"<sup>2</sup>

Great Chieftain, who takest such pains  
To prove — what is granted, *nem. con.* —  
With how mod'rate a portion of brains  
Some heroes contrive to get on.

And, thou, too, my R—d—sd—e, ah, where  
Is the peer, with a star at his button,  
Whose *quarters* could ever compare  
With R—d—sd—e's five quarters of mutton?<sup>3</sup>

Why, why have ye taken your flight,  
Ye diverting and dignified crew?  
How ill do three farces a night,  
At the Haymarket, pay us for you!

For, what is Bombastes to thee,  
My Ell—nbro', when thou look'st big!  
Or, where's the burletta can be  
Like L—d—rd—le's wit, and his wig?

I doubt if ev'n Griffinhoof<sup>4</sup> could  
(Though Griffin's a comical lad)  
Invent any joke half so good  
As that precious one, "This is too bad!"

Then come again, come again, Spring!  
O haste thee, with Fun in thy train;  
And — of all things the funniest — bring  
These exalted Grimaldis again!

—  
"THE "LIVING DOG" AND "THE  
DEAD LION."

1838.

NEXT week will be publish'd (as "Lives" are  
the rage)

The whole Reminiscences, wondrous and  
strange,

*More particularly his Grace's celebrated amendment to  
the Corn Bill; for which, and the circumstances connected  
with it, see Annual Register for A. D. 1837.*

<sup>2</sup> From a speech of Sir Boyle Roche's, in the Irish House  
of Commons.

Of a small puppy dog, that liv'd once in the  
cage  
Of the late noble Lion at Exeter 'Change.

Though the dog is a dog of the kind they call  
"sad,"  
'Tis a puppy that much to good breeding pre-  
tends;  
And few dogs have such opportunities had  
Of knowing how Lions behave — among  
friends;

How that animal eats, how he snores, how he  
drinks,  
Is all noted down by this Boswell so small;  
And 'tis plain, from each sentence, the puppy  
dog thinks  
That the Lion was no such great things after  
all.

Though he roar'd pretty well — this the puppy  
allows —  
It was all, he says, borrow'd — all second-  
hand roar;  
And he vastly prefers his own little bow wows  
To the loftiest war note the Lion could pour.

'Tis, indeed, as good fun as a *Cynic* could ask,  
To see how this cockney-bred setter of rab-  
bits  
Takes gravely the Lord of the Forest to task,  
And judges of lions by puppy-dog habits.

Nay, fed as he was (and this makes it a dark  
case)  
With 'sops every day from the Lion's own  
pan,  
He lifts up his leg at the noble beast's carcass,  
And — does all a dog, so diminutive, can.

However, the book's a good book, being rich in  
Examples and warnings to lions high bred,  
How they suffer small mongrelly curs in their  
kitchen,  
Who'll feed on them living, and foul them  
when dead.

T. PIDCOCK.

Exeter 'Change.

<sup>3</sup> The learning his Lordship displayed, on the subject of  
the butcher's "fifth quarter" of mutton, will not speedily  
be forgotten.

<sup>4</sup> The *nom de guerre* under which Colman has written  
some of his best farces.

## ODE TO DON MIGUEL.

Et tu, *Brute!*1828.<sup>1</sup>WHAT? Miguel, *not* patriotic? O, fie!After so much good teaching 'tis quite a *take-*  
*in*, Sir;—First school'd, as you were, under Metternich's  
eye,And then (as young misses say) "finish'd" at  
Windsor!<sup>2</sup>I ne'er in my life knew a case that was harder;  
Such feasts as you had, when you made us a  
call!Three courses each day from his Majesty's  
larder,—

And now, to turn absolute Don, after all!!

Some authors, like Bayes, to the style and the  
matterOf each thing they *write* suit the way that  
they *dine*,Roast sirloin for Epic, broil'd devils for Satire,  
And hotchpotch and *trifle* for rhymes such as  
mine.That Rulers should feed the same way, I've no  
doubt;—Great Despots on *bouilli* serv'd up *d la Russe*,<sup>3</sup>Your small German Princes on frogs and sour-  
crout,And your Viceroy of Hanover always on  
*goose*.Some Dons, too, have fancied (though this may  
be fable)A dish rather dear, if, in cooking, they blun-  
der it;—Not content with the common *hot* meat on a  
table,They're partial (eh, Mig?) to a dish of *cold*  
*under* it!<sup>4</sup>

No wonder a Don of such appetites found

Even Windsor's collations plebeianly plain;

Where the dishes most *high* that my Lady sends  
roundAre her *Maintenon* cutlets and soup *d la Reine*.<sup>1</sup> At the commencement of this year, the designs of Don Miguel and his partisans against the constitution established by his brother had begun more openly to declare themselves.<sup>2</sup> Don Miguel had paid a visit to the English court, at the close of the year 1827.<sup>3</sup> Dressed with a pint of the strongest spirits—a favoriteAlas! that a youth with such charming begin-  
nings,Should sink, all at once, to so sad a conclusion,  
And, what is still worse, throw the losings and  
winningsOf worthies on 'Change into so much confu-  
sion!The Bulls, in hysterics—the Bears just as bad—  
The few men who *have*, and the many who've  
*not* tick,All shock'd to find out that that promising lad,  
Prince Metternich's pupil, is—*not* patriotic!THOUGHTS ON THE PRESENT GOV-  
ERNMENT OF IRELAND.

1828.

Oft have I seen, in gay, equestrian pride,  
Some well-rouged youth round Astley's Circus  
rideTwo stately steeds—standing, with graceful  
straddle,Like him of Rhodes, with foot on either saddle,  
While to soft tunes—some jigs, and some *an-*  
*dantes*—

He steers around his light-paced Rosinantes.

So rides along, with canter smooth and pleasant,  
That horseman bold, Lord Anglesea, at present;*Papist* and *Protestant* the coursers twain,

That lend their necks to his impartial rein,

And round the ring—each honor'd, as they go,  
With equal pressure from his gracious toe—To the old medley tune, half "Patrick's Day"  
And half "Boyne Water," take their cantering  
way,While Peel, the showman in the middle, cracks  
His long-lash'd whip, to cheer the doubtful  
hacks.

Ah, ticklish trial of equestrian art!

How bless'd, if neither steed would bolt or  
start;—If *Protestant's* old restive tricks were gone,And *Papist's* winkers could be still kept on!But no, false hopes—not ev'n the great Du-  
crow'Twixt two such steeds could 'scape an over-  
throw:

dish of the Great Frederic of Prussia, and which he persevered in eating even on his death bed, much to the horror of his physician Zimmerman.

<sup>4</sup> This quiet case of murder, with all its particulars—the hiding the body under the dinner table, &c. &c.—is, no doubt, well known to the reader



If *solar* hacks play'd Phaëton a trick,  
What hope, alas, from hackneys *lunatic*?

If once my Lord his graceful balance loses,  
Or fails to keep each foot where each horse  
chooses;

If Peel but gives one *extra* touch of whip  
To *Papist's* tail or *Protestant's* ear tip —  
That instant ends their glorious horsemanship!  
Off bolt the sever'd steeds, for mischief free,  
And down, between them, plumps Lord An-  
glesca!

### THE LIMBO OF LOST REPUTATIONS.

#### A DREAM.

"Cio che si perde qui, là si raguna." ARIOSTO.

"— a valley, where he sees  
Things that on earth were lost." MILTON.

1823.

Know'st thou not him<sup>1</sup> the poet sings,  
Who flew to the moon's serene domain,  
And saw that valley, where all the things,  
That vanish on earth, are found again —  
The hopes of youth, the resolves of age,  
The vow of the lover, the dream of the sage,  
The golden visions of mining cits,  
The promises great men strew about them;  
And, pack'd in compass small, the wits  
Of monarchs, who rule as well without them!  
Like him, but diving with wing profound,  
I have been to a Limbo under ground,  
Where characters lost on earth, (and *cried*,  
In vain, like H—rr—s's, far and wide,)  
In heaps, like yesterday's orts, are thrown,  
And there, so worthless and fly-blown,  
That even the imps would not purloin them,  
Lie, till their worthy owners join them.

Curious it was to see this mass  
Of lost and torn-up reputations; —  
Some of them female wares, alas,  
Mislaid at *innocent* assignations;  
Some, that had sigh'd their last amen  
From the canting lips of saints that would be;  
And some once own'd by "the best of men,"  
Who had prov'd — no better than they  
should be.

Mong others, a poet's fame I spied,  
Once shining fair, now soak'd and black —  
No wonder" (an imp at my elbow cried),  
"For I pick'd it out of a butt of sack!"

Just then a yell was heard o'erhead,  
Like a chimney sweeper's lofty summons;  
And lo! a dev'l right downward sped,  
Bringing, within his claws so red,  
Two statesmen's characters, found, he said,  
Last night, on the floor of the House of Com-  
mons;  
The which, with black official grin,  
He now to the Chief Imp handed in; —  
*Both* these articles much the worse  
For their journey down, as you may suppose;  
But *one* so devilish rank — "Odd's curse!"  
Said the Lord Chief Imp, and held his nose.

"Ho, ho!" quoth he, "I know full well  
"From whom these two stray matters fell;" —  
Then, casting away, with loathful shrug,  
Th' uncleaner waif (as he would a drug  
Th' Invisible's own dark hand had mix'd),  
His gaze on the other<sup>2</sup> firm he fix'd,  
And trying, though mischief laugh'd in his eye,  
To be moral, because of the *young* imps by,  
"What a pity!" he cried — "so fresh its gloss,  
"So long preserv'd — 'tis a public loss!  
"This comes of a man, the careless blockhead,  
"Keeping his character in his pocket;  
"And there — without considering whether  
"There's room for that and his gains together —  
"Cramming, and cramming, and cramming away,  
"Till — out slips character some fine day!

"However" — and here he view'd it round —  
"This article still may pass for sound.  
"Some flaws, soon patch'd, some stains are all  
"The harm it has had in its luckless fall.  
"Here, Puck!" — and he call'd to one of his  
train —  
"The owner may have this back again.  
"Though damag'd forever, if us'd with skill,  
"It may serve, perhaps, to *trade* on still;  
"Though the gem can never, as once, be set,  
"It will do for a Tory Cabinet."

### HOW TO WRITE BY PROXY.

Qui facit per alium facit per se.

'Mong our neighbors, the French, in the good  
olden time  
When Nobility flourish'd, great Barons and  
Dukes

<sup>1</sup> Astolpho.

<sup>2</sup> H—k—n

Often set up for authors in prose and in rhyme,  
But ne'er took the trouble to write their own  
books.

Poor devils were found to do this for their bet-  
ters ;—

And, one day, a Bishop, addressing a *Blue*,  
Said, "Ma'am, have you read my new Pastoral  
Letters?"

To which the *Blue* answer'd — "No, Bishop,  
have you?"

The same is now done by *our* privileg'd class ;  
And, to show you how simple the process it  
needs,

If a great Major General<sup>1</sup> wishes to pass  
For an author of History, thus he proceeds :—

First, scribbling his own stock of notions as well  
As he can, with a *goose* quill that claims him  
as *kin*,

He settles his neckcloth — takes snuff — rings  
the bell,

And yawningly orders a Subaltern in.

The Subaltern comes — sees his General seated,  
In all the self-glory of authorship swelling ;—  
"There, look," saith his Lordship, "my work  
is completed, —

"It wants nothing now, but the grammar and  
spelling."

Well used to a *breach*, the brave Subaltern dreads  
Awkward breaches of syntax a hundred times  
more ;

And, though often condemn'd to see breaking  
of heads,

He had ne'er seen such breaking of Priscian's  
before.

However, the job's sure to *pay* — that's enough —  
So, to it he sets with his tinkering hammer,  
Convinc'd that there never was job half so tough  
As the mending a great Major General's  
grammar.

But, lo, a fresh puzzlement starts up to view —  
New toil for the Sub. — for the Lord new ex-  
pense :

'Tis discover'd that mending his *grammar* won't  
do,

As the Subaltern also must find him in *sense* !

At last — even this is achieved by his aid ;  
Friend Subaltern pockets the cash and — the  
story ;

Drums beat — the new Grand March of Intel-  
lect's play'd —

And off struts my Lord, the Historian, in glory !

IMITATION OF THE INFERNO OF  
DANTE.

"Così quel fiato gli spiriti mali  
Di quà, di là, di giù, di su gli mena."

*Inferno*, canto 5.

I TURN'D my steps, and lo, a shadowy throng  
Of ghosts came fluttering towards me — blown  
along,

Like cockchafers in high autumnal storms,  
By many a fitful gust that through their forms  
Whistled, as on they came, with wheezy puff,  
And puff'd as — though they'd never puff  
enough.

"Whence and what are ye?" pitying I inquir'd  
Of these poor ghosts, who, tatter'd, toss'd, and  
tir'd

With such eternal puffing, scarce could stand  
On their lean legs while answering my demand.  
"We once were authors" — thus the Sprite,  
who led

This tag-rag regiment of spectres, said —  
"Authors of every sex, male, female, neuter,  
"Who, early smit with love of praise and  
*peveter*,<sup>2</sup>

"On C—l—n's<sup>3</sup> shelves first saw the light of  
day,

"In ———'s puffs exhal'd our lives away —  
"Like summer windmills, doom'd to dusty peace,  
"When the brisk gales, that lent them motion,  
cease.

"Ah, little knew we then what ills await  
"Much-lauded scribblers in their after state ;  
"Bepuff'd on earth — how loudly Str—t can  
tell —

"And, dire reward, now doubly puff'd in hell !"

Touch'd with compassion for this ghastly  
crew,

Whose ribs, even now, the hollow wind sung  
through

<sup>1</sup> Or Lieutenant General, as it may happen to be.

<sup>2</sup> The *classical* term for money.

<sup>3</sup> The reader may fill up this gap with any one of the *dis-  
syllabic* publishers of London that occurs to him.

In mournful prose,—such prose as Rosa's<sup>1</sup>  
ghost

Still, at th' accustom'd hour of eggs and toast,  
Sighs through the columns of the *M—rn—g*  
*P—t*,—

Pensive I turn'd to weep, when he, who stood  
Foremost of all that flatulentia brood,  
Singing a *she*-ghost from the party, said,  
"Allow me to present Miss X. Y. Z.,"<sup>2</sup>  
"One of our *letter'd* nymphs—excuse the pun—  
"Who gain'd a name on earth by—having  
none;  
"And whose initials would immortal be,  
"Had she but learn'd those plain ones, A. B. C.

"Yon smirking ghost, like mummy dry and  
neat,

"Wrapp'd in his own dead rhymes—fit wind-  
ing sheet—

"Still marvels much that not a soul should  
care

"One single pin to know who wrote 'May  
Fair;'<sup>3</sup>—

"While this young gentleman," (here forth he  
drew

A dandy spectre, puff'd quite through and  
through,

As though his ribs were an Æolian lyre  
For the whole Row's soft *trade* winds to inspire,)

"This modest genius breath'd one wish alone,  
"To have his volume read, himself unknown;

"But different far the course his glory took,  
"All knew the author, and—none read the  
book.

"Behold, in yonder ancient figure of fun,  
"Who rides the blast, Sir J—n—h B—rr—t—n;

"In tricks to raise the wind his life was spent,  
"And now the wind returns the compliment.

"This lady here, the Earl of —'s sister,  
"Is a dead novelist; and this is Mister—

"Beg pardon—*Honorable* Mister L—st—r,  
"A gentleman who, some weeks since, came  
over

"In a smart puff (wind S. S. E.) to Dover.  
"Yonder behind us limps young Vivian Grey,

"Whose life, poor youth, was long since blown  
away—

"Like a torn paper kite, on which the wind  
"No further purchase for a puff can find."

<sup>1</sup> Rosa Matilda, who was for many years the writer of the political articles in the journal alluded to, and whose spirit still seems to preside—"regnat Rosa"—over its pages.

<sup>2</sup> Not the charming L. E. L., and still less, Mrs. F. H., whose poetry is among the most beautiful of the present day.

"And thou, thyself"—here, anxious, I ex-  
claim'd—

"Tell us, good ghost, how thou, thyself, art  
named."

"Me, Sir!" he blushing cried—"Ah, there's  
the rub—

"Know, then—a waiter once at Brooks's Club,  
"A waiter still I might have long remain'd,

"And long the club-room's jokes and glasses  
drain'd;

"But ah, in luckless hour, this last December,  
"I wrote a book,<sup>3</sup> and Colburn dubb'd me  
'Member'—

"'Member of Brooks's!'"—O Promethean puff,  
"To what wilt thou exalt even kitchen stuff!

"With crums of gossip, caught from dining  
wits,

"And half-heard jokes, bequeath'd like half-  
chew'd bits,

"To be, each night, the waiter's perquisites;—  
"With such ingredients, serv'd up oft before,

"But with fresh fudge and fiction garnish'd o'er,  
"I manag'd, for some weeks, to dose the town,

"Till fresh reserves of nonsense ran me down;  
"And, ready still even waiters' souls to damn,

"The Devil but rang his bell, and—here I  
am;—

"Yes—'Coming up, Sir,' once my favorite cry,  
"Exchang'd for 'Coming down, Sir,' here am I!"

Scarce had the Spectre's lips these words let drop,  
When lo, a breeze—such as from —'s shop  
Blows in the vernal hour, when puffs prevail,  
And speeds the *sheets* and swells the lagging  
*sale*—

Too quick the poor waiter rudely in the poop,  
And, whirling him and all his grisly group

Of literary ghosts—Miss X. Y. Z.—  
The nameless author, better known than read—

Sir Jo.—the Honorable Mr. L—st—r,  
And, last, not least, Lord Nobody's twin sister—

Blew them, ye gods, with all their prose and  
rhymes

And sins about them, far into those climes  
"Where Peter pitch'd his waistcoat"<sup>4</sup> in old  
times,

Leaving me much in doubt, as on I press'd,  
With my great master, through this realm un-  
bless'd,

Whether Old Nick or C—lb—n puffs the best.

<sup>3</sup> "History of the Clubs of London," announced as by "a Member of Brooks's."

<sup>4</sup> A *Dantesque* allusion to the old saying, "Nine miles be yond H—ll, where Peter pitched his waistcoat."

LAMENT FOR THE LOSS OF LORD  
B—TH—ST'S TAIL.<sup>1</sup>

ALL *in* again — unlook'd-for bliss !  
 Yet, ah, *one* adjunct still we miss ; —  
 One tender tie, attach'd so long  
 To the same head, through right and wrong.  
 Why, B—th—st, why didst thou cut off  
 That memorable tail of thine ?  
 Why — as if *one* was not enough —  
 Thy pigtie with thy place resign,  
 And thus, at once, both *cut* and *run* ;  
 Alas, my Lord, 'twas not well done,  
 'Twas not, indeed — though sad at heart,  
 From office and its sweets to part,  
 Yet hopes of coming in again,  
 Sweet Tory hopes ! beguil'd our pain ;  
 But thus to miss that tail of thine,  
 Through long, long years our rallying sign —  
 As if the State and all its powers  
 By tenancy *in tail* were ours —  
 To see it thus by scissors fall,  
 This was "th' unkindest cut of all !"  
 It seem'd as though th' ascendant day  
 Of Toryism had pass'd away,  
 And, proving Samson's story true,  
 She lost her vigor with her *cue*.

Parties are much like fish, 'tis said —  
 The tail directs them, not the head ;  
 Then, how could *any* party fail,  
 That steer'd its course by B—th—st's tail ?  
 Not Murat's plume, through Wagram's fight,

E'er shed such guiding glories from it,  
 As erst, in all true Tories' sight,

Blaz'd from our old Colonial comet !  
 If you, my Lord, a Bashaw were,  
 (As W—ll—gt—n will be anon)

Thou mightst have had a tail to spare ;  
 But no, alas, thou hadst but one,  
 And *that* — like Troy, or Babylon,  
 A tale of other times — is gone !

Yet — weep ye not, ye Tories true —  
 Fate has not yet of all bereft us ;  
 Though thus depriv'd of B—th—st's *cue*,

We've E—b—h's *curls* still left us ; —  
 Sweet curls, from which young Love, so vicious,  
 His shots, as from ninepounders, issues ;  
 Grand, glorious curls, which, in debate,  
 Surcharg'd with all a nation's fate,

His Lordship shakes, as Homer's God did,<sup>2</sup>

And oft in thundering talk comes near him ; —  
 Except that, there, the *speaker* nodded,  
 And, here, 'tis only those who hear him.  
 Long, long, ye ringlets, on the soil  
 Of that fat cranium may ye flourish,  
 With plenty of Macassar oil,  
 Through many a year your growth to nourish  
 And, ah, should Time too soon unsheath  
 His barbarous shears such locks to sever,  
 Still dear to Tories, even in death,  
 Their last, lov'd relics we'll bequeath,  
 A *hair-loom* to our sons forever.

THE CHERRIES.

A PARABLE.<sup>3</sup>

1838.

SEE those cherries, how they cover  
 Yonder sunny garden wall ; —  
 Had they not that network over,  
 Thieving birds would eat them all.

So, to guard our posts and pensions,  
 Ancient sages wove a net,  
 Through whose holes, of small dimensions,  
 Only *certain* knaves can get.

Shall we then this network widen ?  
 Shall we stretch these sacred holes,  
 Through which, ev'n already, slide in  
 Lots of small dissenting souls ?

"God forbid !" old *Testy* crieth ;  
 "God forbid !" so echo I :  
 Every ravenous bird that fieth  
 Then would at our cherries fly.

Ope but half an inch or so,  
 And, behold, what bebies break in ; —  
 Here, some curs'd old Popish crow  
 Pops his long and lickerish beak in ;

Here, sly Arians flock unnumber'd,  
 And Socinians, slim and spare,  
 Who, with small belief encumber'd,  
 Slip in easy any where ; —

Methodists, of birds the aptest,  
 Where there's *pecking* going on ;

<sup>1</sup> The noble Lord, it is well known, cut off this much-respected appendage, on his retirement from office some months since.

<sup>2</sup> "Shakes his ambrosial curls, and gives the nod."

POPE'S *HOMER*.

<sup>3</sup> Written during the late discussion on the Test and Corporation Acts.

And that water fowl, the Baptist—  
All would share our fruits anon ;

Ev'ry bird, of ev'ry city,  
That, for years, with ceaseless dir,  
Hath revers'd the starling's ditty,  
Singing out " I can't get in."

" God forbid !" old *Testy* snivels ;  
" God forbid !" I echo too ;  
Rather may ten thousand d-v-ls  
Seize the whole voracious crew !

If less costly fruit won't suit 'em,  
Hips and haws and such like berries,  
Curse the corm'rants ! stone 'em, shoot 'em,  
Any thing — to save our cherries.

STANZAS WRITTEN IN ANTICIPATION  
OF DEFEAT.<sup>1</sup>

1823.

Go seek for some abler defenders of wrong,  
If we *must* run the gantlet through blood and  
expense ;  
Or, Goths as ye are, in your multitude strong,  
Be content with success, and pretend not to  
sense.

If the words of the wise and the gen'rous are  
vain,  
If Truth by the bowstring *must* yield up her  
breath,  
Let Mutes do the office — and spare her the pain  
Of an In—gl—s or T—nd—l to talk her to  
death.

Chain, persecute, plunder — do all that you  
will —  
But save us, at least, the old womanly lore  
Of a F—st—r, who, dully prophetic of ill,  
Is, at once, the *two* instruments, AUGUR<sup>2</sup> and  
BORE.

Bring legions of Squires — if they'll only be  
mute —  
And array their thick heads against reason  
and right,  
Like the Roman of old, of historic repute,<sup>3</sup>  
Who with droves of dumb animals carried the  
fight ;

<sup>1</sup> During the discussion of the Catholic question in the House of Commons last session.

<sup>2</sup> This rhyme is more for the ear than the eye, as the carpenter's tool is spelt *auger*.

Pour out, from each corner and hole of the  
Court,  
Your Bed-chamber lordlings, your salaried  
slaves,  
Who, ripe for a. job work, no matter what sort  
Have their consciences tack'd to their patents  
and staves.

Catch all the small fry who, as Juvenal sings,  
Are the Treasury's creatures, wherever they  
swim ;<sup>4</sup>  
With all the base, time-serving *toadies* of Kings,  
Who, if Punch were the monarch, would  
worship ev'n him ;

And while, on the *one* side, each name of re-  
nown,  
That illumines and blesses our age is com-  
bin'd ;  
While the Foxes, the Pitts, and the Cannings  
look down,  
And drop o'er the cause their rich mantles of  
Mind ;

Let bold Paddy H—lmes show his troops on the  
other,  
And, counting of noses the quantum desir'd,  
Let Paddy but say, like the Gracchi's fam'd  
mother,  
" Come forward, my *jewels*" — 'tis all that's  
requir'd.

And thus let your farce be enacted hereafter —  
Thus honestly persecute, outlaw, and chain ;  
But spare ev'n your victims the torture of  
laughter,  
And never, O never, try *reasoning* again !

PREFACE

TO THE NINTH VOLUME.

IN one of those Notices, no less friendly than they are able and spirited, which this new Edition of my Poetical Works has called forth from a leading political journal, I find, in reference to the numerous satirical pieces contained in these volumes, the following suggestion :<sup>5</sup> — " It is

<sup>3</sup> Fabius, who sent droves of bullocks against the enemy

<sup>4</sup> Res Fiscī est, ubicumque natat. — JUVENAL

<sup>5</sup> *The Times*, Jan. 9, 1841.



now more than a quarter of a century since this bundle of political pasquinades set the British public in a roar; and, though the events to which they allude may be well known to every reader,

‘Cujus octavum trepidavit ætas  
Claudere lustrum,’

There are many persons, now forming a part of the literary public, who have come into existence since they happened, and who cannot be expected, even if they had the leisure and opportunity to rummage the files of our old newspapers for a history of the perishable facts, on which Mr. Moore has so often rested the flying artillery of his wit. Many of those facts will be considered beneath the notice of the grave historian; and it is, therefore, incumbent on Mr. Moore — if he wishes his political squibs, imbued as they are with a wit and humor quite Aristophanic, to be relished, as they deserve to be relished, by our great-grandchildren — to preface them with a rapid summary of the events which gave them birth.”

Without pausing here to say how gratifying it is to me to find my long course of Anti-Tory warfare thus tolerantly, and even generously spoken of, and by so distinguished an organ of public opinion, I shall as briefly as I can, advert to the writer's friendly suggestion, and then mention some of those reasons which have induced me not to adopt it. That I was disposed, at first, to annex some such commentary to this series of squibs, may have been collected from the concluding sentences of my last Preface; but a little further consideration has led me to abandon this intention.

To that kind of satire which deals only with the lighter follies of social life, with the passing modes, whims, and scandal of the day, such illustrative comments become, after a short time, necessary. But the true preserving salt of political satire is its applicability to future times and generations, as well as to those which had first called it forth; its power of transmitting the scourge of ridicule through succeeding periods, with a lash still fresh for the back of the bigot and the oppressor, under whatever new shapes they may present themselves. I can hardly flatter myself with the persuasion that any one of the satirical pieces contained in this Volume is likely to possess this principle of vitality; but I feel quite certain that, *without it*, not all the notes and illustrations in which even the industry of Dutch commentatorship could embalm them would insure to these trifles a life much beyond the present hour.

Already, to many of them, that sort of relish — by far the least worthy source of their success — which the names of *living* victims lend to such sallies, has become, in the course of time, wanting. But, as far as their appositeness to the passing political events of the day has yet been tried — and the dates of these satires range over a period of nearly thirty years — their ridicule, thanks to the undying nature of human absurdity, appears to have lost, as yet, but little of the original freshness of its first application. Nor is this owing to any peculiar felicity of aim, in the satire itself, but to the sameness, throughout that period, of all its original objects; — the unchangeable nature of that spirit of Monopoly by which, under all its various impersonations, commercial, religious, and political, these satires had been first provoked. To refer but to one instance, the Corn Question, — assuredly, the entire appositeness, at this very moment, of such verses as the following, redounds far less to the credit of poesy than to the disgrace of legislation: —

How *can* you, my Lord, thus delight to torment all  
The Peers of the realm about cheap'ning their corn,  
When you know if one hasn't a very high rental,  
'Tis hardly worth while to be very high born.

That, being by nature so little prone to spleen or bitterness, I should yet have frequented so much the thorny paths of satire, has always, to myself and those best acquainted with me, been a matter of some surprise. By supposing the imagination, however, to be, in such cases, the sole or chief prompter of the satire — which, in my own instance, I must say, it has generally been — an easy solution is found for the difficulty. The same readiness of fancy which, with but little help from reality, can deck out “the Cynthia of the minute” with all possible attractions, will likewise be able, when in the vein, to shower ridicule on a political adversary, without allowing a single feeling of real bitterness to mix itself with the operation. Even that sternest of all satirists, Dante, who, not content with the penal fire of the pen, kept an Inferno ever ready to receive the victims of his wrath, — even Dante, on becoming acquainted with some of the persons whom he had thus doomed, not only revoked their awful sentence, but even honored them with warm praise;<sup>1</sup> and probably, on a little further acquaintance, would have admitted them into his Paradiso. When

<sup>1</sup> In his *Convito* he praises very warmly some persons whom he had before abused. — See Foscolo, *Discorso sul Testo di Dante*.

thus loosely and shallowly even the sublime satire of Dante could strike its roots in his own heart and memory, it is easy to conceive how light and passing may be the feeling of hostility with which a partisan in the field of satire plies his laughing warfare; and how often it may happen that even the pride of hitting his mark hardly outlives the flight of the shaft.

I cannot dismiss from my hands these political trifles, —

“This swarm of themes that settled on my pen,  
Which I, like summer flies, shake off again,” —

without venturing to add that I have now to connect with them one mournful recollection — one loss from among the circle of those I have longest looked up to with affection and admiration — which I little thought, when I began this series of prefatory sketches, I should have to mourn before their close. I need hardly add, that, in thus alluding to a great light of the social and political world recently gone out, I mean the late Lord Holland.

It may be recollected, perhaps, that, in mentioning some particulars respecting an early squib of mine, — the Parody on the Prince Regent's Letter, — I spoke of a dinner at which I was present, on the very day of the first publication of that Parody, when it was the subject of much conversation at table, and none of the party, except our host, had any suspicion that I was the author of it. This host was Lord Holland; and as such a name could not but lend value to any anecdote connected with literature, I only forebore the pleasure of adding such an ornament to my page, from knowing that Lord Holland had long viewed with disapprobation and regret much of that conduct of the Whig party towards the Regent, in 1812–13,<sup>1</sup> of the history of which this squib, and the welcome reception it met with, forms a humble episode.

Lord Holland himself, in addition to his higher intellectual accomplishments, possessed in no ordinary degree the talent of writing easy and playful *vers de société*; and, among the instances I could give of the lightness of his hand at such trifles, there is one no less characteristic of his good nature than his wit, as it accompanied a copy of the octavo edition of Bayle,<sup>2</sup> which, on hearing me rejoice one day that so agreeable an author had been at last made portable, he kindly ordered for me from Paris.

<sup>1</sup> This will be seen whenever those valuable papers come to be published, which Lord Holland left behind him, con-

So late, indeed, as only a month or two before his lordship's death, he was employing himself, with all his usual cheerful eagerness, in translating some verses of Metastasio; and occasionally consulted both Mr. Rogers and myself as to different readings of some of the lines. In one of the letters which I received from him while thus occupied, I find the following postscript: —

“'Tis thus I turn th' Italian's song,  
Nor deem I read his meaning wrong.  
But with rough English to combine  
The sweetness that's in every line,  
Asks for your Muse, and not for mine.  
*Sense only* will not quit the score;  
We must have that, and — little *More*.”

He then adds, “I send you, too, a melancholy Epigram of mine, of which I have seen many, alas, witness the truth: —

“A minister's answer is always so kind!  
I starve, and he tells me he'll keep me in mind.  
*Half* his promise, God knows, would my spirits restore.  
Let him keep me — and, faith, I will ask for no more.”

The only portion of the mass of trifles contained in this volume, that first found its way to the public eye through any more responsible channel than a newspaper, was the Letters of the Fudge Family in England, — a work which was sure, from its very nature, to encounter the double risk of being thought dull as a mere sequel, and light and unsafe as touching on follies connected with the name of Religion. Into the question of the comparative dulness of any of my productions, it is not for me, of course, to enter; but to the charge of treating religious subjects irreverently, I shall content myself with replying in the words of Pascal, — “Il y a bien de la différence entre rire de la religion et rire de ceux qui la profanent par leurs opinions extravagantes.”

## ODE TO THE WOODS AND FORESTS.

BY ONE OF THE BOARD.

1828

LET other bards to groves repair,  
Where linnets strain their tuneful throats,  
Mine be the Woods and Forests, where  
The Treasury pours its sweeter notes.

taining Memoirs of his own times and of those immediately preceding them.

<sup>2</sup> In sixteen volumes, published at Paris, by Desoer.

No whispering winds have charms for me,  
Nor zephyr's balmy sighs I ask ;  
To raise the wind for Royalty  
Be all our Sylvan zephyr's task !

And, 'stead of crystal brooks and floods,  
And all such vulgur irrigation,  
Let Gallic rhino through our Woods  
Divert its "course of liquid-ation."

Ah, surely, Virgil knew full well  
What Woods and Forests *ought* to be,  
When, sly, he introduc'd in hell  
His guinea plant, his bullion tree :<sup>1</sup> —

Nor see I why, some future day,  
When short of cash, we should not send  
Our H—rr—s down — he knows the way —  
To see if Woods in hell will *lend*.

Long may ye flourish, sylvan haunts,  
Beneath whose "branches of expense"  
Our gracious K—g gets all he wants, —  
*Except* a little taste and sense.

Long, in your golden shade reelin'd,  
Like him of fair Armida's bowers,  
May W—ll—n some *wood* nymph find,  
To cheer his dozenth lustrum's hours ;

To rest from toil the Great Untaught,  
And soothe the pangs his warlike brain  
Must suffer, when unus'd to thought,  
It tries to think, and — tries in vain.

O long may Woods and Forests be  
Preserv'd in all their teeming graces,  
To shelter Tory bards, like me,  
Who take delight in Sylvan *places* !<sup>2</sup>

#### STANZAS FROM THE BANKS OF THE SHANNON.<sup>3</sup>

1838.

"Take back the virgin page."

MOORE'S *Irish Melodies*.

No longer, dear V—sey, feel hurt and uneasy  
At hearing it said by thy Treasury brother,  
That thou art a sheet of blank paper, my V—sey,  
And he, the dear, innocent placeman, another.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Called by Virgil, botanically, "*species auri frondentis*."<sup>2</sup> Tu facis, ut *sitas*, ut amem *loca* ———

OVID.

<sup>3</sup> These verses were suggested by the result of the Clare election, in the year 1838, when the Right Honorable W.

For, lo, what a service we, Irish, have done thee : —

Thou now art a sheet of blank paper no more ;  
By St. Patrick, we've scrawl'd such a lesson  
upon thee  
As never was scrawl'd upon foolscap before.

Come — on with your spectacles, noble Lord Duke,  
(Or O'Connell has *green* ones he haply would  
lend you,)

Read V—sey all o'er (as you *can't* read a book)  
And improve by the lesson we, bogtrotters,  
send you ;

A lesson, in large *Roman* characters trac'd,  
Whose awful impressions from you and your  
kin  
Of blank-sheeted statesmen will ne'er be effac'd,  
Unless, 'stead of *paper*, you're mere *asses' skin*.

Shall I help you to construe it ? ay, by the Gods,  
Could I risk a translation, you *should* have a  
rare one ;

But pen against sabre is desperate odds,  
And you, my Lord Duke (as you *hinted* once),  
wear one.

Again and again I say, read V—sey o'er ; —  
You will find him worth all the old scrolls of  
papyrus,

That Egypt e'er fill'd with nonsensical lore,  
Or the learned Champollion e're wrote of, to  
tire us.

All blank as he was, we've return'd him on hand,  
Scribbled o'er with a warning to Princes and  
Dukes,

Whose plain, simple drift if they *won't* under-  
stand,  
Though caress'd at St. James's, they're fit for  
St. Luke's.

Talk of leaves of the Sibyls ! — more meaning  
convey'd is

In one single leaf such as now we have spell'd  
on,

Than e'er hath been utter'd by all the old ladies  
That ever yet spoke, from the Sibyls to  
Eld—n.

Vesey Fitzgerald was rejected, and Mr. O'Connell returned.

<sup>4</sup> Some expressions to this purport, in a published letter of one of these gentlemen, had then produced a good deal of amusement

## THE ANNUAL PILL.

Supposed to be sung by OLD PROSY, the Jew, in the character of Major C—RTW—GHT.

VILL nobodies try my nice *Annual Pill*,  
Dat's to purify every ting nashty away?  
Pless ma heart, pless ma heart, let ma say vat  
I vill,  
Not a Christian or Shentleman minds vat I  
say!

'Tis so pretty a bolus! — just down let it go,  
And, at vonce, such a *radical* shange you vill  
see,

Dat I'd not be surprish'd, like de horse in de  
show,

If your heads all vere found, vere your tailsh  
ought to be!

Vill nobodies try my nice *Annual Pill*, &c.

'Twill cure all Electors, and purge away clear  
Dat mighty bad itching dey've got in deir  
hands —

'Twill cure, too, all Statesmen, of dulness, ma tear,  
Though the case vas as desperate as poor  
Mister VAN'S.

Dere is noting at all vat dis Pill vill not reach —  
Give the Sinecure Shentleman von little  
grain,

Pless ma heart, it vill act, like de salt on de  
leech,

And he'll throw de pounds, shillings, and  
pence, up again!

Vill nobodies try my nice *Annual Pill*, &c.

'Twould be tedious, ma tear, all its peauties to  
paint —

But, among oder tings *fundamentally* wrong,  
It vill cure de *Proad Pottom*<sup>1</sup> — a common com-  
plaint

Among M. P.'s and weavers — from *sitting*  
too long.

Should symptoms of *speeching* preak out on a  
dunce

(Vat is often de case), it vill stop de disease,  
And pring away all de long speeches at vonce,  
Dat else vould, like tapeworms, come by de-  
grees!

Vill nobodies try my nice *Annual Pill*,  
Dat's to purify every ting nashty away?

<sup>1</sup> Meaning, I presume, *Coalition Administrations*.

<sup>2</sup> Written after hearing a celebrated speech in the House of Lords, June 10, 1828, when the motion in favor of Catho-

Pless ma heart, pless ma heart, let me say vat  
I vill,  
Not a Christian or Shentleman minds vat  
I say!

"IF" AND "PERHAPS."<sup>2</sup>

O TIDINGS of freedom! O accents of hope!  
Waft, waft them, ye zephyrs, to Erin's blue  
sea,

And refresh with their sounds every son of the  
Pope,

From Dingle-a-cooch to far Donaghadee.

"If mutely the slave will endure and obey,  
"Nor clanking his fetters nor breathing his  
pains,

"His masters, *perhaps*, at some far-distant day,  
"May *think* (tender tyrants!) of loosening  
his chains."

Wise "if" and "perhaps!" — precious salve  
for our wounds,

If he, who would rule thus o'er manacled  
mutes,

Could check the free springtide of Mind, that  
resounds,

Even now, at his feet, like the sea at Canute's.

But, no, 'tis in vain — the grand impulse is  
given —

Man knows his high Charter, and knowing  
will claim;

And if ruin *must* follow where fetters are riven,  
Be theirs, who have forg'd them, the guilt and  
the shame.

"If the slave will be silent!" — vain Soldier,  
beware —

There *is* a dead silence the wrong'd may as-  
sume,

When the feeling, sent back from the lips in  
despair,

But clings round the heart with a deadlier  
gloom; —

When the blush, that long burn'd on the sup-  
pliant's cheek,

Gives place to th' avenger's pale, resolute hue;  
And the tongue, that once threaten'd, disdain-  
ing to *speak*,

Consigns to the arm the high office — to *do*.

lic Emancipation, brought forward by the Marquis of Lans-  
downe, was rejected by the House of Lords.

If men, in that silence, should think of the hour,  
When proudly their fathers in panoply stood,  
Presenting, alike, a bold frontwork of power  
To the despot on land and the foe on the  
flood :—

That hour, when a Voice had come forth from  
the west,  
To the slave bringing hopes, to the tyrant  
alarms ;  
And a lesson, long look'd for, was taught the  
oppress'd,  
That kings are as dust before freemen in arms !

If, awfuller still, the mute slave should recall  
That dream of his boyhood, when Freedom's  
sweet day

At length seem'd to break through a long night  
of thrall,  
And Union and Hope went abroad in its  
ray ;—

If Fancy should tell him, that Dayspring of  
Good,

Though swiftly its light died away from his  
chain,  
Though darkly it set in a nation's best blood,  
Now wants but invoking to shine out again ;—

If— if, I say—breathings like these should  
come o'er

The chords of remembrance, and thrill, as  
they come,  
Then, *perhaps*— ay, *perhaps*— but I dare not  
say more ;

Thou hast will'd that thy slaves should be  
mute— I am dumb.

—

## WRITE ON, WRITE ON.

A BALLAD.

Air.—“*Sleep on, sleep on, my Kathleen dear.*”

Salvéte, fratres Asini. ST. FRANCIS.

WRITE on, write on, ye Barons dear,  
Ye Dukes, write hard and fast ;  
The good we've sought for many a year  
Your quills will bring at last.  
One letter more, N—w—stle, pen,  
To match Lord K—ny—n's *two*,  
And more than Ireland's host of men,  
One brace of Peers will do.

Write on, write on, &amp;c.

Sure, never, since the precious use  
Of pen and ink began,  
Did letters, writ by fools, produce  
Such signal good to man.  
While intellect, 'mong high and low,  
Is marching *on*, they say,  
Give *me* the Dukes and Lords, who go,  
Like crabs, the *other* way.  
Write on, write on, &c.

Ev'n now I feel the coming light—  
Ev'n now, could Folly lure  
My Lord M—ntc—sh—l, too, to write,  
Emancipation's sure.  
By geese (we read in history),  
Old Rome was sav'd from ill ;  
And now, to *quills* of geese, we see  
Old Rome indebted still.  
Write on, write on, &c.

Write, write, ye Peers, nor stoop to style,  
Nor beat for sense about—  
Things, little worth a Noble's while,  
You're better far without.  
O ne'er, since asses spoke of yore,  
Such miracles were done ;  
For, write but four such letters more,  
And Freedom's cause is won !

—

SONG OF THE DEPARTING SPIRIT  
OF TITHE.

“The parting Genius is with sighing sent.”

MILTON.

It is o'er, it is o'er, my reign is o'er ;  
I hear a Voice, from shore to shore,  
From Dunfanaghy to Baltimore,  
And it saith, in sad, parsonic tone,  
“Great Tithe and Small are dead and gone !”

Even now, I behold your vanishing wings,  
Ye Tenths of all conceivable things,  
Which Adam first, as Doctors deem,  
Saw, in a sort of nightmare dream,<sup>1</sup>  
After the feast of fruit abhorr'd—  
First indigestion on record !—  
Ye decimate ducks, ye chosen chicks,  
Ye pigs which, though ye be Catholics,  
Or of Calvin's most select deprav'd,  
In the Church must have your bacon sav'd ;—

<sup>1</sup> A reverend prebendary of Hereford, in an Essay on the Revenues of the Church of England, has assigned the origin of Tithes to “some unrecorded revelation made to Adam.”



Ye fields, where Labor counts his sheaves,  
 And, whatsoever *himself* believes,  
 Must bow to th' Establish'd Church belief,  
 That the tenth is always a *Protestant* sheaf; —  
 Ye calves, of which the man of Heaven  
 Takes *Irish* tithe, one calf in seven; <sup>1</sup>  
 Ye tenths of rape, hemp, barley, flax,  
 Eggs,<sup>2</sup> timber, milk, fish, and beeswax;  
 All things, in short, since earth's creation,  
 Doom'd, by the Church's dispensation,  
 To suffer eternal decimation —  
 Leaving the whole *lay* world, since then,  
 Reduc'd to nine parts out of ten;  
 Or — as we calculate thefts and arsons —  
 Just *ten per cent.* the worse for Parsons!

Alas, and is all this wise device  
 For the saving of souls thus gone in a trice? —  
 The whole put down, in the simplest way,  
 By the souls resolving *not* to pay!  
 And even the Papists, thankless race,  
 Who have had so much the easiest case —  
 To *pay* for our sermons doom'd, 'tis true,  
 But not condemn'd to *hear them*, too —  
 (Our holy business being, 'tis known,  
 With the ears of their barley, not their own,)  
 Even *they* object to let us pillage,  
 By right divine, their tenth of tillage,  
 And, horror of horrors, even decline  
 To find us in sacramental wine! <sup>3</sup>

It is o'er, it is o'er, my reign is o'er,  
 Ah, never shall rosy Rector more,  
 Like the shepherds of Israel, idly eat,  
 And make of his flock "a prey and meat."<sup>4</sup>  
 No more shall be his the pastoral sport  
 Of suing his flock in the Bishop's Court,  
 Through various steps, Citation, Libel —  
*Scriptures* all, but *not* the Bible;  
 Working the Law's whole apparatus,  
 To get at a few predoom'd potatoes,  
 And summoning all the powers of wig,  
 To settle the fraction of a pig! —  
 Till, parson and all committed deep  
 In the case of "Shepherds *versus* Sheep,"  
 The Law usurps the Gospel's place,  
 And, on Sundays, meeting face to face,

<sup>1</sup> "The tenth calf is due to the parson of common right; and if there are seven he shall have one." — REES'S *Cyclo-pædia*, art. "Tithes."

<sup>2</sup> Chaucer's Ploughman complains of the parish rectors, that

"For the tithing of a duck,  
 Or an apple, or an aye (egg),  
 They make him swear upon a boke;  
 Thus they foulen Christ's fay."

While Plaintiff fills the preacher's station,  
 Defendants form the congregation.

So lives he, Mammon's priest, not Heaven's,  
 For *tenths* thus all at *sizes* and *sevens*,  
 Seeking what parsons love no less  
 Than tragic poets — a good *distress*.  
 Instead of studying St. Augustin,  
 Gregory Nyss., or old St. Justin  
 (Books fit only to hoard dust in),  
 His reverence stints his evening readings  
 To learn'd Reports of Tithe Proceedings,  
 Sipping, the while, that port so ruddy,  
 Which forms his only *ancient* study; —  
 Port so old, you'd swear its tartar  
 Was of the age of Justin Martyr,  
 And, had he sipp'd of such, no doubt  
 His martyrdom would have been — to gout.

Is all then lost? alas, too true —  
 Ye Tenths belov'd, adieu, adieu!  
 My reign is o'er, my reign is o'er —  
 Like old Thumb's ghost, "I can no more!"

#### THE EUTHANASIA OF VAN.

"We are told that the bigots are growing old and fast wearing out. If it be so, why not let us die in peace?"  
 LORD BEXLEY'S *Letter to the Freeholders of Kent*.

STOP, Intellect, in mercy stop,  
 Ye curs'd improvements, cease;  
 And let poor Nick V—ns—tt—t drop  
 Into his grave in peace.

Hide, Knowledge, hide thy rising sun,  
 Young Freedom, veil thy head;  
 Let nothing good be thought or done,  
 Till Nick V—ns—tt—t's dead!

Take pity on a dotard's fears,  
 Who much doth light detest;  
 And let his last few drivelling years  
 Be dark as were the rest.

You, too, ye fleeting one-pound notes,  
 Speed not so fast away —

<sup>3</sup> Among the specimens laid before Parliament of the sort of Church rates levied upon Catholics in Ireland, was a charge of two pipes of port for sacramental wine.

<sup>4</sup> Ezekiel, xxiv. 10. — "Neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them."

Ye rags, on which old Nicky gloats,  
A few months longer stay.<sup>1</sup>

Together soon, or much I err,  
You *both* from life may go —  
The notes unto the scavenger,  
And Nick — to Nick below.

Ye Liberals, what'er your plan,  
Be all reforms suspended ;  
In compliment to dear old Van,  
Let nothing bad be mended.

Ye Papists, whom oppression wrings,  
Your cry politely cease,  
And fret your hearts to fiddle strings  
That Van may die in peace.

So shall he win a fame sublime  
By few old rag men gain'd ;  
Since all shall own, in Nicky's time,  
Nor sense, nor justice reign'd.

So shall his name through ages past,  
And dolts ungotten yet,  
Date from "the days of Nicholas,"  
With fond and sad regret ;—

And sighing, say, "Alas, had he  
"Been spar'd from Pluto's bowers,  
"The blessed reign of Bigotry  
"And Rags might still be ours !"

—  
TO THE REVEREND ———.

ONE OF THE SIXTEEN REQUISITIONISTS OF NOT-  
TINGHAM.

1828.

WHAT, *you*, too, my \* \* \* \* \*, in hashes so  
knowing,

Of sauces and soups Aristarchus profess'd !  
Are *you*, too, my savory Brunswicker, going  
To make an old fool of yourself with the rest ?

Far better to stick to your kitchen receipts ;  
And — if you want *something* to tease — for  
variety,

Go study how Ude, in his "Cookery," treats  
Live eels, when he fits them for polish'd so-  
ciety.

Just smuggling them in, 'twixt the bars of the  
fire,

He leaves them to wriggle and writhe on the  
coals,<sup>2</sup>

In a manner that H—rn—r himself would ad-  
mire,

And wish, 'stead of eels, they were Catholic  
souls.

Ude tells us, the fish little suffering feels ;

While Papists, of late, have more sensitive  
grown ;

So, take my advice, try your hand at live eels,  
And, for *once*, let the other poor devils alone.

I have ev'n a still better receipt for your cook —  
How to make a goose die of confirm'd *hepa-  
titis*,<sup>3</sup>

And, if you'll, for once, *fellow-feelings* o'erlook,  
A well-tortur'd goose a most capital sight is.

First, catch him, alive — make a good steady  
fire —

Set your victim before it, both legs being  
tied,

(As, if left to himself, he *might* wish to retire,)  
And place a large bowl of rich cream by his  
side.

There roasting by inches, dry, fever'd, and faint,  
Having drunk all the cream, you so civilly  
laid, off,

He dies of as charming a liver complaint  
As ever sleek parson could wish a pie made of.

Besides, only think, my dear one of Sixteen,  
What an emblem this bird, for the epicure's  
use meant,

Presents of the mode in which Ireland has beer  
Made a tidbit for yours and your brethren's  
amusement :

Tied down to the stake, while her limbs, as they  
quiver,

A slow fire of tyranny wastes by degrees —  
No wonder disease should have swell'd up her  
liver,

No wonder you, Gourmands, should love her  
disease.

<sup>1</sup> Perituræ parcere chartæ.

<sup>2</sup> The only way, Monsieur Ude assures us, to get rid of  
the oil so objectionable in this fish.

<sup>3</sup> A liver complaint. The process by which the livers of  
geese are enlarged for the famous *Patés de foie d'oie*.

## IRISH ANTIQUITIES.

ACCORDING to some learn'd opinions  
 The Irish once were Carthaginians;  
 But, trusting more to late descriptions,  
 I'd rather say they were Egyptians.  
 My reason's this:— the Priests of Isis,  
 When forth they march'd in long array,  
 Employ'd, 'mong other grave devices,  
 A Sacred Ass to lead the way;<sup>1</sup>  
 And still the antiquarian traces  
 'Mong Irish Lords this Pagan plan,  
 For still, in all religious cases,  
 They put Lord R—d—n in the van.

## A CURIOUS FACT.

THE present Lord K—ny—n (the Peer who  
 writes letters,  
 For which the waste-paper folks much are his  
 debtors)  
 Hath one little oddity, well worth reciting,  
 Which puzzleth observers, ev'n more than his  
 writing.  
 Whenever Lord K—ny—n doth chance to be-  
 hold  
 A cold Apple pie— mind, the pie *must* be cold,  
 His Lordship looks solemn (few people know  
 why),  
 And he makes a low bow to the said apple pie.  
 This idolatrous act, in so "vital" a Peer,  
 Is, by most serious Protestants, thought rather  
 queer—  
 Pie worship, they hold, coming under the head  
 (Vide *Crustium*, chap. iv.) of the Worship of  
 Bread.  
 Some think 'tis a tribute, as author, he owes  
 For the service that pie crust hath done to his  
 prose;—  
 The only good things in his pages, they swear,  
 Being those that the pastry cook sometimes puts  
 there.  
 Others say, 'tis a homage, through pie crust con-  
 vey'd,  
 To our Glorious Deliverer's much-honor'd  
 shade;

<sup>1</sup> To this practice the ancient adage alludes, "Asinus portans mysteria."

<sup>2</sup> See the anecdote, which the Duchess of Marlborough relates in her Memoirs, of this polite hero appropriating to himself one day, at dinner, a whole dish of green peas—  
 't's first of the season— while the poor Princess Anne, who

As that Protestant Hero (or Saint, if you  
 please)

Was as fond of cold pie as he was of green peas,<sup>2</sup>  
 And 'tis solely in loyal remembrance of that,  
 My Lord K—ny—n to apple pie takes off his  
 hat.

While others account for this kind salutation  
 By what Tony Lumpkin calls "concatenation;"  
 A certain good will that, from sympathy's ties,  
 'Twixt old *Apple* women and *Orange* men lies.

But 'tis needless to add, these are all vague sur-  
 mises,

For thus, we're assur'd, the whole matter arises:  
 Lord K—ny—n's respected old father (like  
 many

Respected old fathers) was fond of a penny;  
 And lov'd so to save,<sup>3</sup> that—there's not the  
 least question—

His death was brought on by a bad indigestion,  
 From cold apple pie crust his Lordship *would*  
 stuff in,

At breakfast, to save the expense of hot muffin.  
 Hence it is, and hence only, that cold apple pies  
 Are beheld by his Heir with such reverent eyes,  
 Just as honest King Stephen his beaver might  
 doff

To the fishes that carried his kind uncle off—  
 And while *filial* piety urges so many on,  
 'Tis pure *apple* pie-ty moves my Lord K—n-  
 y—n.

## NEW-FASHIONED ECHOES.

Sir,

Most of your readers are, no doubt, acquainted with the  
 anecdote told of a certain, not overwise, judge, who, when  
 in the act of delivering a charge in some country court  
 house, was interrupted by the braying of an ass at the door.  
 "What noise is that?" asked the angry judge. "Only an  
 extraordinary *echo* there is in court, my Lord," answered  
 one of the counsel.

As there are a number of such "extraordinary echoes"  
 abroad just now, you will not, perhaps, be unwilling, Mr.  
 Editor, to receive the following few lines suggested by them  
 Yours, &c. S.

Huc coeamus,<sup>4</sup> ait; nullique libentius unquam  
 Responsura sono, Coeamus, retulit echo. OVID

THERE are echoes, we know, of all sorts,  
 From the echo, that "dies in the dale,"

was then in a longing condition, sat by, vainly entreating,  
 with her eyes, for a share.

<sup>3</sup> The same prudent propensity characterizes his descend-  
 ant, who (as is well known) would not even go to the ex-  
 pense of a diphthong on his father's monument, but had the  
 inscription spelled, economically, thus:—"Mors janua vita."

<sup>4</sup> "Let us furnish Clubs."

To the "airy-tongu'd babbler," that sports  
Up the tide of the torrent her "talc."

There are echoes that bore us, like Blues,  
With the latest smart *mot* they have heard;  
There are echoes, extremely like shrews,  
Letting nobody have the last word.

In the bogs of old Paddy-land, too,  
Certain "talented" echoes<sup>1</sup> there dwell,  
Who, on being ask'd, "How do you do?"  
Politely reply, "Pretty well."

But why should I talk any more  
Of such old-fashion'd echoes as these,  
When Britain has new ones in store,  
That transcend them by many degrees?

For, of all repercussions of sound,  
Concerning which bards make a pother,  
There's none like that happy rebound  
When one blockhead echoes another; —

When K—ny—n commences the bray,  
And the Borough Duke follows his track;  
And loudly from Dublin's sweet bay,  
R—thd—ne brays, with interest, back; —

And while, of *most* echoes the sound  
On our ear by reflection doth fall,  
These Brunswickers<sup>2</sup> pass the bray round,  
Without any reflection at all.

O Scott, were I gifted like you,  
Who can name all the echoes there are  
From Benvoirlich to bold Ben-venue,  
From Benledi to wild Uamvar;

I might track, through each hard Irish name,  
The rebounds of this asinine strain,  
Till from Neddy to Neddy, it came  
To the *chief* Neddy, K—ny—n, again;

Might tell how it roar'd in R—thd—ne,  
How from D—ws—n it died off genteelly —  
How hollow it rung from the crown  
Of the fat-pated Marquis of E—y;

How, on hearing my Lord of G—e,  
Thistle eaters, the stoutest, gave way,  
Outdone, in their own special line,  
By the forty-ass power of his bray!

But no — for so humble a bard  
'Tis a subject too trying to touch on;  
Such noblemen's names are too hard,  
And their noddles too soft to dwell much on.

O Echo, sweet nymph of the hill,  
Of the dell, and the deep-sounding shelves;  
If, in spite of Narcissus, you still  
Take to fools who are charm'd with them-  
selves,

Who knows but, some morning retiring,  
To walk by the Trent's wooded side,  
You may meet with N—wc—stle, admiring  
His own lengthen'd ears in the tide!

Or, on into Cambria straying,  
Find K—ny—n, that double-tongu'd elf,  
In his love of *ass*-cendency, braying  
A Brunswick duet with himself!

### INCANTATION.

FROM THE NEW TRAGEDY OF "THE BRUNSWICKERS.

1828.

SCENE. — *Penenden Plain. In the middle, a caldron boiling.  
Thunder. — Enter three Brunswickers.*

1st *Brun.* — THrice hath scribbling K—ny—n  
scrawl'd,

2d *Brun.* — Once hath fool N—wc—stle  
bawl'd,

3d *Brun.* — B—xl—y snores: — 'tis time, 'tis  
time,

1st *Brun.* — Round about the caldron go;

In the pois'nous nonsense throw.

Bigot spite, that long hath grown,

Like a toad within a stone,

Sweltering in the heart of Sc—tt,

Boil we in the Brunswick pot.

*All.* — Dribble, dribble, nonsense dribble,

Eld—n, talk, and K—ny—n, scribble.

2d *Brun.* — Slaver from N—wc—stle's quill

In the noisome mess distil,

Brimming high our Brunswick broth

Both with venom and with froth.

Mix the brains (though apt to hash ill,

Being scant) of Lord M—ntc—shel,

With that malty stuff which Ch—nd—s

Drivels as no other man does.

<sup>1</sup> Commonly called "Paddy Blake's Echoes."

<sup>2</sup> Anti-Catholic associations, under the title of Brunswick

Clubs, were at this time becoming numerous both in Eng-  
land and Ireland.

Catch (*i. e.* if catch you can)  
 One idea, spick and span,  
 From my Lord of S—l—sb—y,—  
 One idea, though it be  
 Smaller than the "happy flea,"  
 Which his sire, in sonnet terse,  
 Wedded to immortal verse.<sup>1</sup>  
 Though to rob the son is sin,  
 Put his *one* idea in ;  
 And, to keep it company,  
 Let that conjurer W—nch—ls—a  
 Drop but *half* another there,  
 If he hath so much to spare.  
 Dreams of murders and of arsons,  
 Hatch'd in heads of Irish parsons,  
 Bring from every hole and corner,  
 Where ferocious priests, like H—rn—r,  
 Purely for religious good,  
 Cry aloud for Papists' blood,  
 Blood for W—lls, and such old women,  
 At their ease to wade and swim in.

*All* — Dribble, dribble, nonsense dribble,  
 B—xl—y, talk, and K—ny—n, scribble.

*3d Bruns.* — Now the charm begin to brew ;  
 Sisters, sisters, add thereto  
 Scraps of L—thbr—dge's old speeches,  
 Mix'd with leather from his breeches.  
 Rinsings of old B—xl—y's brains,  
 Thicken'd (if you'll take the pains)  
 With that pulp which rags create,  
 In their middle, *nympha* state,  
 Ere, like insects frail and sunny,  
 Forth they wing abroad as money.  
 There — the Hell broth we've enchanted —  
 Now but *one* thing more is wanted.  
 Squeeze o'er all that Orange juice,  
 C — — keeps cork'd for use,  
 Which, to work the better spell, is  
 Color'd deep with blood of —,  
 Blood, of powers far more various,  
 Ev'n than that Januarius,  
 Since so great a charm hangs o'er it,  
 England's parsons bow before it !

*All*. — Dribble, dribble, nonsense dribble,  
 B—xl—y, talk, and K—ny—n, scribble.

*2d Bruns.* — Cool it now with —'s blood,  
 So the charm is firm and good. [Exeunt.]

<sup>1</sup> Alluding to a well-known lyric composition of the late Marquis, which, with a slight alteration, might be addressed either to a flea or a fly. For instance :—

"O, happy, happy, happy fly,  
 If I were you, or you were I."

## HOW TO MAKE A GOOD POLITICIAN.

WHENE'ER you're in doubt, said a Sage I once  
 knew,  
 'Twixt two lines of conduct *which* course to  
 pursue,  
 Ask a woman's advice, and, whate'er she advise,  
 Do the very reverse, and you're sure to be wise.

Of the same use as guides, are the Brunswicker  
 throg ;  
 In their thoughts, words, and deeds, so in-  
 stinctively wrong,  
 That, whatever they counsel, act, talk, or indite,  
 Take the opposite course, and you're sure to be  
 right.

So golden this rule, that, had nature denied  
 you  
 The use of that finger post, Reason, to guide  
 you —

Were you even more doltish than any giv'n  
 man is,  
 More soft than N—wc—stle, more twaddling  
 than Van is,

I'd stake my repute, on the following conditions,  
 To make you the soundest of sound politicians.  
 Place yourself near the skirts of some high-  
 flying Tory —

Some Brunswicker parson, of port-drinking  
 glory, —

Watch well how he dines, during any great  
 Question —

What makes him feed gayly, what spoils his  
 digestion —

And always feel sure that *his* joy o'er a stew  
 Portends a clear case of dyspepsia to *you*.

Read him backwards, like Hebrew — whatever  
 he wishes,

Or praises, note down as absurd, or pernicious.  
 Like the folks of a weather house, shifting  
 about,

When he's *out*, be an *In* — when he's *in*, be an  
*Out*.

Keep him always revers'd in your thoughts,  
 night and day,

Like an Irish barometer turn'd the wrong  
 way :

"O, happy, happy, happy flea,  
 If I were you, or you were *me* ;  
 But since, alas ! that cannot be,  
 I must remain Lord S——y."



If he's *up*, you may swear that foul weather is  
nigh ;

If he's *down*, you may look for a bit of blue sky.  
Never mind what debaters or journalists say,  
Only ask what *he* thinks, and then think t'other  
way.

Does he hate the Small-note Bill? then firmly  
rely

The Small-note Bill's a blessing, though *you*  
don't know why.

Is Brougham his aversion? then Harry's your  
man.

Does he quake at O'Connell? take doubly to  
Dan.

Is he all for the Turks? then, at once, take the  
whole

Russian Empire (Czar, Cossacks, and all) to  
your soul.

In short, whatsoever he talks, thinks, or is,  
Be your thoughts, words, and essence, the con-  
trast of his.

Nay, as Siamese ladies — at least the polite  
ones —

All paint their teeth black, 'cause the devil has  
white ones —

If ev'n, by the chances of time or of tide,  
Your Tory, for once, should have sense on his  
side,

Even *then* stand aloof — for, be sure that Old  
Nick,

When a Tory talks sensibly, means you some  
trick.

Such my recipe is — and, in one single verse,  
I shall now, in conclusion, its substance rehearse.  
Be all that a Brunswicker *is* not, nor *could* be,  
And then — you'll be all that an honest man  
should be.

#### EPISTLE OF CONDOLENCE,

FROM A SLAVE LORD, TO A COTTON LORD.

ALAS! my dear friend, what a state of affairs,  
How unjustly we both are despoil'd of our  
rights!

Not a pound of black flesh shall I leave to my  
heirs,

Nor must *you* any more work to death little  
whites.

Both forc'd to submit to that general controller  
Of King, Lords, and cotton mills, Public  
Opinion,

No more shall *you* beat with a big billy roller,  
Nor I with the cart whip assert my dominion.

Whereas, were we suffer'd to do as we please

With our Blacks and our Whites, as of yore  
we were let,

We might range them alternate, like harpsichord  
keys,

And between us thump out a good piebald  
duet.

But this fun is all over; — farewell to the zest  
Which Slav'ry now lends to each teacup we  
sip;

Which makes still the cruellest coffee the best,  
And that sugar the sweetest which smacks of  
the whip.

Farewell, too, the Factory's white picaninnies —  
Small, living machines, which, if flogg'd to  
their tasks,

Mix so well with their namesakes, the "Billies"  
and "Jennies,"

That *which* have get souls in 'em nobody  
asks; —

Little Maids of the Mill, who, themselves but  
ill fed,

Are oblig'd, 'mong their other benevolent  
cares,

To "keep feeding the scribblers,"<sup>1</sup> — and bet-  
ter, 'tis said,

Than old Blackwood or Fraser have ever fed  
theirs.

All this is now o'er, and so dismal *my* loss is,  
So hard 'tis to part from the smack of the  
thong,

That I mean (from pure love for the old whip-  
ping process),

To take to whipp'd syllabus all my life long.

#### THE GHOST OF MILTIADES.

Ah quoties dubius *Scriptis* exarsit amator!

OVID.

The Ghost of Miltiades came at night,  
And he stood by the bed of the Benthamite,  
And he said, in a voice that thrill'd the frame,  
"If ever the sound of Marathon's name  
"Hath fir'd thy blood or flush'd thy brow,  
"Lover of Liberty, rouse thee now!"

The Benthamite, yawning, left his bed —  
Away to the Stock Exchange he sped,

<sup>1</sup> One of the operations in cotton mills usually performed  
by children.

And he found the Scrip of Greece so high,  
That it fir'd his blood, it flush'd his eye,  
And O, 'twas a sight for the Ghost to see,  
For never was Greek more Greek than he !  
And still as the premium higher went,  
His ecstasy rose — so much *per cent.*  
(As we see in a glass, that tells the weather,  
The heat and the *silver* rise together,)  
And Liberty sung from the patriot's lip,  
While a voice from his pocket whisper'd "Scrip!"  
The Ghost of Miltiades came again ; —  
He smil'd, as the pale moon smiles through rain,  
For his soul was glad at that patriot strain ;  
(And poor, dear ghost — how little he knew  
The jobs and the tricks of the Philhellene  
crew !)  
" Blessings and thanks ! " was all he said,  
Then, melting away, like a nightmare, fled !

The Benthamite hears — amaz'd that ghosts  
Could be such fools — and away he posts,  
A patriot still ? Ah no, ah no —  
Goddess of Freedom, thy Scrip is low,  
And, warm and fond as thy lovers are,  
Thou triest their passion, when under *par.*  
The Benthamite's ardor fast decays,  
By turns he weeps, and swears, and prays,  
And wishes the d—l had Crescent and Cross,  
Ere *he* had been forc'd to sell at a loss.  
They quote him the Stock of various nations,  
But, spite of his classic associations,  
Lord, how he loathes the Greek *quotations* !  
" Who'll buy my Scrip ? Who'll buy my Scrip ? "  
Is now the theme of the patriot's lip,  
As he runs to tell how hard his lot is  
To Messrs. Orlando and Luriottis,  
And says, " O Greece, for Liberty's sake,  
" Do buy my Scrip, and I vow to break  
" Those dark, unholy *bonds* of thine —  
" If you'll only consent to buy up *mine* ! "  
The Ghost of Miltiades came once more ; —  
His brow, like the night, was lowering o'er,  
And he said, with a look that flash'd dismay,  
" Of Liberty's foes the worst are they,  
" Who turn to a trade her cause divine,  
" And gambler for gold on Freedom's shrine ! "  
Thus saying, the Ghost, as he took his flight,  
Gave a Parthian kick to the Benthamite,  
Which sent him, whimpering, off to Jerry —  
And vanish'd away to the Stygian ferry !

<sup>1</sup> " That dark diseased ichor which colored his effusions." — GALT'S *Life of Byron*.

<sup>2</sup> " That gelatinous character of their effusions." — *Ibid.*

ALARMING INTELLIGENCE. — REVOLUTION IN THE DICTIONARY. — ONE GALT AT THE HEAD OF IT.

GOD preserve us ! — there's nothing now safe  
from assault ; —  
Thrones toppling around, churches brought  
to the hammer ;  
And accounts have just reach'd us that one Mr.  
*Galt*  
Has declar'd open war against English and  
Grammar !

He had long been suspected of some such design,  
And, the better his wicked intents to arrive at,  
Had lately 'mong C—l—n's troops of *the line*  
(The penny-a-line men) enlisted as private.

There school'd, with a rabble of words at command,  
Scotch, English, and slang, in promiscuous  
alliance,  
He, at length, against Syntax has taken his stand,  
And sets all the Nine Parts of Speech at defiance.

Next advices, no doubt, further facts will afford ;  
In the mean time the danger most imminent  
grows,  
He has taken the Life of one eminent Lord,  
And whom he'll *next* murder the Lord only  
knows.

*Wednesday evening*

Since our last, matters, luckily, look more serene ;  
Though the rebel, 'tis stated, to aid his defection,  
Has seized a great Powder — no, Puff Magazine,  
And th' explosions are dreadful in every direction.

What his meaning exactly is, nobody knows,  
As he talks (in a strain of intense botheration)  
Of lyrical " ichor,"<sup>1</sup> " gelatinous " prose,<sup>2</sup>  
And a mixture call'd amber immortalization.<sup>3</sup>

Now, he raves of a bard he once happen'd to meet,  
Seated high " among rattlings," and churning  
a sonnet ;<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> " The poetical embalment, or rather, amber immortalization." — *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> " Sitting amidst the shrouds and rattlings, churning an inarticulate melody." — *Ibid.*

Now, talks of a mystery, wrapp'd in a sheet,  
With a halo (by way of a nightcap) upon it!<sup>1</sup>

We shudder in tracing these terrible lines;  
Something bad they must mean, though we  
can't make it out;

For, whate'er may be guess'd of Galt's secret  
designs,  
That they're all *Anti-English* no Christian can  
doubt.

## RESOLUTIONS

PASSED AT A LATE MEETING OF  
REVERENDS AND RIGHT REVERENDS.

1834.

RESOLV'D — to stick to ev'ry particle  
Of ev'ry Creed and ev'ry Article;  
Reforming nought, or great or little,  
We'll stanchly stand by every tittle,<sup>2</sup>  
And scorn the swallow of that soul  
Which cannot boldly bolt the whole.

Resolv'd, that, though St. Athanasius  
In damning souls is rather spacious —  
Though wide and far his curses fall,  
Our Church "hath stomach for them all;"  
And those who're not content with such,  
May e'en be d—d ten times as much.

Resolv'd — such liberal souls are we —  
Though hating Nonconformity,  
We yet believe the cash no worse is  
That comes from Nonconformist purses.  
Indifferent *whence* the money reaches  
The pockets of our reverend breeches.  
To us the Jumper's jingling penny  
Chinks with a tone as sweet as any;  
And ev'n our old friends Yea and Nay  
May through the nose forever pray,  
If *also* through the nose they'll pay.

Resolv'd, that Hooper,<sup>3</sup> Latimer,<sup>4</sup>  
And Cranmer,<sup>5</sup> all extremely err,

<sup>1</sup> "He was a mystery in a winding sheet, crowned with a halo."—*Galt's Life of Byron*.

<sup>2</sup> One of the questions propounded to the Puritans in 1573 was—"Whether the Book of Service was good and godly, every tittle grounded on the Holy Scripture?" On which an honest Dissenter remarks—"Surely they had a wonderful opinion of their Service Book that there was not a tittle amiss in it."

<sup>3</sup> "They," the Bishops, "know that the primitive Church had no such Bishops. If the fourth part of the bish-

In taking such a low-bred view  
Of what Lords Spiritual ought to do:—  
All owing to the fact, poor men,  
That Mother Church was modest then,  
Nor knew what golden eggs her goose,  
The Public, would in time produce.  
One Pisgah peep at modern Durham  
To far more lordly thoughts would stir 'em.

Resolv'd, that when we, Spiritual Lords,  
Whose income just enough affords  
To keep our Spiritual Lordships cosy,  
Are told, by Antiquarians prosy,  
How ancient Bishops cut up theirs,  
Giving the poor the largest shares —  
Our answer is, in one short word,  
We think it pious, but absurd.  
Those good men made the world their debtor,  
But we, the Church reform'd, know better;  
And, taking all that all can pay,  
Balance th' account the other way.

Resolv'd, our thanks profbndly due are  
To last month's Quarterly Reviewer,  
Who proves (by arguments so clear  
One sees how much he holds *per year*)  
That England's Church, though out of date,  
Must still be left to lie in state,  
As dead, as rotten, and as grand as  
The mummy of King Osymandyas,  
All pickled snug — the brains drawn out\* —  
With costly cements swathed about, —  
And "Touch me not," those words terrific,  
Scrawl'd o'er her in good hieroglyphic.

## SIR ANDREW'S DREAM.

1834.

"Nec tu sperne piis venientia somnia portis:  
Cum pia venerunt somnia, pondus habent."

PROPERT. lib. iv. eleg. 7

As snug, on a Sunday eve, of late,  
In his easy chair Sir Andrew sate,  
Being much too pious, as every one knows,  
To do aught, of a Sunday eve, but doze,

opic remained unto the Bishop, it were sufficient."—*On the Commandments*, p. 72.

<sup>4</sup> "Since the Prelates were made Lords and Nobles, the plough standeth, there is no work done, the people starve"—*Lat. Serm.*

<sup>5</sup> "Of whom have come all these glorious titles, styles, and pomps into the Church. But I would that I, and all my brethren, the Bishops, would leave all our styles, and write the styles of our offices," &c.—*Life of Cranmer*, by Strype, *Appendix*.

<sup>6</sup> Part of the process of embalment.

He dreamt a dream, dear, holy man,  
 And I'll tell you his dream as well as I can.  
 He found himself, to his great amaze,  
 In Charles the First's high Tory days,  
 And just at the time that gravest of Courts  
 Had publish'd its Book of Sunday Sports.<sup>1</sup> —  
*Sunday Sports!* what a thing for the ear  
 Of Andrew, even in sleep, to hear! —  
 It chanc'd to be, too, a Sabbath day,  
 When the people from church were coming  
 away;

And Andrew with horror heard this song,  
 As the smiling sinners flock'd along : —  
 "Long life to the Bishops, hurrah! hurrah!  
 "For a week of work and a Sunday of play  
 "Make the poor man's life run merry away."

"The Bishops!" quoth Andrew, "Popish, I  
 guess,"

And he grinned with conscious holiness.  
 But the song went on, and, to brim the cup  
 Of poor Andy's grief, the fiddles struck up!

"Come, take out the lasses — let's have a  
 dance —

"For the Bishops allow us to skip our fill,  
 "Well knowing that no one's the more in ad-  
 vance

"On the road to heaven, for standing still.  
 "O, it never was meant that grim grimaces  
 "Should sour the cream of a creed of  
 love;

"Or that fellows with long, disastrous faces,  
 "Alone should sit among cherubs above.  
 "Then hurrah for the Bishops, &c.

"For Sunday fun we never can fail,  
 "When the Church herself each sport points  
 out; —

"There's May games, archery, Whitsun ale,  
 "And a May pole high to dance about.  
 "Or, should we be for a pole hard driven,  
 "Some lengthy saint, of aspect fell,  
 "With his pockets on earth, and his nose in  
 heaven,

"Will do for a May pole just as well.  
 "Then hurrah for the Bishops, hurrah! hurrah!  
 "A week of work and a Sabbath of play  
 "Make the poor man's life run merry away."

<sup>1</sup> *The Book of Sports* drawn up by Bishop Moreton was first put forth in the reign of James I., 1618, and afterwards republished, at the advice of Laud, by Charles I., 1633, with an injunction that it should be "made public by order from the Bishops." We find it therein declared, that "for his good people's recreation, his Majesty's pleasure was, that

To Andy, who doesn't much deal in history,  
 This Sunday scene was a downright mystery;  
 And God knows where might have ended the  
 joke,

But, in trying to stop the fiddles, he woke.  
 And the odd thing is (as the rumor goes)  
 That since that dream — which, one would sup-  
 pose,

Should have made his godly stomach rise,  
 Even more than ever, 'gainst Sunday pies —  
 He has view'd things quite with different eyes;  
 Is beginning to take, on matters divine,  
 Like Charles and his Bishops, the *sporting* line —  
 Is all for Christians jiggling in pairs,  
 As an interlude 'twixt Sunday prayers; —  
 Nay, talks of getting Archbishop H—l—y  
 To bring in a Bill, enacting duly,  
 That all good Protestants, from this date,  
 May, freely and lawfully, recreate,  
 Of a Sunday eve, their spirits moody,  
 With Jack in the Straw, or Punch and Judy.

### A BLUE LOVE SONG.

TO MISS ———.

*Air.* — "Come live with me and be my love."

1833.

Come wed with me, and we will write,  
 My Blue of Blues, from morn till night.  
 Chased from our classic souls shall be  
 All thoughts of vulgar progeny;  
 And thou shalt walk through smiling rows  
 Of chubby duodecimoes,  
 While I, to match thy products nearly,  
 Shall lie-in of a quarto yearly.  
 'Tis true, ev'n books entail some trouble;  
 But *live* productions give one double.  
 Correcting children is *such* bother, —  
 While printers' dev'ls correct the other.  
 Just think, my own Malthusian dear,  
 How much more decent 'tis to hear  
 From male or female — as it may be —  
 "How is your book?" than "How's your baby?"  
 And, whereas physic and wet nurses  
 Do much exhaust paternal purses,  
 Our books, if rickety, may go  
 And be well dry nurs'd in *the Row*;

after the end of divine service they should not be disturbed, letted, or discouraged from any lawful recreations, such as dancing, either of men or women, archery for men, leaping, vaulting, or any such harmless recreations, nor having of May games, Whitsun ales, or Morris dances, or setting up of May poles, or other sports therewith used," &c.

And, when God wills to take them hence,  
Are buried at *the Row's* expense.

Besides, (as 'tis well proved by thee,  
In thy own Works, vol. 93,)  
The march, just now, of population  
So much outstrips all moderation,  
That ev'n prolific herring shoals  
Keep pace not with our erring souls.<sup>1</sup>  
O far more proper and well bred  
To stick to writing books instead ;  
And show the world how two Blue lovers  
Can coalesce, like two book covers,  
(Sheepskin, or calf, or such wise leather,)  
Letter'd at back, and stitch'd together,  
Fondly as first the binder fix'd 'em,  
With nought but — literature betwixt 'em.

### SUNDAY ETHICS.

#### A SCOTCH ODE.

Puir, profligate Londoners, having heard tell  
That the De'il's got amang ye, and fearing  
'tis true,

We ha' sent ye a mon wha's a match for his  
spell,

A chiel o' our ain, that the De'il himsel  
Will be glad to keep clear of, one Andrew  
Agnew.

So, at least, ye may reckon, for ane day entire  
In ilka lang week ye'll be tranquil enough,  
As Auld Nick, do him justice, abhors a Scotch  
squire,

An' would sooner gae roast by his ain kitchen  
fire  
Than pass a hale Sunday wi' Andrew Agnew.

For, bless the gude mon, gin he had his ain way,  
He'd na let a cat on the Sabbath say "mew ;"  
Nae birdie maun whistle, nae lambie maun play,  
An' Phæbus himsel could na travel that day,  
As he'd find a new Joshua in Andie Agnew.

Only hear, in your Senate, how awfu' he cries,  
"Wae, wae to a' sinners who boil an' who  
stew !

<sup>1</sup> See "Ella of Garveloch." — Garveloch being a place where there was a large herring fishery, but where, as we are told by the author, "the people increased much faster than the produce."

"Wae, wae to a' eaters o' Sabbath-bak'd pies,  
"For as surely again shall the crust thereof rise  
"In judgment against ye," saith Andrew  
Agnew !

Ye may think, from a' this, that our Andie's the  
lad

To ca' o'er the coals your nobeility, too ;  
That their drives, o' a Sunday, wi' flunkies,<sup>2</sup> a'  
clad

Like Shawmen, behind 'em, would mak the mon  
mad —

But he's nae sic a noodle, our Andie Agnew.

If Lairds an' fine Ladies, on Sunday, think right  
To gang to the deevil — as maist o' em do —  
To stop them our Andie would think na polite ;  
And 'tis odds (if the chiel could get ony thing  
by't)

But he'd follow 'em, booin<sup>3</sup>, would Andrew  
Agnew.

### AWFUL EVENT.

Yes, W—nch—ls—a (I tremble while I pen it),  
W—nch—ls—a's Earl hath cut the British Sen-  
ate —

Hath said to England's Peers, in accent gruff,  
"That for ye all" [snapping his fingers], and  
exit, in a huff !

Disastrous news! — like that of old, which  
spread

From shore to shore, "our mighty Pan is dead,"  
O'er the cross benches (cross from *being* cross'd)  
Sounds the loud wail, "Our W—nch—ls—a is  
lost !"

Which of ye, Lords, that heard him, can forget  
The deep impression of that awful threat,  
"I quit your house !!" — 'midst all that his-  
tories tell,

I know but *one* event that's parallel : —

It chanc'd at Drury Lane, one Easter night,  
When the gay gods, too blest to be polite,  
Gods at their ease, like those of learn'd Lu-  
cretius,

Laugh'd, whistled, groan'd, uproariously face  
tious —

<sup>2</sup> Servants in livery.

<sup>3</sup> For the "gude effects and uteelty of booin<sup>3</sup>" see the  
*Man of the World*.



A well-dress'd member of the middle gallery,  
Whose "ears polite" disdain'd such low can-  
naillerie,  
Rose in his place — so grand, you'd almost swear  
Lord W—nch—ls—a himself stood towering  
there —  
And like that Lord of dignity and *nous*,  
Said, "Silence, fellows, or — I'll leave the  
house ! ! "

How brook'd the gods this speech ? Ah well-  
aday,  
That speech so fine should be so thrown away !  
In vain did this mid gallery grandee  
Assert his own two-shilling dignity —  
In vain he menac'd to withdraw the ray  
Of his own full-price countenance away —  
Fun against Dignity is fearful odds,  
And as the Lords laugh *now*, so giggled *then* the  
gods !

### THE NUMBERING OF THE CLERGY.

PARODY ON SIR CHARLES HAN. WILLIAMS'S  
FAMOUS ODE,

"COME, CLOE, AND GIVE ME SWEET KISSES."

"We want more Churches and more Clergymen."  
*Bishop of London's late Charge.*

"Rectorum numerum, terris pereuntibus, augeat."  
*Claudian in Eutrop.*

COME, give us more Livings and Rectors,  
For, richer no realm ever gave ;  
But why, ye unchristian objectors,  
Do ye ask us how many we crave ?<sup>1</sup>

O, there can't be too many rich Livings  
For souls of the Pluralist kind,  
Who, despising old Cocker's misgivings,  
To numbers can ne'er be confin'd.<sup>2</sup>

Count the cormorants hovering about,<sup>3</sup>  
At the time their fish season sets in,  
When these models of keen diners-out  
Are preparing their beaks to begin.

1 Come, Cloe, and give me sweet kisses,  
For sweeter sure never girl gave ;  
But why, in the midst of my blisses,  
Do you ask me how many I'd have ?

2 For whilst I love thee above measure,  
To numbers I'll ne'er be confin'd.

3 Count the bees that on Hybla are playing,  
Count the flowers that enamel their fields,  
Count the flocks, &c.

Count the rooks that, in clerical dresses,  
Flock round when the harvest's in play,  
And, not minding the farmer's distresses,  
Like devils in grain peck away.

Go, number the locusts in heaven,<sup>4</sup>  
On their way to some titheable shore ;  
And when so many Parsons you've given,  
We still shall be craving for more.

Then, unless ye the Church would submerge, ye  
Must leave us in peace to augment,  
For the wretch who could number the Clergy,  
With few will be ever content.<sup>5</sup>

### A SAD CASE.

1834

"If it be the undergraduate season at which this *rabies re-  
ligiosa* is to be so fearful, what security has Mr. G—lb—n  
against it at this moment, when his son is actually ex-  
posed to the full venom of an association with Dissent-  
ers ?" — *The Times*, March 25.

How sad a case ! — just think of it —  
If G—lb—n junior should be bit  
By some insane Dissenter, roaming  
Through Granta's halls, at large and foaming,  
And with that aspect, *ultra* crabbed  
Which marks Dissenters when they're rabid !  
God only knows what mischiefs might  
Result from this one single bite,  
Or how the venom, once suck'd in,  
Might spread and rage through kith and kin  
Mad folks, of all denominations,  
First turn upon their own relations :  
So that *one* G—lb—n, fairly bit,  
Might end in maddening the whole kit,  
Till, ah, ye gods, we'd have to rue  
Our G—lb—n senior bitten too ;  
The Hychurchphobia in those veins,  
Where Tory blood now redly reigns ;  
And that dear man, who now perceives  
Salvation only in lawn sleeves,  
Might, tainted by such coarse infection,  
Run mad in th' opposite direction,

4 Go number the stars in the heaven,  
Count how many sands on the shore ;  
When so many kisses you've given,  
I still shall be craving for more.

5 But the wretch who can number his kisses,  
With few will be ever content.

And think, poor man, 'tis only given  
To linsay woolsey to reach Heaven!

Just fancy what a shock 'twould be  
Our G—lb—n in his fits to see,  
Tearing into a thousand particles  
His once-lov'd Nine and Thirty Articles;  
(Those Articles his friend, the Duke,<sup>1</sup>  
For Gospel, t'other night, mistook;) —  
Cursing cathedrals, deans, and singers —  
Wishing the ropes might hang the ringers —  
Pelting the church with blasphemies,  
Even worse than Parson B—v—rl—y's; —  
And ripe for severing Church and State,  
Like any creedless reprobate,  
Or like that class of Methodists  
Prince Waterloo styles "Atheists!"

But 'tis too much — the Muse turns pale,  
And o'er the picture drops a veil,  
Praying, God save the G—lb—rns all  
From mad Dissenters, great and small!

— —

#### A DREAM OF HINDOSTAN.

— risum teneatis, amici.

"THE longer one lives, the more one learns,"  
Said I, as off to sleep I went,  
Bemus'd with thinking of Tithe concerns, . . .  
And reading a book, by the Bishop of FERNS,<sup>2</sup>  
On the Irish Church Establishment.  
But, lo, in sleep, not long I lay,  
When Fancy her usual tricks began,  
And I found myself bewitch'd away  
To a goodly city in Hindostan —  
A city, where he, who dares to dine  
On aught but rice, is deem'd a sinner;  
Where sheep and kine are held divine,  
And, accordingly — never dress'd for dinner.

"But how is this?" I wondering cried —  
As I walk'd that city, fair and wide,  
And saw, in every marble street,  
A row of beautiful butchers' shops —  
"What means, for men who don't eat meat,  
"This grand display of loins and chops?"  
In vain I ask'd — 'twas plain to see  
That nobody dar'd to answer me.  
So, on, from street to street I strode;  
And you can't conceive how vastly odd

The butchers look'd — a roseate crew,  
Eushrin'd in *stalls*, with nought to do;  
While some on a *bench*, half dozing, sat,  
And the Sacred Cows were not more fat

Still pos'd to think, what all this scene  
Of sinecure trade was *meant* to mean,  
"And, pray," ask'd I — "by whom is paid  
The expense of this strange masquerade?" —  
"Th' expense! — O, that's of course defray'd  
(Said one of these well-fed Hecatombers)  
"By yonder rascally rice consumers."  
"What! *they*, who mustn't eat meat!" —

"No matter  
(And, while he spoke, his cheeks grew fatter,)  
"The rogues may munch their *Paddy* crop,  
"But the rogues must still support *our* shop.  
"And, depend upon it, the way to treat  
"Heretical stomachs that thus dissent,  
"Is to burden all that won't eat meat,  
"With a costly MEAT ESTABLISHMENT."

On hearing these words so gravely said,  
With a volley of laughter loud I shook;  
And my slumber fled, and my dream was sped,  
And I found I was lying snug in bed,  
With my nose in the Bishop of FERNS's book.

#### THE BRUNSWICK CLUB.

A letter having been addressed to a very distinguished personage, requesting him to become the Patron of this Orange Club, a polite answer was forthwith returned, of which we have been fortunate enough to obtain a copy.

*Brimstone Hall, September 1. 1898*

*Private.* — LORD BELZEBUB presents  
To the Brunswick Club his compliments,  
And much regrets to say that he  
Cannot, at present, their Patron be.  
In stating this, Lord Belzebub  
Assures, on his honor, the Brunswick Club,  
That 'tisn't from any lukewarm lack  
Of zeal or fire he thus holds back —  
As ev'n Lord *Coal*<sup>3</sup> himself is not  
For the Orange party more red hot:  
But the truth is, till their Club affords  
A somewhat decenter show of Lords,  
And on its list of members gets  
A few less rubbishy Baronets,  
Lord Belzebub must beg to be  
Excused from keeping such company.

<sup>1</sup> The Duke of Wellington, who styled them "the Articles of Christianity."

<sup>2</sup> An indefatigable scribbler of anti-Catholic pamphlets

<sup>3</sup> Usually written "Cole."

Who the devil, he humbly begs to know,  
 Are Lord Gl—nd—ne, and Lord D—nlo?  
 Or who, with a grain of sense, would go  
 To sit and be bored by Lord M—yo?  
 What living creature — *except his nurse* —  
 For Lord M—ntc—sh—l cares a curse,  
 Or thinks 'twould matter if Lord M—sk—rry  
 Were t'other side of the Stygian ferry?  
 Breathes there a man in Dublin town,  
 Who'd give but half of half a crown  
 To save from drowning my Lord R—thd—ne,  
 Or who wouldn't also gladly hustle in  
 Lords R—d—n, B—nd—n, C—le, and J—c—  
 l—n?

In short, though, from his tenderest years,  
 Accustom'd to all sorts of Peers,  
 Lord Belzebub much questions whether  
 He ever yet saw, mix'd together,  
 As 'twere in one capacious tub,  
 Such a mess of noble silly-bub  
 As the twenty Peers of the Brunswick Club.  
 'Tis therefore impossible that Lord B.  
 Could stoop to such society,  
 Thinking, he owns (though no great prig),  
 For one in his station 'twere *infra dig.*  
 But he begs to propose, in the interim  
 (Till they find some prop'rer Peers for him),  
 His Highness of C—mb—d, as *Sub*,  
 To take his place at the Brunswick Club —  
 Begging, meanwhile, himself to dub  
 Their obedient servant, BELZEBUB.

It luckily happens, the R—y—l Duke  
 Resembles so much, in air and look,  
 The head of the Belzebub family,  
 That few can any difference see;  
 Which makes him, of course, the better suit  
 To serve as Lord B.'s substitute.

### PROPOSALS FOR A GYNÆOCRACY.

ADDRESSED TO A LATE RADICAL MEETING.

1834.

— "Quas ipsa decus sibi dia Camilla  
 Delegit pacisque bonas bellique ministras."

VIRGIL.

As Whig Reform has had its range,  
 And none of us are yet content,  
 Suppose, my friends, by way of change,  
 We try a *Female Parliament*;  
 And since, of late, with *he M. P.'s*  
 We've fared so badly, take to *she's* —  
 Petticoat patriots, flounc'd John Russells,  
 Burdets in *blonde*, and Broughams in *bustles*.

The plan is startling, I confess —  
 But 'tis but an affair of dress;  
 Nor see I much there is to choose  
 'Twixt Ladies (so they're thorough-bred ones)  
 In ribbons of all sorts of hues,  
 Or Lords in only blue or red ones.

At least, the fiddlers will be winners,  
 Whatever other trade advances;  
 As then, instead of Cabinet dinners,  
 We'll have, at Almack's, Cabinet dances;  
 Nor let this world's important questions  
 Depend on Ministers' digestions.

If Ude's receipts have done things ill,  
 To Weippert's band they may go better;  
 There's Lady \* \*, in one quadrille,  
 Would settle Europe, if you'd let her:  
 And who the deuse or asks, or cares,  
 When Whigs or Tories have undone 'em,  
 Whether they've *danc'd* through State affairs,  
 Or simply, dully, *din'd* upon 'em?

Hurrah then for the Petticoats!  
 To them we pledge our free-born votes;  
 We'll have all *she*, and only *she* —  
 Pert blues shall act as "best debaters"  
 Old dowagers our Bishops be,  
 And termagants our Agitators.

If Vestris, to oblige the nation,  
 Her own Olympus will abandon,  
 And help to prop th' Administration,  
 It *can't* have better legs to stand on.  
 The fam'd Macaulay (Miss) shall show,  
 Each evening, forth in learn'd oration,  
 Shall move (midst general cries of "O!")  
 For full returns of population:  
 And, finally, to crown the whole,  
 The Princess Olive,<sup>1</sup> Royal soul,  
 Shall from her bower in Banco Regis,  
 Descend, to bless her faithful lieges,  
 And, mid our Union's loyal chorus,  
 Reign jollily forever o'er us.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE \* \* \*

Sir,

Having heard some rumors respecting the strange and awful visitation under which Lord H—nl—y has for some time past been suffering, in consequence of his declared hoe-

<sup>1</sup> A personage, so styling herself, who attained considerable notoriety at that period.

tility to "anthems, solos, duets,"<sup>1</sup> &c., I took the liberty of making inquiries at his Lordship's house this morning, and lose no time in transmitting to you such particulars as I could collect. It is said that the screams of his Lordship, under the operation of this nightly concert, (which is, no doubt, some trick of the Radicals,) may be heard all over the neighborhood. The female who personates St. Cecilia is supposed to be the same that, last year, appeared in the character of Isis, at the Rotunda. How the cherubs are managed, I have not yet ascertained.

Yours, &c.

P. P.

### LORD H—NL—Y AND ST. CECILIA.

— in Meti descendat Judicis aures. HORAT.  
1833.

As snug in his bed Lord H—nl—y lay,  
Revolving much his own renown,  
And hoping to add thereto a ray,  
By putting duets and anthems down,

Sudden a strain of choral sounds  
Mellifluous o'er his senses stole;  
Whereat the Reformer mutter'd, "Zounds!"  
For he loath'd sweet music with all his soul.

Then, starting up, he saw a sight  
That well might shock so learn'd a snorer —  
Saint Cecilia, rob'd in light,  
With a portable organ slung before her.

And round were Cherubs, on rainbow wings,  
Who, his Lordship fear'd, might tire of flitting,  
So begg'd they'd sit — but ah! poor things,  
They'd, none of them, got the means of sitting.<sup>2</sup>

"Having heard," said the Saint, "you're fond  
of hymns,

"And indeed, that musical snore betray'd you,  
"Myself, and my choir of cherubims,  
"Are come, for a while, to serenade you."

In vain did the horrified H—nl—y say  
"Twas all a mistake" — "she was misdi-  
rected;"

And point to a concert, over the way,  
Where fiddlers and angels were expected.

In vain — the Saint could see in his looks  
(She civilly said) much tuneful lore;  
So, at once, all open'd their music books,  
And herself and her Cherubs set off at score.

All night duets, terzets, quartets,  
Nay, long quintets most dire to hear;  
Ay, and old motets, and canzonets,  
And glees, in sets, kept boring his ear.

He tried to sleep — but it wouldn't do;  
So loud they squall'd, he *must* attend to 'em.  
Though Cherubs' songs, to his cost he knew,  
Were like themselves, and had no end to 'em.

O judgment dire on judges bold,  
Who meddle with music's sacred strains!  
Judge Midas tried the same of old,  
And was punish'd, like H—nl—y, for his  
pains.

But worse on the modern judge, alas!  
Is the sentence launch'd from Apollo's throne;  
For Midas was given the ears of an ass,  
While H—nl—y is doom'd to keep his own!

### ADVERTISEMENT.<sup>3</sup>

1830.

MISSING or lost, last Sunday night,  
A Waterloo coin, whereon was trac'd  
Th' inscription, "Courage!" in letters bright,  
Though a little by rust of years defac'd.

The metal thereof is rough and hard,  
And ('tis thought of late) mix'd up with brass;  
But it bears the stamp of Fame's award,  
And through all Posterity's hands will pass.

How it was lost, God only knows,  
But certain *City* thieves, they say,  
Broke in on the owner's evening dose,  
And filch'd this "gift of gods" away!

One ne'er could, of course, the Cits suspect,  
If we hadn't, that evening, chane'd to see,  
At the robb'd man's door, a *Mare* elect,  
With an ass to keep her company.

Whosoe'er of this lost treasure knows,  
Is begg'd to state all facts about it,  
As the owner can't well face his foes,  
Nor ev'n his friends, just now, without it.

Duke, then Prime Minister, acting under the inspirations of Sir Cl—d—s H—nt—r and other *City* worthies, advised his Majesty to give up his announced intention of dining with the Lord Mayor.

<sup>1</sup> In a work, on Church Reform, published by his Lordship in 1832.

<sup>2</sup> "Asseyez-vous, mes enfans." — "Il n'y a pas de quoi, mon Seigneur."

<sup>3</sup> Written at that memorable crisis when a distinguished

And if Sir Clod will bring it back,  
Like a trusty Baronet, wise and able,  
He shall have a ride on the whitest hawk<sup>1</sup>  
That's left in old King George's stable.

## MISSING.

Carlton Terrace, 1833.

WHEREAS, Lord \* \* \* \* \* de \* \* \* \* \*  
Left his home last Saturday,  
And, though inquir'd for, round and round,  
Through certain purlieus, can't be found;  
And whereas, none can solve our queries  
As to where this virtuous Peer is,  
Notice is hereby giv'n, that all  
May forthwith to inquiring fall,  
As, once the things well set about,  
No doubt but we shall hunt him out.

His Lordship's mind, of late, they say,  
Hath been in an uneasy way.  
Himself and colleagues not being let  
To climb into the Cabinet,  
To settle England's state affairs,  
Hath much, it seems, *unsettled* theirs;  
And chief to this stray Plenipo  
Hath been a most distressing blow.  
Already, — certain to receive a  
Well-paid mission to the Neva,  
And be the bearer of kind words  
To tyrant Nick from Tory Lords, —  
To fit himself for free discussion,  
His Lordship had been learning Russian;  
And all so natural to him were  
The accents of the Northern bear,  
That, while his tones were in your ear, you  
Might swear you were in sweet Siberia.  
And still, poor Peer, to old and young,  
He goes on raving in that tongue;  
Tells you how much you would enjoy a  
Trip to Dalnodoubrowskoya;<sup>2</sup>  
Talks of such places, by the score, on  
As Ouliffirmchinagoboron,<sup>3</sup>  
And swears (for he at nothing sticks)  
That Russia swarms with Raskol-niks,<sup>4</sup>  
Though *one* such Nick, God knows, must be,  
A more than ample quantity.

<sup>1</sup> Among other remarkable attributes by which Sir Clod—d—s distinguished himself, the dazzling whiteness of his favorite steed was not the least conspicuous.

<sup>2</sup> In the Government of Perm.

<sup>3</sup> Territory belonging to the mines of Kolivano-Kosskresense.

<sup>4</sup> The name of a religious sect in Russia. "Il existe en Russie plusieurs sectes; la plus nombreuse est celle des Ras-

Such are the marks by which to know  
This stray'd or stolen Plenipo;  
And whosoever brings or sends  
The unhappy statesman to his friends,  
On Carlton Terrace, shall have thanks,  
And — any paper but the Bank's.

P. S. — Some think, the disappearance  
Of this our diplomatic Peer hence  
Is for the purpose of reviewing,  
*In person*, what dear Mig is doing,  
So as to 'scape all telltale letters  
'Bout B—s—d, and such abettors, —  
The only "wretches" for whose aid<sup>5</sup>  
Letters seem *not* to have been made.

## THE DANCE OF BISHOPS;

OR, THE EPISCOPAL QUADRILLE.<sup>6</sup>

A DREAM.

1833.

"Solemn dances were, on great festivals and celebrations, admitted among the primitive Christians, in which even the Bishops and dignified Clergy were performers. Scaviger says, that the first Bishops were called *Præsules*<sup>7</sup> for no other reason than that they led off these dances."<sup>8</sup> — *Cyclopaedia*, art. *Dances*.

I'VE had such a dream — a frightful dream —  
Though funny, mayhap, to wags 'twill seem,  
By all who regard the Church, like us,  
'Twill be thought exceedingly ominous!

As reading in bed I lay last night —  
Which (being insured) is my delight —  
I happen'd to doze off just as I got to  
The singular fact which forms my motto.  
Only think, thought I, as I doz'd away,  
Of a party of Churchmen dancing the hay!  
Clerks, curates, and rectors, capering all,  
With a neat-legg'd Bishop to open the ball!

Scarce had my eyelids time to close,  
When the scene I had fancied before me rose —  
An Episcopal Hop, on a scale so grand  
As my dazzled eyes could hardly stand.  
For, Britain and Erin clubb'd their Secs  
To make it a Dance of Dignitics,  
And I saw — O brightest of Church events!  
A quadrille of the two Establishments,

kol-niks, ou vrai-croyants." — GAMBA, *Voyage dans la Russie Méridionale*.

<sup>5</sup> "Heav'n first taught letters for some wretch's aid." POPE.

<sup>6</sup> Written on the passing of the menic'able Bill, in the year 1833, for the abolition of ten Irish Bishopricks.

<sup>7</sup> Literally, First Dancers.



Bishop to Bishop *vis-à-vis*,  
Footing away prodigiously.

There was Bristol capering up to Derry,  
And Cork with London making merry ;  
While huge Llandaff, with a Sec, so so,  
Was to dear old Dublin pointing his toe.  
There was Chester, hatch'd by woman's smile,  
Performing a *chaîne des Dames* in style ;  
While he who, whene'er the Lords' House dozes,  
Can waken them up by citing Moses,<sup>1</sup>  
The portly Tuam, was all in a hurry  
To set, *en avant*, to Canterbury.  
Meantime, while pamphlets stuff'd his pockets,  
(All out of date, like spent sky rockets,)  
Our Exeter stood forth to caper,  
As high on the floor as he doth on paper —  
Much like a dapper Dancing Dervise,  
Who pirouettes his whole church service —  
Performing, 'midst those reverend souls,  
Such *entrechats*, such *cabrioles*,  
Such *balonnés*,<sup>2</sup> such — rigmaroles,  
Now high, now low, now this, now that,  
That none could guess what the dev'l he'd be at ;  
Though, watching his various steps, some  
thought  
That a step in the Church was all he sought.

But alas, alas ! while thus so gay,  
These rev'rend dancers frisk'd away,  
Nor Paul himself (not the saint, but he  
Of the Opera house) could brisker be,  
There gathered a gloom around their glee —  
A shadow, which came and went so fast,  
That ere one could say " 'Tis there," 'twas past,  
And, lo, when the scene again was clear'd,  
Ten of the dancers had disappear'd !  
Ten able-bodied quadrillers swept  
From the hallow'd floor where late they stepp'd,  
While twelve was all that footed it still,  
On the Irish side of that grand Quadrille !

Nor this the worst : — still danc'd they on,  
But the pomp was sadden'd, the smile was gone ;  
And again, from time to time, the same  
Ill-omened darkness round them came —  
While still, as the light broke out anew,  
Their ranks look'd less by a dozen or two ;  
Till ah ! at last there were only found  
Just Bishops enough for a four-hands-round ;

<sup>1</sup> "And what does Moses say?" — One of the ejaculations with which this eminent prelate enlivened his famous speech on the Catholic question.

<sup>2</sup> A description of the method of executing this step may be useful to future performers in the same line : — "Ce pas

And when I awoke, impatient getting,  
I left the last holy pair *poussetting* !

N. B. — As ladies in years, it seems,  
Have the happiest knack at solving dreams,  
I shall leave to my ancient feminine friends  
Of the *Standard* to say what *this* portends.

DICK \* \* \* \* .

A CHARACTER.

OF various scraps and fragments built,  
Borrow'd alike from fools and wits,  
Dick's mind was like a patchwork quilt,  
Made up of new, old, motley bits —  
Where, if the *Co.* call'd in their shares,  
If pettiecoats their quota got,  
And gowns were all refunded theirs,  
The quilt would look but shy, God wot.

And thus he still, new plagiaries seeking,  
Revers'd ventriloquism's trick,  
For, 'stead of Dick through others speaking,  
'Twas others we heard speak through Dick.  
A Tory now, all bounds exceeding,  
Now best of Whigs, now worst of rats ;  
One day, with Malthus, foe to breeding,  
The next, with Sadler, all for brats.

Poor Dick ! — and how else could it be ?  
With notions all at random caught,  
A sort of mental fricassee,  
Made up of legs and wings of thought —  
The leavings of the last Debate, or  
A dinner, yesterday, of wits,  
Where Dick sate by and, like a waiter,  
Had the scraps for perquisites.

A CORRECTED REPORT OF SOME LATE  
SPEECHES.

"Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said  
unto that saint."

1834.

St. S.—NCL—R rose and declar'd in sooth,  
That he wouldn't give sixpence to Maynooth.  
He had hated priests the whole of his life,  
For a priest was a man who had no wife,<sup>3</sup>

est composé de deux mouvemens différens, savoir, plier, et sauter sur un pied, et se rejeter sur l'autre." — *Dictionnaire de Danse*, art. *Contre-temps*.

<sup>3</sup> "He objected to the maintenance and education of a clergy bound by the particular vows of celibacy, which, as it

And, having no wife, the Church was his mother,

The Church was his father, sister, and brother.

This being the case, he was sorry to say,

That a gulf 'twixt Papist and Protestant lay,<sup>1</sup>

So deep and wide, scarce possible was it

To say even "how d'ye do?" across it:

And though your Liberals, nimble as fleas,

Could clear such gulfs with perfect ease,

'Twas a jump that nought on earth could make

Your proper, heavy-built Christian take.

No, no, — if a Dance of Sects *must* be,

He would set to the Baptist willingly,<sup>2</sup>

At the Independent deign to smirk,

And rigadon with old Mother Kirk;

Nay ev'n, for once, if needs must be,

He'd take hands round with all the three;

But, as to a jig with Popery, no, —

To the Harlot ne'er would he point his toe.

St. M—nd—v—le was the next that rose, —

A Saint who round, as pedler, goes,

With his pack of piety and prose,

Heavy and hot enough, God knows, —

And he said that Papists were much inclin'd

To extirpate all of Protestant kind,

Which he couldn't, in truth, so much condemn,

Having rather a wish to extirpate *them*;

That is, — to guard against mistake, —

To extirpate them for their doctrine's sake;

A distinction Churchmen always make, —

Insomuch that, when they've prime control,

Though sometimes roasting heretics whole,

They but cook the body for sake of the soul.

Next jump'd St. J—hnst—n jollily forth,

The spiritual Dogberry of the North,<sup>3</sup>

A right "wise fellow, and, what's more,

An officer,"<sup>4</sup> like his type of yore;

And he ask'd, if we grant such toleration,

Pray, what's the use of our Reformation?<sup>5</sup>

What is the use of our Church and State?

Our Bishops, Articles, Tithe, and Rate?

And, still as he yell'd out "what's the use?"

Old Echoes, from their cells recluse

Where they'd for centuries slept, broke loose,

Yelling responsive, "*What's the use?*"

## MORAL POSITIONS.

### A DREAM.

"His Lordship said that it took a long time for a moral position to find its way across the Atlantic. He was very sorry that its voyage had been so long," &c. — Speech of Lord Dudley and Ward on Colonial Slavery, March 8.

T'OTHER night, after hearing Lord Dudley's oration,

(A treat that comes once a year as May day does),

I dreamt that I saw — what a strange operation!

A "moral position" shipp'd off for Barbadoes!

The whole Bench of Bishops stood by in grave attitudes,

Packing the article tidy and neat; —

As their Rev'rences know, that in southerly latitudes

"Moral positions" don't keep very sweet.

There was B—th—st arranging the custom-house pass;

And, to guard the frail package from tousing and routing,

There stood my Lord Eld—n, indorsing it "Glass,"

Though as to which side should lie uppermost, doubting.

The freight was, however, stow'd safe in the hold;

The winds were polite, and the moon look'd romantic,

While off in the good ship "The Truth" we were roll'd,

With our ethical cargo, across the Atlantic.

Long, dolefully long, seem'd the voyage we made;

For "The Truth," at all times but a very slow sailer,

*were, gave them the church as their only family, making it fill the places of father and mother and brother.*" — Debate on the Grant to Maynooth College, *The Times*, April 19.

<sup>1</sup> "It had always appeared to him that *between the Catholic and Protestant a great gulf intervened, which rendered it impossible,*" &c.

<sup>2</sup> "The Baptist might acceptably extend the offices of religion to the Presbyterian and the Independent, or the member of the Church of England to any of the other three; but the Catholic," &c.

<sup>3</sup> "Could he then, holding as he did a spiritual office in the Church of Scotland, (cries of hear, and laughter,) with any consistency give his consent to a grant of money?" &c.

<sup>4</sup> "I am a wise fellow, and which is more, an officer." *Much Ado about Nothing*.

<sup>5</sup> "What, he asked, was the use of the Reformation? What was the use of the Articles of the Church of England, or of the Church of Scotland?" &c.

By friends, near as much as by foes, is delay'd,  
And few come aboard her, though so many  
hail her.

At length, safe arrived, I went through "tare  
and tret,"

Deliver'd my goods in the primest condition,  
And next morning read, in the *Bridgetown Ga-*  
*zette*,

"Just arrived by 'The Truth,' a new moral  
position.

▷ The Captain" — here, startled to find myself  
nam'd

As "the Captain" — (a thing which, I own  
it with pain,

I through life have avoided,) I woke — look'd  
asham'd,

Found I *wasn't* a captain, and doz'd off again.

### THE MAD TORY AND THE COMET.

FOUNDED ON A LATE DISTRESSING INCIDENT.

1832-3.

"Mutantem regna cometem." LUCAN.<sup>1</sup>

"THOUGH all the pet mischiefs we count upon,  
fail,

"Though Cholera, hurricanes, Wellington  
leave us,

"We've still in reserve, mighty Comet, thy  
tail; —

"Last hope of the Tories, wilt thou too de-  
ceive us?

"No — 'tis coming, 'tis coming, th' avenger is  
nigh;

"Heed, heed not, ye placemen, how Herapath  
flatters;

"One whisk from that tail, as it passes us by,  
"Will settle, at once, all political matters; —

"The East India Question, the Bank, the Five  
Powers,

("Now turn'd into two) with their rigmarole  
Protocols; <sup>2</sup> —

<sup>1</sup> Eclipses and comets have been always looked to as  
great changers of administrations. Thus Milton, speaking  
of the former: —

"With fear of change  
Perplexing monarchs."

And in Statius we find,

"Mutant quæ sceptra cometæ."

"Ha! ha! ye gods, how this new friend of ours  
"Will knock, right and left, all diplomacy's  
what-d'ye-calls!

"Yes, rather than Whigs at our downfall should  
mock,

"Meet planets, and suns, in one general hus-  
tle!

"While, happy in vengeance, we welcome the  
shock

"That shall jerk from their places, Grey, Al-  
thorp, and Russell."

Thus spoke a mad Lord, as, with telescope rais'd,  
His wild Tory eye on the heavens he set;

And, though nothing destructive appear'd as he  
gaz'd,

Much hop'd that there *would*, before Parlia-  
ment met.

And still, as odd shapes seem'd to flit through  
his glass,

"Ha! there it is now," the poor maniac cries;  
While his fancy with forms but too monstrous,  
alas!

From his own Tory zodiac, peoples the skies:

"Now I spy a big body, good heavens, how big!

"Whether Bucky<sup>3</sup> or Taurus I cannot well  
say: —

"And, yonder, there's Eld—n's old Chancery  
wig,

"In its dusty aphelion fast fading away.

"I see, 'mong those fatuous meteors behind,

"L—nd—nd—ry, *in vacuo*, flaring about; —

"While that dim double star, of the nebulous  
kind,

"Is the Gemini, R—den and L—rt—n, no  
doubt.

"Ah, El—b'r—h! 'faith, I first thought 'twas  
the Comet;

"So like that in Milton, it made me quite pale,

"The head with the same 'horrid hair'<sup>4</sup> com-  
ing from it,

"And plenty of vapor, but — where is the  
tail?"

<sup>2</sup> See, for some of these Protocols, the Annual Register  
for the year 1832.

<sup>3</sup> The D—e of B—ck—m.

<sup>4</sup> "And from his horrid hair  
Shakes pestilence and war"

Just then, up aloft jump'd the gazer elated —  
 For, lo, his bright glass a phenomenon show'd,  
 Which he took to be C—mb—rl—d, *upwards*  
 translated,  
 Instead of his natural course, *t'other road* !

But too awful that sight for a spirit so shaken, —  
 Down dropp'd the poor Tory in fits and grimaces,  
 Then off to the Bedlam in Charles Street was taken,  
 And is now one of Halford's most favorite cases.

FROM THE HON. HENRY —, TO  
 LADY EMMA —.

*Paris, March 30, 1832.*

You bid me explain, my dear angry Ma'amselle,  
 How I came thus to bolt without saying farewell ;  
 And the truth is, — as truth you *will* have, my  
 sweet railer, —

There are two worthy persons I always feel  
 loath  
 To take leave of at starting, — my mistress and  
 tailor, —

As somehow one always has *scenes* with them  
 both ;

The Snip in ill humor, the Siren in tears,  
 She calling on Heaven, and he on th' attorney,  
 —

Till sometimes, in short, 'twixt his duns and his  
 dears,

A young gentleman risks being stopp'd in his  
 journey.

But, to come to the point, — though you think,  
 I dare say,

That 'tis debt or the Cholera drives me away,  
 'Pon honor you're wrong ; — such a mere bagatelle

As a pestilence, nobody, nowadays, fears ;  
 And the fact is, my love, I'm thus bolting, pell-  
 mell,

To get out of the way of these horrid new  
 Peers ;<sup>1</sup>

This deluge of coronets, frightful to think of,  
 Which England is now, for her sins, on the brink  
 of ;

This coinage of *nobles*, — coin'd, all of 'em, badly,  
 And sure to bring Counts to a *discount* most  
 sadly.

Only think, to have Lords overrunning the na-  
 tion,

As plenty as frogs in a Dutch inundation ;  
 No shelter from Barons, from Earls no protec-  
 tion,

And tadpole young Lords, too, in every direc-  
 tion, —

Things created in haste, just to make a Court  
 list of,

Two legs and a coronet all they consist of :  
 The prospect's quite frightful, and what Sir  
 George R—se

(My particular friend) says is perfectly true,  
 That, so dire the alternative, nobody knows,  
 'Twixt the Peers and the Pestilence, what he's  
 to do ;

And Sir George even doubts, — could he choose  
 his disorder, —

'Twixt coffin and coronet, *which* he would order.

This being the case, why, I thought, my dear  
 Emma,

'Twere best to fight shy of so curs'd a dilemma ;  
 And though I confess myself somewhat a villain,

To've left *idol mio* without an *addio*,  
 Console your sweet heart, and, a week hence,  
 from Milan

I'll send you — some news of Bellini's last  
 trio.

N. B. — Have just pack'd up my travelling set  
 out,

Things a tourist in Italy *can't* go without —  
 Viz., a pair of *gants gras*, from old Houbigant's  
 shop,

Good for hands that the air of Mont Cenis might  
 chap.

Small presents for ladies, — and nothing so whee-  
 dles

The creatures abroad as your golden-ey'd needles.

A neat pocket Horace, by which folks are coz-  
 en'd

To think one knows Latin, when — one, perhaps,  
 doesn't ;

With some little book about heathen mythology,  
 Just large enough to refresh one's theology ;

Nothing on earth being half such a bore as  
 Not knowing the diff'rence 'twixt Virgins and  
 Floras.

Once more, love, farewell, best regards to the  
 girls,

And mind you beware of damp feet and new  
 Earls.

HENRY.

<sup>1</sup> A new creation of Peers was generally expected at this  
 time.

## TRIUMPH OF BIGOTRY.

\* COLLEGE. — We announced, in our last, that Lefroy and Shaw were returned. They were chaired yesterday; the Students of the College determined, it would seem, to imitate the mob in all things, harnessing themselves to the car, and the Masters of Arts hearing Orange flags and bludgeons before, beside, and behind the car."

*Dublin Evening Post, Dec. 20, 1832.*

Ay, yoke ye to the bigot's car,  
Ye chos'n of Alma Mater's scions; —  
Fleet chargers drew the God of War,  
Great Cybele was drawn by lions,  
And Sylvan Pan, as Poets dream,  
Drove four young panthers in his team.  
Thus classical L—fr—y, for once, is,  
Thus, studious of a like turnout,  
He harnesses young sucking dunces,  
To draw him, as their Chief, about,  
And let the world a picture see  
Of Dulness yok'd to Bigotry:  
Showing us how young College hacks  
Can pace with bigots at their backs,  
As though the cubs were *born* to draw  
Such luggage as L—fr—y and Sh—w.

O shade of Goldsmith, shade of Swift,  
Bright spirits whom, in days of yore,  
This Queen of Dulness sent adrift,  
As aliens to her foggy shore; <sup>1</sup> —  
Shade of our glorious Grattan, too,  
Whose very name her shame recalls;  
Whose effigy her bigot crew  
Revers'd upon their monkish walls, <sup>2</sup> —  
Bear witness (lest the world should doubt)  
To your mute Mother's dull renown,  
Then famous but for Wit turn'd out,  
And Eloquence *turn'd upside down*;  
But now ordain'd new wreaths to win,  
Beyond all fame of former days,  
By breaking thus young donkeys in  
To draw M. P.'s, amid the brays  
Alike of donkies and M. A.'s; —  
Defying Oxford to surpass 'em  
In this new "Gradus ad Parnassum."

TRANSLATION FROM THE GULL  
LANGUAGE.

*Scripta manet.*

1833.

"Twas grav'd on the Stone of Destiny, <sup>3</sup>  
In letters four, and letters three;  
And ne'er did the King of the Gulls go by  
But those awful letters scar'd his eye;  
For he knew that a Prophet Voice had said,  
"As long as those words by man were read,  
"The ancient race of the Gulls should ne'er  
"One hour of peace or plenty share."  
But years on years successive flew,  
And the letters still more legible grew, —  
At top, a T, an H, an E,  
And underneath, D. E. B. T.

Some thought them Hebrew, — such as Jews,  
More skill'd in Scrip than Scripture, use;  
While some surmis'd 'twas an ancient way  
Of keeping accounts, (well known in the day  
Of the fam'd Didlerius Jeremias,  
Who had thereto a wonderful bias,)  
And prov'd in books most learn'dly boring,  
'Twas called the *Pontick* way of scoring.

Howe'er this be, there never were yet  
Seven letters of the alphabet,  
That, 'twixt them, form'd so grim a spell,  
Or scar'd a Land of Gulls so well,  
As did this awful riddle-me-ree  
Of T. H. E. D. E. B. T.

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Hark! — it is struggling Freedom's cry;  
"Help, help, ye nations, or I die;  
" 'Tis Freedom's fight, and, on the field  
"Where I expire, *your* doom is seal'd."  
The Gull King hears the awakening call,  
He hath summon'd his Peers and Patriots all,  
And he asks, "Ye noble Gulls, shall we  
"Stand basely by at the fall of the Free,  
"Nor utter a curse, nor deal a blow?"  
And they answer, with voice of thunder, "No."

Out fly their flashing swords in the air! —  
But, — why do they rest suspended there?  
What sudden blight, what baleful charm,  
Hath chill'd each eye, and check'd each arm?

Great Hall of the University, to be turned upside down, and in this position it remained for some time.

<sup>3</sup> Liafail, or the Stone of Destiny, — for which see Westminster Abbey.

<sup>1</sup> See the lives of these two poets for the circumstances under which they left Dublin College.

<sup>2</sup> In the year 1799, the Board of Trinity College, Dublin, thought proper, as a mode of expressing their disapprobation of Mr. Grattan's public conduct, to order his portrait, in the



Alas! some withering hand hath thrown  
The veil from off that fatal stone,  
And pointing now, with sapless finger,  
Showeth where dark those letters linger,—  
Letters four, and letters three,  
T. H. E. D. E. B. T.

At sight thereof, each lifted brand  
Powerless falls from every hand;  
In vain the Patriot knits his brow,—  
Even talk, his staple, fails him now.  
In vain the King like a hero treads,  
His Lords of the Treasury shake their heads;  
And to all his talk of "brave and free,"  
No answer getteth His Majesty  
But "T. H. E. D. E. B. T."  
In short, the whole Gull nation feels  
They're fairly spellbound, neck and heels;  
And so, in the face of the laughing world,  
Must e'en sit down, with banners furl'd,  
Adjourning all their dreams sublime  
Of glory and war to—some other time.

### NOTIONS ON REFORM.

BY A MODERN REFORMER.

Of all the misfortunes as yet brought to pass  
By this comet-like Bill, with its long tail of  
speeches,

The saddest and worst is the schism which, alas!  
It has caused between W—th—r—l's waist-  
coat and breeches.

Some symptoms of this Anti-Union propensity  
Had oft broken out in that quarter before;  
But the breach, since the Bill, has attain'd such  
immensity,  
Daniel himself could have scarce wish'd it  
more.

O, haste to repair it, ye friends of good order,  
Ye Atw—ds and W—nns, ere the moment is  
pass'd;

Who can doubt that we tread upon Anarchy's  
border,

When the ties that should hold men are  
loosening so fast?

<sup>1</sup> It will be recollected that the learned gentleman him-  
self boasted, one night, in the House of Commons, of having  
sat in the very chair which this allegorical lady had occu-  
pied.

<sup>2</sup> Lucan's description of the effects of the tripod on the

Make W—th—r—l yield to "some sort of Re-  
form"

(As we all must, God help us! with very wry  
faces);

And loud as he likes let him bluster and storm  
About Corporate Rights, so he'll only wear  
braces.

Should those he now sports have been long in  
possession,

And, like his own borough, the worse for the  
wear,

Advise him, at least, as a prudent concession  
To Intellect's progress, to buy a new pair.

O, who that e'er saw him, when vocal he stands,  
With a look something midway 'twixt Filch's  
and Lockit's,

While still, to inspire him, his deeply-thrust  
hands

Keep jingling the rhino in both breech-  
pockets—

Who that ever has listen'd through groan and  
through cough,

To the speeches inspir'd by this music of  
peace,—

But must grieve that there's any thing like *fall-  
ing off*

In that great nether source of his wit and his  
sense?

Who that knows how he look'd when, with  
grace debonair,

He began first to court—rather late in the  
season—

Or when, less fastidious, he sat in the chair

Of his old friend, the Nottingham Goddess  
of Reason;<sup>1</sup>

That Goddess, whose borough-like virtue at-  
tracted

All mongers in *both* wares to proffer their love;  
Whose chair like the stool of the Pythoness acted,

As W—th—r—l's rants, ever since, go to  
prove;<sup>2</sup>

Who, in short, would not grieve, if a man of his  
graces

Should go on rejecting, unwarn'd by the past,

appearance and voice of the sitter, shows that the symptom  
are, at least, very similar:

Spmæa tunc primum rabies vesana per ora

Effluit . . . . .

tunc mæstus vastis ululatus in antris

The "moderate Reform" of a pair of new braces,  
Till, some day, — he'll all fall to pieces at last.

### TORY PLEDGES.

I PLEDGE myself through thick and thin,  
To labor still, with zeal devout,  
To get the Outs, poor devils, in,  
And turn the Ins, the wretches, out.

I pledge myself, though much bereft  
Of ways and means of ruling ill,  
To make the most of what are left,  
And stick to all that's rotten still.

Though gone the days of place and pelf,  
And drones no more take all the honey,  
I pledge myself to cram myself  
With all I can of public money.

To quarter on that social purse  
My nephews, nieces, sisters, brothers,  
Nor, so *we* prosper, care a curse  
How much 'tis at th' expense of others.

I pledge myself, whenever Right  
And Might on any point divide,  
Not to ask which is black or white,  
But take, at once, the strongest side.

For instance, in all Tithe discussions,  
I'm for the Reverend encroachers: —  
I loathe the Poles, applaud the Russians, —  
Am for the Squires, *against* the Poachers.

Betwixt the Corn Lords and the Poor  
I've not the slightest hesitation, —  
The People *must* be starved, t' insure  
The Land its due remuneration.

I pledge myself to be no more  
With Ireland's wrongs bepros'd or sham'm'd;  
I vote her grievances a *bore*,  
So she may suffer, and be d—d.

Or if she kick, let it console us,  
We still have plenty of red coats,  
To cram the Church, that general bolus,  
Down any giv'n amount of throats.

I dearly love the Frankfort Diet, —  
Think newspapers the worst of crimes;  
And would, to give some chance of quiet,  
Hang all the writers of The Times;

Break all their correspondents' bones,  
All authors of "Reply," "Rejoinder,"  
From the Anti-Tory, Colonel J—es,  
To the Anti-Suttee, Mr. P—ynd—r.

Such are the Pledges I propose;  
And though I can't now offer gold,  
There's many a way of buying those  
Who've but the taste for being sold.

So here's, with three times three hurrahs,  
A toast, of which you'll not complain, —  
"Long life to jobbing; may the days  
"Of Peculation shine again!"

### ST. JEROME ON EARTH.

FIRST VISIT.

1832.

As St. Jerome, who died some ages ago,  
Was sitting, one day, in the shades below,  
"I've heard much of English bishops," quoth he,  
"And shall now take a trip to earth, to see  
"How far they agree, in their lives and ways,  
"With our good old bishops of ancient days."

He had learn'd — but learn'd without misgiv-  
ings —

Their love for good living, and eke good livings;  
Not knowing (as ne'er having taken degrees)  
That good *living* means claret and fricassees,  
While its plural means simply — pluralities.  
"From all I hear," said the innocent man,  
"They are quite on the good old primitive plan.  
"For wealth and pomp they little can care,  
"As they all say 'No' to th' Episcopal chair;  
"And their vestal virtue it well denotes  
"That they all, good men, wear petticoats."

Thus saying, post haste to earth he hurries,  
And knocks at th' Archbishop of Canterbury's.  
The door was oped by a lackey in lace,  
Saying, "What's your business with his Grace?"  
"His Grace!" quoth Jerome — for posed was he,  
Not knowing what *sort* this Grace could be;  
Whether Grace *preventing*, Grace *particular*,  
Grace of that breed called *Quinquarticular*<sup>1</sup> —  
In short, he rummag'd his holy mind,  
Th' exact description of Grace to find,  
Which thus could represented be  
By a footman in full livery.

<sup>1</sup> So called from the proceedings of the Synod of Dort.

At last, out loud in a laugh he broke,  
 (For dearly the good saint lov'd his joke<sup>1</sup>)  
 And said — surveying, as sly he spoke,  
 The costly palace from roof to base —  
 "Well, it isn't, at least, a *saving* Grace!"  
 "Umph!" said the lackey, a man of few words,  
 "Th' Archbishop is gone to the House of Lords."  
 "To the House of the Lord, you mean, my son,  
 "For, in *my* time, at least, there was but one;  
 "Unless such many-*fold* priests as these  
 "Seek, ev'n in their LORD, pluralities!"<sup>2</sup>  
 "No time for gab," quoth the man in lace,  
 Then, slamming the door in St. Jerome's face,  
 With a curse to the single knockers all,  
 Went to finish his port in the servants' hall,  
 And propose a toast (humanely meant  
 To include even Curates in its extent)  
 "To all as *serve*s th' Establishment."

## ST. JEROME ON EARTH.

## SECOND VISIT.

"This much I dare say, that, since *lording* and loitering  
 hath come up, preaching hath come down, contrary to the  
 Apostles' times. For they preached and *lorded* not; and  
 now they *lord* and preach not . . . . Ever since the  
 Prelates were made Lords and Nobles, the plough stand-  
 eth; there is no work done, the people starve." — *Lati-  
 mer, Sermon of the Plough.*

"ONCE more," said Jerome, "I'll run up and  
 see  
 How the Church goes on," — and off set he.  
 Just then the packet boat, which trades  
 Betwixt our planet and the shades,  
 Had arrived below, with a freight so queer,  
 "My eyes!" said Jerome, "what have we  
 here?" —  
 For he saw, when nearer he explor'd,  
 They'd a cargo of Bishops' wigs aboard.  
 "They are ghosts of wigs," said Charon, "all,  
 "Once worn by nob's Episcopal."<sup>3</sup>  
 "For folks on earth, who've got a store  
 "Of cast-off things they'll want no more,  
 "Oft send them down, as gifts, you know,  
 "To a certain Gentleman here below."

"A sign of the times, I plainly see,"  
 Said the Saint to himself as, pondering, he  
 Sail'd off in the death boat gallantly.

Arriv'd on earth, quoth he, "No more  
 "I'll affect a body, as before;  
 "For I think I'd best, in the company  
 "Of Spiritual Lords, a spirit be,  
 "And glide, unseen, from See to See."  
 But O, to tell what scenes he saw, —  
 It was more than Rabelais' pen could draw  
 For instance, he found Ex—t—r,  
 Soul, body, inkstand, all in a stir, —  
 For love of God? for sake of King?  
 For good of people? — no such thing;  
 But to get for himself, by some new trick,  
 A shove to a better bishopric.

He found that pious soul, Van M—ld—t,  
 Much with his money bags bewilder'd;  
 Snubbing the Clerks of the Diocese,<sup>4</sup>  
 Because the rogues showed restlessness  
 At having too little cash to touch,  
 While he so Christianly bears too much.  
 He found old Sarum's wits as gone  
 As his own beloved text in John,<sup>5</sup> —  
 Text he hath prosed so long upon,  
 That 'tis thought when ask'd, at the gate of  
 heaven,  
 His name, he'll answer, "John, v. 7."

"But enough of Bishops I've had to-day,"  
 Said the weary Saint, — "I must away.  
 "Though I own I should like, before I  
 go,  
 "To see for once (as I'm ask'd below  
 "If really such odd sights exist)  
 "A regular sixfold Pluralist."  
 Just then he heard a general cry —  
 "There's Doctor Hodgson galloping by!"  
 "Ay, that's the man," says the Saint, "to fol-  
 low,"  
 And off he sets, with a loud view-hollo,  
 At Hodgson's heels, to catch, if he can,  
 A glimpse of this singular plural man.  
 But, — talk of Sir Boyle Roche's bird!<sup>6</sup>  
 To compare him with Hodgson is absurd.

<sup>1</sup> Witness his well-known pun on the name of his adver-  
 sary Vigilantius, whom he calls facetiously Dormitantus.

<sup>2</sup> The suspicion attached to some of the early Fathers of  
 being Arians in their doctrine would appear to derive some  
 confirmation from this passage.

<sup>3</sup> The wig, which had so long formed an essential part  
 of the dress of an English bishop, was at this time begin-  
 ning to be dispensed with.

<sup>4</sup> See the Bishop's Letter to Clergy of his Diocese

<sup>5</sup> 1 John, v. 7. A text which, though long given up by  
 all the rest of the orthodox world, is still pertinaciously ad-  
 hered to by this Right Reverend scholar.

<sup>6</sup> It was a saying of the well-known Sir Boyle, that "a  
 man could not be in two places at once, unless he was a  
 bird."

"Which way, sir, pray, is the doctor gone?" —  
 "He is now at his living at Hillingdon." —  
 "No, no, — you're out, by many a mile,  
 "He's away at his Deanery, in Carlisle." —  
 "Pardon me, sir; but I understand  
 "He's gone to his living in Cumberland." —  
 "God bless me, no, — he can't be there;  
 "You must try St. George's, Hanover Square."

Thus all in vain the Saint inquir'd,  
 From living to living, mock'd and tir'd; —  
 'Twas Hodgson here, 'twas Hodgson there,  
 'Twas Hodgson nowhere, every where;  
 Till, fairly beat, the Saint gave o'er,  
 And flitted away to the Stygian shore,  
 To astonish the natives under ground  
 With the comical things he on earth had found.

### THOUGHTS ON TAR BARRELS.

(VIDE DESCRIPTION OF A LATE FÊTE.)

1832.

WHAT a pleasing contrivance! how aptly de-  
 vis'd

'Twixt tar and magnolias to puzzle one's  
 noses!

And how the tar barrels must all be surpris'd  
 To find themselves seated like "Love among  
 roses!"

What a pity we can't, by precautions like these,  
 Clear the air of that other still viler infec-  
 tion;

That radical pest, that old whiggish disease,  
 Of which cases, true blue, are in every direc-  
 tion.

'Steard of barrels, let's light up an Auto da Fe  
 Of a few good combustible Lords of "the  
 Club;"

They would fume, in a trice, the Whig chol'ra  
 away,  
 And there's B—cky would burn like a barrel  
 of bub.

How R—d—n would blaze! and what rubbish  
 throw out!

A volcano of nonsense, in active display;

<sup>1</sup> The M—s of H—t—d's Fête. — From dread of cholera his Lordship had ordered tar barrels to be burned in every direction.

<sup>2</sup> These verses, as well as some others, that follow, (p. 623) were extorted from me by that lamentable measure of the Whig ministry, the Irish Coercion Act.

While V—ne, as a butt, amidst laughter, would  
 spout

The hot nothings he's full of, all night and all  
 day.

And then, for a finish, there's C—mb—d's  
 Duke, —

Good Lord, how his chin tuft would crackle  
 in air!

Unless (as is shrewdly surmised from his look)  
 He's already bespoke for combustion else-  
 where.

### THE CONSULTATION.<sup>3</sup>

"When they *do* agree, their unanimity is wonderful."

*The Critic.*

1833.

*Scene discovers Dr. Whig and Dr. Tory in consultation,  
 Patient on the floor between them.*

*Dr. Whig.* — This wild Irish patient *does* pester  
 me so,

That what to do with him, I'm curs'd if I know  
 I've *promis'd* him anodynes —

*Dr. Tory.* Anodynes! — Stuff.  
 Tie him down — gag him well — he'll be tran-  
 quil enough.

That's *my* mode of practice.

*Dr. Whig.* True, quite in *your* line,  
 But unluckily not much, till lately, in *mine*.

'Tis so painful —

*Dr. Tory.* — Pooh, nonsense — ask Ude how  
 he feels,

When, for Epicure feasts, he prepares his live  
 eels,

By flinging them in, 'twixt the bars of the fire,  
 And letting them wriggle on there till they tire.

*He, too, says* " 'tis painful " — " quite makes his  
 heart bleed " —

But " your eels are a vile oleaginous breed." —  
 He would fain use them gently, but Cook'ry  
 says " No,"

And — in short — eels were *born* to be treated  
 just so.<sup>3</sup>

'Tis the same with these Irish, — who're odder  
 fish still, —

Your tender Whig heart shrinks from using  
 them ill;

<sup>3</sup> This eminent artist, in the second edition of the work wherein he propounds this mode of purifying his eels, professes himself much concerned at the charge of inhumanity brought against his practice, but still begs leave respectfully to repeat that it is the only proper mode of preparing eels for the table.

I, myself, in my youth, ere I came to get wise,  
Used, at some operations, to blush to the eyes ;  
But, in fact, my dear brother, — if I may make  
bold

To style you, as Peachum did Lockit, of old, —  
We, Doctors, *must* act with the firmness of Ude,  
And, indifferent like him, — so the fish is *but*  
stew'd, —

*Must* torture live Pats for the general good.

[*Here patient groans and kicks a little.*]

*Dr. Whig.* — But what, if one's patient's so  
devilish perverse,

That he *won't* be thus tortur'd ?

*Dr. Tory.* Coerce, sir, coerce.

You're a juv'nile performer, but once you begin,  
You can't think how fast you may train your  
hand in :

And (*smiling*) who knows but old Tory may  
take to the shelf,

With the comforting thought that, in place and  
in pelf

He's succeeded by one just as — bad as himself ?

*Dr. Whig (looking flattered).* — Why, to tell  
you the truth, I've a small matter here,  
Which you help'd me to make for my patient  
last year, —

[*Goes to a cupboard and brings out  
a strait waistcoat and gag.*]

And such rest I've enjoy'd from his raving,  
since then,

That I've made up my mind he shall wear it  
again.

*Dr. Tory (embracing him).* — O, charming ! —  
My dear Doctor Whig, you're a treasure.

Next to torturing, *myself*, to help *you* is a pleas-  
ure.

[*Assisting Dr. Whig.*]

Give me leave — I've some practice in these  
mad machines ;

There — tighter — the gag in the mouth by all  
means.

Delightful ! — all's snug — not a squeak need  
you fear, —

You may now put your anodynes off till next  
year.

[*Scene closes.*]

TO THE REV. CH—RL—S OV—RT—N,  
CURATE OF ROMALDKIRK.

AUTHOR OF THE POETICAL PORTRAITURE OF THE CHURCH  
1833.

SWEET singer of Romalldkirk, thou who art  
reckon'd,

By critics Episcopal, David the Second,<sup>3</sup>

If thus, as a Curate, so lofty your flight,

Only think, in a Rectory, how you *would* write !

Once fairly inspir'd by the "Tithe-crown'd  
Apollo,"

(Who beats, I confess it, our *lay* Phœbus hol-  
low,

Having gotten, besides the old *Nine's* inspira-  
tion,

The *Tenth* of all eatable things in creation,)

There's nothing, in fact, that a poet like you,

So be-nin'd and be-tenth'd, couldn't easily do.

Round the lips of the sweet-tongued Athenian<sup>3</sup>  
they say,

While yet but a babe in his cradle he lay,

Wild honey bees swarm'd, as a presage to tell  
Of the sweet-flowing words that thence after-  
wards fell.

Just so round our Ov—rt—n's cradle, no doubt,  
Tenth ducklings and chicks were seen flitting  
about ;

Goose embryos, waiting their doom'd decimation,  
Came, shadowing forth his adult destination,

And small, sucking tithe pigs, in musical droves,  
Announc'd the Church poet whom Chester ap-  
proves.

O Horace ! when thou, in thy vision of yore,  
Didst dream that a snowy-white plumage came  
o'er

Thy etherealiz'd limbs, stealing downily on,  
Till, by Fancy's strong spell, thou wert turn'd  
to a swan,<sup>4</sup>

Little thought'st thou such fate could a poet  
befall,

Without any effort of fancy, at all ;

Little thought'st thou the world would in  
Ov—rt—n find

A bird, ready made, somewhat different in kind,  
But as perfect as Michaelmas' self could pro-  
duce,

By gods yeleft *anser*, by mortals a *goose*.

<sup>3</sup> Sophocles.

<sup>4</sup> — album mutur in alitem  
Supernè : nascunturque læves  
Per digitos, humerosque plumæ.

<sup>1</sup> See Edinburgh Review, No. 117.

<sup>2</sup> "Your Lordship," says Mr. Ov—rt—n, in the Dedic-  
ation of his Poem to the Bishop of Chester, "has kindly ex-  
pressed your persuasion that my 'Muse will always be a  
Muse of sacred song, and that it will be tuned as David's  
wga.'"



## SCENE

FROM A PLAY, ACTED AT OXFORD, CALLED

"MATRICULATION."<sup>1</sup>

1834.

[Boy discovered at a table, with the Thirty-Nine Articles before him. — Enter the Rt. Rev. Doctor Ph—llp—ts.]

Doctor P. — THERE, my lad, lie the Articles —  
(*Boy begins to count them*) just thirty-nine —  
No occasion to count — you've now only to  
sign.

At Cambridge, where folks are less High-church  
than we,

The whole Nine-and-Thirty are lump'd into  
Three.

Let's run o'er the items; — there's Justification,  
Predestination, and Supererogation, —  
Not forgetting Salvation and Creed Athana-  
sian,

Till we reach, at last, Queen Bess's Ratifica-  
tion.

That's sufficient — now, sign — having read  
quite enough,

You "believe in the full and true meaning  
thereof?"

(*Boy stares.*)

O, a mere form of words, to make things smooth  
and brief, —

A commodious and short make-believe of be-  
lief,

Which our Church has drawn up, in a form thus  
articular,

To keep out, in general, all who're particular.

But what's the boy doing? what! reading all  
through,

And my luncheon fast cooling! — this never  
will do.

*Boy (poring over the Articles).* Here are points  
which — pray, Doctor, what's "Grace  
of Congruity?"

*Doctor P. (sharply).* You'll find out, young  
sir, when you've more ingenuity.

At present, by signing, you pledge yourself  
merely,

Whate'er it may be, to believe it sincerely.

Both in *dining* and *signing* we take the same  
plan, —

First, swallow all down, then digest — as we can.

<sup>1</sup> "It appears that when a youth of fifteen goes to be matriculated at Oxford, and is required first to subscribe Thirty-Nine Articles of Religious Belief, this only means that he engages himself afterwards to understand what is now above his comprehension; that he expresses no assent at all to what he signs; and that he is (*or, ought to be*) at full liber-

*Boy (still reading).* I've to gulp, I see, St.  
Athanasius's Creed,

Which, I'm told, is a very tough morsel, indeed;  
As he damns —

*Doctor P. (aside).* Ay, and so would I, will-  
ingly, too,

All confounded particular young boobies, like  
you.

This comes of Reforming! — all's o'er with our  
land,

When people won't stand what they can't un-  
derstand;

Nor perceive that our ever-rever'd Thirty-Nine  
Were made, not for men to *believe*, but to *sign*.

[*Exit Dr. P. in a passion*]

## LATE TITHE CASE.

"Sic vos non vobis."

1833.

"The Vicar of B—mh—m desires me to state that, in consequence of the passing of a recent Act of Parliament, he is compelled to adopt measures which may by some be considered harsh or precipitate; but, *in duty to what he owes to his successors*, he feels bound to preserve the rights of the vicarage." — *Letter from Mr. S. Powell*, August 6.

No, *not* for yourselves, ye reverend men,

Do you take one pig in every ten,

But for Holy Church's future heirs,

Who've an abstract right to that pig, as theirs;

The law supposing that such heirs male

Are already seized of the pig, in tail.

No, *not* for himself hath B—mh—m's priest

His "well belov'd" of their pennies fleec'd:

But it is that, before his prescient eyes,

All future Vicars of B—mh—m rise,

With their embryo daughters, nephews, nieces,

And 'tis for *them* the poor he fleeces.

He heareth their voices, ages hence,

Saying, "Take the pig" — "O take the pence;"

The cries of little Vicarial dears,

The unborn B—mh—mites, reach his ears;

And, did he resist that soft appeal,

He would *not* like a true-born Vicar feel,

Thou, too, L—ndy of L—ck—ngt—n!

A Rector true, if e'er there was one,

Who, for sake of the L—ndies of coming ages,

Gripest the tenths of laborers' wages.<sup>2</sup>

ty, when he has studied the subject, to withdraw his provisional assent." — *Edinburgh Review*, No. 120.

<sup>2</sup> Fourteen agricultural laborers (one of whom received so little as six guineas for yearly wages, one eight, one nine, another ten guineas, and the best paid of the whole not more than 18*l.* annually) were all, in the course of the autumn of

'Tis true, in the pockets of *thy* smallclothes  
 The claim'd "obvention"<sup>1</sup> of fourpence goes ;  
 But its abstract spirit, unconfin'd,  
 Spreads to all future Rector-kind,  
 Warning them all their rights to wake,  
 And rather to face the block, the stake,  
 Than give up their darling right to *take*.  
 One grain of musk, it is said, perfumes  
 (So subtle its spirit) a thousand rooms,  
 And a single fourpence, pocketed well,  
 Through a thousand rectors' lives will tell.  
 Then still continue, ye reverend souls,  
 And still as your rich Pactolus rolls,  
 Grasp every penny on every side,  
 From every wretch, to swell its tide :  
 Remembering still what the Law lays down,  
 In that pure poetic style of its own,  
 "If the parson *in esse* submits to loss, he  
 "Inflicts the same on the parson *in posse*."

### FOOLS' PARADISE.

DREAM THE FIRST.

I HAVE been, like Puck, I have been in a  
 tricé,  
 To a realm they call Fools' Paradise,  
 Lying N. N. E. of the Land of Sense,  
 And seldom bless'd with a glimmer thence.  
 But they want it not in this happy place,  
 Where a light of its own gilds every face ;  
 Or, if some wear a shadowy brow,  
 'Tis the *wish* to look wise, — not knowing  
*how*.

Self-glory glistens o'er all that's there,  
 The trees, the flowers have a jaunty air ;  
 The well-bred wind in a whisper blows,  
 The snow, if it snows, is *couleur de rose*,  
 The falling founts in a titter fall,  
 And the sun looks simpering down on all.

O, 't isn't in tongue or pen to trace  
 The scenes I saw in that joyous place.  
 There were Lords and Ladies sitting together,  
 In converse sweet, "What charming weather !  
 "You'll all rejoice to hear, I'm sure,  
 "Lord Charles has got a good sinecure ;  
 "And the Premier says, my youngest brother  
 "(Him in the guards) shall have another.

"Isn't this very, *very* gallant ! —  
 "As for my poor old virgin aunt,  
 "Who has lost her all, poor thing, at *whist*,  
 "We must quarter *her* on the Pension List."  
 Thus smoothly time in that Eden roll'd ;  
 It seem'd like an Age of *real* gold,  
 Where all who liked might have a slice,  
 So rich was that Fools' Paradise.

But the sport at which most time they spent,  
 Was a puppet show, called Parliament,  
 Perform'd by wooden Ciceros,  
 As large as life, who rose to prose,  
 While, hid behind them, lords and squires,  
 Who own'd the puppets, pull'd the wires ;  
 And thought it the very best device  
 Of that most prosperous Paradise,  
 To make the vulgar pay through the nose  
 For them and their wooden Ciceros.

And many more such things I saw  
 In this Eden of Church, and State, and  
 Law ;  
 Nor e'er were known such pleasant folk  
 As those who had the *best* of the joke.  
 There were Irish Rectors, such as resort  
 To Cheltenham yearly, to drink — port,  
 And bumper, "Long may the Church en-  
 dure,  
 May her cure of souls be a sinecure,  
 And a score of Parsons to every soul —  
 A mod'rate allowance on the whole."  
 There were Heads of Colleges, lying about,  
 From which the sense had all run out,  
 Ev'n to the lowest classic lees,  
 Till nothing was left but *quantities* ;  
 Which made them heads most fit to be  
 Stuck up on a University,  
 Which yearly hatches, in its schools,  
 Such flights of young Elysian fools.

Thus all went on, so snug and nice,  
 In this happiest possible Paradise.  
 But plain it was to see, alas !  
 That a downfall soon must come to pass.  
 For grief is a lot the good and wise  
 Don't quite so much monopolize,  
 But that, ("lapt in Elysium" as they are)  
 Even blessed fools must have their share.  
 And so it happen'd : — but what befell,  
 In Dream the Second I mean to tell.

1832, served with demands of tithes at the rate of 4*d.* in the  
*l.* sterling, on behalf of the Rev. F. L—dy, Rector of ———,  
 &c. &c. — *The Times*, August, 1833.

<sup>1</sup> One of the various general terms under which oblations  
 tithes, &c. are comprised.

## THE RECTOR AND HIS CURATE;

OR, ONE POUND TWO.

"I trust we shall part, as we met, in peace and charity. My last payment to you paid your salary up to the 1st of this month. Since that, I owe you for one month, which, being a long month, of thirty-one days, amounts, as near as I can calculate, to six pounds eight shillings. My steward returns you as a debtor to the amount of SEVEN POUNDS TEN SHILLINGS FOR CON-ACRE GROUND, which leaves some trifling balance in my favor."—*Letter of Dismissal from the Rev. Marcus Beresford to his Curate, the Rev. T. A. Lyons.*

THE account is balanced—the bill drawn out—  
The debit and credit all right, no doubt—  
The Rector, rolling in wealth and state,  
Owes to his Curate six pound eight;  
The Curate, that *least* well fed of men,  
Owes to his Rector seven pound ten,  
Which maketh the balance clearly due  
From Curate to Rector, one pound two.

Ah balance, on earth unfair, uneven!  
But sure to be all set right in heaven,  
Where bills like these will be check'd, some day,  
And the balance settled the other way:  
Where Lyons the curate's hard-wrung sum  
Will back to his shade with interest come;  
And Marcus, the rector, deep may rue  
This tot, in his favor, of one pound two.

PADDY'S METAMORPHOSIS.<sup>1</sup>

1833.

ABOUT fifty years since, in the days of our  
daddies,  
That plan was commenced which the wise  
now applaud,  
Of shipping off Ireland's most turbulent Paddies,  
As good raw material for *settlers* abroad.

Some West India island, whose name I forget,  
Was the region then chos'n for this scheme  
so romantic;  
And such the success the first colony met,  
That a second, soon after, set sail o'er th' At-  
lantic.

Behold them now safe at the long-look'd-for  
shore,  
Sailing in between banks that the Shannon  
might greet,

<sup>1</sup> I have already, in a preceding page, referred to this squib, as being one of those wrung from me by the Irish Coercion Act of my friends, the Whigs

And thinking of friends whom, but two years  
before,  
They had sorrow'd to lose, but would soon  
again meet.

And, hark! from the shore a glad welcome there  
came—

"Arrah, Paddy from Cork, is it you, my  
sweet boy!"

While Pat stood astounded to hear his own name  
Thus hail'd by black devils, who caper'd for  
joy!

Can it possibly be?—half amazement—half  
doubt,

Pat listens again—rubs his eyes and looks  
steady;

Then heaves a deep sigh, and in horror yells out,  
"Good Lord! only think,—black and curly  
already!"

Deceiv'd by that well-mimick'd brogue in his ears,  
Pat read his own doom in these wool-headed  
figures,

And thought, what a climate, in less than two  
years,

To turn a whole cargo of Pats into niggers!

## MORAL.

'Tis thus,—but alas! by a marvel more true  
Than is told in this rival of Ovid's best stories,  
Your Whigs, when in office a short year or two,  
By a *usus nature*, all turn into Tories.

And thus, when I hear them "strong meas-  
ures" advise,

Ere the seats that they sit on have time to get  
steady,

I say, while I listen, with tears in my eyes,

"Good Lord! only think,—black and curly  
already!"

## - COCKER, ON CHURCH REFORM.

FOUNDED UPON SOME LATE CALCULATIONS.

1833.

FINE figures of speech let your orators follow,  
Old Cocker has figures that beat them all hollow.  
Though famed for his rules Aristotle may be,  
In but *half* of this Sage any merit I see,  
For, as honest Joe Hume says, the "*tottle*"<sup>2</sup> for  
me!

<sup>2</sup> The *total*,—so pronounced by this industrious senator

For instance, while others discuss and debate,  
It is thus about Bishops *I* ratiocinate.

In England, where, spite of the infidel's laughter,  
'Tis certain our souls are look'd *very* well after,  
Two Bishops can well (if judiciously sunder'd)  
Of parishes manage two thousand two hun-  
dred, —

Said number of parishes, under said teachers,  
Containing three millions of Protestant crea-  
tures,

So that each of said Bishops full ably controls  
One million and five hundred thousands of souls.  
And now comes old Cocker. In Ireland we're  
told,

*Half* a million includes the whole Protestant fold;  
If, therefore, for *three* million souls, 'tis conceded  
*Two* proper-sized Bishops are all that is needed,  
'Tis plain, for the Irish *half* million who want  
'em,

*One third* of *one* Bishop is just the right quantum.  
And thus, by old Cocker's sublime Rule of Three,  
The Irish Church question's resolv'd to a T;  
Keeping always that excellent maxim in view,  
That, in saving men's souls, we must save money  
too.

Nay, if — as St. Roden complains is the case —  
The half million of *soul* is decreasing apace,  
The demand, too, for *bishop* will also fall off,  
Till the *tithe* of one, taken in kind, be enough.  
But, as fractions imply that we'd have to dissect,  
And to cutting up Bishops I strongly object,  
We've a small, fractious prelate whom well we  
could spare,

Who has just the same decimal worth, to a hair;  
And, not to leave Ireland too much in the lurch,  
We'll let her have Ex—t—r, *sole*,<sup>1</sup> as her Church.

### LES HOMMES AUTOMATES.

1834.

"We are persuaded that this our artificial man will not only  
walk and speak, and perform most of the outward func-  
tions of animal life, but (being wound up once a week)  
will perhaps reason as well as most of your country par-  
sons." — *Memoirs of Martinus Scriblerus*, chap. xii.

It being an object now to meet  
With Parsons that don't want to eat,  
Fit men to fill those Irish rectories,  
Which soon will have but scant refectories,

It has been suggested, — lest that Church  
Should, all at once, be left in the lurch,  
For want of reverend men endued  
With this gift of ne'er requiring food, —  
To try, by way of experiment, whether  
There couldn't be made, of wood and leather,<sup>2</sup>  
(Howe'er the notion may sound chimerical,)  
Jointed figures, not *lay*,<sup>3</sup> but clerical,  
Which, wound up carefully once a week,  
Might just like parsons look and speak,  
Nay even, if requisite, reason too,  
As well as most Irish parsons do.

Th' experiment having succeeded quite,  
(Whereat those Lords must much delight,  
Who've shown, by stopping the Church's food,  
They think it isn't for her spiritual good  
To be serv'd by parsons of flesh and blood,)  
The Patentees of this new invention  
Beg leave respectfully to mention,  
They now are enabled to produce  
An ample supply, for present use,  
Of these reverend pieces of machinery,  
Ready for vicarage, rect'ry, deanery,  
Or any such like post of skill  
That wood and leather are fit to fill.

N. B. — In places addicted to arson,  
We can't recommend a wooden parson:  
But, if the Church any such appoints,  
They'd better, at least, have iron joints.  
In parts, not much by Protestants haunted,  
A figure to *look at*'s all that's wanted —  
A block in black, to eat and sleep,  
Which (now that the eating's o'er) comes cheap.

P. S. — Should the Lords, by way of a treat,  
Permit the clergy again to eat,  
The Church will, of course, no longer need  
Imitation parsons that never feed;  
And these *wood* creatures of ours will sell  
For secular purposes just as well —  
Our Beresfords, turn'd to bludgeons stout,  
May, 'stead of beating their own about,  
Be knocking the brains of Papists out;  
While our smooth O'Sullivans, by all means,  
Should transmigrate into *turning* machines.

<sup>1</sup> Corporation sole.

<sup>2</sup> The materials of which those Nuremburg Savans, men-  
tioned by Scriblerus, constructed their artificial man.

<sup>3</sup> The wooden models used by painters are, it is well  
known, called "lay figures."

## HOW TO MAKE ONE'S SELF A PEER.

ACCORDING TO THE NEWEST RECEIPT, AS DIS-  
CLOSED IN A LATE HERALDIC WORK.<sup>1</sup>

1834

Choose some title that's dormant — the Peerage  
hath many —

Lord Baron of Shamdos sounds nobly as any.  
Next, catch a dead cousin of said defunct Peer,  
And marry him, offhand, in some given year,  
To the daughter of somebody, — no matter  
who, —

Fig, the grocer himself, if you're hard run, will  
do ;

For, the Medici pills still in heraldry tell,  
And why shouldn't *lollypops* quarter as well ?  
Thus, having your couple, and one a lord's  
cousin,

Young materials for peers may be had by the  
dozen ;

And 'tis hard if, inventing each small mother's  
son of 'em,

You can't somehow manage to prove *yourself*  
one of 'em.

Should registers, deeds, and such matters re-  
fractory,

Stand in the way of this lord manufactory,  
I've merely to hint, as a secret auricular,  
One *grand* rule of enterprise, — *don't* be par-  
ticular.

A man who once takes such a jump at nobility,  
Must *not* mince the matter, like folks of nihility,<sup>2</sup>  
But clear thick and thin with true lordly agility.

'Tis true, to a would-be descendant from Kings,  
Parish registers sometimes are troublesome  
things ;

As oft, when the vision is near brought about,  
Some goblin, in shape of a grocer, grins out ;  
Or some barber, perhaps, with my Lord mingles  
bloods,

And one's patent of peerage is left in the suds.

But there *are* ways — when folks are resolv'd to  
be lords —

Of expurging ev'n troublesome parish records.  
What think ye of scissors ? depend on't no heir  
Of a Shamdos should go unsupplied with a pair,  
As, whate'er *else* the learn'd in such lore may  
invent,

Your scissors does wonders in proving descent.

<sup>1</sup> The claim to the barony of Chandos (if I recollect right)  
advanced by the late Sir Eg—r—t—n Br—d—s.

Yes, poets may sing of those terrible shears  
With which Atropos snips off both bumpkins  
and peers,

But they're nought to that weapon which shines  
in the hands

Of some would-be Patrician, when proudly he  
stands

O'er the careless church-warden's baptismal  
array,

And sweeps at each cut generations away.

By some babe of old times is his peerage resisted ?  
One snip, — and the urchin hath *never* existed !

Does some marriage, in days near the Flood, in-  
terfere

With his one sublime object of being a Peer ?

Quick the shears at once nullify bridegroom and  
bride, —

No such people have ever liv'd, married, or died !

Such the newest receipt for those high-minded  
elves,

Who've a fancy for making great lords of them-  
selves.

Follow this, young aspirer, who pant'st for a  
peerage,

Take S—m for thy model and B—z for thy  
steerage,

Do all and much worse than old Nicholas Flam  
does,

And—*who* knows but you'll be Lord Baron of  
Shamdos ?

## THE DUKE IS THE LAD.

*Air.* — "A master I have, and I am his man,  
Gallop'ing dreary dun."

*Castle of Andalusia.*

THE Duke is the lad to frighten a lass,  
Gallop'ing, dreary duke ;

The Duke is the lad to frighten a lass,  
He's an ogre to meet, and the d—l to pass,

With his charger prancing,

Grim eye glancing,

Chin, like a Mufti,

Grizzled and tufty,

Gallop'ing, dreary Duke.

Ye misses, beware of the neighborhood

Of this gallop'ing dreary Duke ;

Avoid him, all who see no good

In being run o'er by a Prince of the Blood.

<sup>2</sup> "This we call pure nih'lity, or mere nothing." — *Watts's*  
*Logic.*



For, surely, no nymph is  
Fond of a grim phiz,  
And of the married,  
Whole crowds have miscarried  
At sight of this dreary Duke.

### EPISTLE

FROM ERASMUS ON EARTH TO CICERO IN THE  
SHADES.

Southampton.

As 'tis now, my dear Tully, some weeks since I  
started  
By railroad, for earth, having vowed, ere we  
parted,  
To drop you a line, by the Dead-Letter post,  
Just to say how I thrive, in my new line of ghost,  
And how deusedly odd this live world all ap-  
pears,  
To a man who's been dead now for three hun-  
dred years,  
I take up my pen, and, with news of this earth,  
Hope to waken, by turns, both your spleen and  
your mirth.

In my way to these shores, taking Italy first,  
Lest the change from Elysium too sudden should  
burst,  
I forgot not to visit those haunts where, of yore,  
You took lessons from Pætus in cookery's lore,<sup>1</sup>  
Turn'd aside from the calls of the rostrum and  
Muse,  
To discuss the rich merits of *rôtis* and stews,  
And prefer'd to all honors of triumph or trophy,  
A supper on prawns with that rogue, little  
Sophy.<sup>2</sup>

Having dwelt on such classical musings a while,  
I set off, by a steamboat, for this happy isle,  
(A conveyance *you* ne'er, I think, sail'd by, my  
Tully,  
And therefore, *per* next, I'll describe it more  
fully,  
Having heard, on the way, what distresses me  
greatly,  
That England's o'errun by *idolaters* lately,  
Stark, staring adorers of wood and of stone,  
Who will let neither stick, stock, or statue alone.

Such the sad news I heard from a tall man in  
black,  
Who from sports continental was hurrying back,  
To look after his tithes; — seeing, doubtless,  
'twould follow,  
That, just as, of old, your great idol, Apollo,  
Devour'd all the Tenth,<sup>3</sup> so the idols in ques-  
tion,  
These wood and stone gods, may have equal di-  
gestion,  
And th' idolatrous crew, whom this Rector de-  
spises,  
May eat up the tithe pig which *he* idolizes.

London.

'Tis all but too true — grim Idolatry reigns,  
In full pomp, over England's lost cities and  
plains!  
On arriving just now, as my first thought and  
care  
Was, as usual, to seek out some near House of  
Prayer,  
Some calm, holy spot, fit for Christians to pray  
on,  
I was shown to — what think you? — a down-  
right Pantheon!  
A grand, pillar'd temple, with niches and halls,<sup>4</sup>  
Full of idols and gods, which they nickname  
St. Paul's: —  
Though 'tis clearly the place where the idola-  
trous crew,  
Whom the Rector complain'd of, their dark  
rites pursue;  
And, 'mong all the "strange gods" Abr'ham's  
father carv'd out,<sup>5</sup>  
That he ever carv'd *stranger* than these I much  
doubt.

Were it ev'n my dear TULLY, your Hebes and  
Graces,  
And such pretty things, that usurp'd the Saints'  
places,  
I shouldn't much mind, — for, in this classic  
dome,  
Such folks from Olympus would feel quite at  
home.  
But the gods they've got here! — such a queer  
omnium gatherum  
Of misbegot things, that no poet would father  
'em; —

<sup>1</sup> See his Letters to Friends, lib. ix. epist. 19, 20, &c.

<sup>2</sup> *Ingentium squillarum cum Sophia Septimæ.* — Lib. ix. epist. 10.

<sup>3</sup> Tithes were paid to the Pythian Apollo.

<sup>4</sup> See Dr. Wiseman's learned and able letter to Mr. Poynder.

<sup>5</sup> Joshua, xxiv. 2.

Britannias, in light, summer wear for the  
skies, —

Old Thames, turn'd to stone, to his no small  
surprise, —

Father Nile, too, — a portrait, (in spite of what's  
said,

That no mortal e'er yet got a glimpse of his  
*head*,<sup>1</sup>)

And a Ganges, which India would think some-  
what fat for't,

Unless 'twas some full-grown Director had sat  
for't; —

Not to mention th' *et ceteras* of Genii and  
Sphinxes,

Fame, Vict'ry, and other such semi-clad minxes;  
Sea Captains,<sup>2</sup> — the idols here most idolized;

And of whom some, alas, might too well be  
comprised

Among ready-made Saints, as they died *cannon-*  
*ized*; —

With a multitude more of odd cockneyfied  
deities,

Shrined in such pomp that quite shocking to see  
it 'tis;

Nor know I what better the Rector could do  
Than to shrine there his own belov'd quadruped  
too;

As most surely a tithe pig, whate'er the world  
thinks, is

A much fitter beast for a church than a Sphinx is.

But I'm call'd off to dinner — grace just has  
been said,

And my host waits for nobody, living or dead.

—  
LINES<sup>3</sup>

ON THE DEPARTURE OF LORDS C—ST—R—GH  
AND ST—W—RT FOR THE CONTINENT.

*At Paris*<sup>4</sup> et Frates, et qui rapuere sub illis,  
Vix tenuere manus (scis hoc, Menelæi) nefandas.  
Ovid. *Metam.* lib. xiii. v. 202.

Go, Brothers in wisdom — go, bright pair of  
Peers,

And may Cupid and Fame fan you both with  
their pinions!

— "Nec contigit ulli  
Hoc vidisse caput."

CLAUDIAN.

<sup>2</sup> Captains Mosse, Riou, &c. &c.

<sup>3</sup> This and the following squib, which must have been  
written about the year 1815-16, have been by some oversight  
misplaced.

<sup>4</sup> Ovid is mistaken in saying that it was "at Paris" these

The *one*, the best lover we have — of *his* years,  
And the *other* Prime Statesman of Britain's  
dominions.

Go, Hero of Chancery, bless'd with the smile  
Of the Misses that love, and the monarchs  
that prize thee;

Forget Mrs. Ang—lo T—yl—r a while,  
And all tailors but him who so well *dandifies*  
thee.

Never mind how thy juniors in gallantry scoff,  
Never heed how perverse affidavits may  
thwart thee,

But show the young Misses thou'rt scholar  
enough

To translate "Amor Fortis" a love, *about*  
*forty!*

And sure 'tis no wonder, when, fresh as young  
Mars,

From the battle you came, with the Orders  
you'd earn'd in't,

That sweet Lady Fanny should cry out "my  
*stars!*"

And forget that the *Moon*, too, was some way  
concern'd in't.

For not the great R—g—t himself has endur'd  
(Though I've seen him with badges and  
orders all shine,

Till he look'd like a house that was *over* insur'd)  
A much heavier burden of glories than thine.

And 'tis plain, when a wealthy young lady so  
mad is,

Or *any* young ladies can so go astray,

As to marry old Dandies that might be their  
daddies,

The *stars*<sup>5</sup> are in fault, my Lord St—w—rt,  
not they!

Thou, too, t'other brother, thou Tully of Tories,  
Thou *Malaprop* Cicero, over whose lips

Such a smooth rignarole about "monarchs,"  
and "glories,"

And "*nullidge*,"<sup>6</sup> and "features," like syl-  
labub slips.

rapacious transactions took place — we should read "at  
Vienna."

<sup>5</sup> "When weak women go astray,  
The stars are more in fault than they."

<sup>6</sup> It is thus the noble lord pronounces the word "knowl-  
edge" — deriving it, as far as his own share is concerned,  
from the Latin. "nullus."

Go, haste, at the Congress pursue thy vocation  
Of adding fresh sums to this National Debt  
of ours,  
Leaguing with Kings, who, for mere recreation,  
Break promises, fast as your Lordship breaks  
metaphors.

Fare ye well, fare ye well, bright Pair of Peers,  
And may Cupid and Fame fan you both with  
their pinions!  
The one, the best lover we have — *of his years*,  
And the other, Prime Statesman of Britain's  
dominions.

### TO THE SHIP

IN WHICH LORD C—ST—R—GH SAILED FOR THE  
CONTINENT.

*Imitated from Horace, lib. i. ode 3.*

So may my Lady's pray'rs prevail,<sup>1</sup>  
And C—nn—g's too, and *lucid* Br—gge's,  
And Eld—n beg a favoring gale  
From Æolus, that *older* Bags,<sup>2</sup>  
To speed thee on thy destin'd way,  
O ship, that bear'st our C—st—r—gh,<sup>3</sup>  
Our gracious R—g—t's better half,<sup>4</sup>  
And, *therefore*, quarter of a King —  
(As Van, or any other calf,  
May find, without much figuring).  
Waft him, O ye kindly breezes,  
Waft this Lord of place and pelf,  
Any where his Lordship pleases,  
Though 'twere to Old Nick himself!

O, what a face of brass was his,<sup>5</sup>  
Who first at Congress show'd his phiz —

1 Sic te Diva potens Cypri,  
Sic fratres Helenæ, lucida sidera,  
Ventorumque regat pater.

<sup>2</sup> See a description of the *aakot*, or *Bags* of Æolus, in the  
Odyssey, lib. 10.

3 Navis, quæ tibi creditum  
Debes Virgilium.

4 — Animæ dimidium meum.

5 Illi robur et æs triplex,  
Circa pectus erat, qui, &c.

6 ——— præcipitem Africum  
Decertantem Aquilonibus.

7 Nequicquam Deus abscedit  
Prudens oceano dissociabili  
Terras, si tamen impiæ  
Non tangenda *Ratus* transiliunt vada.

This last line, we may suppose, alludes to some distin-  
guished *Rats* that attended the voyager.

To sign away the Rights of Man  
To Russian threats and Austrian juggle;  
And leave the sinking African<sup>6</sup>  
To fall without one saving struggle —  
'Mong ministers from North and South,  
To show his lack of shame and sense,  
And hoist the Sign of "Bull and Mouth"  
For blunders and for eloquence!

In vain we wish our *Secs.* at home<sup>7</sup>  
To mind their papers, desks, and shelves,  
If silly *Secs.* abroad will roam  
And make such noodles of themselves.

But such hath always been the case —  
For matchless impudence of face,  
There's nothing like your Tory race!<sup>8</sup>  
First, Pitt,<sup>9</sup> the chos'n of England, taught her  
A taste for famine, fire, and slaughter.  
Then came the Doctor,<sup>10</sup> for our ease,  
With E—d—ns, Ch—th—ms, H—wk—b—s,  
And other deadly maladies.  
When each, in turn, had run their rigs,  
Necessity brought in the Whigs:<sup>11</sup>  
And O, I blush, I blush to say,  
When these, in turn, were put to flight, too,  
Illustrious T—MF—E flew away  
With *lots of pens* he had no right to!<sup>12</sup>  
In short, what *will* not mortal man do!<sup>13</sup>  
And now, that — strife and bloodshed past —  
We've done on earth what harm we can do.  
We gravely take to heav'n at last,<sup>14</sup>  
And think its favoring smile to purchase  
(O Lord, good Lord!) by — building churches

8 Audax omnia perpeti  
Gens ruit per vetitum nefas.

9 Audax Japeti genus  
Ignem fraude malâ gentibus intulit.

10 Post ———  
—— macies, et nova febrim  
Terris incubit cohors

11 ——— tarda necessitas  
Lethi corrumpit gradum.

12 Expertus vacuum Dædalus aëra  
Pennis non homini datis.

This alludes to the 1200*l.* worth of stationery, which *his*  
Lordship is said to have ordered, when on the point of *re-*  
*ceating* his place.

13 Nil mortalibus arduum est.

14 Cælum ipsum petimus stultitiâ

SKETCH OF THE FIRST ACT OF A  
NEW ROMANTIC DRAMA.

"AND now," quoth the goddess, in accents  
jocose,  
"Having got good materials, I'll brew such a  
dose  
"Of Double X mischief as, mortals shall say,  
"They've not known its equal for many a long  
day."  
Here she wink'd to her subaltern imps to be  
steady,  
And all wagg'd their fire-tipp'd tails and stood  
ready.

"So, now for th' ingredients:—first, hand me  
that bishop;"  
Whereon, a whole bevy of imps run to fish up,  
From out a large reservoir, wherein they pen  
'em,  
The blackest of all its black dabblers in venom;  
And wrapping him up (lest the virus should  
ooze,  
And one "drop of th' immortal"<sup>1</sup> Right Rev.<sup>2</sup>  
they might lose)  
In the sheets of his own speeches, charges, re-  
views,  
Pop him into the caldron, while loudly a burst  
From the bystanders welcomes ingredient the  
first!

"Now fetch the Ex-Chancellor," mutter'd the  
dame —  
"He who's call'd after Harry the Older, by  
name."  
"The Ex-Chancellor!" echoed her imps, the  
whole crew of 'em —  
"Why talk of *one* Ex, when your Mischief has  
*two* of 'em?"  
"True, true," said the hag, looking arch at her  
elves,  
"And a double-*Ex* dose they compose, in them-  
selves."  
This joke, the sly meaning of which was seen  
lucidly,  
Set all the devils a-laughing most deusedly.  
So, in went the pair, and (what none thought  
surprising)  
Show'd talents for sinking as great as for rising;  
While not a grim phiz in that realm but was  
lighted  
With joy to see spirits so twin-like united!

<sup>1</sup> "To lose no drop of the immortal man."

<sup>2</sup> The present Bishop of Ex—t—r.

Or (plainly to speak) two such birds of a feather,  
In one mess of venom thus spitted together.  
Here a flashy imp rose — some connection, no  
doubt,  
Of the young lord in question — and, scowling  
about,  
"Hop'd his fiery friend, St—ni—y, would not  
be left out;  
"As no schoolboy unwhipp'd, the w<sup>l</sup>.le world  
must agree,  
"Lov'd mischief, *pure* mischief, more dearly  
than he."

But, no — the wise hag wouldn't hear of the  
whipster;  
Not merely because, as a shrew, he eclips'd her,  
And nature had giv'n him, to keep him still  
young,  
Much tongue in his head and no head in his  
tongue;  
But because she well knew that, for change ever  
ready,  
He'd not even to mischief keep properly steady;  
That soon ev'n the *wrong* side would cease to  
delight,  
And, for want of a change, he must swerve to  
the *right*;  
While, on *each*, so at random his missiles he  
threw,  
That the side he attack'd was most safe, of the  
two. —  
This ingredient was therefore put by on the  
shelf,  
There to bubble, a bitter, hot mess, by itself.  
"And now," quoth the hag, as her caldron she  
ey'd,  
And the tidbits so friendly ranking inside,  
"There wants but some seasoning; — so, come,  
ere I stew 'em,  
"By way of a relish, we'll throw in ' + John  
Tuam.'  
"In cooking up mischief, there's no flesh or fish  
"Like your meddling High Priest, to add zest  
to the dish."  
Thus saying, she pops in the Irish Grand  
Lama —  
Which great event ends the First Act of the  
Drama.

ANIMAL MAGNETISM.

THOUGH fam'd was Mesmer, in his day,  
Nor less so, in ours, is Dupotet,  
To say nothing of all the wonders done  
By that wizard, Dr. Elliotson,

When, standing as if the gods to invoke, he  
Upwaves his arm, and — down drops Okey! <sup>1</sup>

Though strange these things, to mind and sense,

If you wish still stranger things to see —  
If you wish to know the power immense  
Of the true magnetic influence,

Just go to her Majesty's Treasury,  
And learn the wonders working there —  
And I'll be hang'd if you don't stare!  
Talk of your animal magnetists,  
And that wave of the hand no soul resists,  
Not all its witcheries can compete  
With the friendly beckon towards Downing  
Street,

Which a Premier gives to one who wishes  
To taste of the Treasury loaves and fishes.  
It actually lifts the lucky elf,  
Thus acted upon, *above* himself; —  
He jumps to a state of *clairvoyance*,  
And is placeman, statesman, all, at once!

These effects, observe (with which I begin),  
Take place when the patient's motion'd *in*;  
Far different, of course, the mode of affection,  
When the wave of the hand's in the *out* direc-  
tion;

The effects being then extremely unpleasant,  
As is seen in the case of Lord B—m, at pres-  
ent;

In whom this sort of manipulation  
Has lately produc'd such inflammation,  
Attended with constant irritation,  
That, in short — not to mince his situation —  
It has work'd in the man a transformation  
That puzzles all human calculation!

Ever since the fatal day which saw  
That "pass" <sup>2</sup> perform'd on this Lord of Law —  
A pass potential, none can doubt,  
As it sent Harry B—m to the right about —  
The condition in which the patient has been  
Is a thing quite awful to be seen.  
Not that a casual eye could scan

This wondrous change by outward survey;  
It being, in fact, th' *interior* man

That's turn'd completely topsy turvy: —  
Like a case that lately, in reading o'er 'em,  
I found in the *Acta Eruditorum*,  
Of a man in whose inside, when disclos'd,  
The whole order of things was found transpos'd; <sup>3</sup>

By a *lusus nature*, strange to see,  
The liver plac'd where the heart should be,  
And the *spleen* (like B—m's, since laid on the  
shelf)

As diseas'd and as much *out of place* as himself

In short, 'tis a case for consultation,  
If e'er there was one, in this thinking nation;  
And therefore I humbly beg to propose,  
That those *savans* who mean, as the rumor goes,  
To sit on Miss Okey's wonderful case,  
Should also Lord Harry's case embrace;  
And inform us, in *both* these patients' states,  
Which *ism* it is that predominates,  
Whether magnetism and somnambulism,  
Or, simply and solely, mountebankism.

#### THE SONG OF THE BOX.

LET History boast of her Romans and Spartans,  
And tell how they stood against tyranny's  
shocks;

They were all, I confess, in *my* eye, Betty Mar-  
tins,

Compar'd to George Gr—te and his wonder-  
ful Box.

Ask, where Liberty now has her seat? — O, it  
isn't

By Delaware's banks or on Switzerland's  
rocks; —

Like an imp in some conjurer's bottle imprison'd,  
She's slyly shut up in Gr—te's wonderful Box.

How snug! — 'stead of floating through ether's  
dominions,

Blown *this* way and *that*, by the "populi vox,"  
To fold thus in silence her sinecure pinions,  
And go fast asleep in Gr—te's wonderful Box.

Time was, when free speech was the lifebreath  
of freedom —

So thought once the Seldens, the Hampdens,  
the Lockes;

But mute be *our* troops, when to ambush we  
lead 'em,

For "Mum" is the word with us Knights of  
the Box.

<sup>1</sup> The name of the heroine of the performances at the North London Hospital.

<sup>2</sup> The technical term for the movements of the magnetiser's hand.

<sup>3</sup> Omnes ferè internas corporis partes inverso ordine sitas — *Act. Erudit.* 1690.



Pure, exquisite Box ! no corruption can soil it ;  
There's Otto of Rose in each breath that un-  
locks ;

While Gr—te is the "Betty," that serves at the  
toilet,  
And breathes all Arabia around from his Box.<sup>1</sup>

'Tis a singular fact, that the fam'd Hugo Grotius<sup>2</sup>  
(A namesake of Gr—te's—being both of  
Dutch stocks),

Like Gr—te, too, a genius profound as preco-  
cious,

Was also, like him, much renown'd for a  
Box ;—

An immortal old clothes box, in which the great  
Grotius

When suffering, in prison, for views het'rodox,  
Was pack'd up incog. spite of jailers ferocious,<sup>3</sup>  
And sent to his wife,<sup>4</sup> carriage free in a Box !

But the fame of old Hugo now rests on the shelf,  
Since a rival hath ris'n that all parallel  
mocks ;—

That Grotius ingloriously sav'd but himself,  
While *ours* saves the whole British realm by  
a Box !

And O when, at last, ev'n this greatest of Gr—tes  
Must bend to the Power that at every door  
knocks,<sup>5</sup>

May he drop in the urn like his own "silent  
votes,"

And the tomb of his rest be a large Ballot Box.

While long at his shrine, both from county and  
city,

Shall pilgrims triennially gather in flocks,  
And sing, while they whimper, th' appropriate  
ditty,

"O breathe not his *name*, let it sleep—in the  
Box."

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW THALABA.

ADDRESSED TO ROBERT SOUTHEY, ESQ.

WHEN erst, my Southey, thy tuneful tongue  
The terrible tale of Thalaba sung—

<sup>1</sup> And all Arabia breathes from yonder box.

POPE'S *Rape of the Lock*.

<sup>2</sup> *Groot*, or *Grote*, Latinized into Grotius.

<sup>3</sup> For the particulars of this escape of Grotius from the Castle of Louvenstein, by means of a box (only three feet and a half long, it is said) in which books used to be occasionally sent to him and foul linen returned, see any of the Biographical Dictionaries.

Of him, the Destroyer, doom'd to rout  
That grim divan of conjurers out,  
Whose dwelling dark, as legends say,  
Beneath the roots of the ocean lay,  
(Fit place for deep ones, such as they,)  
How little thou knew'st, dear Dr. Southey,  
Although bright genius all allow thee,  
That, some years thence, thy wondering eyes  
Should see a second Thalaba rise—  
As ripe for ruinous rigs as thine,  
Though his havoc lie in a different line,  
And should find this new, improv'd Destroyer  
Beneath the wig of a Yankee lawyer ;  
A sort of an "alien," *alias* man,  
Whose country or party guess who can,  
Being Cockney half, half Jonathan ;  
And his life, to make the thing completer,  
Being all in the genuine Thalaba metre,  
Loose and irregular as thy feet are ;—  
First, into Whig Pindarics rambling,  
Then in low Tory doggerel scrambling ;  
Now *love* his theme, now *Church* his glory  
(At once both Tory and ama-tory),  
Now in th' Old Bailey-*lay* meandering,  
Now in soft *couplet* style philandering ;  
And, lastly, in lame Alexandrine,  
Dragging his wounded length along,<sup>6</sup>  
When scourg'd by Holland's silken throng.

In short, dear Bob, Destroyer the Second  
May fairly a match for the First be reckon'd ;  
Save that *your* Thalaba's talent lay  
In sweeping old conjurers clean away,  
While ours at aldermen deals his blows,  
(Who no great conjurers are, God knows,  
Lays Corporations, by wholesale, level,  
Sends Acts of Parliament to the devil,  
Bullies the whole Milesian race—  
Seven millions of Paddies, face to face ;  
And, seizing that magic wand, himself,  
Which erst thy conjurers left on the shelf,  
Transforms the boys of the Boyne and Liffey  
All into *foreigners*, in a jiffy—  
Aliens, outcasts, every soul of 'em,  
Born but for whips and chains, the whole of 'em !

Never, in short, did parallel  
Betwixt two heroes *gee* so well ;

<sup>4</sup> This is not quite according to the facts of the case ; my wife having been the contriver of the stratagem, and remained in the prison herself to give him time for escape.

<sup>5</sup> Pallida Mors equo pulsata pede, &c. — HORAT.

<sup>6</sup> "A needless Alexandrine ends the song  
That, like a wounded snake, drags its slow length  
along."

And, among the points in which they fit,  
There's one, dear Bob, I can't omit.  
That lacking, hectoring blade of thine  
Dealt much in the *Domdaniel* line ;<sup>1</sup>  
And 'tis but rendering justice due,  
To say that ours and his Tory crew  
*Damn Daniel* most devoutly too.

RIVAL TOPICS.<sup>2</sup>

AN EXTRAVAGANZA.

O W—LL—NGT—N and Stephenson,  
O morn and evening papers,  
Times, Herald, Courier, Globe, and Sun,  
When will ye cease our ears to stun  
With these two heroes' capers ?  
Still "Stephenson" and "W—ll—ngt—n,"  
The everlasting two ! —  
Still doom'd, from rise to set of sun,  
To hear what mischief one has done,  
And t'other means to do : —  
What bills the banker pass'd to friends,  
But never meant to pay ;  
What Bills the other wight intends,  
As honest, in their way ; —  
Bills, payable at distant sight,  
Beyond the Grecian kalends,  
When all good deeds will come to light,  
When W—ll—ngt—n will do what's right,  
And Rowland pay his balance.

To catch the banker all have sought,  
But still the rogue unhurt is ;  
While t'other juggler — who'd have thought ?  
Though slippery long, has just been caught  
By old Archbishop Curtis ; —  
And, such the power of papal crook,  
The crosier scarce had quiver'd  
About his ears, when, lo, the Duke  
Was of a Bull deliver'd !

Sir Richard Birnie doth decide  
That Rowland "must be mad,"  
In private coach, with crest, to ride,  
When chaises could be had.  
And t'other hero, all agree,  
St. Luke's will soon arrive at,  
If thus he shows off publicly,  
When he might pass in private.

<sup>1</sup> "Vain are the spells, the Destroyer  
Treads the *Domdaniel* floor."

*Thalaba, a Metrical Romance.*

O W—ll—ngt—n, O Stephenson,  
Ye ever-boring pair,  
Where'er I sit, or stand, or run,  
Ye haunt me every where.  
Though Job had patience tough enough,  
Such duplicates would try it ;  
Till one's turn'd out and t'other off,  
We shan't have peace or quiet.  
But small's the chance that Law affords —  
Such folks are daily let off ;  
And, 'twixt th' Old Bailey and the Lords,  
They both, I fear, will get off.

## THE BOY STATESMAN.

BY A TORY.

"That boy will be the death of me."  
*Matthews at Home.*

Ah, Tories dear, our ruin is near,  
With St—nl—y to help us, we can't but fall ;  
Already a warning voice I hear,  
Like the late Charles Matthews' croak in my ear,  
"That boy — that boy'll be the death of you  
all."

He will, God help us ! — not ev'n Scriblerius  
In the "Art of Sinking" his match could be ;  
And our cause is growing exceeding serious,  
For, all being in the same boat as he,  
If down my Lord goes, down go we,  
Lord Baron St—nl—y and Company,  
As deep in Oblivion's swamp below  
As such "Masters Shallow" well could go ;  
And where we shall all both low and high,  
Embaln'd in mud, as forgotten lie  
As already doth Gr—h—m of Netherby !  
But that boy, that boy ! — there's a tale I know,  
Which in talking of him comes *à propos*.  
Sir Thomas More had an only son,  
And a foolish lad was that only one,  
And Sir Thomas said, one day to his wife,  
"My dear, I can't but wish you joy,  
"For you pray'd for a boy, and you now have  
a boy,  
"Who'll continue a boy to the end of his life."

Ev'n such is our own distressing lot,  
With the ever-young statesman we have got ; —

<sup>2</sup> The date of this squib must have been, I think, about  
1828-9.

Nay ev'n still worse; for Master More  
Wasn't more a youth than he'd been before,  
While *ours* such power of boyhood shows,  
That, the older he gets, the more juv'nile he  
grows,

And, at what extreme old age he'll close  
His schoolboy course, heaven only knows; —  
Some century hence, should he reach so far,

And ourselves to witness it heav'n condemn,  
We shall find him a sort of *cub* Old Parr,

A whipper-snapper Methusalem;  
Nay, ev'n should he make still longer stay of it,  
'The boy'll want *judgment*, ev'n to the day of it!  
Meanwhile, 'tis a serious, sad infliction;

And, day and night, with awe I recall  
The late Mr. Matthews' solemn prediction,  
"That boy'll be the death, the death of you  
all."

## LETTER

FROM LARRY O'BRANIGAN TO THE REV.  
MURTAGH O'MULLIGAN.

ARRAH, where were *you*, Murthagh, that beautiful day? —

Or, how came it your riverence was laid on  
the shelf,

When that poor craythur, Bobby — as *you* were  
away —

Had to make *twice* as big a Tom-fool of *himself*.

Throth, it wasn't at all civil to lave in the lurch  
A boy so desarving your tindh'rest affection;  
Two such iligant Siamase twins of the Church,  
As Bob and yourself, ne'er should cut the  
connection.

If thus in two different directions you pull,  
'Faith, they'll swear that yourself and your  
riverend brother

Are like those quare foxes, in Gregory's Bull,  
Whose tails were join'd *one* way, while they  
look'd *another*!<sup>1</sup>

Och bless'd be he, whosomdever he be,  
That help'd soft Magee to that Bull of a Let-  
ther!

<sup>1</sup> "You will increase the enmity with which they are regarded by their associates in heresy, thus tying these foxes by the tails, that their faces may tend in opposite directions." — *Bos's Bull*, read at Exeter Hall, July 14.

<sup>2</sup> "An ingenious device of my learned friend." — *Bos's Letter to Standard*.

<sup>3</sup> Had I consulted only my own wishes, I should not have allowed this hasty attack on Dr. Todd to have made its appearance in this Collection; being now fully convinced that

Not ev'n my own self, though I sometimes  
make free  
At such bull manufacture, could make him  
a better.

To be sure, when a lad takes to *forgin'*, this way,  
'Tis a thrick he's much timpted to carry on  
gayly;

Till, at last, his "injanious devices,"<sup>2</sup> some day,  
Show him up, not at Exether Hall, but th'  
Ould Bailey.

That Parsons should forge thus appears mighty  
odd,

And (as if somethin' "odd" in their *names*,  
too, must be,)

*One* forger, of ould, was a riverend Dod,  
While a riverend Todd's now his match, to  
a T.<sup>3</sup>

But, no matter *who* did it — all blessins betide  
him,

For dishin' up Bob, in a manner so nate;  
And there wanted but *you*, Murthagh 'vourncen,  
beside him,

To make the whole grand dish of *bull-cal*<sup>f</sup>  
complate.

## MUSINGS OF AN UNREFORMED PEER.

Of all the odd plans of this monstrosly queer  
age,  
The oddest is that of reforming the peerage; —  
Just as if we, great dons, with a title and star,  
Did not get on exceedingly well, as we are,  
And perform all the functions of noodles, by  
birth,  
As completely as any born noodles on earth

How *acres* descend, is in law books display'd,  
But we as *wiseacres* descend, ready made;  
And, by right of our rank in Debrett's nomen-  
clature,

Are, all of us, born legislators by nature; —  
Like ducklings, to water instinctively taking,  
So we, with like quackery, take to law making;

the charge brought against that reverend gentleman of intending to pass off as genuine his famous mock Papal Letter was altogether unfounded. Finding it to be the wish, however, of my reverend friend — as I am now glad to be permitted to call him — that both the wrong and the reparation, the Ode and the Palinode, should be thus placed in juxtaposition, I have thought it but due to him to comply with his request.

And God forbid any reform should come o'er us,  
To make us more wise than our sires were be-  
fore us.

Th' Egyptians of old the same policy knew —  
If your sire was a cook, you must be a cook too :  
Thus making, from father to son, a good trade  
of it,  
Poisoners *by right* (so no more could be said  
of it),  
The cooks, like our lordships, a pretty mess  
made of it ;  
While, fam'd for *conservative* stomachs, th' Egyp-  
tians  
Without a wry face bolted all the prescriptions.

It is true, we've among us some peers of the  
past,  
Who keep pace with the present most awfully  
fast —  
Fruits, that ripen beneath the new light now  
arising  
With speed that to *us*, old conserves, is sur-  
prising,  
Conserves, in whom — potted, for grandmamma  
uses —  
'Twould puzzle a sunbeam to find any juices.  
'Tis true, too, I fear, midst the general move-  
ment,  
Ev'n *our* House, God help it, is doom'd to im-  
provement,  
And all its live furniture, nobly descended,  
But sadly worn out, must be sent to be mended.  
With *movables* 'mong us, like Br—m and like  
D—rh—m,  
No wonder ev'n *fixtures* should learn to bestir  
'em ;  
And, distant, ye gods, be that terrible day,  
When — as playful Old Nick, for his pastime,  
they say,  
Flies off with old houses, sometimes, in a storm —  
So *ours* may be whipp'd off, some night, by Re-  
form ;  
And, as up, like Loretto's fam'd house,<sup>1</sup> through  
the air,  
Not angels, but devils, our lordships shall bear,  
Grim, radical phizes, unus'd to the sky,  
Shall flit round, like cherubs, to wish us "good  
by,"  
While, perch'd up on clouds, little imps of ple-  
beians,  
Small Grotes and O'Connells, shall sing *Io Pæans*.

<sup>1</sup> The *Casa Santa*, supposed to have been carried by an-  
gels through the air from Galilee to Italy.

## THE REVEREND PAMPHLETEER.

### A ROMANTIC BALLAD.

O, HAVE you heard what happ'd of late ?  
If not, come lend an ear,  
While sad I state the piteous fate  
Of the Reverend Pamphleteer.

All prais'd his skilful jockeyship,  
Loud rung the Tory cheer,  
While away, away, with spur and whip,  
Went the Reverend Pamphleteer.

The nag he rode — how *could* it err !  
'Twas the same that took, last year,  
That wonderful jump to Exeter  
With the Reverend Pamphleteer.

Set a beggar on horseback, wise men say,  
The course he will take is clear ;  
And in *that* direction lay the way  
Of the Reverend Pamphleteer.

"Stop, stop," said Truth, but vain her cry —  
Left far away in the rear,  
She heard but the usual gay "good by"  
From her faithless Pamphleteer.

You may talk of the jumps of Homer's  
gods,  
When cantering o'er our sphere —  
I'd back for a *bounce*, 'gainst any odds,  
This Reverend Pamphleteer.

But ah, what tumbles a jockey hath !  
In the midst of his career,  
A file of the *Times* lay right in the path  
Of the headlong Pamphleteer.

Whether he tripp'd or shied thereat,  
Doth not so clearly appear :  
But down he came, as his sermons flat —  
This Reverend Pamphleteer !

Lord King himself could scarce desire  
To see a spiritual Peer  
Fall much more dead, in the dirt and mire,  
Than did this Pamphleteer.

Yet pitying parsons, many a day,  
Shall visit his silent bier,  
And, thinking the while of Stanhope, say  
"Poor dear old Pamphleteer !

"He has finish'd, at last, his busy span,  
 "And now *lies coolly* here —  
 "As often he did in life, good man,  
 "Good, Reverend Pamphleteer !"

## A RECENT DIALOGUE.

1825.

A BISHOP and a bold dragoon,  
 Both heroes in their way,  
 Did thus, of late, one afternoon,  
 Unto each other say : —  
 "Dear bishop," quoth the brave hussar,  
 "As nobody denies  
 "That you a wise logician are,  
 "And I am — otherwise,  
 "Tis fit that in this question, we  
 "Stick each to his own art —  
 "That *yours* should be the sophistry,  
 "And *mine* the *fighting* part.  
 "My creed, I need not tell you, is  
 "Like that of W——n,  
 "To whom no harlot comes amiss,  
 "Save her of Babylon ;<sup>1</sup>  
 "And when we're at a loss for words,  
 "If laughing reasoners flout us,  
 "For lack of sense we'll draw our swords —  
 "The sole thing sharp about us." —  
 "Dear bold dragoon," the bishop said,  
 "'Tis true for war thou art meant ;  
 "And reasoning — bless that dandy head !  
 "Is not in thy department.  
 "So leave the argument to me —  
 "And, when my holy labor  
 "Hath lit the fires of bigotry,  
 "Thou'lt poke them with thy sabre.  
 "From pulpit and from sentry box,  
 "We'll make our joint attacks,  
 "I at the head of my *Cossacks*,  
 "And you, of your *Cossacks*.  
 "So here's your health, my brave hussar,  
 "My exquisite old fighter —  
 "Success to bigotry and war,  
 "The musket and the mitre !"  
 Thus pray'd the minister of heaven —  
 While Y—k, just entering then,  
 Snor'd out (as if some *Clerk* had given  
 His nose the cue) "Amen."

T. B.

## THE WELLINGTON SPA.

"And drink oblivion to our woes."

ANNA MATILDA

1829.

TALK no more of your Cheltenham and Harrowgate springs,  
 'Tis from *Lethe* we now our potations must draw ;

Your *Lethe's* a cure for — all possible things,  
 And the doctors have nam'd it the Wellington Spa.

Other physical waters but cure you in part ;  
 One cobbles your gout — *t'other* mends your digestion —  
 Some settle your stomach, but *this* — bless your heart ! —  
 It will settle, forever, your Catholic Question.

Unlike, too, the potions in fashion, at present,  
 This Wellington nostrum, restoring by stealth,  
 So purges the mem'ry of all that's unpleasant,  
 That patients *forget* themselves into rude health.

For instance, th' inventor — his having once said  
 "He should think himself mad, if, at *any one's* call,  
 "He became what he is" — is so purg'd from his head,  
 That he now doesn't think he's a madman at all.

Of course, for your mem'ries of very long standing —  
 Old chronic diseases, that date back, undaunted,  
 To Brian Boroo and Fitz-Stephens' first landing —  
 A dev'l of a dose of the *Lethe* is wanted.

Bet ev'n Irish patients can hardly forget  
 An oblivion, so much in their own native style,  
 So conveniently plann'd, that, whate'er they forget,  
 They may go on rememb'ring it still, all the while !<sup>2</sup>

## A CHARACTER

1834.

HALF Whig, half Tory, like those midway things,  
 'Twixt bird and beast, that by mistake have wings ;

<sup>1</sup> Cui nulla meretrix displicuit præter Babylonicam.

<sup>2</sup> The only parallel I know to this sort of oblivion is to be found in a line of the late Mr. R. P. Knight —

"The pleasing memory of things forgot."



A mongrel statesman, 'twixt two factions nurs'd,  
 Who, of the faults of each, combines the worst —  
 The Tory's loftiness, the Whigling's sneer,  
 The leveller's rashness, and the bigot's fear ;  
 The thirst for meddling, restless still to show  
 How Freedom's clock, repair'd by Whigs, will  
 go ;  
 The alarm when others, more sincere than they,  
 Advance the hands to the true time of day.

By Mother Church, high-fed and haughty dame,  
 The boy was dandled, in his dawn of fame ;  
 List'ning, she smil'd, and bless'd the flippant  
 tongue

On which the fate of unborn tithes hung.  
 Ah, who shall paint the grandam's grim dismay,  
 When loose Reform entic'd her boy away ;  
 When shock'd she heard him ape the rabble's  
 tone,

And, in Old Sarum's fate, foredoom her own !  
 Groaning she cried, while tears roll'd down her  
 cheeks,

" Poor, glib-tongued youth, he means not what  
 he speaks.

" Like oil at top, these Whig professions flow,  
 " But, pure as lymph, runs Toryism below.

" Alas, that tongue should start thus, in the race,  
 " Ere mind can reach and regulate its pace ! —  
 " For, once outstripp'd by tongue, poor lagging  
 mind,

" At every step, still further limps behind.

" But, bless the boy ! — whate'er his wandering  
 be,

" Still turns his heart to Toryism and me.

" Like those odd shapes, portray'd in Dante's  
 lay,<sup>1</sup>

" With heads fix'd on, the wrong and backward  
 way,

" His feet and eyes pursue a diverse track,

" While *those* march onward, *these* look fondly  
 back."

And well she knew him, well foresaw the day,  
 Which now hath come, when snatch'd from  
 Whigs away,

The selfsame changeling drops the mask he  
 wore,

And rests, restor'd, in granny's arms once more.

But whither now, mix'd brood of modern light  
 And ancient darkness, can'st thou bend thy  
 flight ?

1 " Che dalle reni era tornato 'l volto,  
 E indietro venir li convenia,  
 Perché 'l veder dinanzi era lor tolto."

Tried by both factions, and to neither true,  
 Fear'd by the *old* school, laugh'd at by the *new* ;  
 For *this* too feeble, and for *that* too rash,  
*This* wanting more of fire, *that* less of flash,  
 Lone shalt thou stand, in isolation cold,  
 Betwixt two worlds, the new one and the old,  
 A small and " vex'd Bermoothes," which the eye  
 Of venturous seaman sees — and passes by.

### A GHOST STORY.

TO THE AIR OF "UNFORTUNATE MISS BAILEY."

1835.

Nor long in bed had L—ndh—rst lain,

When, as his lamp burn'd dimly,  
 The ghosts of corporate bodies slain,<sup>2</sup>  
 Stood by his bedside grimly.

Dead aldermen, who once could feast,

But now, themselves, are fed on,  
 And skeletons of may'rs deceas'd,

This doleful chorus led on : —

" O Lord L—ndh—rst,

" Unmerciful Lord L—ndh—rst,

" Corpses we,

" All burk'd by thee,

" Unmerciful Lord L—ndh—rst ! "

" Avaunt, ye frights ! " his Lordship cried,

" Ye look most glum and whitely."

" Ah, L—ndh—rst dear ! " the frights replied,

" You've us'd us unpolitely.

" And now, ungrateful man ! to drive

" Dead bodies from your door so,

" Who quite corrupt enough, alive,

" You've made, by death, still more so.

" O, Ex-Chancellor,

" Destructive Ex-Chancellor,

" See thy work,

" Thou second Burke,

" Destructive Ex-Chancellor ! "

Bold L—ndh—rst then, whom nought could  
 keep

Awake, or surely *that* would,  
 Cried, " Curse you all " — fell fast asleep —  
 And dreamt of " Small v. Attwood."

While, shock'd, the bodies flew down stairs.

But, courteous in their panic,  
 Precedence gave to ghosts of may'rs,  
 And corpses aldermanic,

<sup>2</sup> Referring to the line taken by Lord L—ndh—rst, on the  
 question of Municipal Reform.

Crying, "O, Lord L—ndh—rst,  
 "That terrible Lord L—ndh—rst,  
 "Not Old Scratch  
 "Himself could match  
 "That terrible Lord L—ndh—rst."

## THOUGHTS

ON THE LATE

DESTRUCTIVE PROPOSITIONS OF THE TORIES;

BY A COMMON COUNCILMAN.

1835.

I SAT me down in my easy chair,  
 To read, as usual, the morning papers;  
 But — who shall describe my look of despair,  
 When I came to Lefroy's "destructive" ca-  
 pers?  
 That *he* — that, of all live men, Lefroy  
 Should join in the cry "Destroy, destroy!"  
 Who, ev'n when a babe, as I've heard said,  
 On Orange conserve was chiefly fed,  
 And never, till now, a movement made  
 That wasn't most manfully retrograde!  
 Only think — to sweep from the light of day  
 Mayors, maces, criers, and wigs away;  
 To annihilate — never to rise again —  
 A whole generation of aldermen,  
 Nor leave them ev'n th' accustom'd tolls,  
 To keep together their bodies and souls! —  
 At a time, too, when snug posts and places  
 Are falling away from us, one by one,  
 Crash — crash — like the mummy cases  
 Belzoni, in Egypt, sat upon,  
 Wherein lay pickled, in state sublime,  
 Conservatives of the ancient time; —  
 To choose such a moment to overset  
 The few snug nuisances left us yet;  
 To add to the ruin that round us reigns,  
 By knocking out mayors' and town clerks'  
 brains;  
 By dooming all corporate bodies to fall,  
 Till they leave, at last, no bodies at all —  
 Nought but the ghosts of by-gone glory,  
 Wrecks of a world that once was Tory! —  
 Where pensive criers, like owls unblest,  
 Robb'd of their roosts, shall still hoot o'er  
 them;  
 Nor *may*'rs shall know where to seek a *nest*,  
 Till Gally Knight shall *find* one for them; —  
 Till mayors and kings, with none to rue 'em,  
 Shall perish all in one common plague;

1 These verses were written in reference to the Bill brought in at this time, for the reform of Corporations, and

And the *sovereigns* of Belfast and Tuam  
 Must join their brother, Charles Dix, at  
 Prague.

Thus mus'd I, in my chair, alone,  
 (As above describ'd) till dozy grown,  
 And nodding assent to my own opinions,  
 I found myself borne to sleep's dominions,  
 Where, lo, before my dreaming eyes,  
 A new House of Commons appear'd to rise.  
 Whose living contents, to fancy's survey,  
 Seem'd to me all turn'd topsy turvy —  
 A jumble of polypi — nobody knew  
 Which was the head or which the cue.  
*Here*, Inglis, turn'd to a sans culotte,  
 Was dancing the hays with Hume and Grote;  
*There*, ripe for riot, Recorder Shaw  
 Was learning from Roebuck "Ça-ira;"  
 While Stanley and Graham, as *poissards*  
 wenches,  
 Scream'd "à bas!" from the Tory benches;  
 And Peel and O'Connell, cheek by jowl,  
 Were dancing an Irish carmagnole.

The Lord preserve us! — if dreams come true,  
 What is this hapless realm to do?

## ANTICIPATED MEETING

OF THE

BRITISH ASSOCIATION IN THE YEAR 2836.

1836.

AFTER some observations from Dr. M'Grig  
 On that fossile reliquium call'd Petrified Wig,  
 Or *Perruquolithus* — a specimen rare  
 Of those wigs, made for antediluvian wear,  
 Which, it seems, stood the Flood without turn-  
 ing a hair —  
 Mr. Tomkins rose up, and requested attention  
 To facts no less wondrous which *he* had to men-  
 tion.

Some large fossil creatures had lately been found  
 Of a species no longer now seen above ground,  
 But the same (as to Tomkins most clearly ap-  
 pears)  
 With those animals, lost now for hundreds of  
 years,  
 Which our ancestors us'd to call "Bishops"  
 and "Peers,"  
 But which Tomkins more erudite names has  
 bestow'd on,  
 Having call the Peer fossil th' *Aristocratodon*,<sup>2</sup>

the sweeping amendments proposed by Lord Lyndhurst and other Tory Peers, in order to obstruct the measure.

<sup>2</sup> A term formed on the model of the Mastodon, &c

And, finding much food under t'other one's thora-  
rax,

Has christen'd that creature th' Episcopus Vorax.

Lest the *savantes* and dandies should think this  
all fable,

Mr. Tomkins most kindly produc'd, on the  
table,

A sample of each of these species of creatures,  
Both tol'rably human, in structure and fea-  
tures,

Except that th' Episcopus seems, Lord deliver  
us!

To've been carnivorous as well as granivorous;  
And Tomkins, on searching its stomach, found  
there

Large lumps, such as no modern stomach could  
bear,

Of a substance call'd Tithe, upon which, as 'tis  
said,

The whole Genus Clericum formerly fed;  
And which having lately himself decomposed,  
Just to see what 'twas made of, he actually  
found it

Compos'd of all possible cookable things

That e'er tripp'd upon trotters or soar'd upon  
wings—

All products of earth, both gramineous, herba-  
ceous,

Hordeaceous, fabaceous, and eke farinaceous,

All clubbing their quotas, to glut the œsopha-  
gus

Of this ever-greedy and grasping Tithophagus.<sup>1</sup>

"Admire," exclaim'd Tomkins, "the kind dis-  
pensation

"By Providence shed on this much-favor'd na-  
tion,

"In sweeping so ravenous a race from the  
earth,

"That might else have occasion'd a general  
dearth—

"And thus burying 'em, deep as ev'n Joe Hume  
would sink 'em,

"With the Ichthyosaurus and Palæorynchum,

"And other queer *ci-devant* things, under  
ground—

"Nor forgetting that fossilized youth,<sup>2</sup> so re-  
nown'd,

"Who liv'd just to witness the Deluge— was  
gratified

"Much by the sight, and has since been found  
*stratified!*"

This picturesque touch—quite in Tomkins's  
way—

Call'd forth from the *savantes* a general hurrah;  
While inquiries among them went rapidly round,  
As to where this young stratified man could be  
found.

The "learn'd Theban's" discourse next as live-  
ly flow'd on,

To sketch t'other wonder, th' Aristocratodon—  
An animal, differing from most human creatures  
Not so much in speech, inward structure, or  
features,

As in having a certain excrescence, T. said,  
Which in form of a coronet grew from its head,  
And devolv'd to its heirs, when the creature  
was dead;

Nor matter'd it, while this heirloom was trans-  
mitted,

How unfit were the *heads*, so the *coronet* fitted.

He then mention'd a strange zoölogical fact,  
Whose announcement appear'd much applause  
to attract.

In France, said the learned professor, this race  
Had so noxious become, in some centuries'  
space,

From their numbers and strength, that the land  
was o'errun with 'em,

Every one's question being, "What's to be done  
with 'em?"

When, lo! certain knowing ones—*savans*, may-  
hap,

Who, like Buckland's deep followers, under-  
stood *trap*,<sup>3</sup>

Slyly hinted that nought upon earth was so  
good

For Aristocratodons, when rampant and rude,

As to stop, or curtail, their allowance of food.

This expedient was tried, and a proof it affords

Of th' effect that short commons will have upon  
lords;

For this whole race of bipeds, one fine sum-  
mer's morn,

Shed their coronets, just as a deer sneds his  
horn,

And the moment these gewgaws fell off, they  
became

Quite a new sort of creature—so harmless and  
tame,

That zoölogists might, for the first time, main-  
tain 'em

To be near akin to the *genus humanum*,

who turned out, I am sorry to say, to be merely a great liz-  
ard.

<sup>3</sup> Particularly the formation called *Transition Trap*.

<sup>1</sup> The zoölogical term for a tithe eater.

<sup>2</sup> The man found by Scheuchzer, and supposed by him  
to have witnessed the Deluge ("homo diluvii testis"), but

And th' experiment, tried so successfully then,  
Should be kept in remembrance, when wanted  
again.

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## SONGS OF THE CHURCH.

No. 1.

### LEAVE ME ALONE.

A PASTORAL BALLAD.

"We are ever standing on the defensive. All that we say to them is, '*leave us alone.*' The Established Church is part and parcel of the constitution of this country. You are bound to conform to this constitution. We ask of you nothing more;—*let us alone.*"—Letter in *The Times*, Nov. 1838.

1838.

COME, list to my pastoral tones,  
In clover my shepherds I keep;  
My stalls are well furnish'd with drones,  
Whose preaching invites one to sleep.  
At my *spirit* let infidels scoff,  
So they leave but the *substance* my own;  
For, in sooth, I'm extremely well off,  
If the world will but let me alone.

Dissenters are grumblers, we know;—  
Though excellent men, in their way,  
They never like things to be *so*,  
Let things be however they may.  
But dissenting's a trick I detest;  
And, besides, 'tis an axiom well known,  
The creed that's best paid is the best,  
If the *unpaid* would let it alone.

To me, I own, very surprising  
Your Newmans and Puseys all seem,  
Who start first with rationalizing,  
Then jump to the other extreme.  
Far better, 'twixt nonsense and sense,  
A nice *half-way* concern, like our own,  
Where piety's mix'd up with pence,  
And the latter are *ne'er* left alone.

Of all our tormentors, the Press is  
The one that most tears us to bits;  
And now, Mrs. Woolfrey's "excesses,"  
Have thrown all its imps into fits.  
The dev'ls have been at us, for weeks,  
And there's no saying when they'll have  
done;—  
O dear, how I wish Mr. Brecks  
Had left Mrs. Woolfrey alone!

If any need pray for the dead,  
'Tis those to whom post obits fall;  
Since wisely hath Solomon said,  
'Tis "money that answereth all."  
But ours be the patrons who *live*;—  
For, once in their glebe they are thrown,  
The dead have no living to give,  
And therefore we leave them alone.

Though in morals we may not excel,  
Such perfection is rare to be had;  
A good life is, of course, very well,  
But good living is also—not bad.  
And when, to feed earthworms, I go,  
Let this epitaph stare from my stone,  
"Here lies the Right Rev. so and so;  
"Pass, stranger, and—leave him alone."

### EPISTLE FROM HENRY OF EX—T—R TO JOHN OF TUAM.

DEAR JOHN, as I know, like our brother of London,  
You've sipp'd of all knowledge, both sacred and mundane,  
No doubt, in some ancient Joe Miller, you've read  
What Cato, that cunning old Roman, once said—  
That he ne'er saw two rev'rend soothsayers meet,  
Let it be where it might, in the shrine or the street,  
Without wondering the rogues, 'mid their solemn grimaces,  
Didn't burst out a-laughing in each other's faces.<sup>1</sup>  
What Cato then meant, though 'tis so long ago,  
Even we in the present times pretty well know;  
Having soothsayers also, who—sooth to say,  
John—  
Are no better in some points than those of days gone,  
And a pair of whom, meeting (between you and me),  
Might laugh in their sleeves, too—all lawn though they be.  
But this, by the way—my intention being chiefly,  
In this, my first letter, to hint to you briefly,

<sup>1</sup> Mirari se, si augur augurem aspiciens sibi temperaret a risu.

That, seeing how fond you of *Tuum*<sup>1</sup> must be,  
While *Meum*'s at all times the main point with  
me,

We scarce could do better than form an alli-  
ance,

To set these sad Anti-Church times at defi-  
ance:

You, John, recollect, being still to embark,  
With no share in the firm but your title<sup>2</sup> and  
*mark*;

Or ev'n should you feel in your grandeur in-  
clin'd

To call yourself Pope, why, I shouldn't much  
mind;

While *my* church as usual holds fast by your  
*Tuum*,

And every one else's, to make it all *Suum*.

Thus allied, I've no doubt we shall nicely agree,  
As no twins can be liker, in most points, than  
we;

Both, specimens choice of that mix'd sort of  
beast,

(See Rev. xiii. 1.) a political priest;

Both mettlesome *chargers*, both brisk pam-  
phleteers,

Ripe and ready for all that sets men by the ears;  
And I, at least one, who would scorn to stick  
longer

By any giv'n cause than I found it the stronger,  
And who, smooth in my turnings, as if on a  
swivel,

When the tone ecclesiastic won't do, try the  
*civil*.

In short (not to bore you, e'ven *jure divino*)

We've the same cause in common, John — all  
but the rhino;

And that vulgar surplus, whate'er it may be,

As you're not us'd to cash, John, you'd best  
leave to me.

And so, without form — as the postman won't  
tarry —

I'm, dear Jack of *Tuum*,

Yours,

EXETER HARRY.

<sup>1</sup> So spelled in those ancient versicles which John, we  
understand, frequently chants:—

“Had every one *Suum*,  
You wouldn't have *Tuum*,  
But I should have *Meum*,  
And sing *Te Deum*.”

## SONG OF OLD PUCK.

“And those things do best please me,  
That befall preposterously.”

Puck Junior, *Midsummer Night's Dream*

Who wants old Puck? for here am I,  
A mongrel imp, 'twixt earth and sky,  
Ready alike to crawl or fly;  
Now in the mud, now in the air,  
And, so 'tis for mischief, reckless where.

As to my knowledge, there's no end to't,  
For, where I haven't it, I pretend to't;  
And, 'stead of taking a learn'd degree  
At some dull university,  
Puck found it handier to commence  
With a certain share of impudence,  
Which passes one off as learn'd and clever.  
Beyond all other degrees whatever;  
And enables a man of lively sence  
To be Master of *all* the Arts at once.  
No matter what the science may be—  
Ethics, Physic, Theology,  
Mathematics, Hydrostatics,  
Aerostatics or Pneumatics—  
Whatever it be, I take my luck,  
'Tis all the same to ancient Puck;  
Whose head's so full of all sorts of wares,  
That a brother imp, old Smugden, swears,  
If I had but of *law* a little smatt'ring,  
I'd then be *perfect*<sup>3</sup>—which is flatt'ring.

My skill as a linguist all must know  
Who met me abroad some months ago;  
(And heard me *abroad* exceedingly, too,  
In the moods and tenses of *parlez vous*)  
When, as old Chambaud's shade stood mute,  
I spoke such French to the Institute  
As puzzled those learned Thebans much,  
To know if 'twas Sanscrit or High Dutch,  
And *might* have pass'd with th' unobserv-  
ing

As one of the unknown tongues of Irving.

As to my talent for ubiquity,  
There's nothing like it in all antiquity.  
Like Mungo (my peculiar care)

“I'm here, I'm dcre, I'm ebery where.”<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> For his keeping the title he may quote classical autho-  
rity, as Horace expressly says, “*Poteris servare Tuam*.”—  
*De Art. Poet.* v. 329.—*Chronicle*.

<sup>3</sup> Verbatim, as said. This tribute is only equalled by that  
of Talleyrand to his medical friend, Dr. ———: “Il se con-  
noit en tout; et même un peu en médecine.”

<sup>4</sup> Song in “The Padlock.”



If any one's wanted to take the chair,  
Upon any subject, any where,  
Just look around, and — Puck is there !  
When slaughter's at hand, your bird of prey  
Is never known to be out of the way ;  
And wherever mischief's to be got,  
There's Puck *instanter*, on the spot.

Only find me in negus and applause,  
And I'm your man for *any* cause.  
If *wrong* the cause, the more my delight ;  
But I don't object to it, ev'n when *right*,  
If I only can vex some old friend by't ;  
There's D—rh—m, for instance ; — to worry  
*him*  
Fills up my cup of bliss to the brim !

(NOTE BY THE EDITOR.)

Those who are anxious to run a muck  
Can't do better than join with Puck.  
They'll find him *bon diable* — spite of his phiz —  
And, in fact, his great ambition is,  
While playing old Puck in first-rate style,  
To be *thought* Robin Goodfellow all the while.

## POLICE REPORTS.

### CASE OF IMPOSTURE.

AMONG other stray flashmen, dispos'd of, this  
week,

Was a youngster, nam'd St—nl—y, genteelly  
connected,

Who has lately been passing off coins, as anti-  
que,

Which have proved to be *sham* ones, though  
long unsuspected.

'The ancients, our readers need hardly be told,  
Had a coin they call'd "Talents," for whole-  
sale demands ;<sup>1</sup>

And 'twas some of said coinage this youth was  
so bold

As to fancy he'd got, God knows how, in his  
hands.

People took him, however, like fools, at his  
word ;

And these talents (all priz'd at his own valua-  
tion,)

<sup>1</sup> For an account of the coin called Talents by the an-  
cients, see Budaëus de Asse, and the other writers de Re  
Nummaria.

Were bid for, with eagerness ev'n more absurd  
Than has often distinguish'd this great think-  
ing nation.

Talk of wonders one now and then sees adver-  
tis'd,

"Black swans" — "Queen Anne farthings"—  
or ev'n "a child's caul" —

Much and justly as all these rare objects are  
priz'd,

"St—nl—y's talents" outdid them — swans,  
farthings, and all !

At length, some mistrust of this coin got abroad ;  
Even quondam believers began much to doubt  
of it ;

Some rung it, some rubb'd it, suspecting a  
fraud —

And the hard rubs it got rather took the shine  
out of it.

Others, wishing to break the poor prodigy's fall,  
Said 'twas known well to all who had studied  
the matter,

That the Greeks had not only *great* talents but  
*small*,<sup>2</sup>

And those found on the youngster were  
clearly *the latter*.

While others, who view'd the grave farce with a  
grin —

Seeing counterfeits pass thus for coinage so  
massy,

By way of a hint to the dolts taken in,  
Appropriately quoted Budaëus ne *Asse*.

In short, the whole sham by degrees was found  
out,

And this coin, which they chose by such fine  
names to call,

Prov'd a mere lacker'd article — showy, no  
doubt,

But, ye gods, not the true Attic Talent at all.

As th' impostor was still young enough to re-  
pent,

And, besides, had some claims to a grantee  
connection,

Their Worships — considerate for once — only  
sent

The young Thimblorig off to the House of  
Correction.

<sup>2</sup> The *Talentum Magnum* and the *Talentum Atticum* ap-  
pear to have been the same coin.

## REFLECTIONS.

ADDRESSED TO THE AUTHOR OF THE ARTICLE OF  
THE CHURCH IN THE LAST NUMBER OF THE  
QUARTERLY REVIEW.

I'M quite of your mind; — though these Pats  
cry aloud

That they've got "too much Church," 'tis all  
nonsense and stuff;

For Church is like Love, of which Figaro vow'd  
That even *too much* of it's not quite enough.<sup>1</sup>

Ay, dose them with parsons, 'twill cure all their  
ills; —

Copy Morison's mode when from pill box un-  
daunted he

Pours through the patient his black-coated  
pills,

Nor cares what their quality, so there's but  
quantity.

I verily think, 'twould be worth England's  
while

To consider, for Paddy's own benefit, whether  
'Twould not be as well to give up the green  
isle

To the care, wear and tear of the Church alto-  
gether.

The Irish are well us'd to treatment so pleas-  
ant;

The harlot Church gave them to Henry Plan-  
tagenet,<sup>2</sup>

And now, if King William would make them a  
present

To t'other chaste lady — ye Saints, just im-  
agine it!

Chief Secs., Lord-Lieutenants, Commanders-in-  
chief,

Might then all be cull'd from th' episcopal  
benches;

While colonels in black would afford some re-  
lief

From the hue that reminds one of th' old  
scarlet wench's.

Think how fierce at a *charge* (being practis'd  
therein)

The Right Reverend Brigadier Ph—ll—tts  
would slash on!

<sup>1</sup> En fait d'amour, trop même n'est pas assez. — *Barbier de Seville*.

<sup>2</sup> Grant of Ireland to Henry II. by Pope Adrian.

How General Bl—mf—d, through thick and  
through thin,

To the end of the chapter (or chapters) would  
dash on!

For, in one point alone do the amply fed race

Of bishops to beggars similitude bear —

That, set them on horseback, in full steeple  
chase,

And they'll ride, if not pull'd up in time —  
you know where.

But, bless you, in Ireland, that matters not  
much,

Where affairs have for centuries gone the  
same way;

And a good stanch Conservative's system is such  
That he'd back even Beelzebub's long-founded  
sway.

I am therefore, dear Quarterly, quite of your  
mind; —

Church, Church, in all shapes, into Erin let's  
pour;

And the more she rejecteth our med'cine so  
kind,

The more let's repeat it — "Black dose, as  
before."

Let Coercion, that peacemaker, go hand in hand  
With demure-ey'd Conversion, fit sister and  
brother;

And, covering with prisons and churches the  
land,

All that won't *go to one*, we'll put *into* the  
other.

For the sole, leading maxim of us who're in-  
clin'd

To rule over Ireland, not well, but religiously,  
Is to treat her like ladies, who've just been con-  
fin'd

(Or who *ought* to be so) and to *church* her pro-  
digiously.

## NEW GRAND EXHIBITION OF MODELS

OF THE

TWO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.

COME, step in, gentlefolks, here ye may view  
An exact and nat'ral representation

(Like Siburn's Model of Waterloo <sup>1</sup>)  
Of the Lords and Commons of this here nation.

There they are — all cut out in cork —  
The "Collective Wisdom" wondrous to see;  
My eyes! when all them heads are at work,  
What a vastly weighty consarn it must be.

As for the "wisdom," — *that* may come anon;  
Though, to say truth, we sometimes see  
(And I find the phenomenon no uncommon 'un)  
A man who's M. P. with a head that's M. T.

Our Lords are *rather* too small, 'tis true;  
But they do well enough for Cabinet shelves;  
And besides, — what's a man with creeturs to do  
That make such *werry* small figures themselves?

There — don't touch those lords, my pretty dears — (*Aside*).  
Curse the children! — this comes of reforming a nation:  
Those meddling young brats have so damag'd my peers,  
I must lay in more cork for a new creation.

Them yonder's our bishops — "to whom much is giv'n,"  
And who're ready to take as much more as you please:  
The seers of old times saw visions of heaven,  
But these holy seers see nothing but Sees.

Like old Atlas <sup>2</sup> (the chap, in Cheapside, there below),  
'Tis for so much *per cent.* they take heav'n on their shoulders;  
And joy 'tis to know that old High Church and Co.,  
Though not capital priests, are such capital holders.

There's one on 'em, Ph—llp—ts, who now is away,  
As we're having him fill'd with bumbustible stuff,  
Small crackers and squibs, for a great gala day,  
When we annually fire his Right Reverence off.

'Twould do your heart good, ma'am, then to be by,  
When, bursting with gunpowder, 'stead of with bile,  
Crack, crack, goes the bishop, while dowagers cry,  
"How like the dear man, both in matter and style!"

Should you want a few Peers and M. P.'s, to bestow,  
As presents to friends, we can recommend these: <sup>3</sup> —  
Our nobles are come down to ninepence, you know,  
And we charge but a penny apiece for M. P.'s.

Those of *bottle* corks made take most with the trade,  
(At least, 'mong such as my *Irish* writ summons,  
Of old *whiskey* corks our O'Connells are made,  
But those we make Shaws and Lefroys of, are *run* 'uns.  
So, step in, gentlefolks, &c. &c.  
*Da Capo.*

## ANNOUNCEMENT

OF

A NEW GRAND ACCELERATION COMPANY

FOR THE PROMOTION OF

THE SPEED OF LITERATURE.

LOUD complaints being made, in these quick-reading times,  
Of too slack a supply, both of prose works and rhymes,  
A new Company, form'd on the keep-moving plan,  
First propos'd by the great firm of Catch-'em-who-can,  
Beg to say they've now ready, in full wind and speed,  
Some fast-going authors, of quite a new breed —  
Such as not he who *runs* but who *gallops* may read —  
And who, if well curried and fed, they've no doubt,  
Will beat even Bentley's swift stud out and out

<sup>1</sup> One of the most interesting and curious of all the exhibitions of the day.

<sup>2</sup> The sign of the Insurance Office in Cheapside.

<sup>3</sup> Producing a bag full of lords and gentlemen.

It is true, in these days, such a drug is renown,  
We've "Immortals" as rife as M. P.'s about  
town ;

And not a Blue's rout but can offhand supply  
Some invalid bard who's insur'd "not to die."  
Still, let England but once try *our* authors, she'll  
find

How fast they'll leave even these Immortals  
behind ;

And how truly the toils of Alcides were light,  
Compar'd with *his* toil who can read all they  
write.

In fact, there's no saying, so gainful the trade,  
How fast immortalities now may be made ;  
Since Helicon never will want an "Undying  
One,"

As long as the public continues a Buying One ;  
And the company hope yet to witness the  
hour,

When, by strongly applying the mare-motive<sup>1</sup>  
power,

A three-decker novel, 'midst oceans of praise,  
May be written, launch'd, read, and — forgot,  
in three days !

In addition to all this stupendous celerity,  
Which — to the no small relief of posterity —  
Pays off at sight the whole debit of fame,  
Nor troubles futurity ev'n with a name  
(A project that won't as much tickle Tom Tegg  
as us,

Since 'twill rob *him* of his second-priced Peg-  
asus) ;

We, the Company — still more to show how im-  
mense

Is the power o'er the mind of pounds, shillings,  
and pence ;

And that not even Phœbus himself, in our day,  
Could get up a *lay* without first an *outlay* —  
Beg to add, as our literature soon may com-  
pare,

In its quick make and vent, with our Birming-  
ham ware,

And it doesn't at all matter in either of these  
lines,

How *sham* is the article, so it but *shines*, —  
We keep authors ready, all perch'd, pen in hand,  
To write off, in any giv'n style, at command.

No matter what bard, be he living or dead,<sup>2</sup>  
Ask a work from his pen, and 'tis done soon as  
said :

There being, on th' establishment, six Walter  
Scotts,

One capital Wordsworth, and Southey's in lots ;  
Three choice Mrs. Nortons, all singing like sirens,  
While most of our pallid young clerks are Lord  
Byrons.

Then we've \*\*\*s and \*\*\*s (for whom there's  
small call),

And \*\*\*s and \*\*\*s (for whom no call at all).

In short, whose'er the last "Lion" may be,  
We've a Bottom who'll copy his roar<sup>3</sup> to a T,  
And so well, that not one of the buyers who've  
got 'em

Can tell which is lion, and which only Bottom.

N. B. — The company, since they set up in this  
line,

Have mov'd their concern, and are now at the  
sign

Of the Muse's Velocipede, *Fleet* Street, where all  
Who wish well to the scheme are invited to call.

#### SOME ACCOUNT OF THE LATE DIN- NER TO DAN.

From tongue to tongue the rumor flew ;  
All ask'd, aghast, "Is't true? is't true?"

But none knew whether 'twas fact or fable ;  
And still the unholy rumor ran,  
From Tory woman to Tory man,

Though none to come at the truth was able —  
Till, lo, at last, the fact came out,  
The horrible fact, beyond all doubt,

That Dan had din'd at the Viceroy's table ;  
Had flesh'd his Popish knife and fork  
In the heart of th' Established mutton and pork !

Who can forget the deep sensation  
That news produc'd in this orthodox nation ?  
Deans, rectors, curates, all agreed,  
If Dan was allow'd at the Castle to feed,  
'Twas clearly *all up* with the Protestant creed !

There hadn't, indeed, such an apparition  
Been heard of, in Dublin, since that day  
When, during the first grand exhibition  
Of Don Giovanni, that naughty play,  
There appear'd, as if rais'd by necromancers,  
An *extra* devil among the dancers !  
Yes — ev'ry one saw, with fearful thrill,  
That a devil too much had join'd the quadrille ;<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> " 'Tis money makes the mare to go."

<sup>2</sup> We have lodgings apart, for our posthumous people,  
As we find that, if left with the live ones, they *keep* ill.

<sup>3</sup> "Bottom: Let me play the lion; I will roar you as  
'twere any nightingale."

<sup>4</sup> History of the Irish Stage.

And sulphur was smelt, and the lamps let fall

A grim, green light o'er the ghastly ball,  
And the poor *sham* dev'ls didn't like it all;  
For, they knew from whence th' intruder had come,

Though he left, *that* night, his tail at home.

This fact, we see, is a parallel case  
To the dinner that, some weeks since, took place.  
With the difference slight of fiend and man,

It shows what a nest of Popish sinners  
That city must be, where the devil and Dan  
May thus drop in, at quadrilles and dinners!

But, mark the end of these foul proceedings,  
These demon hops and Popish feedings.

Some comfort 'twill be — to those, at least,  
Who've studied this awful dinner question —  
To know that Dan, on the night of that feast,

Was seiz'd with a dreadful indigestion;  
That envoys were sent, post haste, to his priest,  
To come and absolve the suffering sinner,  
For eating so much at a heretic dinner;  
And some good people were even afraid  
That Peel's old confectioner — still at the trade —

Had poison'd the Papist with *orangeade*.

#### NEW HOSPITAL FOR SICK LITERATI.

With all humility we beg  
To inform the public, that Tom Tegg —  
Known for his spunky speculations,  
In buying up dead reputations,  
And, by a mode of galvanizing  
Which, all must own, is quite surprising,  
Making dead authors move again,  
As though they still were living men; —  
All this, too, manag'd, in a trice,  
By those two magic words, "Half Price,"  
Which brings the charm so quick about,  
That worn-out poets, left without  
A second *foot* whereon to stand,  
Are made to go at second *hand*; —  
'Twill please the public, we repeat,  
To learn that Tegg, who works this feat,  
And, therefore, knows what care it needs  
To keep alive Fame's invalids,  
Has oped a Hospital, in town,  
For cases of knock'd-up renown —

Falls, fractures, dangerous *Epic fits*  
(By some call'd *Cantos*), stabs from wits;  
And, of all wounds for which they're nurs'd,  
*Dead cuts* from publishers, the worst; —  
All these, and other such fatalities,  
That happen to frail immortalities,  
By Tegg are so expertly treated,  
That ofttimes, when the cure's completed,  
The patient's made robust enough  
To stand a few more rounds of *puff*,  
Till, like the ghosts of Dante's lay,  
He's puff'd into thin air away!

As titled poets (being phenomenons)  
Don't like to mix with low and common  
'uns,

Tegg's Hospital has separate wards,  
Express for literary lords,  
Where *prose* peers, of immoderate length,  
Are nurs'd, when they've outgrown their  
strength,  
And poets, whom their friends despair of,  
Are — put to bed and taken care of.

Tegg begs to contradict a story,  
Now current both with Whig and Tory,  
That Doctor W—rb—t—n, M. P.,  
Well known for his antipathy,  
His deadly hate, good man, to all  
The race of poets, great and small —  
So much, that he's been heard to own,  
He would most willingly cut down  
The holiest groves on Pindus' mount,  
To turn the timber to account! —  
The story actually goes, that he  
Prescribes at Tegg's Infirmary;  
And oft, not only stints, for spite,  
The patients in their copyright,  
But that, on being call'd in lately  
To two sick poets, suffering greatly,  
This vaticidal Doctor sent them  
So strong a dose of Jeremy Bentham,  
That one of the poor bards but cried,  
"O, Jerry, Jerry!" and then died;  
While t'other, though less stuff was given,  
Is on his road, 'tis fear'd, to heaven!

Of this event, howe'er unpleasant,  
Tegg means to say no more at present, —  
Intending shortly to prepare  
A statement of the whole affair,  
With full accounts, at the same time,  
Of some late cases (prose and rhyme),  
Subscrib'd with every author's name,  
That's now on the Sick List of Fame.



## RELIGION AND TRADE.

"Sir Robert Peel believed it was necessary to originate all respecting religion and trade in a Committee of the House."—*Church's Extension*, May 22, 1833.

SAY, who was the wag, indecorously witty,  
Who first, in a statute, this libel convey'd ;  
And thus slyly refer'd to the selfsame com-  
mittee,  
As matters congenial, Religion and Trade ?

O surely, my Ph—llp—ts, 'twas thou didst the  
deed ;  
For none but thyself, or some pluralist brother,  
Accustom'd to mix up the craft with the creed,  
Could bring such a pair thus to twin with  
each other.

And yet, when one thinks of times present and  
gone,  
One is forc'd to confess, on maturer reflection,  
That 'tisu't in the eyes of committees alone  
That the shrine and the shop seem to have  
some connection.

Not to mention those monarchs of Asia's fair  
land,  
Whose civil list all is in "god-money" paid ;  
And where the whole people, by royal command,  
Buy their gods at the government mart, ready-  
made ;<sup>1</sup>—

There was also (as mention'd, in rhyme and in  
prose, is)  
Gold heap'd, throughout Egypt, on every  
shrine,  
To make rings for right reverend crocodiles'  
noses—  
Just such as, my Ph—llp—ts, would look  
well in thine.

But one needn't fly off, in this erudite mood ;  
And 'tis clear, without going to regions so  
sunny,  
That priests love to do the *least* possible good,  
For the largest *most* possible quantum of  
money.

"Of him," saith the tex, "unto whom much is  
given,  
"Of him much, in turn, will be also re-  
quired:"—

<sup>1</sup> The Birmans may not buy the sacred marble in mass,  
but must purchase figures of the deity already made.—  
SVMES

"By *me*," quoth the sleek and obese man of  
heaven—  
"Give as much as you will—more will still  
be desir'd."

More money! more churches!—O Nimrod,  
hadst thou  
'Stead of *Tower* extension, some shorter way  
gone—  
Hadst thou known by what methods we mount  
to heav'n now,  
And tried *Church* extension, the feat had been  
done!

## MUSINGS,

SUGGESTED BY THE LATE PROMOTION OF MRS.  
NETHERCOAT.

"The widow Nethercoat is appointed jailer of Loughrea,  
in the room of her deceased husband."—*Limerick Chroni-  
cle*.

WHETHER as queens or subjects, in these days,  
Women seem form'd to grace alike each sta-  
tion ;—  
As Captain Flaherty gallantly says,  
"You, ladies, are the lords of the creation!"

Thus o'er my mind did prescient visions float  
Of all that matchless woman yet may be ;  
When, hark, in rumors less and less remote,  
Came the glad news o'er Erin's ambient sea,  
The important news—that Mrs. Nethercoat  
Had been appointed jailer of Loughrea ;  
Yes, mark it, History—Nethercoat is dead,  
And Mrs. N. now rules his realm instead ;  
Hers the high task to wield th' uplocking keys,  
To rivet rogues and reign o'er Rapparees!

Thus, while your blust'ers of the Tory school  
Find Ireland's sanest sons so hard to rule,  
One meek-ey'd matron, in Whig doctrines nurs'd,  
Is all that's ask'd to curb the maddest, worst!

Show me the man that dares, with blushless  
brow,  
Prate about Erin's rage and riot now ;—  
Now, when her temperance forms her sole ex-  
cess ;  
When long-lov'd whiskey, fading from her  
sight,  
"Small by degrees, and beautifully less,"  
Will soon, like other *spirits*, vanish quite ;

When of red coats the number's grown so small,  
 That soon, to cheer the warlike parson's eyes,  
 No glimpse of scarlet will be seen at all,  
 Save that which she of Babylon supplies; —  
 Or, at the most, a corporal's guard will be,  
 Of Ireland's *red* defence the sole remains;  
 While of its jails bright woman keeps the key,  
 And captive Paddies languish in her chains!  
 Long may such lot be Erin's, long be mine!  
 O yes — if ev'n this world, though bright it shine,  
 In Wisdom's eyes a prison house must be,  
 At least let woman's hand our fetters twine,  
 And blithe I'll sing, more joyous than if free,  
 The Nethercoats, the Nethercoats for me!

## INTENDED TRIBUTE

TO THE

AUTHOR OF AN ARTICLE IN THE LAST NUMBER  
OF THE QUARTERLY REVIEW,

ENTITLED

"ROMANISM IN IRELAND."

It glads us much to be able to say  
 That a meeting is fix'd, for some early day,  
 Of all such dowagers — *he* or *she* —  
 (No matter the sex, so they dowagers be,)  
 Whose opinions, concerning Church and State,  
 From about the time of the Curfew date —  
 Stanch sticklers still for days by-gone,  
 And admiring *them* for their rust alone —  
 To whom if we would a leader give,  
 Worthy their tastes conservative,  
 We need but some mummy statesman raise,  
 Who was pickled and potted in Ptolemy's days;  
 For *that's* the man, if waked from his shelf  
 To conserve und swaddle this world, like himself.

Such, we're happy to state, are the old *he* dames  
 Who've met in committee, and given their names  
 (In good hieroglyphics), with kind intent:  
 To pay some handsome compliment  
 To their sister author, the nameless he,  
 Who wrote, in the last new *Quarterly*,  
 That charming assault upon Popery;

<sup>1</sup> See Congreve's *Love for Love*.

<sup>2</sup> *Beaux Stratagem*.

<sup>3</sup> The writer of the article has groped about, with much success, in what he calls "the dark recesses of Dr. Dens's disquisitions." — *Quarterly Review*.

<sup>4</sup> "Pray, may we ask, has there been any rebellious movement of Popery in Ireland, since the planting of the

An article justly prized by them,  
 As a perfect antediluvian gem —  
 The work, as Sir Sampson Legend would say,  
 Of some "fellow the Flood couldn't wash  
 away."<sup>1</sup>

The fund being rais'd, there remain'd but to see  
 What the dowager author's gift was to be.  
 And here, I must say, the Sisters Blue  
 Show'd delicate taste and judgment too.  
 For, finding the poor man suffering greatly  
 From the awful stuff he has thrown up lately —  
 So much so, indeed, to the alarm of all,  
 As to bring on a fit of what doctors call  
 The Antipapistieo monomania  
 (I'm sorry with such a long word to detain ye),  
 They've acted the part of a kind physician,  
 By suiting their gift to the patient's condition;  
 And, as soon as 'tis ready for presentation,  
 We shall publish the facts, for the gratification  
 Of this highly-favor'd and Protestant nation.

Meanwhile, to the great alarm of his neighbors,  
 He still continues his *Quarterly* labors;  
 And often has strong No-Popery fits,  
 Which frighten his old nurse out of her wits.  
 Sometimes he screams, like Scrub in the play,<sup>2</sup>  
 "Thieves! Jesuits! Popery!" night and day;  
 Takes the Printer's Devil for Doctor Dens,<sup>3</sup>  
 And shies at him heaps of High-church pens;<sup>4</sup>  
 Which the Devil (himself a touchy Dissenter)  
 Feels all in his hide, like arrows, enter.  
 'Stead of swallowing wholesome stuff from the  
 druggist's,

He *will* keep raving of "Irish Thuggists;"<sup>5</sup>  
 Tells us they all go murd'ring, for fun,  
 From rise of morn till set of sun,  
 Pop, pop, as fast as a minute gun!<sup>6</sup>  
 If ask'd, how comes it the gown and cassock  
 are

Safe and fat, 'mid this general massacre —  
 How haps it that Pat's own population  
 But swarms the more for this trucidation —  
 He refers you, for all such memoranda,  
 To the "*archives of the Propaganda!*"<sup>7</sup>

This is all we've got, for the present, to say —  
 But shall take up the subject some future day.

Ulster colonies, in which something of the kind was not  
 visible among the Presbyterians of the North?" — *Ibid*.

<sup>5</sup> "Lord Lorton, for instance, who, for clearing his estate  
 of a village of Irish Thuggists," &c. &c. — *Ibid*.

<sup>6</sup> "Observe how murder after murder is committed like  
 minute guns." — *Ibid*.

<sup>7</sup> "Might not the archives of the Propaganda possibly  
 supply the key?"

## GRAND DINNER OF TYPE AND CO.

A POOR POET'S DREAM.<sup>1</sup>

As I sate in my study, lone and still,  
Thinking of Sergeant Talfourd's Bill,  
And the speech by Lawyer Sugden made,  
In spirit congenial, for "the Trade,"  
Sudden I sunk to sleep, and, lo,

Upon Fancy's reinless nightmare flitting,  
I found myself, in a second or so,  
At the table of Messrs. Type and Co.

With a goodly group of diners sitting; —  
All in the printing and publishing line,  
Dress'd, I thought, extremely fine,  
And sipping, like lords, their rosy wine;  
While I, in a state near inanition,

With coat that hadn't much nap to spare  
(Having just gone into its second edition),

Was the only wretch of an author there.  
But think, how great was my surprise,  
When I saw, in casting round my eyes,  
That the dishes, sent up by Type's she cooks,  
Bore all, in appearance, the shape of books;  
Large folios — God knows where they got 'em,  
In these *small* times — at top and bottom;  
And quartos (such as the Press provides  
For no one to read them) down the sides.  
Then flash'd a horrible thought on my brain,  
And I said to myself, "'Tis all too plain,  
" Like those, well known in school quotations,  
" Who ate up for dinner their own relations,  
" I see now, before me, smoking here,  
" The bodies and bones of my brethren dear; —  
" Bright sons of the lyric and epic Muse,  
" All cut up in cutlets, or hash'd in stews;  
" Their *works*, a light through ages to go, —  
" *Themselves*, eaten up by Type and Co.!"

While thus I moralized, on they went,  
Finding the fare most excellent;  
And all so kindly, brother to brother,  
Helping the tidbits to each other:

"A slice of Southey let me send you" —  
"This cut of Campbell I recommend you" —  
"And here, my friends, is a treat indeed,  
"The immortal Wordsworth fricasseed!"

Thus having, the cormorants, fed some time,  
Upon joints of poetry — all of the prime —

<sup>1</sup> Written during the late agitation of the question of Copyright.

<sup>2</sup> "For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto

With also (as Type in a whisper averr'd it)  
"Cold prose on the sideboard, for such as preferred it" —

They rested a while, to recruit their force,  
Then pounc'd, like kites, on the second course,  
Which was singing birds merely — Moore and others —

Who all went the way of their larger brothers;  
And, num'rous now though such songsters be,  
'Twas really quite distressing to see  
A whole dishful of Toms — Moore, Dibdin,  
Bayly, —

Bolted by Type and Co. so gayly!

Nor was this the worst — I shudder to think  
What a scene was disclos'd when they came to drink.

The warriors of Odin, as every one knows,  
Used to drink out of skulls of slaughter'd foes:

And Type's old port, to my horror I found,  
Was in skulls of bards sent merrily round.  
And still as each well-fill'd cranium came,  
A health was pledg'd to its owner's name;  
While Type said slyly, 'midst general laughter,  
"We eat them up first, then drink to them after."

There was *no* standing this — incensed I broke  
From my bonds of sleep, and indignant woke,  
Exclaiming, "O shades of other times,  
"Whose voices still sound, like deathless chimes,  
"Could you e'er have foretold a day would be,  
"When a dreamer of dreams should live to see

"A party of sleek and honest John Bulls  
"Hobnobbing each other in poets' skulls!"

## CHURCH EXTENSION.

## TO THE EDITOR OF THE MORNING CHRONICLE

Sir — A well-known classical traveller, while employed in exploring, some time since, the supposed site of the Temple of Diana of Ephesus, was so fortunate, in the course of his researches, as to light upon a very ancient bark manuscript, which has turned out, on examination, to be part of an old Ephesian newspaper; — a newspaper published, as you will see, so far back as the time when Demetrius, the great Shrine Extender,<sup>2</sup> flourished.

I am, Sir, yours, &c.

the craftsmen; whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth." — *Acts*, xix.

## EPHESIAN GAZETTE.

*Second edition.*

IMPORTANT event for the rich and religious!

Great Meeting of Silversmiths held in Queen Square; —

Church Extension, their object, — th' excitement prodigious; —

Demetrius, head man of the craft, takes the chair!

*Third edition.*

The Chairman still up, when our dev'l came away;

Having prefac'd his speech with the usual state prayer,

That the Three-headed Dian<sup>1</sup> would kindly, this day,

Take the Silversmiths' Company under her care.

Being ask'd by some low, unestablish'd divines,  
"When your churches are up, where are flocks to be got?"

He manfully answer'd, "Let us build the shrines,<sup>2</sup>

"And we care not if flocks are found for them or not."

He then added — to show that the Silversmiths' Guild

Were above all confin'd and intolerant views —

"Only *pay* through the nose to the altars we build,  
"You may *pray* through the nose to what altars you choose."

This tolerance, rare from a shrine-dealer's lip  
(Though a tolerance mix'd with due taste for the till) —

So much charm'd all the holders of scriptural scrip,

That their shouts of "Hear!" "Hear!" are reëchoing still.

*Fourth edition.*

Great stir in the Shrine Market! altars to Phœbus

Are going dog cheap — may be had for a rebus.

Old Dian's, as usual, outsell all the rest; —

But Venus's, also, are much in request.

## LATEST ACCOUNTS FROM OLYMPUS.

As news from Olympus has grown rather rare,  
Since bards, in their cruises, have ceas'd to *touch* there,

We extract for our readers th' intelligence given,  
In our latest accounts from that *ci-devant* Heaven —

That realm of the By-gones, where still sit, in state,

Old god-heads and nod-heads, now long out of date.

Jove himself, it appears, since his love days are o'er,

Seems to find immortality rather a bore;

Though he still asks for news of earth's capers and crimes,

And reads daily his old fellow-Thund'rer, the Times.

He and Vulcan, it seems, by their wives still *henpeck'd* are,

And kept on a stinted allowance of nectar.

Old Phœbus, poor lad, has given up inspiration,

And pack'd off to earth on a *puff* speculation.

The fact is, he found his old shrines had grown dim,

Since bards look'd to Bentley and Colburn, not him.

So, he sold off his stud of ambrosia-fed nags,  
Came incog. down to earth, and now writes for the *Mags*;

Taking care that his work not a gleam hath to linger in't,

From which men could guess that the god had a finger in't.

There are other small facts, well deserving attention,

Of which our Olympic despatches make mention.

Poor Bacchus is still very ill, they allege,

Having never recover'd the Temperance Pledge.  
"What, the Irish!" he cried — these I look'd to the most!

"If they give up the *spirit*, I give up the ghost:"

While Momus, who us'd of the gods to make fun,

Is turn'd Socialist now, and declares there are none!

<sup>1</sup> *Tria Virginis ora Diana.*

<sup>2</sup> The "shrines" are supposed to have been small churches,

es, or chapels, adjoining to the great temples; — "*œdificiis in quibus statuæ reponebantur.*" — ERASM.

But these changes, though curious, are all a  
mere farce

Compar'd to the new "casus belli" of Mars,  
Who, for years, has been suffering the horrors  
of quiet,

Uncheer'd by one glimmer of bloodshed or riot !  
In vain from the clouds his belligerent brow  
Did he pop forth, in hopes that somewhere or  
somehow,

Like Pat at a fair, he might "coax up a row :"  
But the joke wouldn't take—the whole world  
had got wiser ;

Men liked not to take a Great Gun for adviser ;  
And, still less, to march in fine clothes to be shot,  
Without very well knowing for whom or for  
what.

The French, who of slaughter had had their full  
swing,

Were content with a shot, now and then, at their  
King ;

While, in England, good fighting's a pastime so  
hard to gain,

Nobody's left to fight *with*, but Lord C—rd—  
g—n.

'Tis needless to say, then, how monstrously happy  
Old Mars has been made by what's now on the  
*tapis* ;

How much it delights him to see the French rally,  
In Liberty's name, around Mehemet Ali ;  
Well knowing that Satan himself could not find  
A confection of mischief much more to his mind  
Than the old Bonnet Rouge and the Bashaw  
combin'd.

Right well, too, he knows, that there ne'er were  
attackers,

Whatever their cause, that they didn't find  
backers ;

While any slight care for Humanity's woes  
May be soothed by that "Art Diplomatique,"  
which shows

How to come, in the most approv'd method, to  
blows.

This is all, for to-day—whether Mars is much  
vex'd

At his friend Thiers's exit, we'll know by our  
next.

#### THE TRIUMPHS OF FARCE.

OUR earth, as it rolls through the regions of  
space,

Wears always two faces, the dark and the  
sunny ;

And poor human life runs the same sort of  
race,

Being sad, on one side—on the other side,  
funny.

Thus oft we, at eve, to the Haymarket hie,  
To weep o'er the woes of Macready ;—but  
scarce

Hath the teardrop of Tragedy pass'd from the  
eye,

When, lo, we're all laughing in fits at the  
Farce.

And still let us laugh—preach the world as it  
may—

Where the cream of the joke is, the swarm  
will soon follow ;

Heroics are very grand things, in their way,  
But the laugh at the long run will carry it  
hollow.

For instance, what sermon on human affairs  
Could equal the scene that took place t'other  
day

'Twixt Romeo and Louis Philippe, on the stairs—  
The Sublime and Ridiculous meeting half  
way !

Yes, Jocus ! gay god, whom the Gentiles sup-  
plied,

And whose worship not ev'n among Christians  
declines,

In our senate thou'st languish'd since Sheridan  
died,

But Sydney still keeps thee alive in our  
shrines.

Rare Sydney ! thrice honor'd the stall where he  
sits,

And be his ev'ry honor he deigneth to climb  
at !

Had England a hierarchy form'd all of wits,  
Who but Sydney would England proclaim as  
its primate ?

And long may he flourish, frank, merry, and  
brave—

A Horace to hear, and a Paschal to read ;<sup>1</sup>

While he *laughs*, all is safe, but, when Sydney  
grows grave,

We shall then think the Church is in danger  
*indeed*.

<sup>1</sup> Some parts of the *Provinciales* may be said to be of the  
highest order of *jeuz d'esprit*, or squibs.



Meanwhile, it much glads us to find he's pre-  
paring  
To teach *other* bishops to "seek the right  
way;"<sup>1</sup>  
And means shortly to treat the whole Bench to  
an airing,  
Just such as he gave to Charles James t'other  
day

For our parts, though gravity's good for the soul,  
Such a fancy have we for the side that there's  
fun on,  
We'd rather with Sydney south-west take a  
"stroll,"  
Than *coach* it north-east with his Lordship of  
Lunnun.

### THOUGHTS ON PATRONS, PUFFS, AND OTHER MATTERS.

IN AN EPISTLE FROM T. M. TO S. R.

WHAT, *thou*, my friend! a man of rhymes,  
And, better still, a man of guineas,  
To talk of "patrons," in these times,  
When authors thrive, like spinning jennies,  
And Arkwright's twist and Bulwer's page  
Alike may laugh at patronage!

No, no — those times are pass'd away,  
When, doom'd in upper floors to star it,  
The bard inscrib'd to lords his lay, —  
Himself, the while, my Lord Mountgarret.  
No more he begs, with air dependent,  
His "little bark may sail attendant"  
Under some lordly skipper's steerage;  
But launch'd triumphant in the Row,  
Or ta'en by Murray's self in tow,  
Cuts both *Star Chamber* and the peerage.

Patrons, indeed! when scarce a sail  
Is whisk'd from England by the gale,  
But bears on board some authors, shipp'd  
For foreign shores, all well equipp'd  
With proper book-making machinery,  
To sketch the morals, manners, scenery,  
Of all such lands as they shall see,  
Or *not* see, as the case may be: —  
It being enjoin'd on all who go  
To study first Miss M\*\*\*\*\*

And learn from her the method true,  
To *do* one's books — and readers, too.  
For so this nymph of *nous* and nerve  
Teaches mankind "How to Observe;"  
And, lest mankind at all should swerve,  
Teaches them also "*What* to Observe."

No, no, my friend — it can't be blink'd —  
The Patron is a race extinct;  
As dead as any Megatherion  
That ever Buckland built a theory on.  
Instead of bartering, in this age,  
Our praise for pence and patronage,  
We, authors, now, more prosperous elves,  
Have learn'd to patronize ourselves;  
And since all-potent Puffing's made  
The life of song, the soul of trade,  
More frugal of our praises grown,  
We puff no merits but our own.

Unlike those feeble gales of praise  
Which critics blew in former days,  
Our modern puffs are of a kind  
That truly, really *raise the wind*;  
And since they've fairly set in blowing,  
We find them the best *trade* winds going.  
'Stead of frequenting paths so slippery  
As her old haunts near Aganippe,  
The Muse, now, taking to the till,  
Has open'd shop on Ludgate Hill  
(Far handier than the Hill of Pindus,  
As seen from bard's back attic windows);  
And swallowing there without cessation  
Large draughts (*at sight*) of inspiration,  
Touches the *notes* for each new theme,  
While still fresh "*change* comes o'er her  
dream."

What Steam is on the deep — and more —  
Is the vast power of Puff on shore;  
Which jumps to glory's future tenses  
Before the present even commences;  
And makes "immortal" and "divine" of us  
Before the world has read one line of us.

In old times, when the God of Song  
Drove his own two-horse team along,  
Carrying inside a bard or two,  
Book'd for posterity "all through;" —  
Their luggage, a few close-pack'd rhymes,  
(Like yours, my friend,) for after times —

<sup>1</sup> "This stroll in the metropolis is extremely well con-  
trived for your Lordship's speech; but suppose, my dear  
Lord, that instead of going E. and N. E. you had turned

about," &c. &c. — SYDNEY SMITH'S *Last Letter to the Bishop of London*.

So slow the pull to Fame's abode,  
That folks oft slept upon the road; —  
And H. mer's self, sometimes, they say,  
Took to his nightcap on the way.<sup>1</sup>

Ye Gods! how different is the story  
With our new galloping sons of glory,  
Who scorning all such slack and slow time,  
Dash to posterity in *no* time!  
Raise but one general blast of Puff  
To start your author — that's enough.  
In vain the critics, set to watch him,  
Try at the starting post to catch him:  
He's off — the puffers carry it hollow —  
The critics, if they please, may follow.  
Ere *they* 've laid down their first positions,  
He's fairly blown through six editions!  
In vain doth Edinburgh dispense  
Her blue and yellow pestilence  
(That plague so awful in my time  
To young and touchy sons of rhyme) —  
The Quarterly, at three months' date,  
To catch th' Unread One, comes too late;  
And nonsense, liter'd in a hurry,  
Becomes "immortal," spite of Murray.

But, bless me! — while I thus keep fooling,  
I hear a voice cry, "Dinner's cooling."  
That postman, too, (who, truth to tell,  
'Mong men of letters bears the bell),  
Keeps ringing, ringing, so infernally,  
That I *must* stop —

Yours sempiternally.

### THOUGHTS ON MISCHIEF.

BY LORD ST—NL—Y.

(HIS FIRST ATTEMPT IN VERSE.)

"Evil, be thou my good." MILTON.

How various are the inspirations  
Of different men, in different nations!  
As genius prompts to good or evil,  
Some call the Muse, some raise the devil,  
Old Socrates, that pink of sages,  
Kept a pet demon, on board wages,  
To go about with him incog.,  
And sometimes give his wits a jog.  
So L—nd—st, in *our* day, we know,  
Keeps fresh relays of imps below,  
To forward, from that nameless spot,  
His inspirations, hot and hot.

<sup>1</sup> Quandoque bonus dormitat Homerus. — HORAT.

But, neat as are old L—nd—st's doings —  
Beyond ev'n Hecate's "hell-broth" brew-  
ings —

Had I, Lord Stanley, but my will,  
I'd show you mischief prettier still;  
Mischief, combining boyhood's tricks  
With age's sourest politics;  
The urchin's freaks, the vet'ran's gall,  
Both duly mix'd, and matchless all;  
A compound nought in history reaches  
But Machiavel, when first in breeches!

Yes, Mischief, Goddess multiform,  
Whene'er thou, witch-like, rid'st the storm,  
Let Stanley ride cockhorse behind thee —  
No livelier lackey could they find thee.  
And, Goddess, as I'm well aware,  
So mischief's *done*, you care not *where*,  
I own, 'twill most *my* fancy tickle  
In Paddy land to play the Pickle;  
Having got credit for inventing  
A new, brisk method of tormenting —  
A way, they call the Stanley fashion,  
Which puts all Ireland in a passion;  
So neat it hits the mixture due  
Of injury and insult too;  
So legibly it bears upon't  
The stamp of Stanley's brazen front.

Ireland, we're told, means land of *Ire*;  
And *why* she's so, none need inquire,  
Who sees her millions, martial, manly,  
Spat upon thus by me, Lord St—nl—y.  
Already in the breeze I scent  
The whiff of coming devilm't;  
Of strife, to me more stirring far  
Than th' Opium or the Sulphur war,  
Or any such drug ferments are.  
Yes — sweeter to this Tory soul  
Than all such pests, from pole to pole,  
Is the rich, "swelter'd venom" got  
By stirring Ireland's "charmed pot;"<sup>2</sup>  
And, thanks to practice on that land,  
I stir it with a master hand.

Again thou'lt see, when forth hath gone  
The War-Church-cry, "On, Stanley, on!"  
How Caravats and Shanavests  
Shall swarm from out their mountain nests,  
With all their merry moonlight brothers,  
To whom the Church (*step-dame* to others)  
Hath been the best of nursing mothers.

<sup>2</sup> "Swelter'd venom, sleeping got,  
Boil thou first i' the charmed pot."

Again o'er Erin's rich domain  
 Shall Rockites and right reverends reign ;  
 And both, exempt from vulgar toil,  
 Between them share that titheful soil ;  
 Puzzling ambition *which* to climb at,  
 The post of Captain, or of Primate.

And so, long life to Church and Co. —  
 Hurrah for mischief! — here we go.

—

EPISTLE FROM CAPTAIN ROCK TO  
 LORD L—NDH—T.

DEAR L—ndh—t, — you'll pardon my making  
 thus free, —

But form is all fudge 'twixt such "comrogues"  
 as we,

Who, whate'er the smooth views we, in public,  
 may drive at,

Have both the same praiseworthy object, in  
 private —

Namely, never to let the old regions of riot,  
 Where Rock hath long reign'd, have one instant  
 of quiet,

But keep Ireland still in that liquid we've  
 taught her

To love more than meat, drink, or clothing —  
*hot water.*

All the difference betwixt you and me, as I take  
 it,

Is simply, that *you* make the law and *I* break it ;  
 And never, of big wigs and small, were there two  
 Play'd so well into each other's hands as we do ;

Insomuch, that the laws you and yours manu-  
 facture,  
 Seem all made express for the Rock boys to  
 fracture.

Not Birmingham's self — to her shame be it  
 spoken —

E'er made things more neatly contriv'd to be  
 broken ;

And hence, I confess, in this island religious,  
 The breakage of laws — and of heads *is* pro-  
 digious.

And long may it thrive, my Ex-Bigwig, say I, —  
 Though, of late, much I fear'd all our fun was  
 gone by ;

As, except when some tithe-hunting parson  
 show'd sport,

Some rector — a cool hand at pistols and port,  
 Who "keeps dry" his *powder*, but never *him-  
 self* —

One who, leaving his Bible to rust on the shelf,  
 Sends his pious texts home, in the shape of ball  
 cartridges,

Shooting his "dearly beloved," like partridges ;  
 Except when some hero of this sort turn'd out,  
 Or, th' Exchequer sent, flaming, its tithe writs<sup>1</sup>  
 about —

A contrivance more neat, I may say, without  
 flattery,

Than e'er yet was thought of for bloodshed and  
 battery ;

So neat, that even *I* might be proud, I allow,  
 To have hit off so rich a receipt for a *row* ;

Except for such rigs turning up, now and then,  
 I was actually growing the dullest of men ;

And, had this blank fit been allow'd to increase,  
 Might have snor'd myself down to a Justice of  
 Peace.

Like you, Reformation in Church and in State  
 Is the thing of all things I most cordially hate.

If once these curs'd Ministers do as they like,  
 All's o'er, my good Lord, with your wig and my  
 pike,

And one may be hung up on t'other, henceforth,  
 Just to show what *such* Captains and Chanc'llors  
 were worth.

But we must not despair — ev'n already Hope  
 sees

You're about, my bold Baron, to kick up a breeze  
 Of the true baffling sort, such as suits me and you,  
 Who have box'd the whole compass of party  
 right through,

And care not one farthing, as all the world  
 knows,

So we *but* raise the wind, from what quarter it  
 blows,

Forgive, me, dear Lord, that thus rudely I dare  
 My own small resources with thine to compare :  
 Not ev'n Jerry Diddler, in "raising the wind,"  
 durst

Compete, for one instant, with thee, my dear  
 L—ndh—t.

But, hark, there's a shot ! — some parsonic prac-  
 tioner ?

No — merely a bran-new Rebellion Commis-  
 sioner ;

The Courts having now, with true law erudition  
 Put even Rebellion itself "in commission"

<sup>1</sup> Exchequer tithe processes, served under a commission  
 of rebellion — *Chronicle.*

As seldom, in *this* way, I'm any man's debtor,  
 I'll just *pay my shot*, and then fold up this letter.  
 In the mean time, hurrah for the Tories and  
 Rocks !  
 Hurrah for the parsons who fleece well their  
 flocks !  
 Hurrah for all mischief in all ranks and spheres,  
 And, above all, hurrah for that dear House of  
 Peers !

### CAPTAIN ROCK IN LONDON.

LETTER FROM THE CAPTAIN TO TERRY ALT, ESQ.<sup>1</sup>

HERE I am, at head quarters, dear Terry, once  
 more,  
 Deep in Tory designs, as I've oft been before :—  
 For, bless them ! if 'twasn't for this wrong-  
 headed crew,  
 You and I, Terry Alt, would scarce know what  
 to do ;  
 So ready they're always, when dull we are  
 growing,  
 To set our old concert of discord a-going,  
 While L—ndh—t's the lad, with his Tory-Whig  
 face,  
 To play, in such concert, the true *double base*.  
 I had fear'd this old prop of my realm was be-  
 ginning  
 To tire of his course of political sinning,  
 And, like Mother Cole, when her heyday was  
 pass'd,  
 Meant, by way of a change, to try virtue at  
 last.  
 But I wrong'd the old boy, who as stanchly  
 derides  
 All reform in himself as in most things besides ;  
 And, by using *two* faces through life, all allow,  
 Has acquir'd face sufficient for *any* thing now.  
 In short, he's all right ; and, if mankind's old foe,  
 My " Lord Harry " himself — who's the leader,  
 we know,  
 Of another red-hot Opposition, below —

<sup>1</sup> The subordinate officer or lieutenant of Captain Rock.

If that " Lord," in his well-known discernment,  
 but spares  
 Me and L—ndh—t, to look after Ireland's affairs,  
 We shall soon such a region of devilment make it,  
 That Old Nick himself for his own may mis-  
 take it.

Ev'n already — long life to such Bigwigs, say I,  
 For, as long as they flourish, we Rocks cannot  
 die —

He has serv'd our right riotous cause by a speech  
 Whose perfection of mischief he only could  
 reach ;

As it shows off both *his* and *my* merits alike,  
 Both the swell of the wig, and the point of the  
 pike ;

Mixes up, with a skill which one can't but ad-  
 mire,

The lawyer's cool craft with th' incendiary's  
 fire,

And enlists, in the gravest, most plausible man-  
 ner,

Seven millions of souls under Rockery's banner  
 O Terry, my man, let this speech *never* die ;  
 Through the regions of Rockland, like flame, let  
 it fly ;

Let each syllable dark the Law Oracle utter'd  
 By all Tipperary's wild echoes be mutter'd,  
 T'ill nought shall be heard, over hill, dale, or  
 flood,

But " *You're aliens in language, in creed, and in  
 blood ;*"

While voices, from sweet Connemara afar,  
 Shall answer, like true *Irish* echoes, " We are !"  
 And, though false be the cry, and though sense  
 must abhor it,

Still th' echoes may quote *Law* authority for it,  
 And nought L—ndh—t cares for my spread of  
 dominion

So he, in the end, touches cash " for th' *opinion*."

But I've no time for more, my dear Terry, just  
 now,

Being busy in helping these Lords through their  
*rov*.

They're bad hands at mob work, but, once they  
 begin,

They'll have plenty of practice to break them  
 well in.

## THE FUDGES IN ENGLAND;

BEING A SEQUEL TO THE

"FUDGE FAMILY IN PARIS."

## PREFACE.

THE name of the country town, in England — a well-known fashionable watering-place — in which the events that gave rise to the following correspondence occurred, is, for obvious reasons, suppressed. The interest attached, however, to the facts and personages of the story, renders it independent of all time and place; and when it is recollected that the whole train of romantic circumstances so fully unfolded in these Letters has passed during the short period which has now elapsed since the great Meetings in Exeter Hall, due credit will, it is hoped, be allowed to the Editor for the rapidity with which he has brought the details before the Public; while, at the same time, any errors that may have been the result of such haste will, he trusts, with equal consideration, be pardoned.

## LETTER I.

FROM PATRICK MAGAN, ESQ., TO THE REV. RICHARD  
——, CURATE OF ——, IN IRELAND.

Who d'ye think we've got here? — quite reformed from the giddy,

Fantastic young thing, that once made such a noise —

Why, the famous Miss Fudge — that delectable Biddy,

Whom you and I saw once at Paris, when boys, In the full blaze of bonnets, and ribbons, and airs —

Such a thing as no rainbow hath colors to paint;

Ere time had reduced her to wrinkles and prayers,

And the Flirt found a decent retreat in the Saint.

Poor "Pa" hath popp'd off — gone, as charity judges,

To some choice Elysium reserv'd for the Fudges;

And Miss, with a fortune, besides expectations From some much-revered and much-palsied relations,

Now wants but a husband, with requisites meet, —

Age thirty, or thereabouts — stature six feet, And warranted godly — to make all complete.

*Nota bene* — a Churchman would suit, if he's high,

But Socinians or Catholics need not apply.

What say you, Dick? doesn't this tempt your ambition?

The whole wealth of Fudge, that renown'd man of pith,

All brought to the hammer, for Church competition, —

Sole encumbrance, Miss Fudge to be taken therewith.

Think, my boy, for a Curate how glorious a catch!

While, instead of the thousands of souls you now watch,

To save Biddy Fudge's is all you need do;

And her purse will, meanwhile, be the saving of you.

You may ask, Dick, how comes it that I, a poor elf,

Wanting substance ev'n more than your spiritual self,

Should thus generously lay my own claims on the shelf,

When, God knows! there ne'er was young gentleman yet

So much lack'd an old spinster to rid him from debt,

Or had cogenter reasons than mine to assail her With tender love suit — at the suit of his tailor.

But thereby there hangs a soft secret, my friend, Which thus to your reverend breast I commend:

Miss Fudge hath a niece — such a creature! — with eyes

Like those sparklers that peep out from summer-night skies



At astronomers royal, and laugh with delight  
To see elderly gentlemen spying all night.

While her figure — O, bring all the gracefullest  
things

That are borne through the light air by feet or  
by wings,

Not a single new grace to that form could they  
teach,

Which combines in itself the perfection of each ;  
While, rapid or slow, as her fairy feet fall,  
The mute music of symmetry modulates all.

Ne'er, in short, was there creature more form'd  
to bewilder

A gay youth like me, who of castles aerial  
(And *only* of such) am, God help me ! a builder ;  
Still peopling each mansion with lodgers ethe-  
real,

And now, to this nymph of the seraph-like eye,  
Letting out, as you see, my first floor next the  
sky.<sup>1</sup>

But, alas ! nothing's perfect on earth — even she,  
This divine little gipsy, does odd things  
sometimes ;

Talks learning — looks wise (rather painful to  
see),

Prints already in two County papers her  
rhymes ;

And raves — the sweet, charming, absurd little  
dear !

About Amulets, Bijous, and Keepsakes, next  
year,

In a manner which plainly bad symptoms por-  
tends

Of that Annual *blue* fit, so distressing to friends ;  
A fit which, though lasting but one short edition,  
Leaves the patient long after in sad inanition.

However, let's hope for the best — and, mean-  
while,

Be it mine still to bask in the niece's warm  
smile ;

While you, if you're wise, Dick, will play the  
gallant

(Up-hill work, I confess,) to her Saint of an Aunt.

Think, my boy, for a youngster like you, who've  
a lack,

Not indeed of rupees, but of all other specie,  
What luck thus to find a kind witch at your  
back,

An old goose with gold eggs, from all debts  
to release ye !

Never mind, though the spinster be reverend  
and thin,

What are all the Three Graces to her Three  
per Cents. ?

While her acres ! — O Dick, it don't matter one  
pin

How she touches the affections, so *you* touch  
the rents ;

And Love never looks half so pleas'd as when,  
bless him, he

Sings to an old lady's purse "Open, Sesamé."  
By the way, I've just heard, in my walks, a re-  
port,

Which, if true, will insure for your visit some  
sport.

'Tis rumor'd our manager means to bespeak  
The Church tumblers from Exeter Hall for next  
week ;

And certainly ne'er did a gucerer or rummer  
set

Throw, for th' amusement of Christians, a som-  
erser.

'Tis fear'd their chief "Merriman," C—ke, can-  
not come,

Being called off, at present, to play Punch at  
home ;<sup>2</sup>

And the loss of so practis'd a wag in divinity  
Will grieve much all lovers of jokes on the  
Trinity ; —

His pun on the name Unigenitus, lately  
Having pleas'd Robert Taylor, the *Reverend*,  
greatly.<sup>3</sup>

'Twill prove a sad drawback, if absent he be,  
As a wag Presbyterian's a thing quite to see ;  
And, 'mong the Five Points of the Calvinists,  
none of 'em

Ever yet reckon'd a point of wit one of 'em.  
But ev'n though depriv'd of this comical elf,  
We've a host of *buffoni* in Murtagh himself,

<sup>1</sup> That floor which a facetious garreteer called "le premier en descendant du ciel."

<sup>2</sup> See the Dublin Evening Post, of the 9th of this month (July), for an account of a scene which lately took place at a meeting of the Synod of Ulster, in which the performance of the above-mentioned part by the personage in question appears to have been worthy of all his former reputation in that line.

<sup>3</sup> "All are punsters if they have wit to be so ; and therefore when an Irishman has to commence with a Bull, you will naturally pronounce it a *bull*. (A laugh.) Allow me to bring before you the famous Bull that is called Unigenitus, referring to the only-begotten Son of God." — *Report of the Rev. Doctor's Speech June 20, in the Record News papers.*

Who of all the whole troop is chief mummer  
and mime,  
As C—ke takes the *Ground Tumbling*, *he* the  
*Sublime*; <sup>1</sup>  
And of him we're quite certain, so, pray, come  
in time.

## LETTER II.

FROM MISS BIDDY FUDGE TO MRS. ELIZA-  
BETH ———.

Just in time for the post, dear, and monstrously  
busy,  
With godly concernments — and worldly  
ones, too ;  
Things carnal and spiritual mix'd, my dear  
Lizzy,  
In this little brain till, bewilder'd and dizzy,  
'Twixt heaven and earth, I scarce know what  
I do.

First, I've been to see all the gay fashions from  
Town,  
Which our favorite Miss Gimp for the spring  
has had down.  
Sleeves *still* worn (which *I* think is wise), *à la*  
*folle*,  
Charming hats, *pou de soie* — though the shape  
rather droll.  
But you can't think how nicely the caps of *tulle*  
lace,  
With the *mentonnières*, look on this poor sinful  
face ;  
And I mean, if the Lord in his mercy thinks  
right,  
To wear one at Mrs. Fitz-wigram's to-night.  
The silks are quite heav'nly : — I'm glad, too,  
to say,  
Gimp herself grows more godly and good every  
day ;  
Hath had sweet experience ; yea, ev'n doth begin  
To turn from the Gentiles, and put away sin —  
And all since her last stock of goods was laid in.  
What a blessing one's milliner, careless of pelf,  
Should thus "walk in newness" as well as one's  
self !

So much for the blessings, the comforts of Spirit  
I've had since we met, and they're more than I  
merit ! —

Poor, sinful, weak creature in every respect,  
Though ordain'd (God knows why) to be one  
of th' Elect.

But now for the picture's reverse. You remem-  
ber  
That footman and cook maid I hired last De-  
cember ;  
*He*, a Baptist Particular — *she*, of some sect  
Not particular, I fancy, in any respect ;  
But desirous, poor thing, to be fed with the  
Word,  
And "to wait," as she said, "on Miss Fudge  
and the Lord."

Well, my dear, of all men, that Particular Bap-  
tist  
At preaching a sermon, offhand, was the aptest ;  
And, long as he staid, do him justice, more  
rich in  
Sweet savors of doctrine, there never was  
kitchen.  
*He* preach'd in the parlor, *he* preach'd in the  
hall,  
*He* preach'd to the chambermaids, scullions, and  
all.

All heard with delight his reprovings of sin,  
But above all, the cook maid ; — O, ne'er would  
she tire —

Though, in learning to save sinful souls from  
the fire,

She would oft let the soles she was frying  
fall in.

(God forgive me for punning on points thus of  
piety ! —

A sad trick I've learn'd in Bob's heathen so-  
ciety.)

But ah ! there remains still the worst of my  
tale ;

Come, Ast'risks, and help me the sad truth to  
veil —

Conscious stars, that at ev'n your own secret  
turn pale !

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In short, dear, this preaching and psalm-sing-  
ing pair,

Chosen "vessels of mercy," as I thought they  
were,

Have together this last week eloped ; making  
bold

To whip off as much goods as both vessels could  
hold —

Not forgetting some scores of sweet Tracts from  
my shelves,

Two Family Bibles as large as themselves,

<sup>1</sup> In the language of the play bil's, "Ground and *Lofty*  
*Tumbling*."

And besides, from the drawer — I neglecting to  
lock it —

My neat "Morning Manna, done up for the  
pocket."<sup>1</sup>

Was there e'er known a case so distressing, dear  
Liz?

It has made me quite ill : — and the worst of it is,  
When rogues are *all* pious, 'tis hard to detect  
*Which* rogues are the reprobate, *which* the  
elect.

This man "had a *call*," he said — impudent  
mockery!

What call had he to *my* linen and crockery?

I'm now, and have been for this week past, in  
chase

Of some godly young couple this pair to re-  
place.

The enclos'd two announcements have just met  
my eyes,

In that ven'erable Monthly where Saints adver-  
tise

For such temporal comforts as this world sup-  
plies;<sup>2</sup> —

And the fruits of the Spirit are properly made  
An essential in every craft, calling, and trade.

Where th' attorney requires for his 'prentice  
some youth

Who has "learn'd to fear God and to walk in  
the truth;"

Where the seamstress, in search of employment,  
declares,

That pay is no object, so she can have prayers;  
And th' Establish'd Wine Company proudly

gives out

That the whole of the firm, Co. and all, are de-  
vout.

<sup>1</sup> "Morning Manna, or British Verse book, neatly done up for the pocket," and chiefly intended to assist the members of the British Verse Association, whose design is, we are told, "to induce the inhabitants of Great Britain and Ireland to commit one and the same verse of Scripture to memory every morning. Already, it is known, several thousand persons in Scotland, besides tens of thousands in America and Africa, are *every morning learning the same verse*."

<sup>2</sup> The Evangelical Magazine. — A few specimens taken at random from the wrapper of this highly esteemed periodical will fully justify the character which Miss Fudge has here given of it. "Wanted, in a pious pawnbroker's family, an active lad as an apprentice." "Wanted, as housemaid, a young female who has been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth." "Wanted immediately, a man of decided piety, to assist in the baking business." "A gentleman who understands the Wine Trade is desirous of entering into partnership, &c. &c. He is not desirous of being connected with any one whose system of business is not of the strictest integrity as in the sight of God, and seeks

Happy London, one feels, as one reads o'er the  
pages,

Where Saints are so much more abundant than  
sages;

Where Parsons may soon be all laid on the shelf,  
As each Cit can cite chapter and verse for him-  
self,

And the *serious* frequenters of market and dock  
All lay in religion as part of their stock.<sup>3</sup>

Who can tell to what lengths we may go on im-  
proving,

When thus through all London the Spirit keeps  
moving,

And heaven's so in vogue, that each shop ad-  
vertisement

Is now not so much for the earth as the skies  
meant.

P. S.

I have mislaid the two paragraphs — can't stop  
to look,

But both describe charming — both Footman  
and Cook.

She, "decidedly pious" — with pathos deplores  
Th' increase of French cook'ry, and sin on our  
shores;

And adds — (while for further accounts she re-  
fers

To a great Gospel preacher, a cousin of hers,)
 That "though *some* make their Sabbaths mere  
matter-of-fun days,

She asks but for tea and the Gospel, on Sun-  
days."

The footman, too, full of the true saving knowl-  
edge; —

Has late been to Cambridge — to Trinity Col-  
lege;

connection only with a truly pious man, either Churchman or Dissenter."

<sup>3</sup> According to the late Mr. Irving, there is even a peculiar form of theology got up expressly for the money market. "I know how far wide," he says, "of the mark my views of Christ's work in the flesh will be viewed by those who are working with the stock-jobbing theology of the religious world." "Let these preachers," he adds, "(for I will not call them theologians), cry up, broker-like, their article."

*Morning Watch*. — No. iii. 442, 443.

From the statement of another writer, in the same publication, it would appear that the stock brokers have even set up a new Divinity of their own. "This shows," says the writer in question, "that the doctrine of the union between Christ and his members is quite as essential as that of substitution, by taking which latter alone the *Stock-Exchange Divinity* has been produced." — No. x. p. 375.

Among the ancients, we know the money market was provided with more than one presiding Deity — "Dea Pecunia" (says an ancient author) *commendantantur pecuni-osi essent*."

Serv'd last a young gentleman, studying divinity,  
But left — not approving the morals of Trinity.

P. S.

enclose, too, according to promise, some scraps  
Of my Journal — that Day book I keep of my  
heart ;

Where, at some little items, (partaking, perhaps,  
More of earth than of heaven,) thy prud'ry  
may start,  
And suspect something tender, sly girl as thou  
art.

For the present, I'm mute — but, whate'er may  
befall,

Recollect, dear, (in Hebrews, xiii. 4,) St. Paul  
Hath himself declar'd, "marriage is honorable  
in all."

EXTRACTS FROM MY DIARY.

*Monday.*

TRIED a new châlê gown on — pretty.  
No one to see me in it — pity!  
Flew in a passion with Friz, my maid ; —  
The Lord forgive me ! — she look'd dismay'd ;  
But got her to sing the 100th Psalm,  
While she curl'd my hair, which made me calm.  
Nothing so soothes a Christian heart  
As sacred music — heavenly art !

*Tuesday.*

At two, a visit from Mr. Magan —  
A remarkably handsome, nice young man ;  
And, all Hibernian though he be,  
As civiliz'd, strange to say, as we !

I own this young man's spiritual state  
Hath much engross'd my thoughts of late ;  
And I mean, as soon as my niece is gone,  
To have some talk with him thereupon.  
At present, I nought can do or say,  
But that troublesome child is in the way :

Nor is there, I think, a doubt that he  
Would also her absence much prefer,  
As oft, while listening intent to me,  
He's forc'd, from politeness, to look at her.

Heigho ! — what a blessing should Mr. Magan  
Turn out, after all, a "renewed" young man ;  
And to me should fall the task, on earth,  
To assist at the dear youth's second birth.  
Blest thought ! and, ah, more blest the tie,  
Were it heaven's high will, that he and I —  
But I blush to write the nuptial word —  
Should wed, as St. Paul says, "in the Lord ;"  
Not *this* world's wedlock — gross, gallant,  
But pure — as when Amram married his aunt.

Our ages differ — but who would count  
One's natural sinful life's amount,  
Or look in the Register's vulgar page  
For a regular twice-born Christian's age,  
Who, blessed privilege ! only then  
Begins to live when he's born again.  
And, counting in *this* way — let me see —  
I myself but five years old shall be,  
And dear Magan, when th' event takes place,  
An actual new-born child of grace —  
Should Heav'n in mercy so dispose —  
A six-foot baby, in *swaddling* clothes.

*Wednesday.*

Finding myself, by some good fate,  
With Mr. Magan left *à-ta-ta-ta*,  
Had just begun — having stirr'd the fire,  
And drawn my chair near his — to inquire  
What his notions were of Original Sin,  
When that naughty Fanny again bounc'd in ;  
And all the sweet things I had got to say  
Of the Flesh and the Devil were whisk'd away

Much grieved to observe that Mr. Magan  
Is actually pleased and amused with Fan !  
What charms any sensible man can see  
In a child so foolishly young as she —  
But just eighteen, come next May day,  
With eyes, like herself, full of nought but play —  
Is, I own, an exceeding puzzle to me.

LETTER III.

FROM MISS FANNY FUDGE, TO HER COUSIN, MISS  
KITTY —.

STANZAS (ENCLOSED)

TO MY SHADOW ; OR, WHY ? — WHAT ? — HOW ?

DARK comrade of my path ! while earth and  
sky

Thus wed their charms, in bridal light array'd,  
Why in this bright hour, walk'st thou ever nigh,  
Blackening my footsteps with thy length of  
shade —

Dark comrade, WHY ?

Thou mimic Shape that, 'mid these flowery  
scenes,

Glidest beside me o'er each sunny spot,  
Sadd'ning them as thou goest — say, what means  
So dark an adjunct to so bright a lot —

Grim goblin, WHAT ?

Still, as to pluck sweet flowers I bend my brow,  
 Thou bendest, too — then risest when I rise ; —  
 Say, mute mysterious Thing ! how is't that thou  
 Thust com'st between me and those blessed  
 skies —

Dim shadow, How ?

(ADDITIONAL STANZA, BY ANOTHER HAND.)

Thus said I to that Shape, far less in grudge  
 Than gloom of soul ; while, as I eager  
 cried,

O Why ? What ? How ? — a Voice, that one  
 might judge

To be some Irish echo's, faint replied,  
 O fudge, fudge, fudge !

You have here, dearest Coz, my last lyric effu-  
 sion ;

And, with it, that odious " additional stanza,"  
 Which Aunt *will* insist I must keep, as conclu-  
 sion,

And which, you'll *at once* see, is Mr. Ma-  
 gan's ; — a

Most cruel and dark-design'd extravaganza,  
 And part of that plot in which he and my Aunt  
 are

To stifle the flights of my genius by banter.

Just so 'twas with Byron's young eagle-ey'd  
 strain,

Just so did they taunt him ; — but vain, critics,  
 vain

All your efforts to saddle Wit's fire with a  
 chain !

To blot out the splendor of Fancy's young  
 stream,

Or crop, in its cradle, her newly-fledg'd beam ! ! !  
 Thou perceiv'st, dear, that, ev'n while these lines  
 I indite,

Thoughts burn, brilliant fancies break out,  
 wrong or right,

And I'm all over poet, in Criticism's spite !

That my Aunt, who deals only in Psalms, and  
 regards

Messrs. Sternhold and Co. as the first of all  
 bards —

That *she* should make light of my works I can't  
 blame ;

But that nice, handsome, odious Magan — what  
 a shame !

Do you know, dear, that, high as on most points  
 I rate him,

I'm really afraid — after all, I — *must* hate him.

He is *so* provoking — nought's safe from his  
 tongue ;

He spares no one authoress, ancient or young.

Were you Sappho herself, and in Keepsake or  
 Bijou

Once shone as contributor, Lord how he'd quiz  
 you !

He laughs at *all* Monthlies — I've actually seen  
 A sneer on his brow at the Court Magazine ! —

While of Weeklies, poor things, there's but one  
 he peruses,

And buys every book which that Weekly abuses.  
 But I care not how others such sarcasm may  
 fear,

*One* spirit, at least, will not bend to his sneer ;  
 And though tried by the fire, my young genius  
 shall burn as

Uninjured as crucified gold in the furnace !  
 (I suspect the word " crucified " must be made


" crucible,"

Before this fine image of mine is producible.)

And now, dear — to tell you a secret which,  
 pray

Only trust to such friends as with safety you  
 may —

You know, and, indeed the whole county sus-  
 pects

(Though the Editor often my best things rejects),  
 That the verses sign'd *so*, , which you now  
 and then see

In our County Gazette (*vide last*) are by me.

But 'tis dreadful to think what provoking mis-  
 takes

The vile country Press in one's prosody makes.  
 For you know, dear — I may, without vanity,  
 hint —

Though an angel should write, still 'tis *devils*  
 must print ;

And you can't think what havoc these demons  
 sometimes

Choose to make of one's sense, and what's worse,  
 of one's rhymes.

But a week or two since, in my Ode upon  
 Spring,

Which I *meant* to have made a most beautiful  
 thing,

Where I talk'd of the " dewdrops from freshly-  
 blown roses,"

The nasty things made it " from freshly-blown  
 noses ! "

And once when, to please my cross Aunt, I had  
 tried

To commem'rate some saint of her *clique*, who'd  
 just died,



Having said he "had tak'n up in heav'n his position,"

They made it, he'd "tak'n up to heav'n his physician!"

This is very disheartening; — but brighter days shine,

I rejoice, love, to say, both for me and the Nine;

For, what do you think? — so delightful! next year,

O, prepare, dearest girl, for the grand news prepare —

I'm to write in the Keepsake — yes, Kitty, my dear,

To write in the Keepsake, as sure as you're there!!

T'other night, at a Ball, 'twas my fortunate chance

With a very nice elderly Dandy to dance,  
Who, 'twas plain, from some hints which I now and then caught,

Was the author of *something* — one couldn't tell what;

But his satisfied manner left no room to doubt

It was something that Colburn had lately brought out.

We convers'd of *belles-lettres* through all the quadrille, —

Of poetry, dancing, of prose, standing still;  
Talk'd of Intellect's march — whether right 'twas or wrong —

And then settled the point in a bold *en avant*.  
In the course of this talk 'twas that, having just hinted

That *I* too had Poems which — long'd to be printed,

He protested, kind man! he had seen, at first sight,

I was actually *born* in the Keepsake to write.

"In the Annals of England let some," he said, "shine,

"But a place in her Annals, Lady, be thine!  
"Even now future Keepsakes seem brightly to rise,

"Through the vista of years, as I gaze on those eyes, —

"All letter'd and press'd, and of large-paper size!"

How *unlike* that Magan, who my genius would smother,

And how we, true geniuses, find out each other!

This, and much more he said, with that fine frenzied glance

One so rarely now sees, as we slid through the dance;

Till between us 'twas finally fix'd that, next year,  
In this exquisite task I my pen should engage;

And, at parting, he stoop'd down and lisp'd in my ear

These mystical words, which I could but *just* hear,

"Terms for rhyme — if it's *prime* — ten and sixpence per page."

Think, Kitty, my dear, if I heard his words right,

What a mint of half guineas this small head contains;

If for nothing to write is itself a delight,

Ye Gods, what a bliss to be paid for one's strains!

Having dropp'd the dear fellow a court'sy profound,

Off at once, to inquire all about him, I ran;  
And from what I could learn, do you know, dear, I've found

That he's quite a new species of lit'rary man;  
One, whose task is — to what will not fashion accustom us? —

To *édite* live authors, as if they were posthumous.  
For instance — the plan, to be sure, is the odd-est! —

If any young he or she author feels modest  
In venturing abroad, this kind gentleman usher  
Lends promptly a hand to the int'resting blusher;  
Indites a smooth Preface, brings merit to light,

Which else might, by accident, shrink out of sight,

And, in short, renders readers and critics polite.  
My Aunt says — though scarce on such points one can credit her —

He was Lady Jane Thingumbob's last novel's editor.

'Tis certain the fashion's but newly invented;  
And, quick as the change of all things and all names is,

Who knows but, as authors, like girls, are *pre-sented*,

We, girls, may be *edited* soon at St. James's?

I must now close my letter — there's Aunt, in full screech,

Wants to take me to hear some great Irvingite preach.

God forgive me, I'm not much inclined, I must say,

To go and sit still to be preach'd at, to-day.

And, besides — 'twill be all against dancing, no doubt,

Which my poor Aunt abhors, with such hatred devout,

That, so far from presenting young nymphs with a head,

For their skill in the dance, as of Herod is said, She'd wish their own heads in the platter, instead.

There, again — coming, Ma'am! — I'll write more, if I can,

Before the post goes,

Your affectionate Fan.

*Four o'clock.*

Such a sermon! — though *not* about dancing, my dear;

'Twas only on th' end of the world being near.

Eighteen Hundred and Forty's the year that some state

As the time for that accident — some Forty-Eight: <sup>1</sup>

And I own, of the two, I'd prefer much the latter, As then I shall be an old maid, and 'twon't matter.

Once more, love, good by — I've to make a new cap;

But am now so dead tired with this horrid mishap

Of the end of the world, that I *must* take a nap.

#### LETTER IV.

FROM PATRICK MAGAN, ESQ. TO THE REV.

RICHARD ———.

HE comes from Erin's speechful shore

Like fervid kettle, bubbling o'er

With hot effusions — hot and weak;

Sound, Humbug, all your hollowest drums,

He comes, of Erin's martyrdoms

To Britain's well-fed Church to speak.

Puff him, ye Journals of the Lord,<sup>2</sup>

Twin prozers, Watchman and Record!

Journals reserv'd for realms of bliss,  
Being much too good to sell in this.

Prepare, ye wealthier Saints, your dinners,

Ye Spinsters, spread your tea and crumpets;

And you, ye countless Tracts for Sinners,

Blow all your little penny trumpets.

He comes, the reverend man, to tell

To all who still the Church's part take,

Tales of parsonic woe, that well

Might make ev'n grim Dissenter's heart ache:

Of ten whole Bishops snatch'd away

Forever from the light of day;

(With God knows, too, how many more,

For whom that doom is yet in store) —

Of Rectors cruelly compell'd

From Bath and Cheltenham to haste home,

Because the tithes, by Pat withheld,

Will *not* to Bath or Cheltenham come;

Nor will the flocks consent to pay

Their parsons thus to stay away; —

Though, with *such* parsons, one may doubt

If 'tisn't money well laid out; —

Of all, in short, and each degree

Of that once happy Hierarchy,

Which us'd to roll in wealth so pleasantly;

But now, alas, is doom'd to see

Its surplus brought to nonplus presently!

Such are the themes this man of pathos,

Priest of prose and Lord of bathos,

Will preach and preach t'ye, till you're dull again,

Then, hail him, Saints, with joint acclaim,

Shout to the stars his tuneful name,

Which Murtagh *was*, ere known to fame,

But now is *Mortimer* O'Mulligan!

All true, Dick, true as you're alive —

I've seen him, some hours since, arrive.

Murtagh is come, the great Itinerant —

And Tuesday, in the market-place,

Intends, to every saint and sinner in't,

To state what *he* calls Ireland's Case;

Meaning thereby the case of *his* shop, —

Of curate, vicar, rector, bishop,

And all those other grades seraphic,

That make men's souls their special traffic,

Though caring not a pin *which* way

Th' erratic souls go, so they *pay*. —

<sup>1</sup> With regard to the exact time of this event, there appears to be a difference only of about two or three years among the respective calculators. M. Alphonse Nicole, Docteur en Droit, et Avocat, merely doubts whether it is to be in 1846 or 1847. "A cette époque," he says, "les fidèles

peuvent espérer de voir s'effectuer la purification du Sanctuaire."

<sup>2</sup> "Our anxious desire is to be found on the side of the Lord." — *Record Newspaper*.

Just as some reguish country nurse,  
 Who takes a foundling babe to suckle,  
 First pops the payment in her purse,  
 Then leaves poor dear to — suck its knuckle :  
 Ev'n so these reverend rigmaroles  
 Pocket the money — starve the souls.  
 Murtagh, however, in his glory,  
 Will tell, next week, a different story ;  
 Will make out all these men of barter,  
 As each a saint, a downright martyr,  
 Brought to the *stake* — i. e. a *beef* one,  
 Of all their martyrdoms the chief one ;  
 Though try them ev'n at this, they'll bear it,  
 If tender and wash'd down with claret.

Meanwhile Miss Fudge, who loves all lions,  
 Your saintly, *next* to great and high 'uns --  
 (A viscount, be he what he may,  
 Would cut a Saint out, any day.)  
 Has just announ'd a godly rout,  
 Where Murtagh's to be first brought out,  
 And shown in his tame, *week-day* state : —  
 " Pray'rs, half past seven, tea at eight."  
 Ev'n so the circular missive orders —  
 Pink cards, with cherubs round the borders.

Haste, Dick — you're lost, if you lose time ; —  
 Spinsters at forty-five grow giddy,  
 And Murtagh, with his tropes sublime,  
 Will surely carry off old Biddy,  
 Unless some spark at once propose,  
 And distance him by downright prose,  
 That sick, rich squire, whose wealth and lands  
 All pass, they say, to Biddy's hands,  
 (The patron, Dick, of three fat rectories !)  
 Is dying of *angina pectoris* ; —  
 So that, unless you're stirring soon,  
 Murtagh, that priest of puff and pelf,  
 May come in for a honey-moon,  
 And be the *man* of it, himself !

As for *me*, Dick — 'tis whim, 'tis folly,  
 But this young niece absorbs me wholly.  
 'Tis true, the girl's a vile verse maker —  
 Would rhyme all nature, if you'd let  
 her ; —  
 But ev'n her oddities plague take her,  
 But make me love ner all the better.  
*Too* true it is, she's bitten sadly  
 With this new rage for rhyming badly,  
 Which late hath seiz'd all ranks and classes,  
 Down to that new Estate, " the masses ; "

Till one purs it all tastes combines —  
 One common railroad o'er Parnassus,  
 Where, sliding in those tuneful grooves,  
 Call'd couplets, all creation moves,  
 And the whole world runs mad *in lines*.  
 Add to all this—what's ev'n still worse,  
 As rhyme itself, though still a curse,  
 Sounds better to a chinking purse —  
 Scarce sixpence hath my charmer got,  
 While I can muster just a groat ;  
 So that, computing self and Venus,  
 Tenpence would clear th' amount between us.

However, things may yet prove better : —  
 Meantime, what awful length of letter !  
 And how, while heaping thus with gibes  
 The Pegasus of modern scribes,  
 My own small hobby of farrago  
 Hath beat the pace at which ev'n *they* go !

## LETTER V.

FROM LARRY O'BRANIGAN, IN ENGLAND, TO HIS  
 WIFE JUDY, AT MULLINAFAD.

DEAR JUDY, I send you this bit of a letter,  
 By mail-coach conveyance — for want of a bet-  
 ther —  
 To tell you what luck in this world I have had  
 Since I left the sweet cabin, at Mullinafad.  
 Oeh, Judy, that night ! — when the pig which  
 we meant  
 To dry-nurse in the parlor, to pay off the rent,  
 Julianna, the craythur — that name was the  
 death of her ! —  
 Gave us the shlip and we saw the last breath of  
 her !  
 And *there* were the childher, six innocent sowls,  
 For their nate little playfellow tuning up howls ;  
 While yourself, my dear Judy (though grievin's  
 a folly),  
 Stud over Julianna's remains, melancholy —  
 Cryin', half for the crathur, and half for the  
 money,  
 " Arrah, why did ye die till we'd sow'l'd you, my  
 honey ? "

But God's will be done ! — and then, faith, sure  
 enough,  
 As the pig was desaiiced, 'twas high time to be  
 off.

1 The Irish peasantry are very fond of giving fine names to their pigs. I have heard of one instance in which a cou-

ple of young pigs were named, at their birth, Abelard and Eloisa.

So we gother'd up all the poor duds we could  
catch,

Lock'd the owld cabin door, put the kay in the  
thatch,

Then tuk laave of each other's sweet lips in the  
dark,

And set off, like the Chrishtians turn'd out of  
the Ark ;

The six childher with you, my dear Judy,  
ochone !

And poor I wid myself, left condolin' alone.

How I came to this England, o'er say and o'er  
lands,

And what cruel hard walkin' I've had on my  
hands,

Is, at this present writin', too tadious to speak,  
So I'll mintion it all in a postscript, next week :

Only starv'd I was, surely, as thin as a lath,  
Till I came to an up-and-down place they call

Bath,

Where, as luck was, I manag'd to make a meal's  
meat,

By dhraggin' owld ladies all day through the  
street —

Which their docthors (who pocket, like fun, the  
pound starlins,)

Have brought into fashion to plase the owld  
darlins.

Div'l a boy in all Bath, though *I* say it, could  
carry

The grannies up hill half so handy as Larry ;  
And the higher they liv'd, like owld crows, in  
the air,

The more *I* was wanted to lug them up there.

But luck has two handles, dear Judy, they say,  
And mine has *both* handles put on the wrong  
way.

For, pondherin', one morn, on a drame I'd just  
had

Of yourself and the babbies, at Mullinafad,  
Och, there came o'er my sinses so plasin' a flut-  
ther,

That I spilt an owld Countess right clane in the  
gutter,

Muff, feathers and all ! — the descint was most  
awft'.

And — what was still worse, faith — I knew  
'twas unlawful :

For, though, with mere *women*, no very great  
evil,

T' upset an owld *Countess* in Bath is the divil !  
So, liftin' the chair, with herself safe upon it,  
(For nothin' about her was *kilt*, but her bonnet),

Without even mentionin' "By your lave,  
ma'am,"

I tuk to my heels and — here, Judy, I am !

What's the name of this town I can't say very  
well,

But your heart sure will jump when you hear  
what befell

Your own beautiful Larry, the very first day,  
(And a Sunday it was, shinin' out mighty gay,)

When his brogues to this city of luck found  
their way.

Bein' hungry, God help me, and happenin' to  
stop,

Just to dine on the shmell of a pasthry-cook's  
shop,

I saw, in the window, a large printed paper,  
And read there a name, och ! that made my  
heart caper —

Though printed it was in some quare A B C,  
That might bother a schoolmaster, let alone

*me*.

By gor, you'd have laughed, Judy, could you've  
but listen'd,

As, doubtin', I cried, "why it *is* ! — no, it  
*isn't* :

But it *was*, after all — for, by spellin' quite slow,  
First I made out "Rev. Mortimer" — then a  
great "O ;"

And, at last, by hard readin' and rackin' my  
skull again,

Out it came, nate as imported, "O'Mulligan !"

Up I jump'd, like a skylark, my jew'l, at that  
name, —

Div'l a doubt on my mind, but it *must* be the  
same.

"Masther Murthagh, himself," says I, "all the  
world over !

My own fosther brother — by junks, I'm in  
clover,

Though *there*, in the playbill, he figures so  
grand,

*One* wet nurse it was brought us *both* up by  
hand,

And he'll not let me shtarve in the inemy's  
land !"

Well, to make a long hishtory short, niver doubt  
But I manag'd, in no time, to find the lad  
out ;

And the joy of the meetin' bethuxt him and  
*me*,

Such a pair of owld cumrogues — was charmin'  
to see.

Nor is Murthagh less plas'd with th' evint than  
I am,

As he just then was wanting a Valley-de-sham ;  
And, for *dressin'* a gintleman, one way or t'other,  
Your nate Irish lad is beyant every other.

But now, Judy, comes the quare part of the  
case ;

And, in throth, it's the only drawback on my  
place.

'Twas Murthagh's ill luck to be cross'd, as you  
know,

With an awkward mishfortune some short time  
ago ;

That's to say, he turn'd Protestant — *why*, I  
can't larn ;

But, of coorse, he knew best, an' it's not *my*  
consarn.

All I know is, we both were good Cath'lics, at  
nurse,

And myself am so still — nayther betther nor  
worse.

Well, our bargain was all right and tight in a  
jiffy,

And lads more contint never yet left the Liffey,  
When Murthagh — or Morthimer, as he's *now*  
chrishen'd,

His *name* being convarted, at laist, if *he* isn't —  
Lookin' sly at me (faith, 'twas divartin' to see)

"*Of coorse*, you're a Protestant, Larry," says he.  
Upon which says myself, wid a wink just as  
shly,

"Is't a Protestant? — O yes, *I am*, sir," says I ;  
And there the chat ended, and div'l a more  
word

Controversial between us has since then oc-  
curr'd.

What Murthagh could mane, and, in throth, Judy  
dear,

What *I myself* meant, doesn't seem mighty clear ;  
But the thruth is, though still for the Owld  
Light a stickler,

I was just then too shyarv'd to be over par-  
tic'lar : —

And, God knows, between us, a comic'ler pair  
Of twin Protestants couldn't be seen *any* where.

Next Tuesday (as towld in the playbills I min-  
tion'd,

Address'd to the loyal and godly intintion'd,)   
His rivrence, my master, comes forward to  
preach, —

Myself doesn't know whether sarmon or speech,  
But it's all one to him, he's a dead hand at each ;

Like us, Paddies, in gin'ral, whose skill in  
orations

Quite bothers the blarney of all other nations.

But, whisht ! — there's his Rivrence shoutin'  
out "Larry,"

And sorra a word more will this shmall paper  
carry ;

So, here, Judy, ends my short bit of a letter,  
Which, faix, I'd have made a much bigger and  
betther,

But div'l a one Post-office hole in this town  
Fit to swallow a dacent siz'd billy-dux down.

So good luck to the childer ! — tell Molly, I  
love her ;

Kiss Oonagh's sweet mouth, and kiss Katty all  
over —

Not forgettin' the mark of the red-currant  
whiskey

She got at the fair when yourself was so frisky.  
The heav'ns be your bed ! — I will write, when  
I can again,

Yours to the world's end,

LARRY O'BRANIGAN

#### LETTER VI.

FROM MISS BIDDY FUDGE, TO MRS.  
ELIZABETH ———.

How I grieve you're not with us ! — pray, come,  
if you can,

Ere we're robb'd of this dear, oratorical man,  
Who combincs in himself all the multiple glory  
Of Orangeman, Saint, *quondam* Papist and  
Tory ; —

(Choice mixture ! like that from which, duly  
confounded,

The best sort of *brass* was, in old times, com-  
pounded) —

The sly and the saintly, the worldly and godly,  
All fused down in brogue so deliciously oddly !  
In short, he's a *dear* — and *such* audiences draws,  
Such loud peals of laughter and shouts of ap-  
plause,

As *can't* but do good to the Protestant cause.

Poor dear Irish Church ! — he to-day sketch'd  
a view

Of her hist'ry and prospects, to *me* at least  
new,

And which (if it *takes* as it ought) must arouse  
The whole Christian world her just rights to  
espouse.



As to *reasoning* — you know, dear, that's now  
of no use,  
People still will their *facts* and dry *figures* pro-  
duce,

As if saving the souls of a Protestant flock were  
A thing to be managed "according to Cocker!"  
In vain do we say, (when rude radicals hector  
At paying some thousands a year to a Rector,  
In places where Protestants *never yet were*,)  
"Who knows but young Protestants *may* be  
born there ?

And granting such accident, think, what a shame,  
If they didn't find Rector and Clerk when they  
came !

It is clear that, without such a staff on full pay,  
These little Church embryos *must* go astray ;  
And, while fools are computing what Parsons  
would cost,

Precious souls are meanwhile to th' Establish-  
ment lost !

In vain do we put the case sensibly thus ; —  
They'll still with their figures and facts make a  
fuss,

And ask "if, while all, choosing each his own  
road,

Journey on, as we can, towards the Heav'nly  
Abode,

It is right that *seven* eighths of the trav'lers  
should pay

For *one* eighth that goes quite a different way ?"

Just as if, foolish people, this wasn't, in reality,  
A proof of the Church's extreme liberality,  
That, though hating Pop'ry in *other* respects,  
She to Catholic *money* in no way objects ;

And so lib'ral her very best Saints, in this  
sense,

That they ev'n go to heav'n at the Cath'lic's  
expense.

But, though clear to *our* minds all these argu-  
ments be,

People cannot or *will* not their cogency see ;  
And, I grieve to confess, did the poor Irish  
Church

Stand on reasoning alone, she'd be left in the  
lurch.

It was therefore, dear Lizzy, with joy most sin-  
cere,

That I heard this nice Rev'rend O' *something*  
we've here,

Produce, from the depths of his knowledge and  
reading,

A view of that marvellous Church, far exceeding,  
In novelty, force, and profoundness of thought,  
All that Irving himself, in his glory, e'er taught.

Looking through the whole history, present and  
past,  
Of the Irish Law Church, from the first to the  
last ;

Considering how strange its original birth —  
Such a thing having *never* before been on earth —  
How oppos'd to the instinct, the law, and the  
force

Of nature and reason has been its whole  
course ;

Through centuries encount'ring repugnance, re-  
sistance,

Scorn, hate, execration — yet still in existence !  
Considering all this, the conclusion he draws

Is that Nature exempts this one Church from  
her laws —

That Reason, dumbfounder'd, gives up the dis-  
pute,

And before the portentous anom'ly stands  
mute ; —

That, in short, 'tis a Miracle ! — and, *once* be-  
gun,

And transmitted through ages, from father to  
son,

For the honor of miracles, *ought to go on*.

Never yet was conclusion so cogent and sound,  
Or so fitted the Church's weak foes to con-  
found.

For, observe, the more low all her merits they  
place,

The more they make out the miraculous case,  
And the more all good Christians must deem it  
profane

To disturb such a prodigy's marvellous reign.

As for scriptural proofs, he quite plac'd beyond  
doubt

That the whole in the Apocalypse may be  
found out,

As clear and well prov'd, he would venture to  
swear,

As any thing else has been *ever* found there : —  
While the mode in which, bless the dear fellow,  
he deals

With that whole lot of vials and trumpets and  
seals,

And the ease with which vial on vial he  
strings,

Shows him quite a *first rate* at all these sort of  
things.

So much for theology : — as for th' affairs  
Of this temporal world — the light, drawing-  
room cares

And gay toils of the toilet, which, God knows,  
I seek,  
From no love of such things, but in humbleness  
meek,  
And to be, as th' Apostle was, "weak with the  
weak,"  
Thou wilt find quite enough (till I'm somewhat  
less busy)  
In th' extracts enclosed, my dear news-loving  
Lizzy.

## EXTRACTS FROM MY DIARY.

*Thursday.*

Last night, having nought more holy to do,  
Wrote a letter to dear Sir Andrew Agnew,  
About the "Do-nothing-on-Sunday-Club,"  
Which we wish by some shorter name to dub:—  
As the use of more vowels and consonants  
Than a Christian, on Sunday, *really* wants,  
Is a grievance that ought to be done away,  
And the Alphabet left to rest, that day.

*Sunday.*

Sir Andrew's answer! — but shocking to say,  
Being franked unthinkingly yesterday,  
To the horror of Agnews yet unborn,  
It arriv'd on this blessed Sunday morn!! —  
How shocking! — the postman's self cried  
"shame on't,"  
Seeing th' immaculate Andrew's name on't!!  
What will the Club do? — meet, no doubt,  
'Tis a matter that touches the Class Devout,  
And the friends of the Sabbath *must* speak  
out.

*Tuesday.*

Saw to-day, at the raffle — and saw it with  
pain —  
That those sty'lish Fitzwigrams begin to dress  
plain.  
Even gay little Sophy smart trimmings re-  
no'nces —  
She, who long has stood by me through all sorts  
of flounces,  
And showed, by upholding the toilet's sweet  
rites,  
That we, girls, may be Christians, without being  
frights.

This, I own, much alarms me; for though one's  
religious,  
And strict and — all that, there's no need to be  
hideous;  
And why a nice bonnet should stand in the way  
Of one's going to heav'n, 'tisn't easy to say.

Then, there's Gimp, the poor thing — if her  
custom we drop,  
Pray, what's to become of her soul and her shop?  
If by saints like ourselves no more orders are  
given,  
She'll lose all the interest she now takes in  
heaven;  
And this nice little "firebrand, pluck'd from  
the burning,"  
May fall in again at the very next turning.

*Wednesday.*

*Mem.* — To write to the India Mission Society;  
And send £20 — heavy tax upon piety!

Of all Indian lux'ries we nowadays boast,  
Making "Company's Christians" <sup>1</sup> perhaps costs  
the most.  
And the worst of it is, that these converts full  
grown,  
Having lived in *our* faith mostly die in their  
*own*,<sup>2</sup>  
Praying hard, at the last, to some god who, they  
say,  
When incarnate on earth, used to steal curds  
and whey.<sup>3</sup>  
Think, how horrid, my dear! — so that all's  
thrown away;  
And (what is still worse) for the rum and the rice  
They consum'd, while believers, we saints pay  
the price.

Still 'tis cheering to find that we *do* save a few —  
The Report gives six Christians for Cunnang-  
cadoo;  
Doorkotchum reckons seven, and four Trevan-  
drum,  
While but one and a half's left at Cooropadum.  
In this last-mention'd place 'tis the barbers en-  
slave 'em,  
For, once they turn Christians, no barber will  
shave 'em.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The title given by the natives to such of their country-  
men as become converts.

<sup>2</sup> Of such relapses we find innumerable instances in the  
accounts of the Missionaries.

<sup>3</sup> The god Krishna, one of the incarnations of the god  
Vishnu. "One day (says the Bhagavata) Krishna's play-

fellows complained to Tasuda that he had pilfered and ate  
their curds."

<sup>4</sup> "Roteen wants shaving; but the barber here will not  
do it. He is run away lest he should be compelled. He  
says he will not shave Yesoo Kreest's people." — *Bapt. Mis-  
sion Society*, vol. ii. p. 493.

To atone for this rather small Heathen amount,  
Some Papists, turn'd Christians,<sup>1</sup> are tack'd to  
th' account.

And though, to catch Papists, one needn't go  
so far,

Such fish are worth hooking, wherever they are;  
And *now*, when so great of such converts the  
lack is,

One Papist well caught is worth millions of  
Blackies.

*Friday.*

Last night had a dream so odd and funny,  
I cannot resist recording it here. —

Methought that the Genius of Matrimony  
Before me stood, with a joyous leer,

Leading a husband in each hand,  
And both for *me*, which look'd rather queer;

One I could perfectly understand,

But why there were *two* wasn't quite so  
clear.

'Twas meant, however, I soon could see,  
To afford me a *choice* — a most excellent  
plan;

And — who should this brace of candidates be,  
But Messrs. O'Mulligan and Magan: —

A thing, I suppose, unheard of till then,

To dream, at once, of *two* Irishmen! —

That handsome Magan, too, with wings on his  
shoulders

(For all this pass'd in the realms of the Blest,)

And quite a creature to dazzle beholders;

While even O'Mulligan, feather'd and dress'd

As an elderly cherub, was looking his best.

Ah Liz, you, who know me, scarce can doubt

As to *which* of the two I singled out.

<sup>1</sup> In the Reports of the Missionaries, the Roman Catholics are almost always classed along with the Heathen. "I have extended my labors, (says James Venning, in a Report for 1831,) to the Heathen, Mahomedans, and Roman Catholics." "The Heathen and Roman Catholics in this neighborhood (says another missionary for the year 1832) are not indifferent, but withstand, rather than yield to, the force of truth."

<sup>2</sup> An account of these Powerscourt Conversazioni (under the direct presidency of Lord Roden), as well as a list of the subjects discussed at the different meetings, may be found in the Christian Herald for the month of December, 1832. The following is a specimen of the nature of the questions submitted to the company: — "*Monday Evening, Six o'clock, September 24, 1832.* — 'An examination into the quotations given in the New Testament from the Old, with their connection and explanation, viz.' &c. &c. — *Wednesday.* — 'Should we expect a personal Antichrist? and to whom will he be revealed?' &c. &c. — *Friday.* — 'What light does Scripture throw on present events, and their moral character? What is next to be looked for or expected?'" &c.

The rapid progress made at these tea parties in settling

But — awful to tell — when, all in dread

Of losing so bright a vision's charms,

I grasp'd at Magan, his image fled,

Like a mist, away, and I found but the head

Of O'Mulligan, wings and all, in my arms!

The Angel had flown to some nest divine,

And the elderly Cherub alone was mine!

Heighho! — it is certain that foolish Magan

Either can't or *won't* see that he *might* be the  
man;

And, perhaps, dear — who knows? — if nought  
better befall

But — O'Mulligan *may* be the man, after all.

N. B.

Next week mean to have my first scriptural  
rout,

For the special discussion of matters devout; —  
Like those *soirées*, at Pow'rscourt,<sup>2</sup> so justly re-  
nown'd,

For the zeal with which doctrine and negus  
went round;

Those theology routs which the pious Lord  
R—d—n,

That pink of Christianity, first set the mode  
in;

Where, blessed down-pouring!<sup>3</sup> from tea until  
nine,

The subjects lay all in the Prophecy line; —

Then, supper — and then, if for topics hard  
driven,

From thence until bedtime to Satan was given;

While R—d—n, deep read in each topic and  
tome,

On all subjects (especially the last) was *at home*.

points of Scripture, may be judged from a paragraph in the account given of one of their evenings, by the Christian Herald: —

"On Daniel a good deal of light was thrown, and there was some, I think not so much, perhaps, upon the Revelations; though particular parts of it were discussed with considerable accession of knowledge. There was some very interesting inquiry as to the quotation of the Old Testament in the New; particularly on the point, whether there was any 'accommodation,' or whether they were quoted according to the mind of the Spirit in the Old; this gave occasion to some very interesting development of Scripture. The progress of the anti-Christian powers was very fully discussed."

<sup>3</sup> "About eight o'clock the Lord began to pour down his spirit copiously upon us — for they had all by this time assembled in my room for the purpose of prayer. This down-pouring continued till about ten o'clock." — Letter from Mary Campbell to the Rev. John Campbell, of Row, (dated Fernicary, April 4, 1830,) giving an account of her "miraculous cure."

## LETTER VII.

FROM MISS FANNY FUDGE, TO HER COUSIN, MISS  
KITTY ———.

## IRREGULAR ODE.

BRING me the slumbering souls of flowers,  
While yet, beneath some northern sky,  
Ungilt by beams, ungemm'd by showers,  
They wait the breath of summer hours,  
To wake to light each diamond eye,  
And let loose every florid sigh!

Bring me the first-born ocean waves,  
From out those deep primeval caves,  
Where from the dawn of Time they've lain—  
THE EMBRYOS OF A FUTURE MAIN!—  
Untaught as yet, young things, to speak  
The language of their PARENT SEA  
(Polyphlysbæan<sup>1</sup> nam'd, in Greek),  
Though soon, too soon, in bay and creek,  
Round startled isle and wondering peak,  
They'll thunder long and loud as HE!

Bring me, from Hecla's iced abode,  
Young fires——

I had got, dear, thus far in my ODE,  
Intending to fill the whole page to the bottom,  
But, having invok'd such a lot of fine things,  
Flowers, billows and thunderbolts, rainbows  
and wings,  
Didn't know *what* to do with 'em, when I had  
got 'em.  
The truth is, my thoughts are too full, at this  
minute,  
Of past MSS. any new ones to try.  
This very night's coach brings my destiny in it,  
Decides the great question, to live or to die!  
And, whether I'm henceforth immortal or no,  
All depends on the answer of Simkins and Co.!  
You'll think, love, I rave, so 'tis best to let out  
The whole secret, at once — I have publish'd  
a Book!!!  
Yes, an actual Book: — if the marvel you doubt,  
You have only in last Monday's Courier to  
look,  
And you'll find "This day publish'd by Simp-  
kins and Co.  
A Romaunt, in twelve Cantos, entitled 'Woe,  
Woe!'

<sup>1</sup> If you guess what this word means, 'tis more than I  
can: —

I but give't as I got it from Mr. Magan. F. F.

<sup>2</sup> A day coach of that name.

By Miss Fanny F——, known more commonly  
*so* [F]."

This I put that my friends mayn't be left in the  
dark,

But may guess at my *writing* by knowing my  
*mark*.

How I manag'd, at last, this great deed to  
achieve,

Is itself a "Romaunt" which you'd scarce, dear,  
believe;

Nor can I just now, being all in a whirl,  
Looking out for the Magnet,<sup>2</sup> explain it, dear  
girl.

Suffice it to say, that one half the expense  
Of this leasehold of fame for long centuries  
hence —

(Though "God knows," as aunt says, my hum-  
ble ambition

Aspires not beyond a small Second Edition,) —  
One half the whole cost of the paper and print-  
ing,

I've manag'd, to scrape up, this year past, by  
stinting

My own little wants in gloves, ribbons, and shoes,  
Thus defrauding the toilet to fit out the Muse!

And who, my dear Kitty, would not do the  
same?

What's *eau de Cologne* to the sweet breath of  
fame?

Yards of ribbon soon end — but the measures  
of rhyme,

Dipp'd in hues of the rainbow, stretch out  
through all time.

Gloves languish and fade away, pair after pair,  
While couplets shine out, but the brighter for  
wear,

And the dancing shoe's gloss in an evening is  
gone,

While light-footed lyrics through ages trip on.

The remaining expense, trouble, risk — and,  
alas!

My poor copyright too — into other hands pass;  
And my friend, the Head Dev'l of the "County  
Gazette"

(The only Mæcenas I've ever had yet),

He who set up in type my first juvenile lays,  
Is now set up by them for the rest of his days;  
And while Gods (as my "Heathen Mythology"  
says)

Live on nought but ambrosia, *his* lot how much  
sweeter

To live, lucky dev'l, on a young lady's metre!

As for *puffing* — that first of all lit'rary boons,  
And essential alike both to bards and balloons,  
As, unless well supplied with inflation, 'tis found  
Neither bards nor balloons budge an inch from  
the ground; —

In *this* respect, nought could more prosp'rous  
befall;

As my friend (for no less this kind imp can I  
call)

Knows the whole world of critics — the *hypers*  
and all.

I suspect he himself, indeed, dabbles in rhyme,  
Which, for imps diabolic, is not the first time;  
As I've heard uncle Bob say, 'twas known  
among Gnostics,

That the Dev'l on Two Sticks was a dev'l at  
Acrostics.

But hark! there's the Magnet just dash'd in  
from Town —

How my heart, Kitty, beats! I shall surely drop  
down.

That awful Court Journal, Gazette, Athenæum,  
All full of my book — I shall sink when I see  
'em.

And then the great point — whether Simpkins  
and Co.

Are actually pleas'd with their bargain or no! —

*Five o'clock.*

All's delightful — such praises! — I really fear  
That this poor little head will turn giddy, my  
dear,

I've but time now to send you two exquisite  
scraps —

All the rest by the Magnet, on Monday, perhaps,

FROM THE "MORNING POST."

'Tis known that a certain distinguish'd physician  
Prescribes, for *dyspepsia*, a course of light  
reading;

And Rhymes by young Ladies, the first, fresh  
edition

(Ere critics have injur'd their powers of nutri-  
tion),

Are he thinks, for weak stomachs, the best  
sort of feeding.

Satires irritate — love songs are found calorific;  
But smooth, female sonnets he deems a specific,  
And, if taken at bedtime, a sure soporific.

Among works of this kind, the most pleasing  
we know,

Is a volume just publish'd by Simpkins and Co.,

Where all such ingredients — the flowery, the  
sweet,

And the gently narcotic — are mix'd *per receipt*,  
With a hand so judicious, we've no hesitation  
To say that — 'bove all, for the young genera-  
tion —

'Tis an elegant, soothing, and safe preparation.

*Nota bene* — for readers, whose object's to *sleep*,  
And who read, in their nightcaps, the publish-  
ers keep

Good fire-proof binding, which comes very  
cheap.

ANECDOTE — FROM THE "COURT JOURNAL."

T'other night, at the Countess of \* \* \* 's rout,  
An amusing event was much whisper'd about.

It was said that Lord —, at the Council, that  
day,

Had, more than once, jump'd from his seat,  
like a rocket,

And flown to a corner, where — heedless, they  
say,

How the country's resources were squander'd  
away —

He kept reading some papers he'd brought in  
his pocket.

Some thought them despatches from Spain or  
the Turk,

Others swore they brought word we had lost  
the Mauritius;

But it turn'd out 'twas only Miss Fudge's new  
work,

Which his Lordship devour'd with such zeal  
expeditious —

Messrs. Simpkins and Co., to avoid all delay,  
Having sent it in sheets, that his Lordship might  
say,

He had distanc'd the whole reading world by a  
day!

## LETTER VIII.

FROM BOB FUDGE, ESQ., TO THE REV. MORTIMER  
O'MULLIGAN.

*Tuesday evening.*

I much regret, dear Reverend Sir,

I could not come to \* \* \* to meet you;  
But this curs'd gout won't let me stir —

Ev'n now I but by proxy greet you;  
As this vile scrawl, what'er its sense is,  
Owes all to an amanuensis.



Most other scourges of disease  
Reduce men to *extremities* —  
But gout won't leave one even *these*.

From all my sister writes, I see  
That you and I will quite agree.  
I'm a plain man, who speak the truth,  
And trust you'll think me not uncivil,  
When I declare that, from my youth,  
I've wish'd your country at the devil;  
Nor can I doubt, indeed, from all  
I've heard of your high patriot fame —  
From every word your lips let fall —  
That you most truly wish the same.  
It plagues one's life out — thirty years  
Have I had dinning in my ears,  
"Ireland wants this, and that, and t'other,"  
And, to this hour, one nothing hears  
But the same vile, eternal bother.  
While, of those countless things she wanted,  
Thank God, but little has been granted,  
And ev'n that little, if we're men  
And Britons, we'll have back again!

I really think that Catholic question  
Was what brought on my indigestion;  
And still each year, as Popery's curse  
Has gather'd round us, I've got worse;  
Till ev'n my pint of port a day  
Can't keep the Pope and bile away.  
And whereas, till the Catholic bill,  
I never wanted draught or pill,  
The settling of that cursed question  
Has quite *unsettled* my digestion.

Look what has happen'd since — the Elect  
Of all the bores of every sect,  
The chosen triers of men's patience,  
From all the Three Denominations,  
Let loose upon us; — even Quakers  
Turn'd into speechers and law makers,  
Who'll move no question, stiff-rump'd elves,  
Till first the Spirit moves themselves;  
And whose shrill Yeas and Nays, in chorus,  
Conquering our Ayes and Noes sonorous,  
Will soon to death's own slumber snore us.  
Then, too, those Jews! — I really sicken  
To think of such abomination;  
Fellows, who won't eat ham with chicken,  
To legislate for this great nation! —

Depend upon't, when once they've sway,  
With rich old Goldsmid at the head o' them  
Th' Excise laws will be done away,  
And *Circumcise* ones pass'd instead o' them!

In short, dear sir, look where one will,  
Things all go on so devilish ill,  
That, 'pon my soul, I rather fear  
Our Reverend Rector may be right,  
Who tells me the Millennium's near;  
Nay, swears he doubts the very year,  
And regulates his leases by't; —  
Meaning their terms should end, no doubt,  
Before the world's own lease is out.  
He thinks, too, that the whole thing's ended  
So much more soon than was intended,  
Purely to scourge those men of sin  
Who brought th' accurs'd Reform Bill in.<sup>1</sup>

However, let's not yet despair;  
Though Toryism's eclips'd, at present,  
And — like myself, in this old chair —  
Sits in a state by no means pleasant;  
Feet crippled — hands, in luckless hour,  
Disabled of their grasping power;  
And all that rampant glee, which revell'd  
In this world's sweets, bedull'd, bedevill'd —  
Yet, though condemn'd to frisk no more,  
And both in Chair of Penance set,  
There's something tells me, all's not o'er  
With Toryism or Bobby yet;  
That though, between us, I allow  
We've not a leg to stand on now;  
Though curs'd Reform and *colchicum*  
Have made us both look deused glum,  
Yet still, in spite of Grote and Gout,  
Again we'll shine triumphant out!

Yes — back again shall come, egad,  
*Our* turn for sport, my reverend lad.  
And then, O'Mulligan — O then,  
When mounted on our nags again,  
You, on your high-flown Rosinante,  
Bedizen'd out, like Show Gallantee  
(Glitter great from substance scanty); —  
While I, Bob Fudge, Esquire, shall ride  
Your faithful Sancho, by your side;  
Then — talk of tilts and tournaments!  
Dam-me, we'll —

\* \* \* \*

<sup>1</sup> This appears to have been the opinion also of an eloquent writer in the Morning Watch. "One great object of Christ's second Advent, as the Man and as the King of the Jews, is to punish the Kings who do not acknowledge that

their authority is derived from him, and who submit to receive it from that many-headed monster, the mob." No. x. p. 373.

Squire Fudge's clerk presents  
 To Reverend Sir his compliments ;  
 Is griev'd to say an accident  
 Has just occur'd which will prevent  
 The Squire — though now a little better —  
 From finishing this present letter.  
 Just when he'd got to " Dam'me, we'll ——" "  
 His Honor, full of martial zeal,  
 Grasp'd at his crutch, but not being able  
 To keep his balance or his hold,  
 Tumbled, both self and crutch, and roll'd  
 Like ball and bat, beneath the table.

All's safe — the table, chair, and crutch ; —  
 Nothing, thank God, is broken much,  
 But the Squire's head, which, in the fall,  
 Got bump'd consid'rably — that's all.  
 At this no great alarm we feel,  
 As the Squire's head can bear a deal.

*Wednesday morning.*

Squire much the same — head rather light —  
 Rav'd about " Barbers' Wigs " all night.

Our housekeeper, old Mrs. Griggs,  
 Suspects that he meant " barbarous Whigs."

#### LETTER IX.

FROM LARRY O'BRANIGAN, TO HIS WIFE JUDY.

As it was but last week that I sint you a letther,  
 You'll wondher, dear Judy, what this is about ;  
 And, throth, it's a letther myself would like  
 betther,

Could I manage to lave the contints of it out ;  
 For sure, if it makes even *me* onaisy,  
 Who takes things quiet, 'twill dhrive *you* crazy.

O, Judy, that riverind Murthagh, bad scran to  
 him !

That e'er I should come to've been sarvant man  
 to him,

Or so far damane the O'Branigan blood,  
 And my Aunts, the Diluvians (whom not ev'n  
 the Flood

Was able to wash away clane from the earth) <sup>1</sup>  
 As to sarve one whose name, of mere yesther-  
 day's birth,

Can no more to a great O, *before* it, purtend,  
 Than minc can to wear a great Q at its *end*.

<sup>1</sup> " I am of your Patriarchs, I, a branch of one of your antediluvian families — fellows that the Flood could not wash away." — CONGREVE, *Love for Love*.

<sup>2</sup> To *balrag* is to abuse — Mr. Lover makes it *ballyrag*,

But that's now all over — last night I gev warrin',

And, masth'r as he is, will discharge him this mornin'.

The thief of the world ! — but it's no use balraggin' ; <sup>2</sup> —

All I know is, I'd fifty times rather be draggin' Owd ladies up hill to the ind of my days,  
 Than with Murthagh to rowl in a chaise, at my aise,

And be forc'd to discind through the same dirty ways.

Arrah, sure, if I'd heerd where he last show'd his phiz,

I'd have known what a quare sort of monsther he is ;

For, by gor, 'twas at Exether Change, sure enough,

That himself and his other wild Irish show'd off ;

And it's pity, so 'tis, that they hadn't got no man

Who knew the wild crathurs to act as their showman —

Sayin', " Ladies and Gintlemen, plaze to take notice,

" How slim and how shleek this black animal's coat is ;

" All by raison, we're towld, that the nathur o' the baste

" Is to change its coat *once* in its lifetime, at *laste* ;

" And such objiks, in *our* country, not bein' common ones,

" Are *bought up*, as this was, by way of Fine Nomenons.

" In regard of its *name* — why, in throth, I'm consarn'd

" To differ on this point so much with the Larn'd,  
 " Who call it a ' *Morthimer*,' whereas the craythur

" Is plainly a ' *Murthagh*,' by name and by nathur."

This is how I'd have towld them the rights of it all,

Had I been their showman at Exether Hall —  
 Not forgettin' that other great wondher of Airin

(Of th' owd bithter breed which they call Pros-betairin),

and he is high authority : but if I remember rightly, Curran in his national stories used to employ the word as above. — See Lover's most amusing and genuinely Irish work, the " Legends and Stories of Ireland "

The fam'd Daddy C—ke — who, by gor, I'd have shown 'em

As proof how such bastes may be tam'd, when you've thrown 'em

A good frindly sop of the rale *Raigin Donem*.<sup>1</sup>

But, throth, I've no laisure just now, Judy dear,

For any thing, barrin' our own doings here, And the cursin' and dammin' and thund'rin', like mad,

We Papists, God help us, from Murthagh have had.

He says we're all murtherers — div'l a bit less — And that even our priests, when we go to confess,

Give us lessons in murth'ring, and wish us success!

When ax'd how he daar'd, by tongue or by pen,

To belie, in this way, seven millions of men, Faith, he said 'twas all towld him by Docthor Den!<sup>2</sup>

"And who the div'l's *he*?" was the question that flew

From Chrishtian to Chrishtian — but not a sowl knew.

While ou went Murthagh, in iligant style, Blaspheming us Cath'lies all the while, As a pack of desaivers, parjurers, villians, All the whole kit of th' aforesaid millions,<sup>3</sup> — Yourself, dear Judy, as well as the rest, And the innocent craythur that's at your breast, All rogues together, in word and deed, Owld Den our instrutor and Sin our creed!

When ax'd for his proofs again and again, Div'l an answer he'd give but Docthor Den.

Couldn't he call into coort some *livin'* men?

"No, thank you" — he'd stick to Docthor Den —

An owld gintleman dead a century or two, Who all about us, live Cath'lies, knew;

<sup>1</sup> Larry evidently means the *Regium Donum*; — a sum contributed by the government annually to the support of the Presbyterian churches in Ireland.

<sup>2</sup> Correctly, Dens — Larry not being very particular in his nomenclature.

<sup>3</sup> "The deeds of darkness which are reduced to horrid practice over the drunken debauch of the midnight assassin are debated, in principle, in the sober morning religious conferences of the priests." — *Speech of the Rev. Mr. M'Ghee*.

— "The character of the Irish people generally is, that they are given to lying and to acts of theft." — *Speech of the Rev. Robert Daly*.

And of coorse was more handy, to call in a hurry, Than Docthor Mac Hiale or Docthor Murray!

But, throth, it's no case to be jokin' upon, Though myself, from bad habits, is *makin'* it one. Even you, had you witness'd his grand climacterics,

Which actially threw one owld maid in hysterics —

Or, och! had you heerd such a purty remark as his,

That Papists are only "*Humanity's carcasses, 'Ris'n*" — but, by dad, I'm afeard I can't give it ye —

"*Ris'n from the sepulchre of — inactivity;*

"*And, like owld corpses, dug up from antikity,*

"*Wandrin' about in all sorts of iniuity!*"<sup>4</sup>

Even you, Judy, true as you are to the Owld Light,

Would have laugh'd, out and out, at this iligant flight

Of that figure of speech call'd the Blatherumskite.

As for me, though a funny thought now and then came to me,

Rage got the bether at last — and small blame to me!

So, slapping my thigh, "by the Powers of Delf," Says I bowldly, "I'll make a noration myself."

And with that up I jumps — but, my darlint, the minit

I cock'd up my head, div'l a sinse remain'd in it Though, *saited*, I could have got beautiful on, When I tuk to my legs, faith, the gab was all gone: —

Which was odd, for us, Pats, who, whate'er we've a hand in,

At laste in our *legs* show a sthrong under-standin'.

Howsumdever, detarmin'd the chaps should pursaive

What I thought of their doin's, before I tuk lave,

<sup>4</sup> "But she (Popery) is no longer the tenant of the sepulchre of inactivity. She has come from the burial-place, walking forth a monster, as if the spirit of evil had corrupted the carcass of her departed humanity; noxious and noisome, an object of abhorrence and dismay to all who are not leagued with her in iniquity." — Report of the Rev. Gentleman's Speech, June 20, in the Record Newspaper.

We may well ask, after reading this and other such reverend ravings, "Quis dubitat quin omne sit hoc rationis egestas?"

"In regard of all that," says I — there I stopp'd short —

Not a word more would come, though I shtrug-gled hard for't.

So, snapping my fingers at what's called the Chair,

And the owld Lord (or Lady, I b'lieve) that sat there —

"In regard of all that," says I bowldly again —  
"To owld Nick I pitch Mortimer — *and* Doc-thor Den;" —

Upon which the whole company cried out  
"Amen;"

And myself was in hopes 'twas to what *I* had said,

But, by gor, no such thing — they were not so well bred :

For, 'twas all to a pray'r Murthagh just had read out,

By way of fit finish to job so devout ;

That is — *after* well damning one half the com-munity,

To pray God to keep all in pace an' in unity !

This is all I can shtuff in this lether, though plinty

Of news, faith, I've got to fill more — if 'twas twinty.

But I'll add, on the *outside*, a line, should I need it,

(Writin' "Private" upon it, that no one may read it,)

To tell you how *Mortimer* (as the Saints chrishten him)

Bears the big shame of his sarvant's dismisshin' him.

(*Private outside.*)

Just come from his riv'rence — the job is all done —

By the powers, I've discharg'd him as sure as a gun !

And now, Judy dear, what on earth I'm to do

With myself and my appetite — both good as new —

Without ev'n a single traneeen in my pocket,  
Let alone a good, dacent pound starlin' to stock it —

Is a mysht'ry I lave to the One that's above,  
Who takes care of us, dissolute sows, when hard dhrove !

— — —

## LETTER X.

FROM THE REV. MORTIMER O'MULLIGAN, TO THE  
REV. ———.

THESE few brief lines, my reverend friend,

By a safe, private hand I send  
(Fearing lest some low Catholic wag  
Should pry into the Letter bag),  
To tell you, far as pen can dare,

How we, poor errant martyrs, fare ; —

Martyrs, not quite to fire and rack,

As Saints were, some few ages back,  
But — scarce less trying in its way —

To laughter, wheresoe'er we stray ;

To jokes, which Providence mysterious

Permits on men and things so serious,

Lowering the Church still more each minute,

And — injuring our preferment in it.

Just think, how worrying 'tis, my friend,

To find, where'er our footsteps bend,

Small jokes, like squibs, around us whiz-zing ;

And bear the eternal torturing play

Of that great engine of our day,  
Unknown to th' Inquisition — quizzing !

Your men of thumbscrews and of racks

Aim'd at the *body* their attacks ;

But modern torturers, more refin'd,

Work *their* machinery on the *mind*.

Had St. Sebastian had the luck

With me to be a godly rover,

Instead of arrows, he'd be stuck

With stings of ridicule all over ;

And poor St. Lawrence, who was kill'd

By being on a gridir'n grill'd,

Had he but shar'd *my* errant lot,

Instead of grill on gridir'n hot,

A *moral* roasting would have got.

Nor should I (trying as all this is)

Much heed the suffering or the shame —

As, like an actor, *used* to hisses,

I long have known no other fame,

But that (as I may own to *you*,

Though to the *world* it would not do,)

No hope appears of fortune's beams

Shining on *any* of my schemes ;

No chance of something more *per ann.*

As supplement to K—llym—n ;

No prospect that, by fierce abuse

Of Ireland, I shall e'er induce

The rulers of this thinking nation

To rid us of Emancipation ;

To forge anew the sever'd chain,  
 And bring back Penal Laws again.  
 Ah happy time! when wolves and priests  
 Alike were hunted, as wild beasts;  
 And five pounds was the price, *per head*,  
 For bagging *either*, live or dead;<sup>1</sup> —  
 Though oft, we're told, *one* outlaw'd brother  
 Sav'd cost, by eating up *the other*.

Finding thus all those schemes and hopes  
 I built upon my flowers and tropes  
 All scatter'd, one by one, away,  
 As flashy and unsound as they,  
 The question comes — what's to be done?  
 And there's but one course left me — *one*.  
 Heroes, when tir'd of war's alarms,  
 Seek sweet repose in Beauty's arms,  
 The weary Day-God's last retreat is  
 The breast of silv'ry-footed Thetis;  
 And mine, as mighty Love's my judge,  
 Shall be the arms of rich Miss Fudge!

Start not, my friend, — the tender scheme,  
 Wild and romantic though it seem,  
 Beyond a parson's fondest dream,  
 Yet shines, too, with those golden dyes,  
 So pleasing to a parson's eyes —  
 That only *gilding* which the Muse  
 Cannot around *her* sons diffuse; —  
 Which, whencesoever flows its bliss,  
 From wealthy Miss or benefice,  
 To Mortimer indifferent is,  
 So he can only make it *his*.  
 There is but one slight damp I see  
 Upon this scheme's felicity,  
 And that is, the fair heroine's claim  
 That I shall take *her* family name.  
 To this (though it may look henpeck'd),  
 I can't quite decently object,  
 Having myself long chos'n to shine  
 Conspicuous in the *alias*<sup>2</sup> line;  
 So that henceforth, by wife's decree,  
 (For Biddy from this point won't budge)  
 Your old friend's new address must be  
 The *Rev. Mortimer O'Fudge* —  
 The "O" being kept, that all may see  
 We're *both* of ancient family.

Such, friend, nor need the fact amaze you,  
 My public life's calm Euthanasia.  
 Thus bid I long farewell to all  
 The freaks of Exeter's old Hall —  
 Freaks, in grimace, its apes exceeding,  
 And rivalling its bears in breeding.  
 Farewell, the platform fill'd with preachers —  
 The pray'r giv'n out, as grace,<sup>3</sup> by speakers,  
 Ere they cut up their fellow-creatures: —  
 Farewell to dead old Dens's volumes,  
 And, scarce less dead, old Standard's columns.  
 From each and all I now retire,  
 My task, henceforth, as spouse and sire,  
 To bring up little filial Fudges,  
 To be M. P.'s, and Peers, and Judges —  
*Parsons* I'd add too, if, alas!  
 There yet were hope the Church could pass  
 The gulf now oped for hers and her,  
 Or long survive what *Exeter* —  
 Both Hall and Bishop, of that name —  
 Have done to sink her reverend fame.  
 Adieu, dear friend — you'll oft hear *from* me,  
 Now I'm no more a travelling judge;  
 Meanwhile I sign (that you may judge  
 How well the surname will become me)

Yours truly,

MORTIMER O'FUDGE.

#### LETTER XI.

FROM PATRICK MAOAN, ESQ., TO THE REV.  
 RICHARD ———.

———, *Ireland*.

DEAR DICK — just arriv'd at my own humble  
*gîte*,  
 I enclose you, post haste, the account, all com-  
 plete,  
 Just arriv'd, *per* express, of our late noble feat.

[*Extract from the "County Gazette."*]

This place is getting gay and full again.

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Last week was married, "in the Lord,"  
 The Reverend Mortimer O'Mulligan,  
 Preacher, in *Irish*, of the Word,

<sup>1</sup> Among other amiable enactments against the Catholics at this period (1649), the price of five pounds was set on the head of a Romish priest — being exactly the same sum offered by the same legislators for the head of a wolf.

*Memoirs of Captain Rock*, book i. chap. 10.

<sup>2</sup> In the first edition of his Dictionary, Dr. Johnson very significantly exemplified the meaning of the word "alias" by the instance of Mallet, the poet, who had exchanged for this more refined name his original Scotch patronymic, Mal-

loch. "What *other* proofs he gave (says Johnson) of disrespect to his native country, I know not; but it was remarked of him that he was the only Scot whom Scotchmen did not commend." — *Life of Mallet*.

<sup>3</sup> "I think I am acting in unison with the feelings of a Meeting assembled for this solemn object, when I call on the Rev. Doctor Holloway to open it by prayer." — *Speech of Lord Kenyon*.



(He, who the Lord's force lately led on —  
Exeter Hall his *Armagh*-geddon,)<sup>1</sup>  
To Miss B. Fudge of P'isgah Place,  
One of the chos'n, as "heir of grace,"  
And likewise heiress of Phil. Fudge,  
Esquire, defunct, of Orange Lodge.

Same evening, Miss F. Fudge, 'tis hinted —  
Niece of the above, (whose "Sylvan Lyre,"  
In our Gazette, last week, we printed,)  
Elop'd with Pat. Magan, Esquire.  
The fugitives were track'd, some time,  
After they'd left the Aunt's abode,  
By scraps of paper, scrawl'd with rhyme,  
Found strew'd along the Western road: —  
Some of them, *ci-devant* curl papers,  
Others, half burnt in lighting tapers.  
This clew, however, to their flight,  
After some miles was seen no more;  
And, from inquiries made last night,  
We find they've reach'd the Irish shore.

Every word of it truc, Dick — th' escape from  
Aunt's thrall —  
Western road — lyric fragments — curl papers  
and all.  
My sole stipulation, ere link'd at the shrine  
(As some balance between Fanny's *numbers* and  
mine),  
Was that, when we were *one*, she must give up  
the *Nine*;  
Nay, devote to the Gods her whole stock of MS.  
With a vow never more against prose to trans-  
gress.  
This she did, like a heroine; — smack went to  
bits  
The whole produce sublime of her dear little  
wits —  
Sonnets, elegies, epigrams, odes, canzonets —  
Some twisted up neatly, to form *allumettes*,

<sup>1</sup> The rectory which the Rev. gentleman holds is situated  
in the county of *Armagh*! — a most remarkable coincidence

Some turn'd into *papillotes*, worthy to rise  
And inwreath the Berenice's bright locks in the  
skies!  
While the rest, honest Larry (who's now in *my*  
*pay*),  
Begg'd as "lover of *po'thry*," to read on the way.

Having thus of life's *poetry* dar'd to dispose,  
How we now, Dick, shall manage to get through  
*its prose*,  
With such slender materials for *style*, Heaven  
knows!  
But — I'm call'd off abruptly — *another Express*!  
What the deuce can it mean? — I'm alarm'd, I  
confess.

P. S.

Hurrah, Dick, hurrah, Dick, ten thousand hur-  
rahs!  
I'm a happy, rich dog to the end of my days.  
There — read the good news — and while glad,  
for *my* sake,  
That Wealth should thus follow in Love's shin-  
ing wake,  
Admire also the *moral* — that he, the sly elf,  
Who has fudg'd all the world, should be now  
fudg'd *himself*!

EXTRACT FROM LETTER ENCLOSED.

With pain the mournful news I write,  
Miss Fudge's uncle died last night;  
And much to mine and friends' surprise,  
By will doth all his wealth devise —  
Lands, dwellings — rectorics likewise —  
To his "belov'd grand niece," Miss Fanny,  
Leaving Miss Fudge herself, who many  
Long years hath waited — not a penny!  
Have notified the same to latter,  
And wait instructions in the matter.  
For self and partners, &c. &c.

— and well worthy of the attention of certain expounders  
of the *Apocalypse*

## SONGS FROM M. P.; OR, THE BLUE STOCKING

## SONG.

SUSAN.

Young Love liv'd once in a humble shed,  
 Where roses breathing,  
 And woodbines wreathing  
 Around the lattice their tendrils spread,  
 As wild and sweet as the life he led.  
 His garden flourish'd,  
 For young Hope nourish'd  
 The infant buds with beams and showers ;  
 But lips, though blooming, must still be fed,  
 And not even Love can live on flowers.

Alas ! that Poverty's evil eye  
 Should e'er come hither,  
 Such sweets to wither !  
 The flowers laid down their heads to die,  
 And Hope fell sick as the witch drew nigh.  
 She came one morning,  
 Ere Love had warning,  
 And rais'd the latch, where the young god lay ;  
 "O ho !" said Love — "is it you ? good by ;"  
 So he oped the window, and flew away !

To sigh, yet feel no pain,  
 To weep, yet scarce know why ;  
 To sport an hour with Beauty's chain,  
 Then throw it idly by.  
 To kneel at many a shrine,  
 Yet lay the heart on none ;  
 To think all other charms divine,  
 But those we just have won.  
 This is love, faithless love,  
 Such as kindleth hearts that rove.

To keep one sacred flame,  
 Through life unchill'd, unmov'd,  
 To love, in wintry age, the same  
 As first in youth we lov'd ;  
 To feel that we adore,  
 Ev'n to such fond excess,  
 That, though the heart would break, with  
*more,*  
 It could not live with *less.*

This is love, faithful love,  
 Such as saints might feel above.

—  
 SPIRIT of Joy, thy altar lies  
 In youthful hearts that hope like mine ;  
 And 'tis the light of laughing eyes,  
 That leads us to thy fairy shrine.  
 There if we find the sigh, the tear,  
 They are not those to Sorrow known ;  
 But breath so soft, and drops so clear,  
 That Bliss may claim them for her own.  
 Then give me, give me, while I weep,  
 The sanguine hope that brightens woe,  
 And teaches ev'n our tears to keep  
 The tinge of pleasure as they flow.

The child, who sees the dew of night  
 Upon the spangled hedge at morn,  
 Attempts to catch the drops of light,  
 But wounds his finger with the thorn.  
 Thus oft the brightest joys we seek,  
 Are lost, when touch'd, and turn to pain.  
 The flush they kindled leaves the cheek,  
 The tears they waken long remain.  
 But give me, give me, &c. &c.

—  
 WHEN Leila touch'd the lute,  
 Not *then* alone 'twas felt,  
 But, when the sounds were mute,  
 In memory still they dwelt.  
 Sweet lute ! in nightly slumbers  
 Still we heard thy morning numbers.

Ah, how could she, who stole  
 Such breath from simple wire,  
 Be led, in pride of soul,  
 To string with gold her lyre ?  
 Sweet lute ! thy chords she breaketh,  
 Golden now the strings she waketh !

But where are all the tales  
 Her lute so sweetly told ?  
 In lofty themes she fails,  
 And soft ones suit not gold.  
 Rich lute ! we see thee glisten,  
 But, alas ! no more we listen !

## BOAT GLEE.

THE song that lightens our languid way  
 When brows are glowing,  
 And faint with rowing,  
 Is like the spell of Hope's airy lay,  
 To whose sound through life we stray.  
 The beams that flash on the oar a while,  
 As we row along through waves so clear,  
 Illume its spray, like the fleeting smile  
 That shines o'er Sorrow's tear.

Nothing is lost on him who sees  
 With an eye that Feeling gave; —  
 For him there's a story in every breeze,  
 And a picture in every wave.  
 Then sing to lighten the languid way; —  
 When brows are glowing,  
 And faint with rowing:  
 'Tis like the spell of Hope's airy lay,  
 To whose sound through life we stray.

O THINK, when a hero is sighing,  
 What danger in such an adorer!  
 What woman could dream of denying  
 The hand that lays laurels before her.  
 No heart is so guarded around,  
 But the smile of a victor would take it;  
 No bosom can slumber so sound,  
 But the trumpet of Glory will wake it.

Love sometimes is given to sleeping,  
 And woe to the heart that allows him;  
 For soon neither smiling nor weeping  
 Will e'er from such slumber arouse him.  
 But though he were sleeping so fast,  
 That the life almost seem'd to forsake him,  
 Ev'n then, one soul-thrilling blast  
 From the trumpet of Glory would wake him.

## CUPID'S LOTTERY.

A LOTTERY, a Lottery,  
 In Cupid's Court there used to be;  
 Two roguish eyes  
 The highest prize,  
 In Cupid's scheming Lottery;  
 And kisses, too,  
 As good as new,

Which weren't very hard to win,  
 For he, who won  
 The eyes of fun,  
 Was sure to have the kisses in.  
 A Lottery, a Lottery, &c.

This Lottery, this Lottery,  
 In Cupid's Court went merrily,  
 And Cupid play'd  
 A Jewish trade  
 In this his scheming Lottery;  
 For hearts, we're told,  
 In *shares* he sold  
 To many a fond believing drone,  
 And cut the hearts  
 So well in parts,  
 That each believ'd the whole his own.

*Chor.* — A Lottery, a Lottery,  
 In Cupid's Court there used to be;  
 Two roguish eyes  
 The highest prize  
 In Cupid's scheming Lottery.

SONG.<sup>1</sup>

THOUGH sacred the tie that our country in  
 twineth,  
 And dear to the heart her remembrance re-  
 mains,  
 Yet dark are the ties where no liberty shineth,  
 And sad the remembrance that slavery stains.  
 O Liberty, born in the cot of the peasant,  
 But dying of languor in luxury's dome,  
 Our vision, when absent — our glory when  
 present —  
 Where thou art, O Liberty! there is my home.

Farewell to the land where in childhood I wan-  
 der'd!  
 In vain is she mighty, in vain is she brave;  
 Unless'd is the blood that for tyrants is squan-  
 der'd,  
 And Fame has no wreaths for the brow of the  
 slave.  
 But hail to thee, Albion! who meet'st the com-  
 motion  
 Of Europe, as calm as thy cliffs meet the foam;  
 With no bonds but the law, and no slave but  
 the ocean,  
 Hail, Temple of Liberty! thou art my home

<sup>1</sup> Sung in the character of a Frenchman.

## MISCELLANEOUS POEMS.

AT NIGHT.<sup>1</sup>

At night, when all is still around,  
How sweet to hear the distant sound  
Of footstep, coming soft and light!  
What pleasure in the anxious beat,  
With which the bosom flies to meet  
That foot that comes so soft at night!

And then, at night, how sweet to say  
" 'Tis late, my love! " and chide delay,  
Though still the western clouds are bright;  
O, happy, too, the silent press,  
The eloquence of mute caress,  
With those we love exchang'd at night!

## TO LADY HOLLAND.

ON NAPOLEON'S LEGACY OF A SNUFFBOX.

GIFT of the Hero, on his dying day,  
To her, whose pity watch'd, forever nigh;  
O, could he see the proud, the happy ray,  
This relic lights up on her generous eye,  
Sighing, he'd feel how easy 'tis to pay  
A friendship all his kingdoms could not buy.  
*Paris, July, 1821.*

## EPILOGUE.

WRITTEN FOR LADY DACRE'S TRAGEDY OF INA.

Last night, as lonely o'er my fire I sat,  
Thinking of cues, starts, exits, and — all that,  
And wondering much what little knavish sprite  
Had put it first in women's heads to write: —  
Sudden I saw — as in some witching dream —  
A bright-blue glory round my bookcase beam,  
From whose quick opening folds of azure  
light  
Out flew a tiny form, as small and bright  
As Puck the Fairy, when he pops his head,  
Some sunny morning from a violet bed.

<sup>1</sup> These lines allude to a curious lamp, which has for its device a Cupid, with the words "at night" written over him.

"Bless me!" I starting cried, "what imp are you?" —  
"A small he-devil, Ma'am — my name BAS BLEU —  
"A bookish sprite, much given to routs and reading;  
" 'Tis I who teach your spinsters of good breeding,  
"The reigning taste in chemistry and caps,  
"The last new bounds of tuckers and of maps,  
"And, when the waltz has twirl'd her giddy brain,  
"With metaphysics twirl it back again!"

I view'd him, as he spoke — his hose were blue,  
His wings — the covers of the last Review —  
Cerulean, border'd with a jaundice hue,  
And tinsell'd gayly o'er, for evening wear,  
Till the next quarter brings a new-fledg'd pair  
"Inspir'd by me — (pursued this waggish Fairy) —

"That best of wives and Sapphos, Lady Mary,  
"Votary alike of Crispin and the Muse,  
"Makes her own splay-foot epigrams and shoes.  
"For me the eyes of young Camilla shine,  
"And mingle Love's blue brilliances with mine;  
"For me she sits apart, from coxcombs shrinking,  
"Looks wise — the pretty soul! — and *thinks* she's thinking.  
"By my advice Miss Indigo attends  
"Lectures on Memory, and assures her friends,  
" 'Pon honor! — (*mimics*) — nothing can surpass the plan  
"Of that professor — (*trying to recollect*) — pshaw! that memory man —  
"That — what's his name? — him I attended lately —  
" 'Pon honor, he improv'd *my* memory greatly."

Here, courtesying low, I ask'd the blue-legg'd sprite,  
What share he had in this our play to-night.  
"Nay, there — (he cried) — there I am guiltless quite —  
"What! choose a heroine from that Gothic time,  
"When no one waltz'd, and none but monks could rhyme;

"When lovely woman, all unschool'd and wild,  
 "Blush'd without art, and without culture  
 smil'd —  
 "Simple as flowers, while yet unclass'd they  
 shone,  
 "Ere Science call'd their brilliant world her own,  
 "Rang'd the wild, rosy things in learned orders,  
 "And fill'd with Greek the garden's blushing  
 borders! —  
 "No, no — your gentle Inas will not do —  
 "To-morrow evening, when the lights burn blue,  
 "Ill come — (*pointing downwards*) — you un-  
 derstand — till then adieu!"

And *has* the sprite been here? No — jests  
 apart —  
 Howe'er man rules in science and in art,  
 The sphere of woman's glories is the heart.  
 And, if our Muse have sketch'd with pencil true  
 The wife — the mother — firm, yet gentle too —  
 Whose soul, wrapp'd up in ties itself hath spun,  
 Trembles, if touch'd in the remotest one;  
 Who loves — yet dares even Love himself dis-  
 own,  
 When Honor's broken shaft supports his throne;  
 If such our Ina, she may scorn the evils,  
 Dire as they are, of Critics and — Blue Devils.

### THE DAYDREAM.<sup>1</sup>

HEY both were hush'd, the voice, the chords,  
 I heard but once that witching lay;  
 And few the notes, and few the words,  
 My spell-bound memory brought away;

Traces, remember'd here and there,  
 Like echoes of some broken strain; —  
 Links of a sweetness lost in air,  
 That nothing now could join again.

Ev'n these, too, ere the morning, fled;  
 And, though the charm still linger'd on,  
 That o'er each sense her song had shed,  
 The song itself was faded, gone; —

Gone, like the thoughts that once were ours,  
 On summer days, ere youth had set;  
 Thoughts bright, we know, as summer flowers,  
 Though *what* they were, we now forget.

In vain, with hints from other strains,  
 I woo'd this truant air to come —  
 As birds are taught, on eastern plains,  
 To lure their wilder kindred home.

In vain: — the song that Sappho gave,  
 In dying, to the mournful sea,  
 Not muter slept beneath the wave,  
 Than this within my memory.

At length, one morning, as I lay  
 In that half-waking mood, when dreams  
 Unwillingly at last give way  
 To the full truth of daylight's beams,

A face — the very face, methought,  
 From which had breath'd, as from a shrine  
 Of song and soul, the notes I sought —  
 Came with its music close to mine:

And sung the long-lost measure o'er, —  
 Each note and word, with every tone  
 And look, that lent it life before, —  
 All perfect, all again my own!

Like parted souls, when, 'mid the Blest  
 They meet again, each widow'd sound  
 Through memory's realm had wing'd in quest  
 Of its sweet mate, till all were found.

Nor ev'n in waking did the clew,  
 Thus strangely caught, escape again;  
 For never lark its matins knew  
 So well as now I knew this strain.

And oft, when memory's wondrous spell  
 Is talk'd of in our tranquil bower,  
 I sing this lady's song, and tell  
 The vision of that morning hour.

### SONG.

WHERE is the heart that would not give  
 Years of drowsy days and nights,  
 One little hour, like this, to live —  
 Full, to the brim, of life's delights?  
 Look, look around,  
 This fairy ground,  
 With love lights glittering o'er;

<sup>1</sup> In these stanzas I have done little more than relate a fact in verse; and the lady, whose singing gave rise to this

curious instance of the power of memory in sleep, is Mrs. Robert Arkwright.



While cups that shine  
With freight divine  
Go coasting round its shore.

Hope is the dupe of future hours,  
Memory lives in those gone by ;  
Neither can see the moment's flowers  
Springing up fresh beneath the eye.  
Wouldst thou, or thou,  
Forego what's *now*,  
For all that Hope may say ?  
No — Joy's reply,  
From every eye,  
Is, " Live we while we may."

SONG OF THE POCO-CURANTE  
SOCIETY.

Haud curat Hippocrides.

ERASM. *Adag.*

To those we love we've drank to-night ;  
But now attend, and stare not,  
While I the ampler list recite  
Of those for whom WE CARE NOT.

For royal men, how'er they frown,  
If on their fronts they bear not  
That noblest gem that decks a crown,  
The People's Love — WE CARE NOT.

For slavish men, who bend beneath  
A despot yoke, yet dare not  
Pronounce the will, whose very breath  
Would rend its links — WE CARE NOT.

For priestly men, who covet sway  
And wealth, though they declare not ;  
Who point, like finger posts, the way  
They never go — WE CARE NOT.

For martial men, who on their sword,  
How'er it conquers, wear not  
The pledges of a soldier's word,  
Redeem'd and pure — WE CARE NOT.

For legal men, who plead for wrong,  
And, though to lies they swear not,  
Are hardly better than the throng  
Of those who *do* — WE CARE NOT.

For courtly men, who feed upon  
The land, like grubs, and spare not  
The smallest leaf, where they can sun  
Their crawling limbs — WE CARE NOT.

For wealthy men, who keep their mines  
In darkness hid, and share not  
The paltry ore with him who pines  
In honest want — WE CARE NOT.

For prudent men, who hold the power  
Of Love aloof, and bare not  
Their hearts in any guardless hour  
To Beauty's shaft — WE CARE NOT

For all, in short, on land or sea,  
In camp or court, who *are* not,  
Who never *were*, or *e'er will be*  
Good men and true — WE CARE NOT.

ANNE BOLEYN.

TRANSLATION FROM THE METRICAL " HISTOIRE  
D'ANNE BOLEYN."

" S'elle estoit belle et de taille élégante,  
Estoit des yeux encor plus attirante,  
Lesquelz scavoit bien conduire à propos  
En les tenant quelquefois en repos ;  
Aucunefois envoyant en message  
Porter du cuer le secret tesmoignage."

Much as her form seduc'd the sight,  
Her eyes could ev'n more surely woo ;  
And when, and how to shoot their light  
Into men's hearts full well she knew.  
For sometimes, in repose, she hid  
Their rays beneath a downcast lid ;  
And then again, with wakening air,  
Would send their sunny glances out,  
Like heralds of delight, to bear  
Her heart's sweet messages about.

THE DREAM OF THE TWO SISTERS.

FROM DANTE.

Nell ora, credo, che dell' oriente  
Prima raggiò nel monte Citerea,  
Che di fuoco d' amor par sempre ardente,  
Giovane e bella in sogno mi pareo  
Donna vedere andar per una landa  
Cogliendo fiori ; e cantando dicea : —

Sappia qualunque 'l mio nome dimanda,  
Ch' io mi son Lia, e vo movendo 'ntorno  
Le belle mani a farmi una ghirlanda —  
Per piacermi allo specchio qui m' adorno ;  
Ma mia suora Rachel mai non si smaga  
Dal suo ammiraglio, e siede tutto il giorno.

Ell' è de' suoi begli occhi veder vaga,  
Com' io dell' adornarmi con le mani ;  
Lei lo vedere e me l'ovrare appaga.

DANTE, *Purg.* canto xxvii.

'Twas eve's soft hour, and bright, above,  
 The star of Beauty beam'd,  
 While lull'd by light so full of love  
 In slumber thus I dream'd —  
 Methought, at that sweet hour,  
 A nymph came o'er the lea,  
 Who, gath'ring many a flow'r,  
 Thus said and sung to me : —  
 "Should any ask what Leila loves,  
 "Say thou, To wreathe her hair  
 "With flow'rets cull'd from glens and groves,  
 "Is Leila's only care.

"While thus in quest of flow'rets rare,  
 "O'er hill and dale I roam,  
 "My sister, Rachel, far more fair,  
 "Sits lone and mute at home.  
 "Before her glass untiring,  
 "With thoughts that never stray,  
 "Her own bright eyes admiring,  
 "She sits the livelong day ;  
 "While I ! — O, seldom ev'n a look  
 "Of self salutes my eye ; —  
 "My only glass, the limpid brook,  
 "That shines and passes by."

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### SOVEREIGN WOMAN.

A BALLAD.

THE dance was o'er, yet still in dreams,  
 That fairy scene went on ;  
 Like clouds still flush'd with daylight gleams,  
 Though day itself is gone.  
 And gracefully to music's sound,  
 The same bright nymphs went gliding round ;  
 While thou, the Queen of all, wert there —  
 The Fairest still, where all were fair.

The dream then chang'd — in halls of state,  
 I saw thee high enthron'd ;  
 While, rang'd around, the wise, the great  
 In thee their mistress own'd :  
 And still the same, thy gentle sway  
 O'er willing subjects won its way --  
 Till all confess'd the Right Divine  
 To rule o'er man was only thine !

But, lo, the scene now chang'd again —  
 And borne on plumed steed,  
 I saw thee o'er the battle plain  
 Our land's defenders lead :  
 And stronger in thy beauty's charms,  
 Than man, with countless hosts in arms,  
 Thy voice, like music, cheer'd the Free,  
 Thy very smile was victory !

Nor reign such queens on thrones alone —  
 In cot and court the same,  
 Wherever woman's smile is known,  
 Victoria's still her name.  
 For though she almost blush to reign,  
 Though Love's own flow'rets wreathe the chain,  
 Disguise our bondage as we will,  
 'Tis woman, woman, rules us still.

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### COME, PLAY ME THAT SIMPLE AIR AGAIN.

A BALLAD.

COME, play me that simple air again,  
 I us'd so to love, in life's young day,  
 And bring, if thou canst, the dreams that then  
 Were waken'd by that sweet lay.  
 The tender gloom its strain  
 Shed o'er the heart and brow,  
 Grief's shadow, without its pain —  
 Say where, where is it now ?

But play me the well-known air once more,  
 For thoughts of youth still haunt its strain,  
 Like dreams of some far, fairy shore  
 We never shall see again.

Sweet air, how every note brings back  
 Some sunny hope, some daydream bright,  
 That, shining o'er life's early track,  
 Fill'd ev'n its tears with light.  
 The new-found life that came  
 With love's first echo'd vow ; —  
 The fear, the bliss, the shame —  
 Ah — where, where are they now ?

But, still the same lov'd notes prolong,  
 For sweet 'twere thus, to that old lay,  
 In dreams of youth and love and song,  
 To breathe life's hour away.

## THE EPICUREAN.

## A TALE.

## PREFACE

## TO THE TENTH VOLUME.

THE Story which occupies this volume was intended originally to be told in verse; and a great portion of it was at first written in that form. This fact, as well as the character, perhaps, of the whole work, which a good deal partakes of the cast and coloring of poetry, have been thought sufficient to entitle it to a place in this general collection of my poetical writings.

How little akin to romance or poesy were some of the circumstances under which this work was first projected by me, the reader may have seen from a preceding preface;<sup>1</sup> and the following rough outline, which I have found among my papers, dated Paris, July 25, 1820, will show both my first general conception, or foreshadowing of the story, and likewise the extent to which I thought right, in afterwards working out this design, to reject or modify some of its details.

“Began my Egyptian Poem, and wrote about thirteen or fourteen lines of it. The story to be told in letters from a young Epicurean philosopher, who, in the second century of the Christian era, goes to Egypt for the purpose of discovering the elixir of immortality, which is supposed to be one of the secrets of the Egyptian priests. During a Festival on the Nile, he meets with a beautiful maiden, the daughter of one of the priests lately dead. She enters the catacombs, and disappears. He hovers around the spot, and at last finds the well and secret passages, &c. by which those who are initiated enter. He sees this maiden in one of those theatrical spectacles which formed a part of the subterranean Elysium of the Pyramids—finds opportunities of conversing with her—their intercourse in this mysterious region described. They are discovered; and he is thrown into those subterranean prisons, where they who violate the rules of Initiation are confined. He is liberated from thence by the young maiden, and taking flight together, they reach some

beautiful region, where they linger, for a time, delighted, and she is near becoming a victim to his arts. But taking alarm, she flies; and seeks refuge with a Christian monk, in the Thebaid, to whom her mother, who was secretly a Christian, had consigned her in dying. The struggles of her love with her religion. A persecution of the Christians takes place, and she is seized (chiefly through the unintentional means of her lover), and suffers martyrdom. The scene of her martyrdom described, in a letter from the Solitary of the Thebaid, and the attempt made by the young philosopher to rescue her. He is carried off from thence to the cell of the Solitary. His letters from that retreat, after he has become a Christian, devoting his thoughts entirely to repentance and the recollection of the beloved saint who had gone before him.—If I don't make something out of all this, the deuse is in't.”

According to this plan, the events of the story were to be told in Letters, or Epistolary Poems, addressed by the philosopher to a young Athenian friend; but, for greater variety, as well as convenience, I afterwards distributed the task of narration among the chief personages of the Tale. The great difficulty, however, of managing, in rhyme, the minor details of a story, so as to be clear without growing prosaic, and still more, the diffuse length to which I saw narration in verse would extend, deterred me from following this plan any further; and I then commenced the tale anew in its present shape.

Of the Poems written for my first experiment, a few specimens, the best I could select, were introduced into the prose story; but the remainder I had thrown aside, and nearly forgotten even their existence, when a circumstance somewhat characteristic, perhaps, of that trading spirit, which has now converted Parnassus itself into a market, again called my attention to them. The late Mr. Macrone, to whose general talents and enterprise in business all who knew him will bear ready testimony, had long been anxious that I should undertake for him some new Poem or Story, affording such subjects for illustration as might call into play the fanciful pencil of Mr. Turner. Other tasks and ties, however,

<sup>1</sup> Preface to the Eighth Volume, p. 527 of this edition.

had rendered my compliance with this wish impracticable; and he was about to give up all thoughts of attaining his object, when on learning from me accidentally that the Epicurean was still my own property, he proposed to purchase of me the use of the copyright for a single illustrated edition.

The terms proffered by him being most liberal, I readily acceded to the proposed arrangement; but, on further consideration, there arose some difficulty in the way of our treaty — the work itself being found insufficient to form a volume of such dimensions as would yield any hope of defraying the cost of the numerous illustrations then intended for it. Some modification, therefore, of our terms was thought necessary; and then first was the notion suggested to me of bringing forth from among my papers the original sketch, or opening of the story, and adding these fragments, as a sort of makeweight, in the mutual adjustment of our terms.

That I had myself regarded the first experiment as a failure, was sufficiently shown by my relinquishment of it. But, as the published work had then passed through several editions, and had been translated into most of the languages of Europe, it was thought that an insight into the anxious process by which such success had been attained, might, as an encouragement, at least, to the humble merit of painstaking, be deemed of some little use.

The following are the translations of this Tale which have reached me: viz. two in French, two in Italian (Milan, 1836 — Venice, 1835), one in German (Inspruc, 1828), and one in Dutch, by M. Herman van Loghem (Deventer, 1829).

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TO  
LORD JOHN RUSSELL,  
THIS VOLUME

IS INSCRIBED BY ONE WHO ADMIRES HIS CHARACTER AND  
TALENTS, AND IS PROUD OF HIS FRIENDSHIP.

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A  
LETTER TO THE TRANSLATOR,  
FROM  
—, Esq.

MY DEAR SIR,

DURING a visit lately paid by me to the monastery of St. Macarius — which is situated,

as you know, in the Valley of the Lakes of Natron — I was lucky enough to obtain possession of a curious Greek manuscript which, in the hope that you may be induced to translate it, I herewith transmit to you. Observing one of the monks very busily occupied in tearing up into a variety of fantastic shapes some papers which had the appearance of being the leaves of old books, I inquired of him the meaning of his task, and received the following explanation: —

The Arabs, it seems, who are as fond of pigeons as the ancient Egyptians, have a superstitious notion that, if they place in their pigeon houses small scraps of paper, written over with learned characters, the birds are always sure to thrive the better for the charm; and the monks, who are never slow in profiting by superstition, have, at all times, a supply of such amulets for purchasers.

In general, the fathers of the monastery have been in the habit of scribbling these fragments themselves; but a discovery lately made by them, saves all this trouble. Having dug up (as my informant stated) a chest of old manuscripts, which, being chiefly on the subject of alchemy, must have been buried in the time of Diocletian, “we thought,” added the monk, “that we could not employ such rubbish more properly, than in tearing it up, as you see, for the pigeon houses of the Arabs.”

On my expressing a wish to rescue some part of these treasures from the fate to which his indolent fraternity had consigned them, he produced the manuscript which I have now the pleasure of sending you — the only one, he said, remaining entire — and I very readily paid the price which he demanded for it.

You will find the story, I think, not altogether uninteresting; and the coincidence, in many respects, of the curious details in Chap. VI. with the description of the same ceremonies in the Romance of *Sethos*,<sup>1</sup> will, I have no doubt, strike you. Hoping that you may be induced to give a translation of this Tale to the world,

I am, my dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

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<sup>1</sup> The description, here alluded to, may also be found, copied *verbatim* from *Sethos*, in the “*Voyages d’Anténor*.” — “In that philosophical romance, called ‘*La Vie de Sethos*,’” says Warburton, “we find a much juster account of old Egyptian wisdom, than in all the pretended ‘*Histoire du Ciel*.’” — *Div. Leg.* book iv. sect. 14.

## CHAPTER I.

It was in the fourth year of the reign of the late Emperor Valerian, that the followers of Epicurus, who were at that time numerous in Athens, proceeded to the election of a person to fill the vacant chair of their sect;—and, by the unanimous voice of the School, I was the individual chosen for their Chief. I was just then entering on my twenty-fourth year, and no instance had ever before occurred, of a person so young being selected for that high office. Youth, however, and the personal advantages that adorn it, could not but rank among the most agreeable recommendations to a sect that included within its circle all the beauty as well as the wit of Athens, and which, though dignifying its pursuits with the name of philosophy, was little else than a plausible pretext for the more refined cultivation of pleasure.

The character of the sect had, indeed, much changed, since the time of its wise and virtuous founder, who, while he asserted that Pleasure is the only Good, inculcated also that Good is the only source of Pleasure. The purer part of this doctrine had long evaporated, and the temperate Epicurus would have as little recognized his own sect in the assemblage of refined voluptuaries who now usurped its name, as he would have known his own quiet Garden in the luxurious groves and bowers among which the meetings of the School were now held.

Many causes concurred, at this period, besides the attractiveness of its doctrines, to render our school by far the most popular of any that still survived the glory of Greece. It may generally be observed, that the prevalence, in one half of a community, of very rigid notions on the subject of religion, produces the opposite extremity of laxity and infidelity in the other; and this kind of reaction it was that now mainly contributed to render the doctrines of the Garden the most fashionable philosophy of the day. The rapid progress of the Christian faith had alarmed all those, who, either from piety or worldliness, were interested in the continuance of the old established creed—all who believed in the Deities of Olympus, and all who lived by them. The natural consequence was, a considerable increase of zeal and activity, throughout the constituted authorities and priesthood of the whole Heathen world. What was wanting in sincerity of belief was made up in rigor;—the weakest parts of the Mythology

were those, of course, most angrily defended, and any reflections, tending to bring Saturn, or his wife Ops, into contempt, were punished with the utmost severity of the law.

In this state of affairs, between the alarmed bigotry of the declining Faith and the simple, sublime austerity of her rival, it was not wonderful that those lovers of ease and pleasure, who had no interest, reversionary or otherwise, in the old religion, and were too indolent to inquire into the sanctions of the new, should take refuge from the severities of both in the arms of a luxurious philosophy, which, leaving to others the task of disputing about the future, centred all its wisdom in the full enjoyment of the present.

The sectaries of the Garden had, ever since the death of their founder, been accustomed to dedicate to his memory the twentieth day of every month. To these monthly rites had, for some time, been added a grand annual Festival, in commemoration of his birth. The feasts, given on this occasion by my predecessors in the Chair, had been invariably distinguished for their taste and splendor; and it was my ambition, not merely to imitate this example, but even to render the anniversary, now celebrated under my auspices, so lively and brilliant as to efface the recollection of all that had preceded it.

Seldom, indeed, had Athens witnessed so bright a scene. The grounds that formed the original site of the Garden had received, from time to time, considerable additions; and the whole extent was now laid out with that perfect taste, which understands how to wed Nature with Art, without sacrificing any of her simplicity to the alliance. Walks, leading through wildernesses of shade and fragrance—glades, opening, as if to afford a playground for the sunshine—temples, rising on the very spots where Imagination herself would have called them up, and fountains and lakes, in alternate motion and repose, either wantonly courting the verdure, or calmly sleeping in its embrace—such was the variety of feature that diversified these fair gardens; and, animated as they were on this occasion, by all the living wit and loveliness of Athens, it afforded a scene such as my own youthful fancy, rich as it was then in images of luxury and beauty, could hardly have anticipated.

The ceremonies of the day began with the very dawn, when, according to the form of simpler and better times, those among the disciples who had apartments within the Garden, bore



the image of our Founder in procession from chamber to chamber, chanting verses in praise of what had long ceased to be objects of our irritation — his frugality and temperance.

Round a beautiful lake, in the centre of the Garden, stood four white Doric temples, in one of which was collected a library containing all the flowers of Grecian literature; while, in the remaining three, Conversation, the Song, and the Dance, held, uninterrupted by each other, their respective rites. In the Library stood busts of all the most illustrious Epicureans, both of Rome and Greece — Horace, Atticus, Pliny the elder, the poet Lucretius, Lucian, and the lamented biographer of the Philosophers, lately lost to us, Diogenes Laertius. There were also the portraits, in marble, of all the eminent female votaries of the school — Leontium and her fair daughter Danaë, Themista, Philænis, and others.

It was here that, in my capacity of Heresiarch, on the morning of the Festival, I received the felicitations of the day from some of the fairest lips of Athens; and, in pronouncing the customary oration to the memory of our Master (in which it was usual to dwell upon the doctrines he had inculcated) endeavored to attain that art, so useful before such an audience, of lending to the gravest subjects a charm, which secures them listeners even among the simplest and most volatile.

Though study, as may be supposed, engrossed but little the nights or mornings of the Garden, yet all the lighter parts of learning — that portion of its attic honey, for which the bee is not compelled to go very deep into the flower — was somewhat zealously cultivated by us. Even here, however, the young student had to encounter that kind of distraction, which is, of all others, the least favorable to composure of thought; and, with more than one of my fair disciples, there used to occur such scenes as the following, which a poet of the Garden, taking his picture from the life, thus described: —

“As o'er the lake, in evening's glow,  
That temple threw its lengthening shade,  
Upon the marble steps below  
There sate a fair Corinthian maid,  
Gracefully o'er some volume bending;  
While, by her side, the youthful Sage  
Held back her ringlets, lest, descending,  
They should o'ershadow all the page.”

But it was for the evening of that day, that the richest of our luxuries were reserved. Every

part of the Garden was illuminated, with the most skilful variety of lustre; while over the Lake of the Temples were scattered wreaths of flowers, through which boats, filled with beautiful children, floated, as through a liquid parterre.

Between two of these boats a mock combat was perpetually carried on; — their respective commanders, two blooming youths, being habited to represent Eros and Anteros: the former, the Celestial Love of the Platonists, and the latter, that more earthly spirit, which usurps the name of Love among the Epicureans. Throughout the whole evening their conflict was maintained with various success; the timid distance at which Eros kept aloof from his lively antagonist being his only safeguard against those darts of fire, with showers of which the other assailed him, but which, falling short of their mark upon the lake, only scorched the few flowers on which they fell, and were extinguished.

In another part of the gardens, on a wide glade, illuminated only by the moon, was performed an imitation of the torch race of the Panathenæa by young boys chosen for their fleetness, and arrayed with wings, like Cupids; while, not far off, a group of seven nymphs, with each a star on her forehead, represented the movements of the planetary choir, and embodied the dream of Pythagoras into real motion and song.

At every turning some new enchantment broke unexpectedly on the eye or ear; and now, from the depth of a dark grove, from which a fountain at the same time issued, there came a strain of sweet music, which, mingling with the murmur of the water, seemed like the voice of the spirit that presided over its flow; — while, at other times, the same strain appeared to come breathing from among flowers, or was heard suddenly from under ground, as if the foot had just touched some spring that set its melody in motion.

It may seem strange that I should now dwell upon these trifling details; but they were to me full of the future; and every thing connected with that memorable night — even its long-repentent follies — must forever live fondly and sacredly in my memory. The festival concluded with a banquet, at which, as master of the Sect, I presided; and being, myself, in every sense, the ascendant spirit of the whole scene, gave life to all around me, and saw my own happiness reflected in that of others.

## CHAPTER II.

THE festival was over; — the sounds of the song and dance had ceased, and I was now left in those luxurious gardens, alone. Though so ardent and active a votary of pleasure, I had, by nature, a disposition full of melancholy; — an imagination that, even in the midst of mirth and happiness, presented saddening thoughts, and threw the shadow of the future over the gayest illusions of the present. Melancholy was, indeed, twin born in my soul with Passion; and not even in the fullest fervor of the latter were they ever separated. From the first moment that I was conscious of thought and feeling, the same dark thread had run across the web; and images of death and annihilation came to mingle themselves with even the most smiling scenes through which love and enjoyment led me. My very passion for pleasure but deepened these gloomy thoughts. For, shut out, as I was by my creed, from a future life, and having no hope beyond the narrow horizon of this, every minute of earthly delight assumed, in my eyes, a mournful preciousness; and pleasure, like the flower of the cemetery, grew but more luxuriant from the neighborhood of death.

This very night my triumph, my happiness had seemed complete. I had been the presiding genius of that voluptuous scene. Both my ambition and my love of pleasure had drunk deep of the rich cup for which they thirsted. Looked up to as I was by the learned, and admired and loved by the beautiful and the young, I had seen, in every eye that met mine, either the acknowledgment of bright triumphs already won, or the promise of others, still brighter, that awaited me. Yet, even in the midst of all this, the same dark thoughts had presented themselves; — the perishableness of myself and all around me had recurred every instant to my mind. Those hands I had pressed — those eyes, in which I had seen sparkling a spirit of light and life that ought never to die — those voices, that had spoken of eternal love — all, all, I felt, were but a mockery of the moment, and would leave nothing eternal but the silence of their dust!

O, were it not for this sad voice,  
Stealing amid our mirth to say,  
That all, in which we most rejoice,  
Ere night may be the earthworm's prey; —  
But for this bitter — only this —  
Full as the world is brimm'd with bliss,

And capable as feels my soul  
Of draining to its depth the whole,  
I should turn earth to heaven, and be,  
If bliss made gods, a deity!

Such was the description I gave of my own feelings, in one of those wild, passionate songs, to which this mixture of mirth and melancholy, in a spirit so buoyant, naturally gave birth.

And seldom had my heart so fully surrendered itself to this sort of vague sadness as at that very moment, when, as I paced thoughtfully among the fading lights and flowers of the banquet, the echo of my own step was all that now sounded, where so many gay forms had lately been revelling. The moon was still up, the morning had not yet glimmered, and the calm glories of the night still rested on all around. Unconscious whither my pathway led, I continued to wander along, till I, at length, found myself before that fair statue of Venus, with which the chisel of Alcamenes had embellished our Garden; — that image of deified woman, the only idol to which I had ever yet bent the knee. Leaning against the pedestal of the statue, I raised my eyes to heaven, and fixing them sadly and intently on the ever-burning stars, as if seeking to read the mournful secret in their light, asked, wherefore was it that Man alone must fade and perish, while they, so much less wonderful, less godlike than he, thus still lived on in radiance unchangeable and forever! — “O, that there were some spell, some talisman,” I exclaimed, “to make the spirit that burns within us deathless as those stars, and open to it a career like theirs, as bright and inextinguishable throughout all time!”

While thus indulging in wild and melancholy fancies, I felt that lassitude which earthly pleasure, however sweet, still leaves behind, come insensibly over me, and at length sunk at the base of the statue to sleep.

But even in sleep, the same fancies continued to haunt me; and a dream,<sup>1</sup> so distinct and vivid as to leave behind it the impression of reality, thus presented itself to my mind. I found myself suddenly transported to a wide and desolate plain, where nothing appeared to breathe, or move, or live. The very sky that hung above it looked pale and extinct, giving the idea, not of darkness, but of light that had become dead; — and had that whole region been the remains of some older world, left

<sup>1</sup> For the importance attached to dreams by the ancients see *Jortin*, Remarks on Ecclesiastical History, vol. i. p. 90

broken up and sunless, it could not have presented an aspect more quenched and desolate. The only thing that bespoke life, throughout this melancholy waste, was a small spark of light, that at first glimmered in the distance, but, at length, slowly approached the bleak spot where I stood. As it drew nearer, I could see that its small but steady gleam came from a taper in the hand of an ancient and venerable man, who now stood, like a pale messenger from the grave, before me. After a few moments of awful silence, during which he looked at me with a sadness that thrilled my very soul, he said, "Thou, who seekest eternal life, go unto the shores of the dark Nile—go unto the shores of the dark Nile, and thou wilt find the eternal life thou seekest!"

No sooner had he uttered these words than the deathlike hue of his cheek at once brightened into a smile of more than earthly promise; while the small torch he held in his hand sent forth a glow of radiance, by which suddenly the whole surface of the desert was illuminated;—the light spreading even to the distant horizon's edge, along whose line I could now see gardens, palaces, and spires, all as bright as the rich architecture of the clouds at sunset. Sweet music, too, came floating in every direction through the air, and, from all sides, such varieties of enchantment broke upon me, that, with the excess alike of harmony and of radiance, I awoke.

That infidels should be superstitious is an anomaly neither unusual nor strange. A belief in superhuman agency seems natural and necessary to the mind; and, if not suffered to flow in the obvious channels, it will find a vent in some other. Hence, many who have doubted the existence of a God, have yet implicitly placed themselves under the patronage of Fate or the stars. Much the same inconsistency I was conscious of in my own feelings. Though rejecting all belief in a Divine Providence, I had yet a faith in dreams, that all my philosophy could not conquer. Nor was experience wanting to confirm me in my delusion; for, by some of those accidental coincidences, which make the fortune of soothsayers and prophets, dreams, more than once, had been to me

Oracles, truer far than oak,  
Or dove, or tripod, ever spoke.

It was not wonderful, therefore, that the vision of that night—touching, as it did, a chord so ready to vibrate—should have affected me

with more than ordinary power, and even sunk deeper into my memory with every effort I made to forget it. In vain did I mock at my own weakness;—such self-derision is seldom sincere. In vain did I pursue my accustomed pleasures. Their zest was, as usual, forever new; but still, in the midst of all my enjoyment, came the cold and saddening consciousness of mortality, and, with it, the recollection of that visionary promise, to which my fancy, in defiance of reason, still continued to cling.

At times indulging in reveries, that were little else than a continuation of my dream, I even contemplated the possible existence of some mighty secret, by which youth, if not perpetuated, might be at least prolonged, and that dreadful vicinity of death, within whose circle love pines and pleasure sicken, might be for a while averted. "Who knows," I would ask, "but that in Egypt, that region of wonders, where Mystery hath yet unfolded but half her treasures—where still remain, undeciphered, upon the pillars of Seth, so many written secrets of the antediluvian world—who can tell but that some powerful charm, some amulet, may there lie hid, whose discovery, as this phantom hath promised, but awaits my coming—some compound of the same pure atoms, that form the essence of the living stars, and whose infusion into the frame of man might render him also unfading and immortal!"

Thus fondly did I sometimes speculate, in those vague moods of mind, when the life of excitement in which I was engaged, acting upon a warm heart and vivid fancy, produced an intoxication of spirit, during which I was not wholly myself. This bewilderment, too, was not a little increased by the constant struggle I experienced between my own natural feelings, and the cold, mortal creed of my sect—in endeavoring to escape from whose deadening bondage I but broke loose into the realms of fantasy and romance.

Even in my soberest moments, however, that strange vision forever haunted me; and every effort I made to chase it from my recollection was unavailing. The deliberate conclusion, therefore, to which I at last came, was, that to visit Egypt was now my only resource; that, without seeing that land of wonders, I could not rest, nor, until convinced of my folly by disappointment, be reasonable. Without delay, accordingly, I announced to my friends of the Garden, the intention I had formed to pay a visit to the land of Pyramids. To none of

them, however, did I dare to confess the vague, visionary impulse that actuated me; — knowledge being the object that I alleged, while Pleasure was that for which they gave me credit. The interests of the School, it was feared, might suffer by my absence; and there were some tenderer ties, which had still more to fear from separation. But for the former inconvenience a temporary remedy was provided; while the latter a skilful distribution of vows and sighs alleviated. Being furnished with recommendatory letters to all parts of Egypt, I set sail in the summer of the year 257, A. D., for Alexandria.

### CHAPTER III.

To one, who so well knew how to extract pleasure from every moment on land, a sea voyage, however smooth and favorable, appeared the least agreeable mode of losing time that could be devised. Often, indeed, did my imagination, in passing some isle of those seas, people it with fair forms and loving hearts, to which most willingly would I have paused to offer homage. But the wind blew direct towards the land of Mystery; and, still more, I heard a voice within me, whispering forever "On."

As we approached the coast of Egypt, our course became less prosperous; and we had a specimen of the benevolence of the divinities of the Nile, in the shape of a storm, or rather whirlwind, which had nearly sunk our vessel, and which the Egyptians on board declared to be the work of their deity, Typhon. After a day and night of danger, during which we were driven out of our course to the eastward, some benignant influence prevailed above; and, at length, as the morning freshly broke, we saw the beautiful city of Alexandria rising from the sea, with its proud Palace of Kings, its portico of four hundred columns, and the fair Pillar of Pillars,<sup>1</sup> towering in the midst to heaven.

After passing in review this splendid vision, we shot rapidly round the Rock of Pharos, and, in a few minutes, found ourselves in the harbor of Eunostus. The sun had risen, but the light on the Great Tower of the Rock was still burn-

ing; and there was a languor in the first waking movements of that voluptuous city — whose houses and temples lay shining in silence around the harbor — that sufficiently attested the festivities of the preceding night.

We were soon landed on the quay; and, as I walked, through a line of palaces and shrines, up the street which leads from the sea to the Gate of Canopus, fresh as I was from the contemplation of my own lovely Athens, I yet felt a glow of admiration at the scene around me, which its novelty, even more than its magnificence, inspired. Nor were the luxuries and delights, which such a city promised, among the least of the considerations upon which my fancy dwelt. On the contrary, every thing around me seemed prophetic of love and pleasure. The very forms of the architecture, to my Epicurean imagination, appeared to call up images of living grace; and even the dim seclusion of the temples and groves spoke only of tender mysteries to my mind. As the whole bright scene grew animated around me, I felt that though Egypt might not enable me to lengthen life, she could teach the next best art — that of multiplying its enjoyments.

The population of Alexandria,<sup>2</sup> at this period, consisted of the most motley miscellany of nations, religions, and sects, that had ever been brought together in one city. Beside the school of the Grecian Platonist was seen the oratory of the cabalistic Jew; while the church of the Christian stood, undisturbed, over the crypts of the Egyptian Hierophant. Here, the adorer of Fire, from the East, laughed at the less elegant superstition of the worshipper of cats from the West. Here Christianity, too, had learned to emulate the pious vagaries of Paganism; and while, on one side, her Ophite professor was seen bending his knee gravely before a serpent, on the other, a Nicosian Christian was heard contending, with no less gravity, that there could be no chance whatever of salvation out of the pale of the Greek alphabet. Still worse, the uncharitableness of Christian schism was already, with equal vigor, distinguishing itself; and I heard every where, on my arrival, of the fierce rancor and hate, with which the Greek and Latin churchmen were then persecuting each

<sup>1</sup> More properly, perhaps, "the Column of the Pillars." Vide *Abda'tatif*, Relation de l'Égypte, and the notes of *M. de Sacy*. The great portico around this column (formerly designated Pompey's, but now known to have been erected in honor of Diocletian) was still standing, *M. de Sacy* says, in the time of Saladin. Vide *Lord Valentia's Travels*.

<sup>2</sup> Ammianus thus speaks of the state of Alexandria in his time, which was, I believe, as late as the end of the fourth century: — "Ne nunc quidem in eadem urbe Doctrinæ varietate silent, non apud nos exaruit Musica nec Harmonia conticuit." — Lib. 22.



other, because, forsooth, the one fasted on the seventh day of the week, and the others fasted upon the fourth and sixth!

To none, however, of these different creeds and sects, except in as far as they furnished food for ridicule, had I time to pay much attention. I was now in the most luxurious city of the universe, and accordingly gave way, without reserve, to the various seductions that surrounded me. My reputation, both as a philosopher and a man of pleasure, had preceded my coming; and Alexandria, the second Athens of the world, welcomed me as her own. I found my celebrity, indeed, act as a talisman, that opened all hearts and doors at my approach. The usual novitiate of acquaintance was dispensed with in my favor, and not only intimacies, but loves and friendships, ripened as rapidly in my path, as vegetation springs up where the Nile has flowed. The dark beauty of the Egyptian women<sup>1</sup> possessed a novelty in my eyes that enhanced its other charms; and the hue left by the sun on their rounded cheeks seemed but an earnest of the genial ardor he must have kindled in their hearts—

Th' imbrowning of the fruit, that tells,  
How rich within the soul of sweetness dwells.

Some weeks had now passed in such constant and ever-changing pleasures, that even the melancholy voice deep within my heart, though it still spoke, was but seldom listened to, and soon died away in the sound of the siren songs that surrounded me. At length, as the novelty of

these gay scenes wore off, the same vague and gloomy bodings began to mingle with all my joys; and an incident that occurred, at this time, during one of my gayest revels, conducted still more to deepen their gloom.

The celebration of the annual festival of Serapis happened to take place during my stay, and I was, more than once, induced to mingle with the gay multitudes that flocked to the shrine at Canopus on the occasion. Day and night, as long as this festival lasted, the great canal, which led from Alexandria to Canopus, was covered with boats full of pilgrims of both sexes, all hastening to avail themselves of this pious license, which lent the zest of a religious sanction to pleasure, and gave a holiday to the follies and passions of earth, in honor of heaven.

I was returning, one lovely night, to Alexandria. The north wind, that welcome visitor, had cooled and freshened the air, while the banks, on either side of the stream, sent forth, from groves of orange and henna, the most delicious odors. As I had left all the crowd behind me at Canopus, there was not a boat to be seen on the canal but my own; and I was just yielding to the thoughts which solitude at such an hour inspires, when my reveries were suddenly broken by the sound of some female voices, coming mingled with laughter and screams, from the garden of a pavilion, that stood, brilliantly illuminated, upon the bank of the canal.

On rowing nearer, I perceived that both the mirth and the alarm had been caused by the

<sup>1</sup> From the character of the features of the Sphinx, and a passage in Herodotus, describing the Egyptians as *μελαγχρῆς καὶ οὐλορηχῆς*, Volney, Bruce, and a few others, have concluded that the ancient inhabitants of Egypt were negroes. But this opinion is contradicted by a host of authorities. See *Castera's* notes upon *Bronce's Travels*, for the result of Blumenbach's dissection of a variety of mummies. Denon, speaking of the character of the heads represented in the ancient sculpture and painting of Egypt, says, "Celle des femmes ressemble encore à la figure des jolies femmes d'aujourd'hui: de la rondeur, de la volupté, le nez petit, les yeux longs, peu ouverts," &c. &c. He could judge, too, he says, from the female mummies, "que leurs cheveux étoient longs et lisses, que le caractère de tête de la plupart tenoit du beau style."—"Je rapportai," he adds, "une tête de vieille femme qui étoit aussi belle que celles de Michel-Ange, et leur ressembloit beaucoup."

In a "Description générale de Thèbes," by Messrs. Jollois et Devilliers, they say, "Toutes les sculptures Egyptiennes, depuis les plus grands colosses de Thèbes jusqu'aux plus petites idoles, ne rappellent en aucune manière les traits de la figure des nègres; outre que les têtes des momies des catacombes de Thèbes présentent des profils droits." (See also *M. Jomard's* "Description of Syene and the Cataracts," *Baron Larrey*, on the "conformation physique" of the Egp-

tians, &c.) But the most satisfactory refutation of the opinion of Volney has been afforded within these few years, by *Doctor Granville*, who having been lucky enough to obtain possession of a perfect female mummy, has, by the dissection and admeasurement of its form, completely established the fact, that the ancient Egyptians were of the Caucasian race, not of the Ethiopian. See this gentleman's curious "*Essay on Egyptian Mummies*," read before the Royal Society, April 14, 1825.

De Pauw, the great depreciator of every thing Egyptian, has, on the authority of a passage in Ælian, presumed to affix to the countrywomen of Cleopatra the stigma of complete and unredeemed ugliness. The following line of *Erpides*, however, is an answer to such charges:—

Νεῖλον μὲν αἰδὲ καλλίταρθρονοι ῥοαί.

In addition to the celebrated instances of Cleopatra, Rhodope, &c. we are told, in the authority of Manetho (as given by Zoega from Georgius Syncellus), of a beautiful queen of Memphis, Nitocris, of the sixth dynasty, who, in addition to other charms and perfections, was (rather inconsistently with the negro hypothesis) *ξανθή τῶν χροῖων*, i. e. yellow haired.

See for a tribute to the beauty of the Egyptian women, Montesquieu's Temple de Gnide.



efforts of some playful girls to reach a hedge of jasmine which grew near the water, and in bending towards which they had nearly fallen into the stream. Hastening to proffer my assistance, I soon recognized the voice of one of my fair Alexandrian friends, and, springing on the bank, was surrounded by the whole group, who insisted on my joining their party in the pavilion, and having flung around me, as fetters, the tendrils of jasmine, which they had just plucked, conducted me, no unwilling captive, to the banquet room.

I found here an assemblage of the very flower of Alexandrian society. The unexpectedness of the meeting added new zest to it on both sides; and seldom had I ever felt more enlivened myself, or succeeded better in infusing life and gaiety into others.

Among the company were some Greek women, who, according to the fashion of their country, wore veils; but, as usual, rather to set off than to conceal their beauty, some bright gleams of which were constantly escaping from under the cloud. There was, however, one female, who particularly attracted my attention, on whose head was a chaplet of dark-colored flowers, and who sat veiled and silent during the whole of the banquet. She took no share, I observed, in what was passing around: the viands and the wine went by her untouched, nor did a word that was spoken seem addressed to her ear. This abstraction from a scene so sparkling with gaiety, though apparently unnoticed by any one but myself, struck me as mysterious and strange. I inquired of my fair neighbor the cause of it, but she looked grave and was silent.

In the mean time, the lyre and the cup went round; and a young maid from Athens, as if inspired by the presence of her countryman, took her lute, and sung to it some of the songs of Greece, with a warmth of feeling that bore me back to the banks of the Ilissus, and, even in the bosom of present pleasure, drew a sigh from my heart for that which had passed away. It was daybreak ere our delighted party rose, and most unwillingly reëmbarked to return to the city.

We were scarce afloat, when it was discovered that the lute of the young Athenian had been left behind; and, with a heart still full of its sweet sounds, I most readily sprang on shore to seek it. I hastened at once to the banquet room, which was now dim and solitary, except that—there, to my utter astonishment, was still seated that silent figure, which had awa-

kened so much my curiosity during the evening. A vague feeling of awe came over me, as I now slowly approached it. There was no motion, no sound of breathing in that form;—not a leaf of the dark chaplet upon its brow stirred. By the light of a dying lamp which stood on the table before the figure, I raised, with a hesitating hand, the veil; and saw—what my fancy had already anticipated—that the shape underneath was lifeless, was a skeleton! Startled and shocked, I hurried back with the lute to the boat, and was almost as silent as that shape itself during the remainder of the voyage.

This custom among the Egyptians of placing a mummy, or skeleton, at the banquet table, had been for some time disused, except at particular ceremonies; and, even on such occasions, it had been the practice of the luxurious Alexandrians to disguise this memorial of mortality in the manner just described. But to me, who was wholly unprepared for such a spectacle, it gave a shock from which my imagination did not speedily recover. This silent and ghastly witness of mirth seemed to embody, as it were, the shadow in my own heart. The features of the grave were thus stamped upon the idea that had long haunted me, and this picture of what I was *to be* now associated itself constantly with the sunniest aspect of what I *was*.

The memory of the dream now recurred to me more lively than ever. The bright, assuring smile of that venerable Spirit, and his words, "Go to the shores of the dark Nile, and thou wilt find the eternal life thou seekest," were forever present to my mind. But as yet, alas, I had done nothing towards realizing the proud promise. Alexandria was not Egypt;—the very soil on which it now stood was not in existence, when already Thebes and Memphis had numbered ages of glory.

"No," I exclaimed; "it is only beneath the Pyramids of Memphis, or in the mystic Halls of the Labyrinth, those holy arcana are to be found, of which the antedeluvian world has made Egypt its heir, and among which—blest thought!—the key to eternal life may lie."

Having formed my determination, I took leave of my many Alexandrian friends, and departed for Memphis.

#### CHAPTER IV.

EGYPT was, perhaps, of all others, the country most calculated, from that mixture of the mel-

ancholy and the voluptuous, which marked the character of her people, her religion, and her scenery, to affect deeply a fancy and temperament like mine, and keep both forever tremblingly alive. Wherever I turned, I beheld the desert and the garden, mingling together their desolation and bloom. I saw the love bower and the tomb standing side by side, as if, in that land, Pleasure and Death kept hourly watch upon each other. In the very luxury of the climate there was the same saddening influence. The monotonous splendor of the days, the solemn radiance of the nights — all tended to cherish that ardent melancholy, the offspring of passion and of thought, which had been so long the familiar inmate of my soul.

When I sailed from Alexandria, the inundation of the Nile was at its full. The whole valley of Egypt lay covered by its flood; and, as, looking around me, I saw in the light of the setting sun, shrines, palaces, and monuments, encircled by the waters, I could almost fancy that I beheld the sinking island of Atalantis, on the last evening its temples were visible above the wave. Such varieties, too, of animation as presented themselves on every side! —

While, far as sight could reach, beneath as clear  
And blue a heaven as ever bless'd this sphere,  
Gardens, and pillar'd streets, and porphyry domes,  
And high-built temples, fit to be the homes  
Of mighty gods — and pyramids, whose hour  
Outlasts all time, above the waters tower!

Then, too, the scenes of pomp and joy, that make  
One theatre of this vast peopled lake,  
Where all that Love, Religion, Commerce gives  
Of life and motion, ever moves and lives.  
Here, up the steps of temples, from the wave  
Ascending, in procession slow and grave,  
Priests, in white garments, go, with sacred wands  
And silver cymbals gleaming in their hands:  
While, there, rich barks — fresh from those sunny tracts  
Far off, beyond the sounding cataracts —  
Glide with their precious lading to the sea,  
Plumes of bright birds, rhinoceros' ivory,  
Gems from the Isle of Merôë, and those grains  
Of gold, wash'd down by Abyssinian rains.

Here, where the waters wind into a bay  
Shadowy and cool, some pilgrims on their way

1 Vide Strabo.

2 Το ὄν Σαί της Αθηνάς, ἣν καὶ Ἰσὺ νομιζοῦσιν, ἔδος, περιγραφὴν εἶχει τοιαύτην, Ἐγὼ εἶμι πᾶν τὸ γεγονός, καὶ οὐ καὶ εὐσεμῶν, καὶ τοῖς ἐνὸν πᾶσι οὐδὲς τῶ ἀπκαλυφέν. *Plutarch. de Isid. et Osir.*

3 De-là, en remontant toujours le Nil, on trouve à deux vent cinquante pas, ou environ de la Matarée, les traces de

To Saïs or Bubastus, among beds  
Of lotus flowers,<sup>1</sup> that close above their heads,  
Push their light barks, and hid, as in a bower,  
Sing, talk, or sleep away the sultry hour;  
While haply, not far off, beneath a bank  
Of blossoming acacias, many a prank  
Is play'd in the cool current by a train  
Of laughing nymphs, lovely as she, whose chain  
Around two conquerors of the world was cast,  
But, for a third too feeble, broke at last!

Enchanted with the whole scene, I lingered delightedly on my voyage, visiting all those luxurious and venerable places, whose names have been consecrated by the wonder of ages. At Saïs I was present during her Festival of Lamps, and read, by the blaze of innumerable lights, those sublime words on the temple of Neitha: <sup>2</sup> — “I am all that has been, that is, and that will be, and no man hath ever lifted my veil.” I wandered among the prostrate obelisks of Heliopolis,<sup>3</sup> and saw, not without a sigh, the sun smiling over her ruins, as if in mockery of the mass of perishable grandeur, that had once called itself, in its pride, “The City of the Sun.” But to the Isle of the Golden Venus<sup>4</sup> was, I own, my fondest pilgrimage; — and there, as I rambled through its shades, where bowers are the only temples, I felt how far more worthy to form the shrine of a Deity are the ever-living stems of the garden and the grove, than the most precious columns the inanimate quarry can supply.

Every where new pleasures, new interests awaited me; and though Melancholy stood, as usual, forever near, her shadow fell but half way over my vagrant path, leaving the rest but more welcome brilliant from the contrast. To relate my various adventures, during this short voyage, would only detain me from events, far, far more worthy of record. Amidst all this endless variety of attractions, the great object of my journey had been forgotten; — the mysteries of this land of the sun still remained, to me, as much mysteries as ever, and as yet I had been initiated in nothing but its pleasures.

It was not till that memorable evening, when I first stood before the Pyramids of Memphis, and beheld them towering aloft, like the watch-towers of Time, from whose summit, when

Pancienne Héliopolis, ou Ville de Soleil, à qui ce lieu étoit particulièrement consacré. C'est pour cette raison qu'on l'appelloit encore Pœil, ou la Fontaine du Soleil. *Maillet.*

<sup>4</sup> “On trouve une île appelée Venus-Dorée, ou le champ d'or, avant de remonter jusqu'à Memphis.” *Voyages de Pythagore.*

about to expire, he will look his last — it was not till this moment that the great secret announced in my dream again rose, in all its inscrutable darkness, upon my thoughts. There was a solemnity in the sunshine resting upon those monuments — a stillness, as of reverence, in the air that breathed around them, which seemed to steal, like the music of past times, into my heart. I thought what myriads of the wise, the beautiful, and the brave, had sunk into dust since earth first saw those wonders; and, in the sadness of my soul, I exclaimed, — “Must man alone, then, perish? must minds and hearts be annihilated, while pyramids endure? O, Death, Death! even upon these everlasting tablets — the only approach to immortality that kings themselves could purchase — thou hast written our doom awfully, and intelligibly, saying, ‘There is for man no eternal mansion but the grave!’”

My heart sunk at the thought; and, for the moment, I yielded to that desolate feeling, which overspreads the soul that hath no light from the future. But again the buoyancy of my nature prevailed, and again, the willing dupe of vain dreams, I deluded myself into the belief of all that my heart most wished, with that happy facility which enables imagination to stand in the place of happiness. “Yes,” I cried, “immortality *must* be within man’s reach; and, as wisdom alone is worthy of such a blessing, to the wise alone must the secret have been revealed. It is said, that deep, under yonder pyramid, has lain for ages concealed the Table of Emerald,<sup>1</sup> on which the Thrice-Great Hermes, in times before the flood, engraved the secret of Alchemy, which gives gold at will. Why, then, may not the mightier, the more godlike secret, that gives *life* at will, be recorded there also? It was by the power of gold, of endless gold, that the kings, who now repose in those massy structures, scooped earth to its very centre, and raised quarries into the air, to provide for themselves tombs that might outstand the world. Who can tell but that the gift of immortality

was also theirs? who knows but that they themselves, triumphant over decay, still live; — those mighty mansions, which we call tombs, being rich and everlasting palaces, within whose depths, concealed from this withering world, they still wander, with the few Elect who have been sharers of their gift, through a sunless, but ever illuminated, elysium of their own? Else, wherefore those structures? wherefore that subterranean realm, by which the whole valley of Egypt is undermined? Why, else, those labyrinths, which none of earth hath ever beheld — which none of heaven, except that God, who stands, with finger on his hushed lip,<sup>2</sup> hath ever trodden?”

While thus I indulged in fond dreams, the sun, already half sunk beneath the horizon, was taking, calmly and gloriously, his last look of the Pyramids — as he had done, evening after evening, for ages, till they had grown familiar to him as the earth itself. On the side turned to his ray they now presented a front of dazzling whiteness,<sup>3</sup> while, on the other, their great shadows, lengthening away to the eastward, looked like the first steps of Night, hastening to envelop the hills of Araby in her shade.

No sooner had the last gleam of the sun disappeared, than, on every housetop in Memphis, gay, gilded banners were seen waving aloft, to proclaim his setting — while, at the same moment, a full burst of harmony was heard to peal from all the temples along the shores.

Startled from my musing by these sounds, I at once recollected, that, on that very evening, the great festival of the Moon was to be celebrated. On a little island, half way over between the gardens of Memphis and the eastern shore, stood the temple of that goddess,

whose beams

Bring the sweet time of night flowers and dreams,  
Not the cold Dian of the North, who chains  
In vestal ice the current of young veins;  
But she, who haunts the gay, Bubastian grove,  
And owns she sees, from her bright heav’n above,  
Nothing on earth, to match that heav’n, but love<sup>4</sup>

of these writers to relate to the same art. See *Mutus Liber, Rupella*.

<sup>2</sup> “Enfin Harpocrate représentoit aussi le soleil. Il est vrai que c’étoit le Dieu du Silence; il mettoit le doigt sur la bouche parce qu’on adoroit le soleil avec un respectueux silence, et c’est de là qu’est venu le Sigé des Basilidiens, qui tiroient leur origine de l’Egypte.” *Beusobre*.

<sup>3</sup> “By reflecting the sun’s rays,” says *Clarke*, speaking of the Pyramids, “they appeared white as snow.”

<sup>4</sup> For Bubastis, the Diana of the Egyptians. — Vide *Jablonski*, lib. iii. cap. 4.

<sup>1</sup> For an account of the Table of Emerald, vide *Lettres sur l’Origine des Dieux d’Egypte*. De *Pauw* supposes it to be a modern fiction of the Arabs. Many writers have fancied that the art of making gold was the great secret that lay hid under the forms of Egyptian theology. “La science Hermétique,” says the Benedictine, *Pernetz*, “l’art sacerdotal, étoit la source de toutes les richesses des Rois d’Egypte, et l’objet de ces mystères si cachés sous le voile de leur prétendue Religion.” *Fables Egyptiennes*. The hieroglyphs, that formerly covered the Pyramids, are supposed by some

Thus did I exclaim, in the words of one of their own Egyptian poets, as, anticipating the various delights of the festival, I cast away from my mind all gloomy thoughts, and, hastening to my little bark, in which I now lived the life of a Nile bird, on the waters, steered my course to the island temple of the Moon.

## CHAPTER V.

THE rising of the Moon, slow and majestic, as if conscious of the honors that awaited her upon earth, was welcomed with a loud acclaim from every eminence, where multitudes stood watching for her first light. And seldom had that light risen upon a more beautiful scene. The city of Memphis — still grand, though no longer the unrivalled Memphis, that had borne away from Thebes the crown of supremacy, and worn it undisputed through ages — now, softened by the mild moonlight that harmonized with her decline, shone forth among her lakes, her pyramids, and her shrines, like one of those dreams of human glory that must ere long pass away. Even already ruin was visible around her. The sands of the Libyan desert were gaining upon her like a sea; and there, among solitary columns and sphinxes, already half sunk from sight, Time seemed to stand waiting, till all that now flourished around him should fall beneath his desolating hand, like the rest.

On the waters all was gayety and life. As far as eye could reach, the lights of innumerable boats were seen studding, like rubies, the surface of the stream. Vessels of every kind — from the light coracle,<sup>1</sup> built for shooting down the cataracts, to the large yacht that glides slowly to the sound of flutes — all were afloat for this sacred festival, filled with crowds of the young and the gay, not only from Memphis and Babylon, but from cities still farther removed from the festal scene.

<sup>1</sup> Vide *Amalhou*, "Histoire de la Navigation et du Commerce des Egyptiens sous les Ptolémées." See also, for a description of the various kinds of boats used on the Nile, *Mallet*, tom. i. p. 98.

<sup>2</sup> Vide *Maarice*, Appendix to "Ruins of Babylon." Another reason, he says, for their worship of the Ibis, "founded on their love of geometry, was (according to Plutarch) that the space between its legs, when parted asunder, as it walks, together with its beak, forms a complete equilateral triangle." From the examination of the embalmed birds, found in the Catacombs of Saccara, there seems to be no doubt that the Ibis was the same kind of bird as that

As I approached the island, I could see, glittering through the trees on the bank, the lamps of the pilgrims hastening to the ceremony. Landing in the direction which those lights pointed out, I soon joined the crowd; and, passing through a long alley of sphinxes, whose spangling marble gleamed out from the dark sycamores around them, reached in a short time the grand vestibule of the temple, where I found the ceremonies of the evening already commenced.

In this vast hall, which was surrounded by a double range of columns, and lay open overhead to the stars of heaven, I saw a group of young maidens, moving in a sort of measured step, between walk and dance, round a small shrine, upon which stood one of those sacred birds,<sup>2</sup> that, on account of the variegated color of their wings, are dedicated to the worship of the moon. The vestibule was dimly lighted — there being but one lamp of naphtha hung on each of the great pillars that encircled it. But, having taken my station beside one of those pillars, I had a clear view of the young dancers, as in succession they passed me.

The drapery of all was white as snow; and each wore loosely, beneath the bosom, a dark-blue *zocæ*, or *bandelet*, studded, like the skies at midnight, with small silver stars. Through their dark locks was wreathed the white lily of the Nile — that sacred flower being accounted no less welcome to the moon, than the golden blossoms of the bean flower<sup>3</sup> are known to be to the sun. As they passed under the lamp, a gleam of light flashed from their bosoms, which, I could perceive, was the reflection of a small mirror, that, in the manner of the women of the East, each of the dancers wore beneath her left shoulder.

There was no music to regulate their steps; but, as they gracefully went round the bird on the shrine, some, to the beat of the castanet, some, to the shrill ring of a sistrum<sup>4</sup> — which they held uplifted in the attitude of their own

described by Bruce, under the Arabian name of *Abou Haumes*.

<sup>3</sup> "La fleur en est mille fois plus odoriférante que celles de nos fêtes d'Europe, quoique leur parfum nous paroisse si agréable. Comme on en sème beaucoup dans les terres voisines, du Caire, du côté de l'occident, c'est quelque chose de charmant que l'air embaumé que l'on respire le soir sur les terrasses, quand le vent de l'ouest vient à souffler, et y apporte cette odeur admirable." *Mallet*.

<sup>4</sup> "Isis est genius," says *Scriverius*, "Ægypti, qui per sistrum motum, quod gerit in dextra, Nilii accessus recessusque significat."



divine Isis — continued harmoniously to time the cadence of their feet; while others, at every step, shook a small chain of silver, whose sound, mingling with those of the castanets and sistrams, produced a wild, but not unpleasing, harmony.

They seemed all lovely; but there was one — whose face the light had not yet reached, so downcast she held it — who attracted, and, at length, riveted all my looks and thoughts. I know not why, but there was a something in those half-seen features — a charm in the very shadow, that hung over their imagined beauty — which took my fancy more than all the outshining loveliness of her companions. So enchained was I by this coy mystery, that her alone, of all the group, could I either see or think of — her alone I watched, as, with the same downcast brow, she glided gently and aerially round the altar, as if her presence, like that of a spirit, was something to be felt, not seen.

Suddenly, while I gazed, the loud crash of a thousand cymbals was heard; — the massy gates of the Temple flew open, as if by magic, and a flood of radiance from the illuminated aisle filled the whole vestibule; while, at the same instant, as if the light and the sounds were born together, a peal of rich harmony came mingling with the radiance.

It was then — by that light, which shone full upon the young maiden's features, as, starting at the sudden blaze, she raised her eyes to the portal, and as quickly let fall their lids again — it was then I beheld, what even my own ardent imagination, in its most vivid dreams of beauty, had never pictured. Not Psyche herself, when pausing on the threshold of heaven, while its first glories fell on her dazzled lids, could have looked more purely beautiful, or blushed with a more innocent shame. Often as I had felt the power of looks, none had ever entered into my soul so deeply. It was a new feeling — a new sense — coming as suddenly upon me as that radiance into the vestibule, and, at once, filling my whole being; — and had that bright

vision but lingered another moment before my eyes, I should in my transport have wholly forgotten who I was and where, and thrown myself, in prostrate adoration, at her feet.

But scarcely had that gush of harmony been heard, when the sacred bird, which had, till now, been standing motionless as an image, spread wide his wings, and flew into the Temple; while his graceful young worshippers, with a fleetness like his own, followed — and she, who had left a dream in my heart never to be forgotten, vanished along with the rest. As she went rapidly past the pillar against which I leaned, the ivy that encircled it<sup>1</sup> caught in her drapery, and disengaged some ornament which fell to the ground. It was the small mirror<sup>2</sup> which I had seen shining on her bosom. Hastily and tremulously I picked it up, and hurried to restore it; but she was already lost to my eyes in the crowd.

In vain did I try to follow; — the aisles were already filled, and numbers of eager pilgrims pressed towards the portal. But the servants of the Temple denied all farther entrance, and still, as I presented myself, their white wands barred the way. Perplexed and irritated amid that crowd of faces, regarding all as enemies that impeded my progress, I stood on tiptoe, gazing into the busy aisles, and with a heart beating as I caught, from time to time, a glimpse of some spangled zone, or lotus wreath, which led me to fancy that I had discovered the fair object of my search. But it was all in vain; — in every direction, files of sacred nymphs were moving, but nowhere could I discover her whom alone I sought.

In this state of breathless agitation did I stand for some time — bewildered with the confusion of faces and lights, as well as with the clouds of incense that rolled around me — till, fevered and impatient, I could endure it no longer. Forcing my way out of the vestibule into the cool air, I hurried back through the alley of sphinxes to the shore, and flung myself into my boat.

There lies, to the north of Memphis,<sup>3</sup> a soli-

<sup>1</sup> The ivy was consecrated to Osiris. Vide *Diodor. Sic* l. 10.

<sup>2</sup> "Quelques unes," says *Dupuis*, describing the processions of Isis, "portoient des miroirs attachés à leurs épaules, afin de multiplier et de porter dans tous les sens les images de la Déesse." *Origine des Cultes*, tom. viii. p. 847. A mirror, it appears, was also one of the emblems in the mysteries of Bacchus.

<sup>3</sup> "Tout prouve que la territoire de Sakkarah étoit la Necropolis au sud de Memphis, et le faubourg opposé à celui

ci, où sont les pyramides de Gizeh, une autre Ville des Morts, qui terminoit Memphis au nord." *Denon*.

There is nothing known with certainty as to the site of Memphis, but it will be perceived that the description of its position given by the Epicurean corresponds, in almost every particular, with that which M. Maillet (the French consul, for many years, at Cairo) has, in his work on Egypt, left us. It must be always borne in mind, too, that of the distances between the respective places here mentioned, we have no longer any accurate means of judging.



tary lake, (which, at this season of the year, mingles with the rest of the waters,) upon whose shores stands the Necropolis, or City of the Dead — a place of melancholy grandeur, covered over with shrines and pyramids, where many a kingly head, proud even in death, has lain awaiting through long ages the resurrection of its glories. Through a range of sepulchral grots underneath, the humbler denizens of the tomb are deposited — looking out on each successive generation that visits them, with the same face and features<sup>1</sup> they wore centuries ago. Every plant and tree, consecrated to death, from the asphodel flower to the mystic plantain, lends its sweetness or shadow to this place of tombs; and the only noise that disturbs its eternal calm, is the low humming sound of the priests at prayer, when a new inhabitant is added to the silent city.

It was towards this place of death that, in a mood of mind, as usual, half gloomy, half bright, I now, almost unconsciously, directed my bark. The form of the young Priestess was continually before me. That one bright look of hers, the very remembrance of which was worth all the actual smiles of others, never for a moment left my mind. Absorbed in such thoughts, I continued to row on, scarce knowing whither I went, till, at length, startled to find myself within the shadow of the City of the Dead, I looked up, and beheld, rising in succession before me, pyramid beyond pyramid<sup>2</sup> each towering more loftily than the other — while all were outtopped in grandeur by one, upon whose summit the bright moon rested as on a pedestal.

Drawing nearer to the shore, which was sufficiently elevated to raise this silent city of tombs above the level of the inundation, I rested my oar, and allowed the boat to rock idly upon the water, while, in the mean time, my thoughts, left equally without direction, were allowed to fluctuate as idly. How vague and various were the dreams that then floated through my mind — that bright vision of the temple still mingling itself with all! Sometimes she stood before me, like an aerial spirit, as pure as if that element of music and light, into which I had seen her vanish, was her only dwelling. Sometimes, animated with passion, and kindling into a

creature of earth, she seemed to lean towards me with looks of tenderness, which it were worth worlds, but for one instant, to inspire; and again — as the dark fancies, that ever haunted me, recurred — I saw her cold, parched, and blackening, amid the gloom of those eternal sepulchres before me!

Turning away, with a shudder, from the cemetery at this thought, I heard the sound of an oar plying swiftly through the water, and, in a few moments, saw, shooting past me towards the shore, a small boat in which sat two female figures, muffled up and veiled. Having landed them not far from the spot where, under the shadow of a tomb on the bank, I lay concealed, the boat again departed, with the same fleetness, over the flood.

Never had the prospect of a lively adventure come more welcome to me than at this moment, when my busy fancy was employed in weaving such chains for my heart, as threatened a bondage, of all others, the most difficult to break. To become enamoured thus of a creature of my own imagination, was the worst, because the most lasting, of follies. It is only reality that can afford any chance of dissolving such spells, and the idol I was now creating to myself must forever remain ideal. Any pursuit, therefore, that seemed likely to divert me from such thoughts — to bring back my imagination to earth and reality, from the vague region in which it had been wandering, was a relief far too seasonable not to be welcomed with eagerness.

I had watched the course which the two figures took, and, having hastily fastened my boat to the bank, stepped gently on shore, and, at a little distance, followed them. The windings through which they led were intricate; but, by the bright light of the moon, I was enabled to keep their forms in view, as, with rapid step, they glided among the monuments. At length, in the shade of a small pyramid, whose peak barely surmounted the plane trees that grew nigh, they vanished from my sight. I hastened to the spot, but there was not a sign of life around; and, had my creed extended to another world, I might have fancied these forms were spirits, sent down from thence to mock

<sup>1</sup> "Par-là non seulement on conservoit les corps d'une famille entière, mais en descendant dans ces lieux souterrains, où ils étoient déposés, on pouvoit se représenter en un instant tous ses ancêtres depuis plusieurs milliers d'années, tels a-peu-près qu'ils étoient de leur vivant." *Maillet*.

<sup>2</sup> "Multas olim pyramidas fuisse e ruinis arguitur." *Zo-*

*ega*. — *Fansleb*, who visited more than ten of the small pyramids, is of opinion that there must have originally been a hundred in this place.

See, on the subject of the lake to the northward of Memphis, *Shaw's Travels*, p. 302.

me — so instantaneously had they disappeared. I searched through the neighboring grove, but all there was still as death. At length, in examining one of the sides of the pyramid, which, for a few feet from the ground, was furnished with steps, I found, midway between peak and base, a part of its surface, which, although presenting to the eye an appearance of smoothness, gave to the touch, I thought, indications of a concealed opening.

After a variety of efforts and experiments, I, at last, more by accident than skill, pressed the spring that commanded this hidden aperture. In an instant the portal slid aside, and disclosed a narrow stairway within, the two or three first steps of which were discernible by the moonlight, while the rest were all lost in utter darkness. Though it was difficult to conceive that the persons whom I had been pursuing would have ventured to pass through this gloomy opening, yet to account for their disappearance otherwise was still more difficult. At all events, my curiosity was now too eager in the chase to relinquish it; — the spirit of adventure, once raised, could not be so easily laid. Accordingly, having sent up a gay prayer to that bliss-loving Queen whose eye alone was upon me, I passed through the portal, and descended into the pyramid.

## CHAPTER VI.

At the bottom of the stairway I found myself in a low, narrow passage, through which, without stooping almost to the earth, it was impossible to proceed. Though leading through a multiplicity of dark windings, this way seemed but little to advance my progress — its course, I perceived, being chiefly circular, and gathering, at every turn, but a deeper intensity of darkness.

"Can any thing," thought I, "of human-kind, sojourn here?" — and had scarcely asked myself the question, when the path opened into a long gallery, at the farthest end of which

a gleam of light was visible. This welcome glimmer appeared to issue from some cell or alcove, in which the right-hand wall of the gallery terminated, and, breathless with expectation, I stole gently towards it.

Arrived at the end of the gallery, a scene presented itself to my eyes, for which my fondest expectations of adventure could not have prepared me. The place from which the light proceeded was a small chapel, of whose interior, from the dark recess in which I stood, I could take, unscen myself, a full and distinct view. Over the walls of this oratory were painted some of those various symbols, by which the mystic wisdom of the Egyptians loves to shadow out the History of the Soul; the winged globe with a serpent — the rays descending from above, like a glory — and the Theban beetle,<sup>1</sup> as he comes forth after the waters have passed away, and the first sunbeam falls on his regenerated wings.

In the middle of the chapel, on a low altar of granite, lay a lifeless female form, enshrined within a case of crystal<sup>2</sup> — as it is the custom to preserve the dead in Ethiopia — and looking as freshly beautiful as if the soul had but a few hours departed. Among the emblems of death,<sup>3</sup> on the front of the altar, were a slender lotus branch broken in two, and a small bird just winging its flight from the spray.

To these memorials of the dead, however, I paid but little attention; for there was a living object there upon which my eyes were now intently fixed.

The lamp, by which the whole of the chapel was illuminated, was placed at the head of the pale image in the shrine; and between its light and me stood a female form, bending over the monument, as if to gaze upon the silent features within. The position in which this figure was placed, intercepting a strong light, afforded me, at first, but an imperfect and shadowy view of it. Yet even at this mere outline I felt my heart beat high — and memory had no less share, as it proved, in this feeling than imagina-

<sup>1</sup> "On voit en Egypte, après la retraite du Nil et la fécondation des terres, le limon couvert d'une multitude de scarabées. Un pareil phénomène a dû sembler aux Egyptiens le plus propre à peindre une nouvelle existence." *M. Jonard*. — Partly for the same reason, and partly for another, still more forcible, the early Christians used to apply this emblem to Christ. "Bonus ille scarabæus meus," says St. Augustine, "non est tantum de causâ quod unigenitus, quod ipsimet sui auctor mortalium speciem inducit, sed quod in hac nostrâ fœce sese volutaverit et ex hac ipsâ nasci voluerit."

<sup>2</sup> "Les Egyptiens ont fait aussi, pour conserver leurs morts, des caisses de verre." — *De Pauw*. He mentions, also, in another place, a sort of transparent substance, which the Ethiopians used for the same purpose, and which was frequently mistaken by the Greeks for glass.

<sup>3</sup> "Un prêtre, qui brise la tige d'une fleur, des oiseaux qui s'envolent, sont les emblèmes de la mort et de l'âme qui se sépare du corps." *Denon*.

Theseus employs the same image in the Phædra: —

Οὐκίς γὰρ ὡς τις ἐκ χερῶν ἀθαντὸς εἰ  
Πηδῆρ' ἐς ἄβυθον πικρὸν ἄρησασα μοι.

tion. For, on the head changing its position, so as to let a gleam fall upon the features, I saw, with a transport which had almost led me to betray my lurking-place, that it was she — the young worshipper of Isis — the same, the very same, whom I had seen, brightening the holy place where she stood, and looking like an inhabitant of some purer world.

The movement, by which she had now afforded me an opportunity of recognizing her, was made in raising from the shrine a small cross<sup>1</sup> of silver, which lay directly over the bosom of the lifeless figure. Bringing it close to her lips, she kissed it with a religious fervor; then, turning her eyes mournfully upwards, held them fixed with a degree of inspired earnestness, as if, at that moment, in direct communion with Heaven, they saw neither roof, nor any other earthly barrier between them and the skies.

What a power is there in innocence! whose very helplessness is its safeguard — in whose presence even Passion himself stands abashed, and turns worshipper at the very altar which he came to despoil! She, who, but a short hour before, had presented herself to my imagination as something I could have risked immortality to win — she, whom gladly, from the floor of her own lighted temple, in the very face of its proud ministers, I would have borne away in triumph, and dared all punishments, divine and human, to make her mine — that very creature was now before me, as if thrown by fate itself, into my power — standing there, beautiful and alone, with nothing but her innocence for her guard! Yet, no — so touching was the purity of the whole scene, so calm and august that protection which the dead extended over the living, that every earthly feeling was forgotten as I gazed, and love itself became exalted into reverence.

But, entranced as I felt in witnessing such a scene, thus to enjoy it by stealth seemed to me

a wrong, a sacrilege — and, rather than let her eyes encounter the flash of mine, or disturb, by a whisper, that sacred silence, in which Youth and Death held communion through unlying Love, I would have suffered my heart to break, without a murmur, where I stood. Gently, as if life itself depended on my every movement, I stole away from that tranquil and holy scene — leaving it still holy and tranquil as I had found it — and, gliding back through the same passages and windings by which I had entered, reached again the narrow stairway, and re-ascended into light.

The sun had just risen, and, from the summit of the Arabian hills, was pouring down his beams into that vast valley of waters — as if proud of last night's homage to his own divine Isis, now fading away in the superior splendor of her Lord. My first impulse was to fly at once from this dangerous spot, and in new loves and pleasures seek forgetfulness of the wondrous scene I had just witnessed. "Once," I exclaimed, "out of the circle of this enchantment, I know too well my own susceptibility to new impressions, to feel any doubt that I shall soon break the spell that is now around me."

But vain were all my efforts and resolves. Even while swearing to fly that spot, I found my steps still lingering fondly round the pyramid — my eyes still turned towards the portal which severed this enchantress from the world of the living. Hour after hour did I wander through that City of Silence, till, already, it was midday, and, under the sun's meridian eye, the mighty pyramid of pyramids stood, like a great spirit, shadowless.<sup>2</sup>

Again did those wild and passionate feelings, which, for the moment, her presence had subdued into reverence, return to take possession of my imagination and my senses. I even re-proached myself for the awe, that had held me spell-bound before her. "What," thought I,

<sup>1</sup> A cross was, among the Egyptians, the emblem of a future life.

<sup>2</sup> The singular appearance of a Cross so frequently recurring among the hieroglyphics of Egypt, had excited the curiosity of the Christians at a very early period of ecclesiastical history; and as some of the Priests, who were acquainted with the meaning of the hieroglyphics, became converted to Christianity, the secret transpired. 'The converted heathens,' says Socrates Scholasticus, 'explained the symbol, and declared that it signified Life to Come.' Clarke.

Lipsius, therefore, is mistaken in supposing the Cross to have been an emblem peculiar to the Christians. See, on this subject, *L'Histoire des Juifs*, liv. vi. c. 16.

It is singular enough that while the Cross was thus held

sacred among the Egyptians, not only the custom of striking the forehead with the sign of the Cross, but Baptism and the consecration of the bread in the Eucharist, were imitated in the mysterious ceremonies of Mithra. *Tertull. de Proscriptione Hereticorum*.

Zoega is of opinion that the Cross, said to have been for the first time found, on the destruction of the temple of Serapis, by the Christians, could not have been the *crux ansata*; as nothing is more common than this emblem on all the Egyptian monuments.

<sup>2</sup> It was an idea entertained among the ancients that the Pyramids were so constructed ("mecanikâ constructione," says *Ammianus Marcellinus*) as never to cast any shadow.

“ would my companions of the Garden say, did they know that their chief — he whose path Love had strewed with trophies — was now pining for a simple Egyptian girl, in whose presence he had not dared to utter a single sigh, and who had vanquished the victor, without even knowing her triumph ! ”

A blush came over my cheek at the humiliating thought, and I determined, at all risks, to await her coming. That she should be an inmate of those gloomy caverns seemed inconceivable ; nor did there appear to be any egress out of their depths but by the pyramid. Again, therefore, like a sentinel of the dead, did I pace up and down among those tombs, contrasting mournfully the burning fever in my own veins with the cold quiet of those who lay slumbering around.

At length the intense glow of the sun over my head, and, still more, that ever restless agitation in my heart, became too much for even strength like mine to endure. Exhausted, I threw myself down at the base of the pyramid — choosing my place directly under the portal, where, even should slumber surprise me, my heart, if not my ear, might still keep watch, and her footstep, light as it was, could not fail to awake me.

After many an ineffectual struggle against drowsiness, I at length sunk into sleep — but not into forgetfulness. The same image still haunted me, in every variety of shape, with which imagination, assisted by memory, could invest it. Now, like the goddess Neïtha, upon her throne at Sais, she seemed to sit, with the veil just raised from that brow, which till then no mortal had ever beheld — and now, like the beautiful enchantress Rhodope, I saw her rise from out the pyramid in which she had dwelt for ages, —

“ Fair Rhodope,<sup>1</sup> as story tells,  
The bright unearthly nymph, who dwells  
Mid sunless gold and jewels hid,  
The Lady of the Pyramid ! ”

So long had my sleep continued, that, when I awoke, I found the moon again resplendent above the horizon. But all around was looking tranquil and lifeless as before ; nor did a print on the grass betray that any foot had passed

there since my own. Refreshed, however, by my long rest, and with a fancy still more excited by the mystic wonders of which I had been dreaming, I now resolved to revisit the chapel in the pyramid, and put an end, if possible, to this strange mystery that haunted me.

Having learned, from the experience of the preceding night, the inconvenience of encountering those labyrinths without a light, I now hastened to provide myself with a lamp from my boat. Tracking my way back with some difficulty to the shore, I there found not only my lamp, but also some dates and dried fruits, of which I was always provided with store, for my roving life upon the waters, and which, after so many hours of abstinence, were now a most welcome and necessary relief.

Thus prepared, I again ascended the pyramid, and was proceeding to search out the secret spring, when a loud, dismal noise was heard at a distance, to which all the melancholy echoes of the cemetery gave answer. The sound came, I knew, from the Great Temple on the shore of the lake, and was the sort of shriek which its gates — the Gates of Oblivion<sup>2</sup> as they are called — used always to send forth from their hinges, when opening at night, to receive the newly-landed dead.

I had, more than once before, heard that sound, and always with sadness ; but, at this moment, it thrilled through me like a voice of ill omen, and I almost doubted whether I should not abandon my enterprise. The hesitation, however, was but momentary ; — even while it passed through my mind, I had touched the spring of the portal. In a few seconds more, I was again in the passage beneath the pyramid ; and, being enabled by the light of my lamp to follow the windings more rapidly, soon found myself at the door of the small chapel in the gallery.

I entered, still awed, though there was now, alas, nought living within. The young Priestess had vanished like a spirit into the darkness. and all the rest remained as I had left it on the preceding night. The lamp still stood burning upon the crystal shrine ; the cross was lying where the hands of the young mourner had placed it, and the cold image, within the shrine, wore still the same tranquil look, as if resigned

<sup>1</sup> From the story of Rhodope, *Zoega* thinks, “ videntur Arabes ansam arripuisse ut in una ex pyramidibus, genii loco, habitare dicerent mulierem nudam insignis pulchritudinis quæ aspectu suo homines insanire faciat.” *De Usu Obeliscorum*. See also *L'Égypte de Martadi par Vattier*.

<sup>2</sup> “ Apud Memphim œneas quasdam portas, quæ Lethæi et Cocytii (hoc est oblivionis et lamentationis) appellantur aperiri, gravem asperumque edentes sonum.” *Zoega*



to the solitude of death — of all lone things the loneliest. Remembering the lips that I had seen kiss that cross, and kindling with the recollection, I raised it passionately to my own ; — but the dead eyes, I thought, met mine, and, awed and saddened in the midst of my ardor, I replaced the cross upon the shrine.

I had now lost every clew to the object of my pursuit, and, with all that sullen satisfaction which certainty, even when unwelcome, brings, was about to retrace my steps slowly to earth, when, as I held forth my lamp, on leaving the chapel, I perceived that the gallery, instead of terminating here, took a sudden and snake-like bend to the left, which had before eluded my observation, and which seemed to give promise of a pathway still farther into those recesses. Reanimated by this discovery, which opened a new source of hope to my heart, I cast, for a moment, a hesitating look at my lamp, as if to inquire whether it would be faithful through the gloom I was about to encounter, and then, without further consideration, rushed eagerly forward.

## CHAPTER VII.

THE path led, for a while, through the same sort of narrow windings as those which I had before encountered in descending the stairway ; and at length opened, in a similar manner, into a straight and steep gallery, along each side of which stood, closely ranged and upright, a file of lifeless bodies,<sup>1</sup> whose glassy eyes appeared to glare upon me preternaturally as I passed.

Arrived at the end of this gallery, I found my hopes, for the second time, vanish ; as the path, it was manifest, extended no farther. The only object I was able to discern, by the glimmering of my lamp, which now burned, every minute, fainter and fainter, was the mouth of a huge well, that lay gaping before me — a reservoir of darkness, black and unfathomable. It now crossed my memory that I had once heard of such wells, as being used occasionally for passages by the priests. Leaning down, therefore, over the edge, I examined anxiously all within, in order to see if it afforded the means of effecting a descent into the chasm ; but the sides, I could perceive, were hard and smooth as glass,

being varnished all over with that sort of dark pitch, which the Dead Sea throws out upon its slimy shore.

After a more attentive scrutiny, however, I observed, at the depth of a few feet, a sort of iron step, projecting dimly from the side, and, below it, another, which, though hardly perceptible, was just sufficient to encourage an adventurous foot to the trial. Though all hope of tracing the young Priestess was now at an end — it being impossible that female foot should have ventured on this descent — yet, as I had engaged so far in the adventure, and there was, at least, a mystery to be unravelled, I determined, at all hazards, to explore the chasm. Placing my lamp, therefore, (which was hollowed at the bottom, so as to be worn like a helmet,) firmly upon my head, and having thus both hands at liberty for exertion, I set my foot cautiously on the iron step, and descended into the well.

I found the same footing, at regular intervals, to a considerable depth ; and had already counted near a hundred of these steps, when the ladder altogether ceased, and I could descend no farther. In vain did I stretch down my foot in search of support — the hard slippery sides were all that it encountered. At length, stooping my head, so as to let the light fall below, I observed an opening or window directly above the step on which I stood, and, taking for granted that the way must lie in that direction, contrived to clamber with no small difficulty through the aperture.

I now found myself on a rude and narrow stairway, the steps of which were cut out of the living rock, and wound spirally downward in the same direction as the well. Almost dizzy with the descent, which seemed as if it would never end, I, at last, reached the bottom, where a pair of massy iron gates were closed directly across my path, as if wholly to forbid any farther progress. Massy and gigantic, however, as they were, I found, to my surprise, that the hand of an infant might have opened them with ease — so readily did their stupendous folds give way to my touch,

“ Light as a lime bush, that receives  
Some wandering bird among its leaves.”

No sooner, however, had I passed through, than the astounding din, with which the gates clashed

<sup>1</sup> See, for the custom of burying the dead upright, (“ post funus stantia busto corpora,” as Statius describes it,) Dr Clarke’s preface to the 2d section of his fifth volume. They

used to insert precious stones in the place of the eyes. “ Les yeux étoient formés d’émeraudes, de turquoises,” &c — Vide *Masoudy*, quoted by *Quatremère*.



together again,<sup>1</sup> was such as might have awakened death itself. It seemed as if every echo<sup>2</sup> throughout that vast, subterranean world, from the Catacombs of Alexandria to Thebes's Valley of Kings, had caught up and repeated the thundering sound.

Startled as I was by the crash, not even this supernatural clangor could divert my attention from the sudden light that now broke around me — soft, warm, and welcome as are the stars of his own South to the eyes of the mariner who has long been wandering through the cold seas of the North. Looking for the source of this splendor, I saw, through an archway opposite, a long illuminated alley, stretching away as far as the eye could reach, and fenced, on one side, with thickets of odoriferous shrubs, while, along the other extended a line of lofty arcades, from which the light, that filled the whole area, issued. As soon, too, as the din of the deep echoes had subsided, there stole gradually on my ear a strain of choral music, which appeared to come mellowed and sweetened in its passage, through many a spacious hall within those shining arcades; while among the voices I could distinguish some female tones, which, towering high and clear above all the rest, formed the spire, as it were, into which the harmony tapered, as it rose.

So excited was my fancy by this sudden enchantment, that — though never had I caught a sound from the fair Egyptian's lips — I yet persuaded myself that the voice I now heard was hers, sounding highest and most heavenly of all that choir, and calling to me, like a distant spirit from its sphere. Animated by this thought, I flew forward to the archway, but found, to my mortification, that it was guarded by a trellis work, whose bars, though invisible at a distance, resisted all my efforts to force them.

While occupied in these ineffectual struggles, I perceived, to the left of the archway, a dark, cavernous opening, which seemed to lead in a direction parallel to the lighted arcades. Notwithstanding, however, my impatience, the aspect of this passage, as I looked shudderingly

into it, chilled my very blood. It was not so much darkness, as a sort of livid and ghastly twilight, from which a damp, like that of death vaults, exhaled, and through which, if my eyes did not deceive me, pale, phantom-like shapes were, at that very moment, hovering.

Looking anxiously round, to discover some less formidable outlet, I saw, over the vast folding gates through which I had just passed, a blue, tremulous flame, which, after playing for a few seconds over the dark ground of the pediment, settled gradually into characters of light, and formed the following words: —

You, who would try  
Yon terrible track,  
To live, or to die,  
But ne'er to look back —  
You, who aspire  
To be purified there,  
By the terrors of Fire,  
Of Water, and Air —  
If danger, and pain,  
And death you despise,  
On — for again  
Into light you shall rise ;  
Rise into light  
With that Secret Divine,  
Now shrouded from sight  
By the Veils of the Shrine '  
But if —

Here the letters faded away into a dead blank, more awfully intelligible than the most eloquent words.

A new hope now flashed across me. The dream of the Garden, which had been for some time almost forgotten, returned freshly to my mind. "Am I then," I exclaimed, "in the path to the promised mystery? and shall the great secret of Eternal Life *indeed* be mine?"

"Yes!" seemed to answer out of the air, that spirit voice, which still was heard at a distance crowning the choir with its single sweetness. I hailed the omen with transport. Love and Immortality, both beckoning me onward — who would give even a thought to fear, with two such bright hopes in prospect? Having invoked and blessed that unknown enchantress,

<sup>2</sup> See, for the echoes in the pyramids, *Plutarch. de Placitis Philosoph.*

<sup>3</sup> "Ce moment heureux (de l'Autopsie) étoit préparé par des scènes effrayantes, par des alternatives de crainte et de joie, de lumière et de ténèbres, par le leur des éclairs, par le bruit terrible de la foudre, qu'on imitoit, et par des apparitions de spectres, des illusions magiques, qui frappoient les yeux et les oreilles tout ensemble." *Dupuis*

<sup>1</sup> The following verses of Claudian are supposed to have been meant as a description of those imitations of the noise of earthquake and thunder which, by means of the Ceraunoscopes, and other such contrivances, were practised in the shows of the Mysteries: —

Jam mihi certumtur trepidis delubra moveri  
Sedibus, et clarum dispergere culmina lucem,  
Adventum testata Dei. Jam magnus ab inis  
Auditur fremitus terris, templumque renugit  
Cecropium.

*Rapt. Proserp. lib. i.*

whose steps had led me to this abode of mystery and knowledge, I instantly plunged into the chasm.

Instead of that vague, spectral twilight which had at first met my eye, I now found, as I entered, a thick darkness, which, though far less horrible, was, at this moment, still more disconcerting, as my lamp, which had been, for some time, almost useless, was now fast expiring. Resolved, however, to make the most of its last gleam, I hastened, with rapid step, through this gloomy region, which appeared to be wider and more open to the air than any I had yet passed. Nor was it long before the sudden appearance of a bright blaze in the distance announced to me that my first great Trial was at hand. As I drew nearer, the flames before me burst high and wide on all sides; — and the awful spectacle that then presented itself was such as might have daunted hearts far more accustomed to dangers than mine.

There lay before me, extending completely across my path, a thicket, or grove of the most combustible trees of Egypt — tamarind, pine, and Arabian balm; while around their stems and branches were coiled serpents of fire,<sup>1</sup> which, twisting themselves rapidly from bough to bough, spread the contagion of their own wildfire as they went, and involved tree after tree in one general blaze. It was, indeed, rapid as the burning of those reed beds of Ethiopia,<sup>2</sup> whose light is often seen brightening, at night, the distant cataracts of the Nile.

Through the middle of this blazing grove, I could now perceive, my only pathway lay. There was not a moment, therefore, to be lost — for the conflagration gained rapidly on either side, and already the narrowing path between was strewed with vivid fire. Casting away my now useless lamp, and holding my robe as some slight protection over my head, I ventured, with trembling limbs, into the blaze.

Instantly, as if my presence had given new life to the flames, a fresh outbreak of combustion arose on all sides. The trees clustered into a bower of fire above my head, while the serpents that hung hissing from the red branches shot showers of sparkles down upon me as I passed. Never were decision and activity of

more avail: — one minute later, and I must have perished. The narrow opening, of which I had so promptly availed myself, closed instantly behind me; and as I looked back, to contemplate the ordeal which I had passed, I saw that the whole grove was already one mass of fire.

Rejoiced to have escaped this first trial, I instantly plucked from one of the pine trees a bough that was but just kindled, and, with this for my only guide, hastened breathlessly forward. I had advanced but a few paces, when the path turned suddenly off, leading downwards, as I could perceive by the glimmer of my brand, into a more confined region, through which a chilling air, as if from some neighboring waters, blew over my brow. Nor had I proceeded far in this course, when the sound of torrents<sup>3</sup> — mixed, as I thought, from time to time, with shrill wailings, resembling the cries of persons in danger or distress, fell mournfully upon my ear. At every step the noise of the dashing waters increased, and I now perceived that I had entered an immense rocky cavern, through the middle of which, headlong as a winter torrent, the dark flood, to whose roar I had been listening, poured its waters; while upon its surface floated grim spectre-like shapes, which, as they went by, sent forth those dismal shrieks I had heard — as if in fear of some awful precipice towards whose brink they were hurrying.

I saw plainly that across that torrent must be my course. It was, indeed, fearful; but in courage and perseverance now lay my only hope. What awaited me on the opposite shore, I knew not; for all there was immersed in impenetrable gloom, nor could the feeble light which I carried send its glimmer half so far. Dismissing, however, all thoughts but that of pressing onward, I sprung from the rock on which I stood into the flood, trusting that, with my right hand, I should be able to buffet the current, while, with the other, as long as a gleam of my brand remained, I might hold it aloft to guide me safely to the shore.

Long, formidable, and almost hopeless was the struggle I had now to maintain; and more than once overpowered by the rush of the waters, I had given myself up,<sup>4</sup> as destined to follow

<sup>1</sup> Ces considérations me portent à penser que, dans les mystères, ces phénomènes étoient beaucoup mieux exécutés, et sans comparaison plus terribles à l'aide de quelque composition pyrique qui est restée cachée, comme celle du feu Grégeois." *De Pauv.*

<sup>2</sup> Il n'y a point d'autre moyen que de porter le feu dans

ces forêts de roseaux, qui répandent alors dans tout le pays une lumière aussi considérable que celle du jour même" *Maillet*, tom. i. p. 63.

<sup>3</sup> The Nile, *Pliny* tells us, was admitted into the Pyramid.

<sup>4</sup> "On exerçoit," says *Dupuis*, "les recipiendaires, pen

those pale, death-like apparitions, that still went past me, hurrying onward, with mournful cries, to find their doom in some invisible gulf beyond.

At length, just as my strength was nearly exhausted, and the last remains of the pine branch were dropping from my hand, I saw, outstretching towards me into the water, a light double balustrade, with a flight of steps between, ascending, almost perpendicularly, from the wave, till they seemed lost in a dense mass of clouds above. This glimpse — for it was nothing more, as my light expired in giving it — lent new spring to my courage. Having now both hands at liberty, so desperate were my efforts, that, after a few minutes' struggle, I felt my brow strike against the stairway, and, in an instant, my feet were on the steps.

Rejoiced at my escape from that perilous flood, though I knew not whither the stairway led, I promptly ascended the steps. But this feeling of confidence was of short duration. I had not mounted far, when, to my horror, I perceived, that each successive step, as my foot left it, broke away from beneath me, leaving me in mid air, with no other alternative than that of still mounting by the same momentary footing, and with the appalling doubt whether it would even endure my tread.

And thus did I, for a few seconds, continue to ascend, with nothing beneath me but that awful river, in which — so tranquil had it now become — I could hear the plash of the falling fragments, as every step in succession gave way from under my feet. It was a most fearful moment — but even still worse remained. I now found the balustrade, by which I had held during my ascent, and which had hitherto appeared to be firm, growing tremulous in my hand, while the step, to which I was about to trust myself, tottered under my foot. Just then, a momentary flash, as if of lightning, broke around me, and I saw, hanging out of the clouds, so as to be barely within my reach, a huge brazen ring. Instinctively I stretched forth my arm to seize it, and, at the same instant, both balustrade and steps gave way beneath me, and I was left swinging by my hands in the dark void. As if, too, this massy ring, which I grasped, was by some magic power linked with all the winds in heaven, no sooner had I seized it than, like the touching of a spring, it seemed to give loose to

every variety of gusts and tempests, that ever strewed the sea shore with wrecks or dead; and, as I swung about, the sport of this elemental strife, every new burst of its fury threatened to shiver me, like a storm sail, to atoms!

Nor was even this the worst; — for still holding, I know not how, by the ring, I felt myself caught up, as if by a thousand whirlwinds, and then round and round, like a stone shot in a sling, continued to be whirled in the midst of all this deafening chaos, till my brain grew dizzy, my recollection became confused, and I almost fancied myself on that wheel of the infernal world, whose rotations Eternity alone can number!

Human strength could no longer sustain such a trial. I was on the point, at last, of loosing my hold, when suddenly the violence of the storm moderated; — my whirl through the air gradually ceased, and I felt the ring slowly descend with me, till — happy as a shipwrecked mariner at the first touch of land — I found my feet once more upon firm ground.

At the same moment, a light of the most delicious softness filled the whole air. Music, such as is heard in dreams, came floating at a distance; and as my eyes gradually recovered their powers of vision, a scene of glory was revealed to them, almost too bright for imagination, and yet living and real. As far as the sight could reach, enchanting gardens were seen, opening away through long tracts of light and verdure, and sparkling every where with fountains, that circulated, like streams of life, among the flowers. Not a charm was here wanting, that the fancy of poet or prophet, in their warmest pictures of Elysium, have ever yet dreamed or promised. Vistas, opening into scenes of indistinct grandeur — streams, shining out at intervals, in their shadowy course — and labyrinths of flowers, leading, by mysterious windings, to green, spacious glades full of splendor and repose. Over all this, too, there fell a light, from some unseen source, resembling nothing that illumines our upper world — a sort of golden moonlight, mingling the warm radiance of day with the calm and melancholy lustre of night.

Nor were there wanting inhabitants for this sunless Paradise. Through all the bright gardens were seen wandering, with the serene air

The aspirants were often in considerable danger, and Pythagoras, as they are told, nearly lost his life in the trials

Vide *Recherches sur les Initiations*, par Robin

cant plusieurs jours, à traverser, à la nage, une grande étendue d'eau. On les y jettoit et ce n'étoit qu'avec peine qu'ils s'en retiroient. On appliquoit le fer et le feu sur leurs membres. On les faisoit passer à travers les flammes."

and step of happy spirits, groups both of young and old, of venerable and of lovely forms, bearing most of them, the Nile's white flowers on their heads, and branches of the eternal palm in their hands; while, over the verdant turf, fair children and maidens went dancing to aerial music, whose source was, like that of the light, invisible, but which filled the whole air with its mystic sweetness.

Exhausted as I was by the painful trials I had undergone, no sooner did I perceive those fair groups in the distance, than my weariness, both of frame and spirit, was forgotten. A thought crossed me that she, whom I sought, might haply be among them; and notwithstanding the feeling of awe, with which that unearthly scene inspired me, I was about to fly, on the instant, to ascertain my hope. But while in the act of making the effort, I felt my robe gently pulled, and turning round, beheld an aged man before me, whom, by the sacred hue of his garb, I knew at once to be a Hierophant. Placing a branch of the consecrated palm in my hand, he said, in a solemn voice, "Aspirant of the Mysteries, welcome!"—then, regarding me for a few seconds with grave attention, added, in a tone of courteousness and interest, "The victory over the body hath been gained!—Follow me, young Greek, to thy resting-place."

I obeyed the command in silence—and the Priest, turning away from this scene of splendor, into a secluded pathway, where the light gradually faded as we advanced, led me to a small pavilion, by the side of a whispering stream, where the very spirit of slumber seemed to preside, and, pointing silently to a bed of dried poppy leaves, left me to repose.

## CHAPTER VIII.

THOUGH the sight of that splendid scene whose glories opened upon me, like a moment-

ary glimpse into another world, had, for an instant, reanimated my strength and spirit, yet, so completely was my whole frame subdued by fatigue, that, even had the form of the young Priestess herself then stood before me, my limbs would have sunk in the effort to reach her. No sooner had I fallen on my leafy couch than sleep, like a sudden death, came over me; and I lay, for hours, in that deep and motionless rest, which not even a shadow of life disturbs.

On awaking I saw, beside me, the same venerable personage, who had welcomed me to this subterranean world on the preceding night. At the foot of my couch stood a statue, of Grecian workmanship, representing a boy, with wings, seated gracefully on a lotus flower, and having the forefinger of his right hand pressed to his lips. This action, together with the glory round his brows, denoted, as I already knew, the God of Silence and Light.<sup>1</sup>

Impatient to know what further trials awaited me, I was about to speak, when the Priest exclaimed, anxiously, "Hush!"—and, pointing to the statue at the foot of the couch, said,—"Let the spell of that Spirit be upon thy lips, young stranger, till the wisdom of thy instructors shall think fit to remove it. Not unaptly doth the same deity preside over Silence and Light; since it is only out of the depth of contemplative silence, that the great light of the soul, Truth, can arise!"

Little used to the language of dictation or instruction, I was now preparing to rise, when the Priest again restrained me; and, at the same moment, two boys, beautiful as the young Genii of the stars, entered the pavilion. They were habited in long garments of the purest white, and bore each a small golden chalice in his hand.<sup>2</sup> Advancing towards me, they stopped on opposite sides of the couch, and one of them, presenting to me his chalice of gold, said, in a tone between singing and speaking,—

"Drink of this cup—Osiris<sup>3</sup> sips  
The same in his halls below;  
And the same he gives, to cool the lips  
Of the Dead<sup>4</sup> who downward go,

<sup>1</sup> Enfin Harpocrates représentoit aussi le Soleil. Il est vrai que c'étoit aussi le Dieu du Silence; il mettoit le doigt sur la bouche parcequ'on adoroit le Soleil avec un respectueux silence; et c'est de là qu'est venu le Sigé des Basilidiens, qui tiroient leur origine de l'Europe. . . . Enfin Harpocrates étoit assis sur le lotus, qui est la plante du Soleil." *Hist. des Juifs.*

<sup>2</sup> For the two cups used in the mysteries, see *L'Histoire des Juifs*, liv. ix. c. 16.

<sup>3</sup> Osiris, under the name of Serapis, was supposed to rule

over the subterranean world; and performed the office of Pluto, in the mythology of the Egyptians. "They believed," says Dr. Pritchard, "that Serapis presided over the region of departed souls, during the period of their absence, when languishing without bodies, and that the dead were deposited in his palace." *Analysis of the Egyptian Mythology.*

<sup>4</sup> "Frigidam illam aquam post mortem, tanquam Hebes poculum, expetitam." *Zoega*.—The Lethe of the Egyptians was called Ameles. See *Dupuis*, tom. viii. p. 651.

"Drink of this cup—the water within  
Is fresh from Lethe's stream;  
'Twill make the past, with all its sin,  
And all its pain and sorrows, seem  
Like a long-forgotten dream!

"The pleasure, whose charms  
Are steep'd in woe;  
The knowledge, that harms  
The soul to know;

"The hope, that, bright  
As the lake of the waste,  
Allures the sight,  
But mocks the taste;

"The love that binds  
Its innocent wreath,  
Where the serpent winds,  
In venom, beneath;—

"All that, of evil or false, by thee  
Hath ever been known or seen,  
Shall melt away in this cup, and be  
Forgot, as it never had been!"

Unwilling to throw a slight on this strange ceremony, I leaned forward, with all due gravity, and tasted the cup; which I had no sooner done than the young cupbearer, on the other side,<sup>1</sup> invited my attention; and, in his turn, presenting the chalice which he held, sung, with a voice still sweeter than that of his companion, the following strain:—

"Drink of this cup—when Isis led  
Her boy, of old, to the beaming sky,  
She mingled a draught divine,<sup>2</sup> and said—  
'Drink of this cup, thou'lt never die!'

"Thus do I say and sing to thee,  
Heir of that boundless heav'n on high,  
Though frail, and fall'n, and lost thou be,  
Drink of this cup, thou'lt never die!"

Well as I had hitherto kept my philosophy on its guard, against the illusions with which, I knew, this region abounded, the young cupbearer had here touched a spring of imagination, over which my philosophy, as has been seen, had but little control. No sooner had the words, "thou shalt never die," struck on my ear, than the dream of the Garden came fully to my mind, and, starting half way from the couch, I stretched forth my hands to the cup. But,

<sup>1</sup> "Enfin on disoit qu'il y avoit deux coupes, l'une en haut et l'autre en bas. Celui qui buvoit de la coupe d'en bas, avoit toujours soif, ses desirs s'augmentoit au lieu de s'éteindre, mais celui qui buvoit de la coupe en haut étoit rempli et content. Cette première coupe étoit la connaissance de la nature, qui ne satisfait jamais pleinement ceux qui en sondent les mystères; et la seconde coupe, dans laquelle on devoit boire pour n'avoir jamais soif, étoit la con-

recollecting myself instantly, and fearing that I had betrayed to others a weakness fit only for my own secret indulgence, I sunk back again, with a smile of affected indifference on my couch—while the young minstrel, but little interrupted by my movement, still continued his strain, of which I heard but the concluding words:—

"And Memory, too, with her dreams shall come,  
Dreams of a former, happier day,  
When Heaven was still the Spirit's home,  
And her wings had not yet fallen away;

"Glimpses of glory, ne'er forgot,  
That tell, like gleams on a sunset sea,  
What once hath been, what now is not,  
But, O, what again shall brightly be."

Though the assurances of immortality contained in these verses would at any other moment—vain and visionary as I thought them—have sent my fancy wandering into reveries of the future, the effort of self-control I had just made enabled me to hear them with indifference.

Having gone through the form of tasting his second cup, I again looked anxiously to the Hierophant, to ascertain whether I might be permitted to rise. His assent having been given, the young pages brought to my couch a robe and tunic, which, like their own, were of linen of the purest white; and having assisted to clothe me in this sacred garb, they then placed upon my head a chaplet of myrtle, in which the symbol of Initiation, a golden grasshopper,<sup>3</sup> was seen shining out from among the dark leaves.

Though sleep had done much to refresh my frame, something more was still wanting to restore its strength; and it was not without a smile at my own reveries I reflected, how much more welcome than even the young page's cup of immortality was the unpretending, but real, repast now set before me—fresh fruits from the Isle of Gardens<sup>4</sup> in the Nile, the delicate flesh of the desert antelope, and wine from the Vineyard of the Queens at Anthylla,<sup>5</sup> which one of the pages fanned with a palm leaf, to keep it cool.

naissance des mystères du Ciel." *Hist. des Juifs*, liv. 12. chap. 16.

<sup>2</sup> The τῆς ἀθανασίας φάρμακον, which, according to Diodorus Siculus, Isis prepared for her son Orus.—Lib. 1.

<sup>3</sup> *Hor. Apoll.*—The grasshopper was also consecrated to the sun as being musical.

<sup>4</sup> The Isle Antirrhodus, near Alexandria. *Maillet*

<sup>5</sup> Vide *Athen. Deipnos*



Having done justice to these dainties, it was with pleasure I heard the proposal of the Priest, that we should walk forth together and meditate among the scenes without. I had not forgotten the splendid Elysium that last night welcomed me — those rich gardens, that soft unearthly music and light, and, above all, those fair forms I had seen wandering about — as if, in the very midst of happiness, still seeking it. The hope, which had then occurred to me, that, among those bright groups might haply be found the young maiden I sought, now returned with increased strength. I had little doubt that my guide was leading me to the same Elysian scene, and that the form, so fit to inhabit it, would again appear before my eyes.

But far different, I found, was the region to which he now conducted me; — nor could the whole world have produced a scene more gloomy, or more strange. It wore the appearance of a small, solitary valley, enclosed, on every side, by rocks, which seemed to rise, almost perpendicularly, till they reached the very sky; — for it was, indeed, the blue sky that I saw shining between their summits, and whose light, dimmed thus and nearly lost in its long descent, formed the melancholy daylight of this nether world.<sup>1</sup> Down the side of these rocky walls descended a cataract, whose source was upon earth, and on whose waters, as they rolled glassily over the edge above, a gleam of radiance rested, showing how brilliant and pure was the sunshine they had left behind. From thence, gradually growing darker and frequently broken by alternate chasms and projections, the stream fell, at last, in a pale and thin mist — the phantom of what it had been on earth — into a small lake that lay at the base of the rock to receive it.

Nothing was ever so bleak and saddening as the appearance of this lake. The usual ornaments of the waters of Egypt were not wanting to it: the tall lotus here uplifted her silvery flowers, and the crimson flamingo floated over

the tide. But they looked not the same as in the world above; — the flower had exchanged its whiteness for a livid hue, and the wings of the bird hung heavy and colorless. Every thing wore the same half-living aspect; and the only sounds that disturbed the mournful stillness were the wailing cry of a heron among the sedges, and that din of the falling waters, in their midway struggle, above.

There was, indeed, an unearthly sadness in the whole scene, of which no heart, however light, could resist the influence. Perceiving how much I was affected by it, "Such scenes," remarked the Priest, "are best suited to that solemn complexion of mind, which becomes him who approaches the Great Mystery of futurity. Behold" — and, in saying thus, he pointed to the opening over our heads, through which, though the sun had but just passed his meridian, I could perceive a star or two twinkling in the heavens — "in the same manner as from this gloomy depth we can see those fixed stars,<sup>2</sup> which are invisible now to the dwellers on the bright earth, even so, to the sad and self-humbled spirit, doth many a mystery of heaven reveal itself, of which they, who walk in the light of the proud world, know not!"

He now led me towards a rustic seat or alcove, beside which stood an image of that dark Deity, that God without a smile, who presides over the silent kingdom of the Dead.<sup>3</sup> The same livid and lifeless hue was upon his features that hung over every thing in this dim valley; and, with his right hand, he pointed directly downwards, to denote that his melancholy kingdom lay there. A plantain<sup>4</sup> — that favorite tree of the geni of Death — stood behind the statue, and spread its branches over the alcove, in which the Priest now seated himself, and made a sign that I should take my place by his side.

After a long pause, as if of thought and preparation, — "Nobly," said he, "young Greek, hast thou sustained the first trials of Initiation.

<sup>1</sup> "On s'était même avisé, depuis la première construction de ces demeures, de percer en plusieurs endroits jusqu'au haut les terres qui les couvroient; non pas à la vérité, pour tirer un jour qui n'aurait jamais été suffisant, mais pour recevoir un air salubre," &c. *Sethos*.

<sup>2</sup> "On voyoit en plein jour par ces ouvertures les étoiles, et même quelques planètes en leur plus grande latitude septentrionale; et les prêtres avoient bientôt profité de ce phénomène, pour observer à diverses heures le passage des étoiles." *Sethos*. — *Strabo* mentions certain caves or pits, constructed for the purpose of astronomical observations, which lay in the Heliopolitan prefecture, beyond Heliopolis.

<sup>3</sup> *Scrapis*, Sol Inferus. — Athenodorus, scriptor vetustus, apud Clementum Alexandrinum in *Protreptico*, ait "simulacra Serapidis conspicua esse colore cæruleo et nigricante." Macrobius, in verbis descriptis, § 6, docet nos apud Ægyptios "simulacra solis infera fingi colore cæruleo." — *Ja-blonski*.

<sup>4</sup> *Osiris*.

<sup>5</sup> This tree was dedicated to the Genii of the Shades, from its being an emblem of repose and cooling airs. "Cui imminet musæ folium, quod ab Iside infera genisque ei addictis manu geri solitum, umbram requiemque et auras frigidæ subindigitare videtur." *Zoega*.

What still remains, though of vital import to the soul, brings with it neither pain nor peril to the body. Having now proved and chastened thy mortal frame, by the three ordeals of Fire, of Water, and of Air, the next task to which we are called is the purification of thy spirit—the effectual cleansing, of that inward and immortal part, so as to render it fit for the reception of the last luminous revelation, when the Veils of the Sanctuary shall be thrown aside, and the Great Secret of Secrets unfolded to thy view!—Towards this object, the primary and most important step is, instruction. What the three purifying elements thou hast passed through have done for thy body, instruction will effect for ——”

“But that lovely maiden!” I exclaimed, bursting from my silence, having fallen, during his speech, into a deep revery, in which I had forgotten him, myself, the Great Secret, every thing—but her.

Startled by this profane interruption, he cast a look of alarm towards the statue, as if fearful lest the God should have heard my words. Then, turning to me, in a tone of mild solemnity, “It is but too plain,” said he, “that thoughts of the upper world, and of its vain, shadowy delights, still engross thee far too much, to allow the lessons of Truth to sink profitably into thy heart. A few hours of meditation amid this solemn scenery—of that wholesome meditation, which purifies, by saddening—may haply dispose thee to receive, with due feelings of reverence, the holy and imperishable knowledge we have in store for thee. With this hope I now leave thee to thy own thoughts, and to that God, before whose calm and mournful eye all the vanities of the world, from which thou comest, wither!”

Thus saying, he turned slowly away, and passing behind the statue, towards which he had pointed during the last sentence, suddenly, as if by enchantment, disappeared from my sight.

## CHAPTER IX.

BEING now left to my own solitary thoughts, I was fully at leisure to reflect, with some degree of coolness, upon the inconveniences, if not dangers, of the situation into which my love of adventure had hurried me. However prompt my imagination was always to kindle, in its own ideal sphere, I have ever found that, when

brought into contact with reality, it as suddenly cooled, — like those meteors, that appear to be stars, while in the air, but, the moment they touch earth, are extinguished. And such was the feeling of disenchantment that now succeeded to the wild dreams in which I had been indulging. As long as Fancy had the field of the future to herself, even immortality did not seem too distant a race for her. But when human instruments interposed, the illusion all vanished. From mortal lips the promise of immortality seemed a mockery, and even imagination had no wings that could carry beyond the grave.

Nor was this disappointment the only feeling that pained and haunted me; — the imprudence of the step, on which I had ventured, now appeared in its full extent before my eyes. I had here thrown myself into the power of the most artful priesthood in the world, without even a chance of being able to escape from their toils, or to resist any machinations with which they might beset me. It appeared evident, from the state of preparation in which I had found all that wonderful apparatus, by which the terrors and splendors of Initiation are produced, that my descent into the pyramid was not unexpected. Numerous, indeed, and active as were the spies of the Sacred College of Memphis, it could little be doubted that all my movements, since my arrival, had been watchfully tracked; and the many hours I had employed in wandering and exploring around the pyramid, betrayed a curiosity and spirit of adventure which might well suggest to these wily priests the hope of inveigling an Epicurean into their toils.

I was well aware of their hatred to the sect of which I was Chief; — that they considered the Epicureans as, next to the Christians, the most formidable enemies of their craft and power. “How thoughtless, then,” I exclaimed, “to have placed myself in a situation, where I am equally helpless against fraud and violence, and must either pretend to be the dupe of their impostures, or else submit to become the victim of their vengeance!” Of these alternatives, bitter as they both were, the latter appeared by far the more welcome. It was with a blush that I even looked back upon the mockeries I had already yielded to; and the prospect of being put through still further ceremonies, and of being tutored and preached to by hypocrites I so much despised, appeared to me, in my present mood of mind, a trial of patience, compared

to which the flames and whirlwinds I had already encountered were pastime.

Often and impatiently did I look up, between those rocky walls, to the bright sky that appeared to rest upon their summits, as pacing round and round, through every part of the valley, I endeavored to find some outlet from its gloomy precincts. But vain were all my endeavors; — that rocky barrier, which seemed to end but in heaven, interposed itself every where. Neither did the image of the young maiden, though constantly in my mind, now bring with it the least consolation or hope. Of what avail was it that she, perhaps, was an inhabitant of this region, if I could neither behold her smile, nor catch the sound of her voice — if, while among preaching priests I wasted away my hours, her presence was, alas, diffusing its enchantment elsewhere.

At length exhausted, I lay down by the brink of the lake, and gave myself up to all the melancholy of my fancy. The pale semblance of daylight, which had hitherto glimmered around, grew, every moment, more dim and dismal. Even the rich gleam, at the summit of the cascade, had faded; and the sunshine, like the water, exhausted in its descent, had now dwindled into a ghostly glimmer, far worse than darkness. The birds upon the lake, as if about to die with the dying light, sunk down their heads; and as I looked to the statue, the deepening shadows gave such an expression to its mournful features as chilled my very soul.

The thought of death, ever ready to present itself to my imagination, now came, with a disheartening weight, such as I had never before felt. I almost fancied myself already in the dark vestibule of the grave — removed, forever, from the world above, and with nothing but the blank of an eternal sleep before me. It had happened, I knew, frequently, that the visitants of this mysterious realm were, after their descent from earth, never seen or heard of; — being condemned, for some failure in their initiatory trials, to pine away their lives in those dark dungeons, with which, as well as with altars, this region abounded. Such, I shuddered to

think, might probably be my own destiny; and so appalling was the thought, that even the courage by which I had been hitherto sustained died within me, and I was already giving myself up to helplessness and despair.

At length, after some hours of this gloomy musing, I heard a rustling in the sacred grove behind the statue; and, soon after, the sound of the Priest's voice — more welcome than I had ever thought such voice could be — brought the assurance that I was not yet wholly abandoned. Finding his way to me through the gloom, he now led me to the same spot, on which we had parted so many hours before; and, addressing me in a voice that retained no trace of displeasure, bespoke my attention, while he should reveal to me some of those divine truths, by whose infusion, he said, into the soul of man, its purification can alone be effected.

The valley had now become so dark, that we could no longer, as we sat, discern each other's faces. There was a melancholy in the voice of my instructor that well accorded with the gloom around us: and, saddened and subdued, I now listened with resignation, if not with interest, to those sublime, but, alas, I thought, vain tenets, which, with all the warmth of a true believer, this Hierophant expounded to me.

He spoke of the preëxistence of the soul<sup>1</sup> — of its abode, from all eternity, in a place of splendor and bliss, of which whatever we have most beautiful in our conceptions here is but a dim transcript, a clouded remembrance. In the blue depths of ether, he said, lay that "Country of the Soul" — its boundary alone visible in the line of milky light, which, as by a barrier of stars, separates it from the dark earth. "O, realm of purity! Home of the yet unfallen Spirit! — where, in the days of her first innocence, she wandered; ere yet her beauty was soiled by the touch of earth, or her resplendent wings had withered away. Methinks I see," he cried, "at this moment, those fields of radiance<sup>2</sup> — I look back, through the mists of life, into that luminous world, where the souls that have never lost their high, heavenly rank, still soar, without a stain, above the shadowless

<sup>1</sup> For a full account of the doctrines which are here represented as having been taught to the initiated in the Egyptian mysteries, the reader may consult *Dupuis, Pritchard's Analysis of the Egyptian Mythology, &c. &c.* "L'on découvroit l'origine de Pame, sa chute sur la terre, à travers les sphères et les éléments, et son retour au lieu de son origine . . . c'étoit ici la partie la plus métaphysique, et que ne pourroit guère entendre le commun des Initiés, mais

dont on lui donnoit le spectacle par des figures et des spectres allégoriques." *Dupuis.*

<sup>2</sup> See *Beausobre*, lib. iii. c. 4, for the "terre bienheureuse et lumineuse," which the Manicheans supposed God to inhabit. Plato, too, speaks (in *Phæd.*) of a pure land lying in the pure sky (*την γην καθάρην εν καθάρῳ κτισθαι οὐρανῳ*), the abode of divinity, of innocence, and of life.

stars, and there dwell together in infinite perfection and bliss!"

As he spoke these words, a burst of pure, brilliant light,<sup>1</sup> like a sudden opening of heaven, broke through the valley; and, as soon as my eyes were able to endure the splendor, such a vision of glory and loveliness opened upon them, as took even my sceptical spirit by surprise, and made it yield, at once, to the potency of the spell.

Suspended, as I thought, in air, and occupying the whole of the opposite region of the valley, there appeared an immense orb of light, within which, through a haze of radiance, I could see distinctly fair groups of young female spirits, who, in silent, but harmonious movement, like that of the stars, wound slowly through a variety of fanciful evolutions; seeming, as they linked and unlinked each other's arms, to form a living labyrinth of beauty and grace. Though their feet appeared to glide along a field of light, they had also wings, of the most brilliant hue, which, like rainbows over waterfalls, when played with by the breeze, reflected, every moment, a new variety of glory.

As I stood, gazing with wonder, the orb, with all its ethereal inmates, began gradually to recede into the dark void, lessening, as it went, and becoming more bright, as it lessened;—till, at length, distant, to all appearance, as a retiring comet, this little world of Spirits, in one small point of intense radiance, shone its last and vanished. "Go," exclaimed the rapt Priest, "ye happy souls, of whose dwelling a glimpse is thus given to our eyes, go, wander, in your orb, through the boundless heaven, nor ever let a thought of this perishable world come to mingle its dross with your divine nature, or allure you down earthward to that mortal fall by which spirits, no less bright and admirable, have been ruined!"

A pause ensued, during which, still under the influence of wonder, I sent my fancy wandering after the inhabitants of that orb—almost wishing myself credulous enough to believe in

a heaven, of which creatures, so much like those I had worshipped on earth, were inmates.

At length, the Priest, with a mournful sigh at the sad contrast he was about to draw between the happy spirits we had just seen and the fallen ones of earth, resumed again his melancholy History of the Soul. Tracing it gradually from the first moment of earthward desire<sup>2</sup> to its final eclipse in the shadows of this world, he dwelt upon every stage of its darkening descent, with a pathos that sent sadness into the very depths of the heart. The first downward look of the Spirit towards earth—the tremble of her wings on the edge of Heaven—the giddy slide, at length, down that fatal descent, and the Lethean cup, midway in the sky, of which when she has once tasted, Heaven is forgot—through all these gradations he traced mournfully her fall, to that last stage of darkness, when, wholly immersed in this world, her celestial nature becomes changed, she no longer can rise above earth, nor even remember her former home, except by glimpses so vague, that, at length, mistaking for hope what is only, alas, recollection, she believes those gleams to be a light from the Future, not the Past.

"To retrieve this ruin of this once blessed Soul—to clear away from around her the clouds of earth, and, restoring her lost wings,<sup>3</sup> facilitate their return to Heaven—such," said the reverend man, "is the great task of our religion, and such the triumph of those divine Mysteries, in whose inmost depths the life and essence of that holy religion lie treasured. However sunk and changed and clouded may be the Spirit, yet as long as a single trace of her original light remains, there is still hope that —"

Here the voice of the Priest was interrupted by a strain of mournful music, of which the low, distant breathings had been, for some minutes, audible, but which now gained upon the ear too thrillingly to let it listen to any more earthly sound. A faint light, too, at that instant broke through the valley—and I could perceive, not far from the spot where we sat, a

<sup>1</sup> The power of producing a sudden and dazzling effusion of light, which was one of the arts employed by the contrivers of the ancient Mysteries, is thus described in a few words by Apuleius, who was himself admitted to witness the Isiac ceremonies at Corinth:—"Nocte mediâ vidi solem candido coruscantem lumine."

<sup>2</sup> In the original construction of this work, there was an episode introduced here (which I have since published in a more extended form), illustrating the doctrine of the fall of the soul by the Oriental fable of the Loves of the Angels.

<sup>3</sup> In the language of Plato, Hierocles, &c., to "restore to the soul its wings," is the main object both of religion and philosophy.

*Damascius*, in his *Life of Isidorus*, says, "Ex antiquissimis Philosophis Pythagoram et Platonem Isidorus ut Deos coluit, et eorum animas alas esse dixit quas in locum super-cœlestem inque campum veritatis et pratum elevatas, divinis putavit ideis pasci." *Apud. Phot. Bibliothec.*



female figure, veiled, and crouching to earth, as if subdued by sorrow, or under the influence of shame.

The feeble light, by which I saw her, came from a pale, moon-like meteor which had gradually formed itself in the air as the music approached, and now shed over the rocks and the lake a glimmer as cold as that by which the Dead, in their own kingdom, gaze upon each other. The music, too, which appeared to rise from out of the lake, full of the breath of its dark waters, spoke a despondency in every note which no language could express; — and, as I listened to its tones, and looked upon that fallen Spirit, (for such, the holy man whispered, was the form before us,) so entirely did the illusion of the scene take possession of me,<sup>1</sup> that, with almost painful anxiety, I now awaited the result.

Nor had I gazed long before that form rose slowly from its drooping position; — the air around it grew bright, and the pale meteor overhead assumed a more cheerful and living light. The veil, which had before shrouded the face of the figure, became every minute more transparent, and the features, one by one, gradually disclosed themselves. Having tremblingly watched the progress of the apparition, I now started from my seat, and half exclaimed, "It is she!" In another minute, this veil had, like a thin mist, melted away, and the young Priestess of the Moon stood, for the third time, revealed before my eyes!

To rush instantly towards her was my first impulse — but the arm of the Priest held me firmly back. The fresh light, which had begun to flow in from all sides, collected itself in a flood of glory around the spot where she stood. Instead of melancholy music, strains of the most exalted rapture were heard; and the young maiden, buoyant as the inhabitants of the fairy orb, amid a blaze of light like that which fell upon her in the Temple, ascended slowly into the air.

"Stay, beautiful vision, stay!" I exclaimed, as, breaking from the hold of the Priest, I flung myself prostrate on the ground — the only mode by which I could express the admiration, even

to worship, with which I was filled. But the vanishing spirit heard me not: — receding into the darkness, like that orb, whose heavenward track she seemed to follow, her form lessened by degrees away, till she was seen no more; while, gazing, till the last luminous speck had disappeared, I allowed myself unconsciously to be led away by my reverend guide, who, placing me once more on my bed of poppy leaves, left me there to such repose as it was possible, after such a scene, to enjoy.

## CHAPTER X.

THE apparition with which I had been blessed in that Valley of Visions — for so the place where I had witnessed these wonders was called — brought back to my heart all the hopes and fancies, in which during my descent from earth I had indulged. I had now seen once more that matchless creature, who had been my guiding star into this mysterious realm; and that she was destined to be, in some way, connected with the further revelations that awaited me, I saw no reason to doubt. There was a sublimity, too, in the doctrines of my reverend teacher, and even a hope in the promises of immortality held out by him, which, in spite of reason, won insensibly both upon my fancy and my pride.

The Future, however, was now but of secondary consideration; — the Present, and that deity of the Present, woman, were the objects that engrossed my whole soul. It was, indeed, for the sake of such beings alone that I considered immortality desirable, nor, without them, would eternal life have appeared to me worth a single prayer. To every further trial of my patience and faith, I now made up my mind to submit without a murmur. Some kind chance, I fondly persuaded myself, might yet bring me nearer to the object of my adoration, and enable me to address, as mortal woman, one who had hitherto been to me but as a vision, a shade.

The period of my probation, however, was nearly at an end. Both frame and spirit had

To these scenic representations in the Egyptian mysteries, there is evidently an allusion in the vision of Ezekiel, where the Spirit shows him the abominations which the Israelites learned in Egypt: — "Then said he unto me, 'Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery?'" Chap. viii.

<sup>1</sup> In tracing the early connection of spectacles with the ceremonies of religion, *Voltaire* says, "Il y a bien plus; les véritables grandes tragédies, les représentations imposantes et terribles, étoient les mystères sacrés, qu'on célébroit dans les plus vastes temples du monde, en présence des seuls Initiés; c'étoit là que les habits, les décorations, les machines étoient propres au sujet; et le sujet étoit la vie présente et 'a vie future.'" *Des divers Changemens arrivés à l'Art tragique.*



now stood the trial; and, as the crowning test of the purification of the latter was that power of seeing into the world of spirits, with which I had proved myself, in the Valley of Visions, to be endowed, there now remained, to complete my Initiation, but this one night more, when, in the Temple of Isis, and in the presence of her unveiled image, the last grand revelation of the Secret of Secrets was to be laid open to me.

I passed the morning of this day in company with the same venerable personage, who had, from the first, presided over the ceremonies of my instruction; and who, to inspire me with due reverence for the power and magnificence of his religion, now conducted me through the long range of illuminated galleries and shrines, that extend under the site upon which Memphis and the Pyramids stand, and form a counterpart under ground to that mighty city of temples upon earth.

He then descended with me, still lower, into those winding crypts, where lay the Seven Tables of stone,<sup>1</sup> found by Hermes in the valley of Hebron. "On these tables," said he, "is written all the knowledge of the antediluvian race — the decrees of the stars from the beginning of time, the annals of a still earlier world, and all the marvellous secrets, both of heaven and earth, which would have been,

*'but for this key,  
Lost in the Universal Sea.'*

Returning to the region, from which we had descended, we next visited, in succession, a series of small shrines representing the various objects of adoration through Egypt, and thus furnishing to the Priest an occasion for explaining the mysterious nature of animal worship, and the refined doctrines of theology that lay veiled under its forms. Every shrine was consecrated to a particular faith, and contained a living image of the deity which it adored. Beside the goat of Mendes,<sup>2</sup> with his refulgent star upon his breast, I saw the crocodile, as presented to the eyes of its idolaters at Arsinoë, with costly gems<sup>3</sup> in its loathsome ears, and rich bracelets of

gold encircling its feet. Here, floating through a tank in the centre of a temple, the sacred carp of Lepidotum showed its silvery scales; while, there, the Isiac serpents<sup>4</sup> trailed languidly over the altar, with that sort of movement which is thought most favorable to the aspirations of their votaries. In one of the small chapels we found a beautiful child, employed in feeding and watching over those golden beetles, which are adored for their brightness, as emblems of the sun; while, in another, stood a sacred ibis upon its pedestal, so like, in plumage and attitude, to the bird of the young Priestess, that most gladly would I have knelt down and worshipped it for her sake.

After visiting all these various shrines, and hearing the reflections which they suggested, I was next led by my guide to the Great Hall of the Zodiac, on whose ceiling was delineated, in bright and undying colors, the map of the firmament, as it appeared at the first dawn of time. Here, in pointing out the track of the sun among the spheres, he spoke of the analogy that exists between moral and physical darkness — of the sympathy with which all spiritual creatures regard the sun, so as to sadden and decline when he sinks into his wintry hemisphere, and to rejoice when he resumes his own empire of light. Hence, the festivals and hymns, with which most of the nations of the earth are wont to welcome the resurrection of his orb in spring, as an emblem and pledge of the reascend of the soul to heaven. Hence, the songs of sorrow, the mournful ceremonies<sup>5</sup> — like those Mysteries of the Night,<sup>6</sup> upon the Lake of Saïs — in which they brood over his autumnal descent into the shades, as a type of the Spirit's fall into this world of death.

In discourses such as these the hours passed away; and though there was nothing in the light of this sunless region to mark to the eye the decline of day, my own feelings told me that the night drew near; — nor, in spite of my incredulity, could I refrain from a slight flutter of hope, as that promised moment of revelation drew nigh, when the Mystery of Mysteries was

which they worshipped, and dressed them out with gems and golden ornaments in their ears.

<sup>4</sup> "On anguroit bien de serpens Isiaques, lorsqu'ils goûtoient Poffrande et se traînoient lentement autour de l'autel." *De Pauw*.

<sup>5</sup> For an account of the various festivals at the different periods of the sun's progress, in the spring, and in the autumn, see *Dupuis* and *Præbard*.

<sup>6</sup> Vide *Athenag. Leg. pro Christ.* p. 138.

<sup>1</sup> Bernard, Comte de la Marche Trévisane, instruit par la lecture des livres anciens, dit, qu'Hermes trouva sept tables dans la vallée d'Hebron, sur lesquelles étoient gravés les principes des arts libéraux." *Fables Egyptiennes*. See *Jablonski de stelis Herm.*

<sup>2</sup> For an account of the animal worship of the Egyptians, see *De Pauw*, tom. ii.

<sup>3</sup> Herodotus (*Euterp.*) tells us that the people about Thebes and Lake Mæris keep a number of tame crocodiles,

to be made all my own. This consummation, however, was less near than I expected. My patience had still further trials to encounter. It was necessary, I now found, that, during the greater part of the night, I should keep watch in the Sanctuary of the Temple, alone and in utter darkness — thus preparing myself, by meditation, for the awful moment, when the irradiation from behind the sacred Veils was to burst upon me.

At the appointed hour, we left the Hall of the Zodiac, and proceeded through a long line of marble galleries, where the lamps were more thinly scattered as we advanced, till, at length, we found ourselves in total darkness. Here the Priest, taking me by the hand, and leading me down a flight of steps, into a place where the same deep gloom prevailed, said, with a voice trembling, as if from excess of awe, — “Thou art now within the Sanctuary of our goddess, Isis, and the veils, that conceal her sacred image, are before thee !”

After exhorting me earnestly to that train of thought, which best accorded with the spirit of the place where I stood, and, above all, to that full and unhesitating faith, with which alone, he said, the manifestation of such mysteries should be approached, the holy man took leave of me, and reascended the steps ; — while, so spell-bound did I feel by that deep darkness, that the last sound of his footsteps died upon my ear, before I ventured to stir a limb from the position in which he had left me.

The prospect of the long watch I had now to look forward to was dreadful. Even danger itself, if in an active form, would have been far preferable to this sort of safe, but dull, probation, by which patience was the only virtue put to the proof. Having ascertained how far the space around me was free from obstacles, I endeavored to beguile the time by pacing up and down within those limits, till I became tired of the monotonous echoes of my own tread. Finding my way, then, to what I felt to be a massive pillar, and, leaning wearily against it, I surrendered myself to a train of thoughts and feelings, far different from those with which the good Hierophant had hoped to inspire me.

“If these priests,” thought I, “possess really the secret of life, why are they themselves the victims of death ! why sink into the grave with the cup of immortality in their hands ? But

no, safe boasters, the eternity they so lavishly promise is reserved for *another*, a future world — that ready resource of all priestly promises — that depository of the airy pledges of all creeds. Another world ! — alas, where doth it lie ? or, what spirit hath ever come to say that Life is there ?”

The conclusion at which, half sadly, half passionately, I arrived, was that, life being but a dream of the moment never to come again, every bliss so vaguely promised for hereafter ought to be secured by the wise man here. And, as no heaven I had ever heard of from these visionary priests opened half such certainty of happiness as that smile which I beheld last night — “Let me,” I exclaimed, impatiently, striking the massy pillar till it rung, “let me but make that beautiful Priestess my own, and I here willingly exchange for her every chance of immortality, that the combined wisdom of Egypt’s Twelve Temples can offer me !”

No sooner had I uttered these words, than a tremendous peal, like that of thunder,<sup>1</sup> rolled over the Sanctuary, and seemed to shake its very walls. On every side, too, a succession of blue, vivid flashes pierced, like lances of light, through the gloom, revealing to me, at intervals, the mighty dome in which I stood — its ceiling of azure, studded with stars — its colossal columns, towering aloft, and those dark, awful veils, whose massy drapery hung from the roof to the floor, covering the rich glories of the Shrine beneath their folds.

So weary had I grown of my tedious watch, that this stormy and fitful illumination, during which the Sanctuary seemed to rock to its base, was by no means an unwelcome interruption of the monotonous trial my patience had to suffer. After a short interval, however, the flashes ceased ; — the sounds died away, like exhausted thunder, through the abyss, and darkness and silence, like that of the grave, succeeded.

Resting my back once more against the pillar, and fixing my eyes upon that side of the Sanctuary, from which the promised irradiation was to burst, I now resolved to await the awful moment in patience. Resigned and almost immovable, I had remained thus, for nearly another hour, when suddenly, along the edges of the mighty Veils, I perceived a thin rim of light, as if from some brilliant object under them ; — resembling that border which encircles a cloud at

<sup>1</sup> See, for some curious remarks on the mode of imitating thunder and lightning in the ancient mysteries, *De Pauz*,

tom. i. p. 323. The machine with which these effects were produced on the stage was called a *ceraunoscope*.

sunset, when the rich radiance from behind is escaping at its edges.

This indication of concealed glories grew every instant more strong; till, at last, vividly marked as it was upon the darkness, the narrow fringe of lustre almost pained the eye — giving promise of a fulness of splendor too bright to be endured. My expectations were now wound to the highest pitch, and all the scepticism, into which I had been cooling down my mind, was forgotten. The wonders that had been presented to me since my descent from earth — that glimpse into Elysium on the first night of my coming — those visitants from the Land of Spirits in the mysterious valley — all led me to expect, in this last and brightest revelation, such visions of glory and knowledge as might transcend even fancy itself, nor leave a doubt that they belonged less to earth than heaven.

While, with an imagination thus excited, I stood waiting the result, an increased gush of light still more awakened my attention; and I saw, with an intenseness of interest, which made my heart beat aloud, one of the corners of the mighty Veil raised slowly from the floor. I now felt that the Great Secret, whatever it might be, was at hand. A vague hope even crossed my mind — so wholly had imagination now resumed her empire — that the splendid promise of my dream was on the very point of being realized!

With surprise, however, and, for the moment, with some disappointment, I perceived, that the massy corner of the Veil was but lifted sufficiently from the ground to allow a female figure to emerge from under it — and then fell over its mystic splendors as utterly dark as before. By the strong light, too, that issued when the drape was raised, and illuminated the profile of the emerging figure, I either saw, or fancied that I saw, the same bright features, that had already so often mocked me with their momentary charm, and seemed destined, indeed, to haunt my fancy as unavailingly as even the fond, vain dream of Immortality itself.

Dazzled as I had been by that short gush of splendor, and distrusting even my senses, when under the influence of so much excitement, I had but just begun to question myself as to the reality of my impression, when I heard the sounds of light footsteps approaching me through the gloom. In a second or two more, the figure

stopped before me, and, placing the end of a ribbon gently in my hand, said, in a tremulous whisper, "Follow, and be silent."

So sudden and strange was the adventure, that, for a moment, I hesitated — fearing that my eyes might possibly have been deceived as to the object they had seen. Casting a look towards the Veil, which seemed bursting with its luminous secret, I was almost doubting to which of the two chances I should commit myself, when I felt the ribbon in my hand pulled softly at the other extremity. This movement, like a touch of magic, at once decided me. Without any further deliberation, I yielded to the silent summons, and following my guide, who was already at some distance before me, found myself led up the same flight of marble steps, by which the Priest had conducted me into the Sanctuary. Arrived at their summit, I felt the pace of my conductress quicken, and giving one more look to the Veiled Shrine, whose glories we left burning uselessly behind us, hastened onward into the gloom, full of confidence in the belief, that she, who now held the other end of that clew, was one whom I was ready to follow devotedly through the world.

## CHAPTER XL.

WITH such rapidity was I hurried along by my unseen guide, full of wonder at the speed with which she ventured through these labyrinths, that I had but little time for reflection upon the strangeness of the adventure to which I had committed myself. My knowledge of the character of the Memphian priests, as well as some fearful rumors that had reached me, concerning the fate that often attended unbelievers in their hands, awakened a momentary suspicion of treachery in my mind. But, when I recalled the face of my guide, as I had seen it in the small chapel, with that divine look, the very memory of which brought purity into the heart, I found my suspicions all vanish, and felt shame at having harbored them but an instant.

In the mean while, our rapid course continued without any interruption, through windings even more capriciously intricate<sup>1</sup> than any I had yet passed, and whose thick gloom seemed

<sup>1</sup> In addition to the accounts which the ancients have left us of the prodigious excavations in all parts of Egypt — the

fifteen hundred chambers under the labyrinth — the subterranean stables of the Thebaid, containing a thousand horses

never to have been broken by a single glimmer of light. My unseen conductress was still at some distance before me, and the slight clew, to which I clung as if it were Destiny's own thread, was still kept, by the speed of her course, at full stretch between us. At length, suddenly stopping, she said, in a breathless whisper, "Seat thyself here;" and, at the same moment, led me by the hand to a sort of low car, in which, obeying her brief command, I lost not a moment in placing myself, while the maiden, no less promptly, took her seat by my side.

A sudden click, like the touching of a spring, was then heard, and the car — which, as I had felt in entering it, leaned half way over a steep descent — on being let loose from its station, shot down, almost perpendicularly, into the darkness, with a rapidity which, at first, nearly deprived me of breath. The wheels slid smoothly and noiselessly in grooves, and the impetus, which the car acquired in descending, was sufficient, I perceived, to carry it up an eminence that succeeded — from the summit of which it again rushed down another declivity, even still more long and precipitous than the former. In this manner we proceeded, by alternate falls and rises, till, at length, from the last and steepest elevation, the car descended upon a level of deep sand, where, after running for a few yards, it by degrees lost its motion and stopped.

Here, the maiden alighting again placed the ribbon in my hands — and again I followed her, though with more slowness and difficulty than before, as our way now led up a flight of damp and time-worn steps, whose ascent seemed to the wearied and insecure foot interminable. Perceiving with what languor my guide advanced, I was on the point of making an effort to assist her progress, when the creak of an opening door above, and a faint gleam of light which, at the same moment, shone upon her

figure, apprised me that we were at last arrived within reach of sunshine.

Joyfully I followed through this opening, and, by the dim light, could discern, that we were now in the sanctuary of a vast, ruined temple — having entered by a secret passage under the pedestal, upon which an image of the idol of the place once stood. The first movement of the young maiden, after closing again the portal under the pedestal, was, without even a single look towards me, to cast herself down upon her knees, with her hands clasped and uplifted, as if in thanksgiving or prayer. But she was unable, evidently, to sustain herself in this position; — her strength could hold out no longer. Overcome by agitation and fatigue, she sunk senseless upon the pavement.

Bewildered as I was myself, by the strange events of the night, I stood for some minutes looking upon her in a state of helplessness and alarm. But, reminded, by my own feverish sensations, of the reviving effects of the air, I raised her gently in my arms, and crossing the corridor that surrounded the sanctuary, found my way to the outer vestibule of the temple. Here, shading her eyes from the sun, I placed her, reclining, upon the steps, where the cool north wind, then blowing freshly between the pillars, might play, with free draught, over her brow.

It was, indeed — as I now saw, with certainty — the same beautiful and mysterious girl, who had been the cause of my descent into that subterranean world, and who now, under such strange and unaccountable circumstances, was my guide back again to the realms of day. I looked around to discover where we were, and beheld such a scene of grandeur, as, could my eyes have been then attracted to any object but the pale form reclining at my side, might well have induced them to dwell on its splendid beauties.

I was now standing, I found, on the small

— the crypts of Upper Egypt passing under the bed of the Nile, &c. &c. — the stories and traditions current among the Arabs still preserve the memory of those wonderful substructions. "Un Arabe," says Paul Lucas, "qui étoit avec nous, m'assura qu'étant entré autrefois dans de Labyrinthe, il avoit marché dans les chambres souterraines jusqu'en un lieu où il y avoit une grande place environnée de plusieurs niches qui ressembloit à de petites boutiques, d'où l'on entroit dans d'autres allées et dans chambres, sans pouvoir en trouver la fin." In speaking, too, of the arcades along the Nile, near Cosseir, "Ils me dirent même que ces souterraines étoient si profondes qu'il y en avoient qui alloient à trois journées de là, et qu'ils conduisoient dans un pays où

l'on voyoit de beaux jardins, qu'on y trouvoit de belles maisons," &c. &c.

See also in *M. Quatremère's Mémoires sur l'Égypte*, tom. i. p. 142, an account of a subterranean reservoir, said to have been discovered at Kaïs, and of the expedition undertaken by a party of persons, in a long narrow boat, for the purpose of exploring it. "Leur voyage avoit été de six jours, dont les quatre premiers furent employés à pénétrer les bords, les deux autres à revenir au lieu d'où ils étoient partis. Pendant tout cet intervalle ils ne purent atteindre l'extrémité du bassin. L'émir Ala-eddin-Tamboga, gouverneur de Behnesa, écrivit ces détails au sultan, qui en fut extrêmement surpris."



island in the centre of Lake Mœris;<sup>1</sup> and that sanctuary, where we had just emerged from darkness, formed part of the ruins of an ancient temple, which was (as I have since learned), in the grander days of Memphis, a place of pilgrimage for worshippers from all parts of Egypt. The fair Lake, itself, out of whose waters once rose pavilions, palaces, and even lofty pyramids, was still, though divested of many of these wonders, a scene of interest and splendor such as the whole world could not equal. While the shores still sparkled with mansions and temples that bore testimony to the luxury of a living race, the voice of the Past, speaking out of unnumbered ruins, whose summits, here and there, rose blackly above the wave,<sup>2</sup> told of times long fled, and generations long swept away, before whose giant remains all the glory of the present stood humbled. Over the southern bank of the Lake hung the dark relics of the Labyrinth; — its twelve Royal Palaces, representing the mansions of the Zodiac — its thundering portals<sup>3</sup> and constellated halls, having left nothing now behind but a few frowning ruins, which, contrasted with the soft groves of acacia and olive around them, seemed to rebuke the luxuriant smiles of nature, and threw a melancholy grandeur over the whole scene.

The effects of the air, in reanimating the young Priestess, were less speedy than I had expected; — her eyes were still closed, and she remained pale and insensible. Alarmed, I now rested her head (which had been, for some time, supported by my arm) against the base of one of the columns, with my cloak for its pillow, while I hastened to procure some water from the Lake. The temple stood high, and the descent to the shore was precipitous. But, my Epicurean habits having but little impaired my activity, I soon descended, with the lightness of a desert deer, to the bottom. Here, plucking from a lofty bean tree, whose flowers stood, shining like gold, above the water, one of those large hollowed leaves that serve as cups<sup>4</sup> for the Hebes of the Nile, I filled it from the Lake, and hurried back with the cool draught towards

the temple. It was not, however, without some difficulty that I at last succeeded in bearing my rustic chalice steadily up the steep; more than once did an unlucky slip waste all its contents, and as often did I return impatiently to refill it.

During this time, the young maiden was fast recovering her animation and consciousness and, at the moment when I appeared above the edge of the steep, was just rising from the steps, with her hand pressed to her forehead, as if confusedly recalling the recollection of what had occurred. No sooner did she observe me, than a short cry of alarm broke from her lips. Looking anxiously round, as though she sought for protection, and half audibly uttering the words, "Where is he?" she made an effort, as I approached, to retreat into the temple.

Already, however, I was by her side, and taking her hand, as she turned away from me, gently in mine, asked, "Whom dost thou seek, fair Priestess?" — thus, for the first time, breaking the silence she had enjoined, and in a tone that might have reassured the most timid spirit. But my words had no effect in calming her apprehension. Trembling, and with her eyes still averted towards the Temple, she continued in a voice of suppressed alarm, — "Where *can* he be? — that venerable Athenian, that philosopher, who —"

"Here, here," I exclaimed, anxiously, interrupting her — "behold him still by thy side the same, the very same, who saw thee steal from under the Veils of the Sanctuary, whom thou hast guided by a clew through those labyrinths below, and who now only waits his command from those lips, to devote himself through life and death to thy service." As I spoke these words, she turned slowly round, and looking timidly in my face, while her own burned with blushes, said, in a tone of doubt and wonder, "Thou!" and then hid her eyes in her hands.

I knew not how to interpret a reception so unexpected. That some mistake or disappointment had occurred was evident; but so inexplicable did the whole adventure appear to me, that it was in vain to think of unravelling any

<sup>1</sup> The position here given to Lake Mœris, in making it the immediate boundary of the city of Memphis to the south, corresponds exactly with the site assigned to it by Maillet: — "Memphis avoit encore à son midi un vaste réservoir, par où tout ce qui peut servir à la commodité et à l'agrément de la vie lui étoit voituré abondamment de toutes les parties de l'Égypte. Ce lac qui la terminoit de ce côté-la," &c. &c. Tom. ii. p. 7.

<sup>2</sup> "On voit sur la rive orientale des antiquités qui sont resque en ièrement sous les eaux." *Belzoni*.

<sup>3</sup> "Quorundam autem domorum (in Labyrintho) talis est situs, ut adaperientibus fores tonitruum intus terribile existat." *Pliny*.

<sup>4</sup> *Strabo*. According to the French translator of *Strabo*, it was the fruit of the *fabæ Ægyptiaca*, not the leaf, that was used for this purpose. "Le κιδωριον," he says, "devoit s'entendre de la capsule ou fruit de cette plante, dont les Égyptiens se servoient comme d'un vase, imaginant que l'eau du Nil y devenoit délicateuse."



part of it. Weak and agitated, she now tottered to the steps of the Temple, and there seating herself, with her forehead against the cold marble, seemed for some moments absorbed in the most anxious thought; while silent and watchful I awaited her decision, though, at the same time, with a feeling which the result proved to be prophetic — that my destiny was, from thenceforth, linked inseparably with hers.

The inward struggle by which she was agitated, though violent, was not of long continuance. Starting suddenly from her seat, with a look of terror towards the Temple, as if the fear of immediate pursuit had alone decided her, she pointed eagerly towards the East, and exclaimed, "To the Nile, without delay!" — clasping her hands, after she had thus spoken, with the most suppliant fervor, as if to soften the abruptness of the mandate she had given, and appealing to me at the same time, with a look that would have taught Stoics themselves tenderness.

I lost not a moment in obeying the welcome command. With a thousand wild hopes naturally crowding upon my fancy, at the thoughts of a voyage, under such auspices, I descended rapidly to the shore, and hailing one of those boats that ply upon the Lake for hire, arranged speedily for a passage down the canal to the Nile. Having learned, too, from the boatmen, a more easy path up the rock, I hastened back to the Temple for my fair charge; and without a word or look, that could alarm, even by its kindness, or disturb the innocent confidence which she now evidently reposed in me, led her down by the winding path to the boat.

Every thing around looked sunny and smiling as we embarked. The morning was in its first freshness, and the path of the breeze might clearly be traced over the Lake, as it went wakening up the waters from their sleep of the night. The gay, golden-winged birds that haunt these shores, were, in every direction, skimming along the Lake; while, with a graver consciousness of beauty, the swan and the pelican were seen dressing their white plumage in the mirror of its wave. To add to the liveliness of the scene, there came, at intervals, on the breeze, a sweet tinkling of musical instruments from boats at a distance, employed thus early in pursuing the fish of these waters,<sup>1</sup> that allow

themselves to be decoyed into the nets by music.

The vessel I had selected for our voyage was one of those small pleasure boats or yachts<sup>2</sup> — so much in use among the luxurious navigators of the Nile — in the centre of which rises a pavilion of cedar or cypress wood, adorned richly on the outside, with religious emblems, and gayly fitted up, within, for feasting and repose. To the door of this pavilion I now led my companion, and, after a few words of kindness — tempered cautiously with as much reserve as the deep tenderness of my feeling towards her would admit — left her to court that restoring rest, which the agitation of her spirits so much required.

For myself, though repose was hardly less necessary to me, the state of ferment in which I had been so long kept appeared to render it hopeless. Having thrown myself on the deck of the vessel, under an awning which the sailors had raised for me, I continued, for some hours, in a sort of vague daydream — sometimes passing in review the scenes of that subterranean drama, and sometimes, with my eyes fixed in drowsy vacancy, receiving passively the impressions of the bright scenery through which we passed.

The banks of the canal were then luxuriantly wooded. Under the tufts of the light and towering palm were seen the orange and the citron, interlacing their boughs; while, here and there, huge tamarisks thickened the shade, and, at the very edge of the bank, the willow of Babylon stood bending its graceful branches into the water. Occasionally, out of the depth of these groves, there shone a small temple or pleasure house; — while, now and then, an opening in their line of foliage allowed the eye to wander over extensive fields, all covered with beds of those pale, sweet roses,<sup>3</sup> for which this district of Egypt is so celebrated.

The activity of the morning hour was visible in every direction. Flights of doves and lapwings were fluttering among the leaves, and the white heron, which had been roosting all night in some date tree, now stood sunning its wings upon the green bank, or floated, like living silver, over the flood. The flowers, too, both of land and water, looked all just freshly awakened; — and, most of all, the superb lotus,

<sup>1</sup> *Jeliam*, lib. vi. 32.

<sup>2</sup> Called Thalameges, from the pavilion on the deck. Vide *Strabo*.

<sup>3</sup> As April is the season for gathering these roses (see *Malt-Brun's Economical Calendar*), the Epicurean could not, of course, mean to say that he saw them actually in flower

which, having risen along with the sun from the wave, was now holding up her chalice for a full draught of his light.

Such were the scenes that now successively presented themselves, and mingled with the vague reveries that floated through my mind, as our boat, with its high, capacious sail, swept along the flood. Though the occurrences of the last few days could not but appear to me one continued series of wonders, yet by far the greatest marvel of all was, that she, whose first look had sent wildfire into my heart — whom I had thought of ever since with a restlessness of passion, that would have dared all danger and wrong to obtain its object — *she* was now at this moment resting sacredly within that pavilion, while guarding her, even from myself, I lay motionless at its threshold.

Meanwhile, the sun had reached his meridian height. The busy hum of the morning had died gradually away, and all around was sleeping in the hot stillness of noon. The Nile goose, having folded up her splendid wings, was lying motionless on the shadow of the sycamores in the water. Even the nimble lizards upon the bank<sup>1</sup> appeared to move less nimbly, as the light fell on their gold and azure hues. Overcome as I was with watching, and weary with thought, it was not long before I yielded to the becalming influence of the hour. Looking fixedly at the pavilion — as if once more to assure myself that I was in no dream or trance, but that the young Egyptian was really there — I felt my eyes close as I gazed, and in a few minutes sunk into a profound sleep.

## CHAPTER XII.

It was by the canal through which we now sailed,<sup>2</sup> that, in the more prosperous days of Memphis, the commerce of Upper Egypt and Nubia was transported to her magnificent Lake, and from thence, having paid tribute to the queen of cities, was poured forth again, through the Nile, into the ocean. The course of this canal to the river was not direct, but ascending in a south-easterly direction towards the Saïd; and in calms, or with adverse winds, the passage was tedious. But as the breeze was now

blowing freshly from the north, there was every prospect of our reaching the river before night-fall. Rapidly, too, as our galley swept along the flood, its motion was so smooth as to be hardly felt; and the quiet gurgle of the waters, and the drowsy song of the boatman at the prow, were the only sounds that disturbed the deep silence which prevailed.

The sun, indeed, had nearly sunk behind the Libyan hills, before the sleep, into which these sounds had contributed to lull me, was broken; and the first object on which my eyes rested, in waking, was that fair young Priestess — seated within a porch which shaded the door of the pavilion, and bending intently over a small volume that lay unrolled on her lap.

Her face was but half turned towards me; and as she, once or twice, raised her eyes to the warm sky, whose light fell, softened through the trellis, over her cheek, I found all those feelings of reverence, which she had inspired me with in the chapel, return. There was even a purer and holier charm around her countenance, thus seen by the natural light of day, than in those dim and unhallowed regions below. She was now looking, too, direct to the glorious sky, and her pure eyes and that heaven, so worthy of each other, met.

After contemplating her for a few moments, with little less than adoration, I rose gently from my resting-place, and approached the pavilion. But the mere movement had startled her from her devotion, and, blushing and confused, she covered the volume with the folds of her robe.

In the art of winning upon female confidence, I had long, of course, been schooled; and, now that to the lessons of gallantry the inspiration of love was added, my ambition to please and to interest could hardly fail, it may be supposed, of success. I soon found, however, how much less fluent is the heart than the fancy, and how very different may be the operations of making love and feeling it. In the few words of greeting now exchanged between us, it was evident that the gay, the enterprising Epicurean was little less embarrassed than the secluded Priestess; — and, after one or two ineffectual efforts to converse, the eyes of both turned bashfully away, and we relapsed into silence.

From this situation — the result of timidity

<sup>1</sup> "L'or et l'azur brillent en bandes longitudinales sur leur corps entier, et leur queue est du plus beau bleu céleste." *Sonnini*.

<sup>2</sup> "Un Canal," says *Maitlet*, "très profond et très large voituroit les eaux du Nil."

on one side, and of a feeling altogether new, on the other — we were, at length, relieved, after an interval of estrangement, by the boatmen announcing that the Nile was in sight. The countenance of the young Egyptian brightened at this intelligence; and the smile with which I congratulated her upon the speed of our voyage was responded to by another from her, so full of gratitude, that already an instinctive sympathy seemed established between us.

We were now on the point of entering that sacred river, of whose sweet waters the exile drinks in his dreams — for a draught of whose flood the royal daughters of the Ptolemics,<sup>1</sup> when far away, on foreign thrones, have been known to sigh in the midst of their splendor. As our boat, with slackened sail, was gliding into the current, an inquiry from the boatmen, whether they should anchor for the night in the Nile, first reminded me of the ignorance in which I still remained, with respect to the motive or destination of our voyage. Embarrassed by their question, I directed my eyes towards the Priestess, whom I saw waiting for my answer with a look of anxiety, which this silent reference to her wishes at once dispelled. Unfolding eagerly the volume with which I had seen her so much occupied, she took from between its folds a small leaf of papyrus, on which there appeared to be some faint lines of drawing, and after looking upon it thoughtfully for a few moments, placed it, with an agitated hand, in mine.

In the mean time, the boatmen had taken in their sail, and the yacht drove slowly down the river with the current, while, by a light which had been kindled at sunset on the deck, I stood examining the leaf that the Priestess had given me — her dark eyes fixed anxiously on my countenance all the while. The lines traced upon the papyrus were so faint as to be almost invisible, and I was for some time wholly unable to form a conjecture as to their import. At length, however, I succeeded in making out that they were a sort of map, or outlines — traced slightly and unsteadily with a Memphian reed — of a part of that mountainous ridge by which Upper Egypt is bounded to the east, together with the

names, or rather emblems, of the chief towns in its immediate neighborhood.

It was thither, I now saw clearly, that the young Priestess wished to pursue her course. Without further delay, therefore, I ordered the boatmen to set our yacht before the wind, and ascend the current. My command was promptly obeyed; the white sail again rose into the region of the breeze, and the satisfaction that beamed in every feature of the fair Egyptian showed that the quickness with which I had attended to her wishes was not unfelt by her. The moon had now risen; and though the current was against us, the Etesian wind of the season blew strongly up the river, and we were soon floating before it, through the rich plains and groves of the Saïd.

The love with which this simple girl had inspired me, was partly, perhaps, from the mystic scenes and situations in which I had seen her, not unmingled with a tinge of superstitious awe, under the influence of which I felt the natural buoyancy of my spirit repressed. The few words that had passed between us on the subject of our route had somewhat loosened this spell; and what I wanted of vivacity and confidence was more than compensated by the tone of deep sensibility which love had awakened in their place.

We had not proceeded far before the glittering of lights at a distance, and the shooting up of fireworks, at intervals, into the air, apprised us that we were then approaching one of those night fairs, or marts, which it is the custom, at this season, to hold upon the Nile. To me the scene was familiar; but to my young companion it was evidently a new world; and the mixture of alarm and delight with which she gazed, from under her veil, upon the busy scene into which we now sailed, gave an air of innocence to her beauty, which still more heightened its every charm.

It was one of the widest parts of the river; and the whole surface, from one bank to the other, was covered with boats. Along the banks of a green island, in the middle of the stream, lay anchored the galleys of the principal traders — large floating bazaars, bearing each the name

<sup>1</sup> “Anciennement on portoit les eaux du Nil jusqu'à des contrées fort éloignées, et surtout chez les princesses du sang des Ptolomées, mariées dans des familles étrangères.” *De P. v. v.*

The water thus conveyed to other lands was, as we may collect from Juvenal, chiefly intended for the use of the Fe nules of Isis, established in those countries.

Si candida jusserit ⁊ ,  
Ibit ad Ægypti finem, calidique petitas  
A Meroë portabit aquas, ut spargat in æde  
Isidis, antiquo quæ proxima surgit ovili.

Sat. vi.

of its owner,<sup>1</sup> emblazoned in letters of flame, upon the stern. Over their decks were spread out, in gay confusion, the products of the loom and needle of Egypt—rich carpets of Memphis, and likewise those variegated veils, for which the female embroiderers of the Nile are so celebrated, and to which the name of Cleopatra lends a traditional charm. In each of the other galleys was exhibited some branch of Egyptian workmanship—vases of the fragrant porcelain of On—cups of that frail crystal,<sup>2</sup> whose hues change like those of the pigeon's plumage—enamelled amulets graven with the head of Anubis, and necklaces and bracelets of the black beans of Abyssinia.<sup>3</sup>

While Commerce was thus displaying her various luxuries in one quarter, in every other, the spirit of pleasure, in all its countless shapes, swarmed over the waters. Nor was the festivity confined to the river alone; as along the banks of the island and on the shores, illuminated mansions were seen glittering through the trees, from whence sounds of music and merriment came. In some of the boats were bands of minstrels, who, from time to time, answered each other, like echoes, across the wave; and the notes of the lyre, the flageolet, and the sweet lotus-wood flute,<sup>4</sup> were heard, in the pauses of revelry, dying along the waters.

Meanwhile, from other boats stationed in the least-lighted places, the workers of fire sent forth their wonders into the air. Bursting out suddenly from time to time, as if in the very exuberance of joy, these sallies of flame appeared to reach the sky, and there, breaking into a shower of sparkles, shed such a splendor around, as brightened even the white Arabian hills—making them shine as doth the brow of Mount Atlas at night,<sup>5</sup> when the fire from his own bosom is playing around its snows.

The opportunity this mart afforded us, of providing ourselves with some less remarkable ha-

biliments than those in which we had escaped from that nether world, was too seasonable not to be gladly taken advantage of by both. For myself, the strange mystic garb which I wore was sufficiently concealed by my Grecian mantle, which I had fortunately thrown round me on the night of my watch. But the thin veil of my companion was a far less efficient disguise. She had, indeed, flung away the golden beetles from her hair; but the sacred robe of her order was still too visible, and the stars of the bandelet shone brightly through her veil.

Most gladly, therefore, did she avail herself of this opportunity of a change; and, as she took from out a casket—which, with the volume I had seen her reading, appeared to be her only treasure—a small jewel, to give in exchange for the simple garments she had chosen, there fell out, at the same time, the very cross of silver which I had seen her kiss, as may be remembered, in the monumental chapel, and which was afterwards pressed to my own lips. This link between us (for such it now appeared to my imagination) called up again in my heart all the burning feelings of that moment;—and, had I not abruptly turned away, my agitation would have but too plainly betrayed itself.

The object, for which we had delayed in this gay scene, having been accomplished, the sail was again spread, and we proceeded on our course up the river. The sounds and the lights we left behind died gradually away, and we now floated along in moonlight and silence once more. Sweet dews, worthy of being called "the tears of Isis,"<sup>6</sup> fell refreshingly through the air, and every plant and flower sent its fragrance to meet them. The wind, just strong enough to bear us smoothly against the current, scarce stirred the shadow of the tamarisks on the water. As the inhabitants from all quarters were collected at the night fair, the Nile was more than usually still and solitary. Such

strung into necklaces and bracelets, is generally known by the name of the black bean of Abyssinia. *N'ebuhr*

<sup>4</sup> See *M. Villoteau on the musical instruments of the Egyptians.*

<sup>5</sup> *Solinus* speaks of the snowy summit of Mount Atlas glittering with flames at night. In the account of the Periplus of Hanno, as well as in that of Eudoxus, we read that as those navigators were coasting this part of Africa, torrents of light were seen to fall on the sea.

<sup>6</sup> "Per lacrymas, vero, Isidis intelligo effluvia quedam Lunæ, quibus tantam vim videntur tribuisse Ægypti."  *Jablonski.*—He is of opinion that the superstition of the *Nacta*, or miraculous drop, is a relic of the veneration paid to the dews, as the tears of Isis.

<sup>1</sup> "Le nom du maître y étoit écrit, pendant la nuit, en lettres de feu." *Maillet.*

<sup>2</sup> Called *Allassontes*. For their brittleness *Martial* is an authority:—

Tolle, puer, calices, tepidique toreumata Nili,  
Et nihil securâ pocula trade manu.

<sup>3</sup> "Sans parler ici des coupes d'un verre porté jusqu'à la pureté du crystal, ni de celles qu'on appelloit *Allassontes*, et qu'on suppose avoir représenté des figures dont les couleurs changeoient suivant l'aspect sous lequel on les regardoit, à peu près comme ce qu'on nomme vulgairement *Gorge de pigeon*," &c. *De Pauw.*

The bean of the *Glycyne*, which is so beautiful as to be



a silence, indeed, prevailed, that, as we glided near the shore, we could hear the rustling of the acacias,<sup>1</sup> as the chameleons ran up their stems. It was, altogether, such a night as only the climate of Egypt can boast, when the whole scene around lies lulled in that sort of bright tranquillity, which may be imagined to light the slumbers of those happy spirits, who are said to rest in the Valley of the Moon,<sup>2</sup> on their way to heaven.

By such a light, and at such an hour, seated, side by side, on the deck of that bark, did we pursue our course up the lonely Nile — each a mystery to the other — our thoughts, our objects, our very names a secret; — separated, too, till now, by destinies so different; the one, a gay voluptuary of the Garden of Athens, the other, a secluded Priestess of the Temples of Memphis; — and the only relation yet established between us being that dangerous one of love, passionate love, on one side, and the most feminine and confiding dependence on the other.

The passing adventure of the night fair had not only dispelled a little our mutual reserve, but had luckily furnished us with a subject on which we could converse without embarrassment. From this topic I took care to lead her, without any interruption, to others — being fearful lest our former silence should return, and the music of her voice again be lost to me. It was only, indeed, by thus indirectly unburdening my heart that I was enabled to avoid the disclosure of all I thought and felt; and the restless rapidity with which I flew from subject to subject was but an effort to escape from the only one in which my heart was really interested.

"How bright and happy," said I — pointing up to Sothis, the fair Star of the Waters,<sup>3</sup> which was just then shining brilliantly over our heads — "How bright and happy this world ought to be, if, as your Egyptian sages assert, yon pure and beautiful luminary was its birthstar!"<sup>4</sup> Then, still leaning back, and letting my eyes wander over the firmament, as if seeking to disengage them from the fascination which they degraded — "To the study," I exclaimed, "for ages, of skies like this, may the pensive and mystic character of your nation be traced. That mixture of pride and melancholy which naturally arises, at the sight of those eternal lights

shining out of darkness; — that sublime, but saddened, anticipation of a Future, which steals sometimes over the soul in the silence of such an hour, when, though Death appears to reign in the deep stillness of earth, there are yet those beacons of Immortality burning in the sky."

Pausing, as I uttered the word "immortality," with a sigh to think how little my heart echoed to my lips, I looked in the face of my companion, and saw that it had lighted up, as I spoke, into a glow of holy animation, such as Faith alone gives; — such as Hope herself wears, when she is dreaming of heaven. Touched by the contrast, and gazing upon her with mournful tenderness, I found my arms half opened, to clasp her to my heart, while the words died away inaudibly upon my lips, — "Thou, too, beautiful maiden! must thou, too, die forever?"

My self-command, I felt, had nearly deserted me. Rising abruptly from my seat, I walked to the middle of the deck, and stood, for some moments, unconsciously gazing upon one of those fires, which — according to the custom of all who travel by night on the Nile — our boatmen had kindled, to scare away the crocodiles from the vessel. But it was in vain that I endeavored to compose my spirit. Every effort I made but more deeply convinced me, that, till the mystery which hung around that maiden should be solved — till the secret, with which my own bosom labored, should be disclosed — it was fruitless to attempt even a semblance of tranquillity.

My resolution was therefore taken; — to lay open, at once, the feelings of my own heart, as far as such revelation might be hazarded, without startling the timid innocence of my companion. Thus resolved, I resumed my seat, with more composure, by her side, and taking from my bosom the small mirror which she had dropped in the Temple, and which I had ever since worn suspended round my neck, presented it with a trembling hand to her view. The boatmen had just kindled one of their night fires near us, and its light, as she leaned forward to look at the mirror, fell upon her face.

The quick blush of surprise with which she recognized it to be hers, and her look of bashful yet eager inquiry, in raising her eyes to mine, were appeals to which I was not, of course, tardy in answering. Beginning with the first

<sup>1</sup> *Travels of Captain Mangles.*

<sup>2</sup> *Plutarch. Dupuis, tom. x. The Manicheans held the same belief. See Beausobre, p. 565.*

<sup>3</sup> Ὑδραγωγὸν is the epithet applied to this star by *Plutarch. de Isid.*

<sup>4</sup> Ἡ Σωθῆως ἀνατολὴ γενεσεως καταρχουσα τῆς εἰς τὸν κόσμον. *Porphyr. de Antro Nymph.*



moment when I saw her in the Temple, and passing hastily, but with words that burned, as they went, over the impression which she had then left upon my heart and fancy, I proceeded to describe the particulars of my descent into the pyramid—my surprise and adoration at the door of the chapel—my encounter with the Trials of Initiation, so mysteriously prepared for me, and all the various visionary wonders I had witnessed in that region, till the moment when I had seen her stealing from under the Veils to approach me.

Though, in detailing these events, I had said but little of the feelings they had awakened in me—though my lips had sent back many a sentence, unuttered, there was still enough that could neither be subdued nor disguised, and which, like that light from under the veils of her own Isis, glowed through every word that I spoke. When I told of the scene in the chapel—of the silent interview which I had witnessed between the dead and the living—the maiden leaned down her head and wept, as from a heart full of tears. It seemed a pleasure to her, however, to listen; and, when she looked at me again, there was an earnest and affectionate cordiality in her eyes, as if the knowledge of my having been present at that mournful scene had opened a new source of sympathy and intelligence between us. So neighboring are the fountains of Love and of Sorrow, and so imperceptibly do they often mingle their streams.

Little, indeed, as I was guided by art or design, in my manner and conduct towards this innocent girl, not all the most experienced gallantry of the Garden could have dictated a policy half so seductive as that which my new master, Love, now taught me. The same ardor which, if shown at once, and without reserve, might probably have startled a heart so little prepared for it, being now checked and softened by the timidity of real love, won its way without alarm, and, when most diffident of success, was then most surely on its way to triumph. Like one whose slumbers are gradually broken by sweet music, the maiden's heart was awakened without being disturbed. She followed the course of the charm, unconscious whither it led, nor was even aware of the flame she had lighted in another's bosom, till startled by the reflection of it glimmering in her own.

Impatient as I was to appeal to her gener-

osity and sympathy, for a similar proof of confidence to that which I had just given, the night was now too far advanced for me to impose upon her such a task. After exchanging a few words, in which, though little met the ear, there was, on both sides, a tone and manner that spoke far more than language, we took a lingering leave of each other for the night, with every prospect, I fondly hoped, of being still together in our dreams.

### CHAPTER XIII.

It was so near the dawn of day when we parted, that we found the sun sinking westward when we rejoined each other. The smile, so frankly cordial, with which she met me, might have been taken for the greeting of a long mellowed friendship, did not the blush and the cast-down eyelid that followed betray symptoms of a feeling newer and less calm. For myself, lightened as I was, in some degree, by the avowal which I had made, I was yet too conscious of the new aspect thus given to our intercourse, not to feel some little alarm at the prospect of returning to the theme. We were both, therefore, alike willing to allow our attention to be diverted, by the variety of strange objects that presented themselves on the way, from a subject that evidently both were alike unwilling to approach.

The river was now all stirring with commerce and life. Every instant we met with boats descending the current, so wholly independent of aid from sail or oar, that the mariners sat idly on the deck as they shot along, either singing or playing upon their double-reeded pipes. The greater number of these boats came laden with those large emeralds, from the mine in the desert, whose colors, it is said, are brightest at the full of the moon; while some brought cargoes of frankincense from the acacia groves near the Red Sea. On the decks of others, that had been, as we learned, to the Golden Mountains<sup>1</sup> beyond Syene, were heaped blocks and fragments of that sweet-smelling wood,<sup>2</sup> which is yearly washed down, by the Green Nile of Nubia, at the season of the floods.

Our companions up the stream were far less numerous. Occasionally a boat, returning light-

<sup>1</sup> Vide *Wilford on Egypt and the Nile*, Asiatic Researches.

<sup>2</sup> "A l'époque de la crue le Nil Vert charrie les planches

d'un bois qui a une odeur semblable à celle de l'encens " *Quatremère*.

ened from the fair of last night, shot rapidly past us, with those high sails that catch every breeze from over the hills; — while, now and then, we overtook one of those barges full of bees,<sup>1</sup> that are sent at this season to colonize the gardens of the south, and take advantage of the first flowers after the inundation has passed away.

For a short time, this constant variety of objects enabled us to divert so far our conversation as to keep it from lighting upon the one, sole subject, round which it constantly hovered. But the effort, as might be expected, was not long successful. As evening advanced, the whole scene became more solitary. We less frequently ventured to look upon each other, and our intervals of silence grew more long.

It was near sunset, when, in passing a small temple on the shore, whose porticoes were now full of the evening light, we saw issuing from a thicket of acanthus near it, a train of young maidens gracefully linked together in the dance by stems of the lotus held at arms' length between them. Their tresses were also wreathed with this gay emblem of the season, and in such profusion were its white flowers twisted around their waists and arms,<sup>2</sup> that they might have been taken, as they lightly bounded along the bank, for Nymphs of the Nile, then freshly risen from their bright gardens under the wave.

After looking for a few minutes at this sacred dance, the maiden turned away her eyes, with a look of pain, as if the remembrances it recalled were of no welcome nature. This momentary retrospect, this glimpse into the past, appeared to offer a sort of clew to the secret for which I panted; — and accordingly I proceeded, as gradually and delicately as my impatience would allow, to avail myself of the opening. Her own frankness, however, relieved me from the embarrassment of much questioning. She appeared even to feel that the confidence I sought was due to me; and beyond the natural hesitation of maidenly modesty, not a shade of reserve or evasion appeared.

To attempt to repeat, in her own touching words, the simple story which she now related to me, would be like endeavoring to note down some unpremeditated strain of music, with all those fugitive graces, those felicities of the mo-

ment, which no art can restore, as they first met the ear. From a feeling, too, of humility, she had omitted in her short narrative several particulars relating to herself, which I afterwards learned; — while others, not less important, she but slightly passed over, from a fear of offending the prejudices of her heathen hearer.

I shall, therefore, give her story, not as she, herself, sketched it, but as it was afterwards filled up by a pious and venerable hand — far, far more worthy than mine of being associated with the memory of such purity.

#### STORY OF ALETHE.

“THE mother of this maiden was the beautiful Theora of Alexandria, who, though a native of that city, was descended from Grecian parents. When very young, Theora was one of the seven maidens selected to note down the discourses of the eloquent Origen, who, at that period, presided over the School of Alexandria, and was in all the fulness of his fame both among Pagans and Christians. Endowed richly with the learning of both creeds, he brought the natural light of philosophy to illustrate the mysteries of faith, and was then only proud of his knowledge of the wisdom of this world, when he found it minister usefully to the triumph of divine truth.

“Although he had courted in vain the crown of martyrdom, it was held, through his whole life, suspended over his head, and, in more than one persecution, he had shown himself cheerfully ready to die for that holy faith which he lived but to testify and uphold. On one of these occasions, his tormentors, having habited him like an Egyptian priest, placed him upon the steps of the Temple of Serapis, and commanded that he should, in the manner of the Pagan ministers, present palm branches to the multitude who went up into the shrine. But the courageous Christian disappointed their views. Holding forth the branches with an unshrinking hand, he cried aloud, ‘Come hither and take the branch, not of an Idol Temple, but of Christ.’

“So indefatigable was this learned Father in his studies, that, while composing his Commentary on the Scriptures<sup>3</sup> he was attended by seven scribes or notaries, who relieved each

<sup>1</sup> Maillet.

<sup>2</sup> “On les voit comme jadis cueillir dans les champs des tiges du lotus, signes du débordement et présages de l’abondance; ils s’enveloppent les bras et le corps avec les longues

tiges fleuries, et parcourent les rues,” &c. *Description des Tombeaux des Rois par M. Costaz.*

<sup>3</sup> It was during the composition of his great critical work, the *Hexapla*, that Origen employed these female scribes

other in recording the dictates of his eloquent tongue; while the same number of young females, selected for the beauty of their penmanship, were employed in arranging and transcribing the precious leaves.

"Among the scribes so selected, was the fair young Theora, whose parents, though attached to the Pagan worship, were not unwilling to profit by the accomplishments of their daughter, thus occupied in a task, which they looked on as purely mechanical. To the maid herself, however, her employment brought far other feelings and consequences. She read anxiously as she wrote, and the divine truths, so eloquently illustrated, found their way, by degrees, from the page to her heart. Deeply, too, as the written words affected her, the discourses from the lips of the great teacher himself, which she had frequent opportunities of hearing, sunk still more deeply into her mind. There was, at once, a sublimity and gentleness in his views of religion, which to the tender hearts and lively imaginations of women, never failed to appeal with convincing power. Accordingly, the list of his female pupils was numerous; and the names of Barbara, Juliana, Heraïs, and others, bear honorable testimony to his influence over that sex.

"To Theora the feeling, with which his discourses inspired her, was like a new soul — a consciousness of spiritual existence, never before felt. By the eloquence of the comment she was awakened into admiration of the text; and when, by the kindness of a Catechumen of the school, who had been struck by her innocent zeal, she, for the first time, became possessor of a copy of the Scriptures, she could not sleep for thinking of her sacred treasure. With a mixture of pleasure and fear she hid it from all eyes, and was like one who had received a divine guest under her roof, and felt fearful of betraying its divinity to the world.

"A heart so awake would have been with ease secured to the faith, had her opportunities of hearing the sacred word continued. But circumstances arose to deprive her of this advantage. The mild Origen, long harassed and thwarted in his labors by the tyranny of Demetrius, Bishop of Alexandria, was obliged to relinquish his school and fly from Egypt. The occupation of the fair scribe was, therefore, at an end: her intercourse with the followers of the new faith ceased; and the growing enthusiasm of her heart gave way to more worldly impressions.

"Among other earthly feelings, love conduced not a little to wean her thoughts from the true religion. While still very young, she became the wife of a Greek adventurer, who had come to Egypt as a purchaser of that rich tapestry,<sup>1</sup> in which the needles of Persia are rivalled by the looms of the Nile. Having taken his young bride to Memphis, which was still the great mart of this merchandise, he there, in the midst of his speculations, died — leaving his widow on the point of becoming a mother, while, as yet, but in her nineteenth year.

"For single and unprotected females, it has been, at all times, a favorite resource, to seek for employment in the service of some of those great temples by which so large a portion of the wealth and power of Egypt is absorbed. In most of these institutions there exists an order of Priestesses, which, though not hereditary, like that of the Priests, is provided for by ample endowments, and confers that dignity and station, with which, in a government so theocratic, Religion is sure to invest even her humblest handmaids. From the general policy of the Sacred College of Memphis, we may take for granted, that an accomplished female, like Theora, found but little difficulty in being elected one of the Priestesses of Isis; and it was in the service of the subterranean shrines that her ministry chiefly lay.

"Here, a month or two after her admission, she gave birth to Alethe, who first opened her eyes among the unholy pomps and specious miracles of this mysterious region. Though Theora, as we have seen, had been diverted by other feelings from her first enthusiasm for the Christian faith, she had never wholly forgot the impression then made upon her. The sacred volume, which the pious Catechumen had given her, was still treasured with care; and, though she seldom opened its pages, there was always an idea of sanctity associated with it in her memory, and often would she sit to look upon it with reverential pleasure, recalling the happiness she had felt when it was first made her own.

"The leisure of her new retreat, and the lone melancholy of widowhood, led her still more frequently to indulge in such thoughts, and to recur to those consoling truths which she had heard in the school of Alexandria. She now

<sup>1</sup> Non ego prætulerim Babylonica picta superbè  
Texta, Seniramâ quæ variantur acu. *Martial.*

began to peruse eagerly the sacred volume, drinking deep of the fountain of which she before but tasted, and feeling — what thousands of mourners, since her, have felt — that Christianity is the true and only religion of the sorrowful.

“This study of her secret hours became still more dear to her, as well from the peril with which, at that period, it was attended, as from the necessity she felt herself under of concealing from those around her the precious light that had been thus kindled in her own heart. Too timid to encounter the fierce persecution, which awaited all who were suspected of a leaning to Christianity, she continued to officiate in the pomps and ceremonies of the Temple; — though, often, with such remorse of soul, that she would pause, in the midst of the rites, and pray inwardly to God, that he would forgive this profanation of his Spirit.

“In the mean time her daughter, the young Alethe, grew up still lovelier than herself, and added, every hour, both to her happiness and her fears. When arrived at a sufficient age, she was taught, like the other children of the priestesses, to take a share in the service and ceremonies of the shrines. The duty of some of these young servitors<sup>1</sup> was to look after the flowers for the altar; — of others to take care that the sacred vases were filled every day with fresh water from the Nile. The task of some was to preserve, in perfect polish, those silver images of the Moon which the priests carried in processions; while others were, as we have seen, employed in feeding the consecrated animals, and in keeping their plumes and scales bright for the admiring eyes of their worshippers.

“The office allotted to Alethe — the most honorable of these minor ministries — was to wait upon the sacred birds of the Moon, to feed them daily with those eggs from the Nile which they loved, and provide for their use that purest water, which alone these delicate birds will touch. This employment was the delight of her childish hours; and that ibis, which Alciphron (the Epicurean) saw her dance round in the temple, was, of all the sacred flock, her especial favorite, and had been daily fondled and fed by her from infancy.

“Music, as being one of the chief spells of

this enchanted region, was an accomplishment required of all its ministrants; and the harp, the lyre, and the sacred flute, sounded nowhere so sweetly as through these subterranean gardens. The chief object, indeed, in the education of the youth of the Temple, was to fit them, by every grace of art and nature, to give effect to the illusion of those shows and phantasms, in which the entire charm and secret of Initiation lay.

“Among the means employed to support the old system of superstition, against the infidelity and, still more, the new Faith that menaced it, was an increased display of splendor and marvels in those Mysteries for which Egypt has so long been celebrated. Of these ceremonies so many imitations had, under various names, multiplied throughout Europe, that at length the parent superstition ran a risk of being eclipsed by its progeny; and, in order still to rank as the first Priesthood in the world, it became necessary for those of Egypt to remain still the best impostors.

“Accordingly, every contrivance that art could devise, or labor execute — every resource that the wonderful knowledge of the Priests, in pyrotechny, mechanics, and dioptrics, could command — was brought into action to heighten the effect of their Mysteries, and give an air of enchantment to every thing connected with them.

“The final scene of beatification — the Elysium, into which the Initiate was received — formed, of course, the leading attraction of these ceremonies; and to render it captivating alike to the senses of the man of pleasure, and the imagination of the spiritualist, was the great object to which the attention of the Sacred College was devoted. By the influence of the Priests of Memphis over those of the other Temples they had succeeded in extending their subterranean frontier, both to the north and south, so as to include, within their ever-lighted Paradise, some of the gardens excavated for the use of the other Twelve Shrines.

“The beauty of the young Alethe, the touching sweetness of her voice, and the sensibility that breathed throughout her every look and movement, rendered her a powerful auxiliary in such appeals to the imagination. She had been, accordingly, in her very childhood, se-

<sup>1</sup> De Pauw, who differs in opinion from those who supposed women to be eligible to the higher sacerdotal offices in Egypt, thus enumerates the tasks to which their superintendence was, as he thinks, confined: — “Les femmes n'ont

pu tout au plus dans l'ordre secondaire s'acquitter que de quelques emplois sans conséquence; comme de nourrir des scarabées, des musaraignes et d'autres petits animaux sacrés.” Tom. i. sect. 2



lected from among her fair companions, as the most worthy representative of spiritual loveliness, in those pictures of Elysium — those scenes of another world — by which not only the fancy, but the reason, of the excited Aspirants was dazzled.

“To the innocent child herself these shows were pastime. But to Theora, who knew too well the imposition to which they were subservient, this profanation of all that she loved was a perpetual source of horror and remorse. Often would she — when Alethe stood smiling before her, arrayed, perhaps, as a spirit of the Elysian world — turn away, with a shudder, from the happy child, almost fancying she saw already the shadows of sin descending over that innocent brow, as she gazed upon it.

“As the intellect of the young maid became more active and inquiring, the apprehensions and difficulties of the mother increased. Afraid to communicate her own precious secret, lest she should involve her child in the dangers that encompassed it, she yet felt it to be no less a cruelty than a crime to leave her wholly immersed in the darkness of Paganism. In this dilemma, the only resource that remained to her was to select, and disengage from the dross that surrounded them, those pure particles of truth which lie at the bottom of all religions; — those feelings, rather than doctrines, of which God has never left his creatures destitute, and which, in all ages, have furnished, to those who sought after it, some clew to his glory.

“The unity and perfect goodness of the Creator; the fall of the human soul into corruption; its struggles with the darkness of this world, and its final redemption and reascent to the source of all spirit; — these natural solutions of the problem of our existence, these elementary grounds of all religion and virtue, which Theora had heard illustrated by her Christian teacher, lay also, she knew, veiled under the theology of Egypt; and to impress them, in their abstract purity, upon the mind of her susceptible pupil, was, in default of more heavenly lights, her sole ambition and care.

“It was generally their habit, after devoting their mornings to the service of the Temple, to pass their evenings and nights in one of those small mansions above ground, allotted, within the precincts of the Sacred College, to some of the most favored Priestesses. Here, out of the reach of those gross superstitions, which pursued them, at every step, below, she endeavored

to inform, as far as she could venture, the mind of her beloved girl; and found it lean as naturally and instinctively to truth, as plants long shut up in darkness will, when light is let in upon them, incline themselves to its rays.

“Frequently, as they sat together on the terrace at night, admiring that glorious assembly of stars, whose beauty first misled mankind into idolatry, she would explain to the young listener by what gradations of error it was that the worship, thus transferred from the Creator to the creature, sunk still lower and lower in the scale of being, till man, at length, presumed to deify man, and by the most monstrous inversions, heaven was made the mere mirror of earth, reflecting back all its most earthly features.

“Even in the Temple itself, the anxious mother would endeavor to interpose her purer lessons among the idolatrous ceremonies in which they were engaged. When the favorite ibis of Alethe took its station upon the shrine, and the young maiden was seen approaching, with all the gravity of worship, the very bird which she had played with but an hour before — when the acacia bough, which she herself had plucked, seemed to acquire a sudden sacredness in her eyes, as soon as the priest had breathed upon it — on all such occasions Theora, though with fear and trembling, would venture to suggest to the youthful worshipper the distinction that should be drawn between the sensible object of adoration, and that spiritual, unseen Deity, of which it was but the remembrancer or type.

“With sorrow, however, she soon discovered that, in thus but partially letting in light upon a mind far too ardent to rest satisfied with such glimmerings, she but bewildered the heart which she meant to guide, and cut down the feeble hope around which its faith twined, without substituting any other support in its place. As the beauty, too, of Alethe began to attract all eyes, new fears crowded upon the mother's heart; — fears, in which she was but too much justified by the characters of some of those around her.

“In this sacred abode, as may easily be conceived, morality did not always go hand in hand with religion. The hypocritical and ambitious Oreus, who was, at this period, High Priest of Memphis, was a man, in every respect, qualified to preside over a system of such splendid fraud. He had reached that effective time of life, when



enough of the warmth and vigor of youth remains to give animation to the counsels of age. But, in his instance, youth had left only the baser passions behind, while age but brought with it a more refined maturity of mischief. The advantages of a faith appealing almost wholly to the senses, were well understood by him; nor had he failed either to discover that, in order to render religion subservient to his own interests, he must shape it adroitly to the interests and passions of others.

"The state of anxiety and remorse in which the mind of the hapless Theora was kept by the scenes, however artfully veiled, which she daily witnessed around her, became at length intolerable. No perils that the cause of truth could bring with it would be half so dreadful as this endurance of sinfulness and deceit. Her child was, as yet, pure and innocent; but, without that sentinel of the soul, Religion, how long might she continue so?

"This thought at once decided her: all other fears vanished before it. She resolved instantly to lay open to Alethe the whole secret of her soul; to make this child, who was her only hope on earth, the sharer of all her hopes in heaven, and then fly with her, as soon as possible, from this unhallowed spot, to the far desert — to the mountains — to any place, however desolate, where God and the consciousness of innocence might be with them.

"The promptitude with which her young pupil caught from her the divine truths was even beyond what she expected. It was like the lighting of one torch at another, so prepared was Alethe's mind for the illumination. Ample, indeed, was the anxious mother now repaid for all her misery, by this perfect communion of love and faith, and by the delight, with which she saw her beloved child — like the young antelope, when first led by her dam to the well — drink thirstily by her side, at the source of all life and truth.

"But such happiness was not long to last. The anxieties that Theora had suffered began to prey upon her health. She felt her strength daily decline; and the thoughts of leaving, alone and unguarded in the world, that treasure which she had just devoted to Heaven, gave her a feeling of despair which but hastened the ebb of life. Had she put in practice her resolution of flying from this place, her child might have been now beyond the reach of all she dreaded, and in the solitude of the desert would have

found at least safety from wrong. But the very happiness she had felt in her new task diverted her from this project; — and it was now too late, for she was already dying.

"She still continued, however, to conceal the state of her health from the tender and sanguine girl, who, though observing the traces of disease on her mother's cheek, little knew that they were the hastening footsteps of death, nor even thought of the possibility of ever losing what was so dear to her. Too soon, however, the moment of separation arrived; and while the anguish and dismay of Alethe were in proportion to the security in which she had indulged, Theora, too, felt, with bitter regret, that she had sacrificed her fond consideration much precious time, and that there now remained but a few brief and painful moments, for the communication of all those wishes and instructions on which the future destiny of the young orphan depended.

"She had, indeed, time for little more than to place the sacred volume solemnly in her hands, to implore that she would, at all risks, fly from this unholy place, and pointing in the direction of the mountains of the Said, to name, with her last breath, the venerable man, to whom, under Heaven, she looked for the protection and salvation of her child.

"The first violence of feeling to which Alethe gave way was succeeded by a fixed and tearless grief, which rendered her insensible, for some time, to the dangers of her situation. Her sole comfort consisted in visiting that monumental chapel where the beautiful remains of Theora lay. There, night after night, in contemplation of those placid features, and in prayers for the peace of the departed spirit, did she pass her lonely, and — however sad they were — happiest hours. Though the mystic emblems that decorated that chapel were but ill suited to the slumber of a Christian, there was one among them, the Cross, which, by a remarkable coincidence, is an emblem alike common to the Gentile and the Christian — being, to the former, a shadowy type of that immortality, of which, to the latter, it is a substantial and assuring pledge.

"Nightly, upon this cross, which she had often seen her lost mother kiss, did she breathe forth a solemn and heartfelt vow, never to abandon the faith which that departed spirit had bequeathed to her. To such enthusiasm, indeed, did her heart at such moments rise, that,

but for the last injunctions from those pallid lips, she would, at once, have avowed her perilous secret, and boldly pronounced the words, 'I am a Christian,' among those benighted shrines!

"But the will of her, to whom she owed more than life, was to be obeyed. To escape from this haunt of superstition must now, she felt, be her first object; and, in planning the means of effecting it, her mind, day and night, was employed. It was with a loathing not to be concealed, that she now found herself compelled to resume her idolatrous services at the shrine. To some of the offices of Theora she succeeded, as is the custom, by inheritance; and in the performance of these tasks — sanctified as they were in her eyes by the pure spirit she had seen engaged in them — there was a sort of melancholy pleasure in which her sorrow found relief. But the part she was again forced to take, in the scenic shows of the Mysteries, brought with it a sense of degradation and wrong which she could no longer endure.

"Already had she formed, in her own mind, a plan of escape, in which her acquaintance with all the windings of this mystic realm gave her confidence, when the solemn reception of Alciphron, as an Initiate, took place.

"From the moment of the landing of that philosopher at Alexandria, he had become an object of suspicion and watchfulness to the inquisitorial Oreus, whom philosophy, in any shape, naturally alarmed, but to whom the sect over which the young Athenian presided was particularly obnoxious. The accomplishments of Alciphron, his popularity, wherever he went, and the bold freedom with which he indulged his wit at the expense of religion, were all faithfully reported to the High Priest by his spies, and awakened in his mind no kindly feelings towards the stranger. In dealing with an infidel, such a personage as Oreus could know no other alternative but that of either converting or destroying him; and though his spite, as a man, would have been more gratified by the latter proceeding, his pride, as a priest, led him to prefer the triumph of the former.

"The first descent of the Epicurean into the pyramid became speedily known, and the alarm was immediately given to the priests below. As soon as they had discovered that the young philosopher of Athens was the intruder, and that he not only still continued to linger round the pyramid, but was observed to look often and wistfully towards the portal, it was concluded

that his curiosity would impel him to try a second descent; and Oreus, blessing the good chance which had thus brought the wild bird into his net, resolved not to suffer an opportunity so precious to be wasted.

"Instantly, the whole of that wonderful machinery, by which the phantasms and illusions of Initiation are produced, were put in active preparation throughout that subterranean realm; and the increased stir and vigilance awakened among its inmates, by this more than ordinary display of the resources of priestcraft, rendered the accomplishment of Alethe's purpose, at such a moment, peculiarly difficult. Wholly ignorant of the important share which it had been her own fortune to take in attracting the young philosopher down to this region, she but heard of him vaguely, as the Chief of a great Grecian sect, who had been led, by either curiosity or accident, to expose himself to the first trials of Initiation; and whom the priests, she could see, were endeavoring to ensnare in their toils, by every art and lure with which their dark science had gifted them.

"To her mind, the image of a philosopher, such as Alciphron had been represented to her, came associated with ideas of age and reverence; and, more than once, the possibility of his being made instrumental to her deliverance flashed a hope across her heart in which she could not refrain from indulging. Often had she been told by Theora of the many Gentile sages, who had laid their wisdom down humbly at the foot of the Cross; and though this Initiate, she feared, could hardly be among the number, yet the rumors which she had gathered from the servants of the Temple, of his undisguised contempt for the errors of heathenism, led her to hope she might find tolerance, if not sympathy, in her appeal to him.

"Nor was it solely with a view to her own chance of deliverance that she thus connected him in her thoughts with the plan which she meditated. The look of proud and self-gratulating malice, with which the High Priest had mentioned this 'infidel,' as he styled him, when giving her instructions in the scene she was to act before the philosopher in the valley, too plainly informed her of the dark destiny that hung over him. She knew how many were the hapless candidates for Initiation, who had been doomed to a duration worse than that of the grave, for but a word, a whisper breathed against the sacred absurdities they witnessed; and it was evident to her that the venerable Greek

(for such her fancy represented Alciphron) was no less interested in escaping from the snares and perils of this region than herself.

"Her own resolution was, at all events, fixed. That visionary scene, in which she had appeared before Alciphron—little knowing how ardent were the heart and imagination, over which her beauty, at that moment, exercised its influence—was, she solemnly resolved, the very last unholy service, that superstition or imposture should ever command of her.

"On the following night the Aspirant was to watch in the Great Temple of Isis. Such an opportunity of approaching and addressing him might never come again. Should he, from compassion for her situation, or a sense of the danger of his own, consent to lend his aid to her flight, most gladly would she accept it—well assured that no danger or treachery she might risk could be half so odious and fearful as those which she left behind. Should he, on the contrary, reject the proposal, her determination was equally fixed—to trust to that God whose eye watches over the innocent, and go forth alone.

"To reach the island in Lake Mœris was her first great object; and there occurred fortunately, at this time, a mode of effecting her purpose, by which both the difficulty and dangers of the attempt would be much diminished. The day of the annual visitation of the High Priest to the Place of Weeping<sup>1</sup>—as that island in the centre of the Lake is called—was now fast approaching; and Alethe knew that the self-moving car, by which the High Priest and one of the Hierophants are conveyed down to the chambers under the Lake, stood then waiting in readiness. By availing herself of this expedient, she would gain the double advantage both of facilitating her own flight, and retarding the speed of her pursuers.

"Having paid a last visit to the tomb of her beloved mother, and wept there, long and passionately, till her heart almost failed in the struggle—having paused, too, to give a kiss to her favorite ibis, which, although too much a Christian to worship, she was still child enough to love—she went early, with a trembling step, to the Sanctuary, and there hid herself in one of the recesses of the Shrine. Her intention was to steal out from thence to Alciphron, while it was yet dark, and before the illumination of the great Statue behind the Veils had begun. But her fears delayed her till it was almost too

late;—already was the image lighted up, and still she remained trembling in her hiding-place.

"In a few minutes more the mighty Veils would have been withdrawn, and the glories of that scene of enchantment laid open—when, at length, summoning all her courage, and taking advantage of a momentary absence of those employed in preparing this splendid mockery, she stole from under the Veil and found her way, through the gloom, to the Epicurean. There was then no time for explanation;—she had but to trust to the simple words, 'Follow, and be silent;' and the implicit readiness with which she found them obeyed filled her with no less surprise than the philosopher himself had felt in hearing them.

"In a second or two they were on their way through the subterranean windings, leaving the ministers of Isis to waste their splendors on vacancy, through a long series of miracles and visions which they now exhibited—unconscious that he, whom they were taking such pains to dazzle, was already, under the guidance of the young Christian, far removed beyond the reach of their deceiving spells."

#### CHAPTER XIV.

SUCH was the singular story, of which this innocent girl now gave me, in her own touching language, the outline.

The sun was just rising as she finished her narrative. Fearful of encountering the expression of those feelings with which, she could not but observe, I was affected by her recital, scarcely had she concluded the last sentence, when, rising abruptly from her seat, she hurried into the pavilion, leaving me with the words fast crowding for utterance to my lips.

Oppressed by the various emotions thus sent back upon my heart, I lay down on the deck in a state of agitation, that defied even the most distant approaches of sleep. While every word she had uttered, every feeling she expressed, but ministered new fuel to that flame which consumed me, and to describe which, passion is far too weak a word, there was also much of her recital that disheartened and alarmed me. To find a Christian thus under the garb of a Memphian Priestess, was a discovery that, had my heart been less deeply interested, would but have more powerfully stimulated my imagination and pride. But, when I recollected the

<sup>1</sup> Vide *Wilford, Asiatic Researches*, vol. iii. p. 340.

austerity of the faith she had embraced — the tender and sacred tie, associated with it in her memory, and the devotion of woman's heart to objects thus consecrated — her very perfections but widened the distance between us, and all that most kindled my passion at the same time chilled my hopes.

Were we to be left to each other, as on this silent river, in such undisturbed communion of thoughts and feelings, I knew too well, I thought, both her sex's nature and my own, to feel a doubt that love would ultimately triumph. But the severity of the guardianship to which I must resign her — that of some monk of the desert, some stern Solitary — the influence such a monitor would gain over her mind — and the horror with which, ere long, he might teach her to regard the reprobate infidel upon whom she now smiled — in all this prospect I saw nothing but despair. After a few short hours, my dream of happiness would be at an end, and such a dark chasm must then open between our fates, as would dis sever them, wide as earth from heaven, asunder.

It was true, she was now wholly in my power. I feared no witnesses but those of earth, and the solitude of the desert was at hand. But though I acknowledged not a heaven, I worshipped her who was, to me, its type and substitute. If, at any moment, a single thought of wrong or deceit, towards one so sacred arose in my mind, one look from her innocent eyes averted the sacrilege. Even passion itself felt a holy fear in her presence — like the flame trembling in the breeze of the sanctuary — and Love, pure Love, stood in place of Religion.

As long as I knew not her story, I could indulge, at least, in dreams of the future. But, now — what expectation, what prospect remained? My single chance of happiness lay in the hope, however delusive, of being able to divert her thoughts from the fatal project she meditated; of weaning her, by persuasion and argument, from that austere faith, which I had before hated and now feared, and of attaching her, perhaps, alone and unlinked as she was in the world, to my own fortunes forever!

In the agitation of these thoughts, I had started from my resting-place, and continued to pace up and down, under a burning sun, till, exhausted both by thought and feeling, I sunk down, amid that blaze of light, into a sleep, which to my fevered brain seemed a sleep of fire.

On awaking, I found the veil of *Alethe* laid carefully over my brow, while she, herself, sat

near me, under the shadow of the sail, looking anxiously upon that leaf, which her mother had given her, and employed apparently in comparing its outlines with the course of the river, as well as with the forms of the rocky hills by which we were passing. She looked pale and troubled, and rose eagerly to meet me, as if she had long and impatiently waited for my waking.

Her heart, it was plain, had been disturbed from its security, and was beginning to take alarm at its own feelings. But, though vaguely conscious of the peril to which she was exposed, her reliance, as is usual in such cases, increased with her danger, and upon me, far more than on herself, did she seem to depend for saving her. To reach, as soon as possible, her asylum in the desert, was now the urgent object of her entreaties and wishes; and the self-reproach which she expressed at having, for a single moment, suffered her thoughts to be diverted from this sacred purpose, not only revealed the truth, that she *had* forgotten it, but betrayed even a glimmering consciousness of the cause.

Her sleep, she said, had been broken by ill-omened dreams. Every moment the shade of her mother had stood before her, rebuking, with mournful looks, her delay, and pointing, as she had done in death, to the eastern hills. Bursting into tears at this accusing recollection, she hastily placed the leaf, which she had been examining, in my hands, and implored that I would ascertain, without a moment's delay, what portion of our voyage was still unperformed, and in what space of time we might hope to accomplish it.

I had, still less than herself, taken note of either place or distance; and, could we have been left to glide on in this dream of happiness, should never have thought of pausing to ask where it would end. But such confidence was far too sacred to be deceived; and, reluctant as I naturally felt, to enter on an inquiry, which might soon dissipate even my last hope, her wish was sufficient to supersede even the selfishness of love, and on the instant I proceeded to obey her will.

There stands on the eastern bank of the Nile, to the north of *Antinöe*, a high and steep rock, impending over the flood, which has borne, for ages, from a prodigy connected with it, the name of the Mountain of the Birds. Yearly, it is said, at a certain season and hour, large flocks of birds assemble in the ravine, of which this rocky mountain forms one of the sides, and are there observed to go through the mysterious



ceremony of inserting each its beak into a particular cleft of the rock, till the cleft closes upon one of their number, when all the rest of the birds take wing, and leave the selected victim to die.

Through the ravine, rendered famous by this charm — for such the multitude consider it — there ran, in ancient times, a canal from the Nile, to some great and forgotten city, now buried in the desert. To a short distance from the river this canal still exists, but, after having passed through the defile, its scanty waters disappear, and are wholly lost under the sands.

It was in the neighborhood of this place, as I could collect from the delineations on the leaf — where a flight of birds represented the name of the mountain — that the abode of the Solitary, to whom Althea was about to consign herself, was situated. Little as I knew of the geography of Egypt, it at once struck me, that we had long since left this mountain behind; <sup>1</sup> and, on inquiring of our boatmen, I found my conjecture confirmed. We had, indeed, passed it, on the preceding night; and, as the wind had been, ever since, blowing strongly from the north, and the sun was already sinking towards the horizon, we must be now, at least, a day's sail to the southward of the spot.

This discovery, I confess, filled my heart with a feeling of joy which I found it difficult to conceal. It seemed as if fortune were conspiring with love in my behalf, and, by thus delaying the moment of our separation, afforded me a chance at least of happiness. Her look and manner, too, when, informed of our mistake, rather encouraged than chilled this secret hope. In the first moment of astonishment, her eyes opened upon me with a suddenness of splendor, under which I felt my own wink as though lightning had crossed them. But she again, as suddenly, let their lids fall, and, after a quiver of her lip, which showed the conflict of feeling then going on within, crossed her arms upon her bosom, and looked down silently upon the deck; her whole countenance sinking into an expression, sad, but resigned, as if she now felt that fate was on the side of wrong, and saw

Love already stealing between her soul and heaven.

I was not slow, of course, in availing myself of what I fancied to be the irresolution of her mind. But, still, fearful of exciting alarm by any appeal to feelings of regard or tenderness, I but addressed myself to her imagination, and to that love of novelty and wonders, which is ever ready to be awakened within the youthful breast. We were now approaching that region of miracles, Thebes. "In a day or two," said I, "we shall see, towering above the waters, the colossal Avenue of Sphinxes, and the bright Obelisks of the Sun. We shall visit the plain of Memnon, and behold those mighty statues that fling their shadows <sup>2</sup> at sunrise over the Libyan hills. We shall hear the image of the Son of the Morning responding to the first touch of light. From thence, in a few hours, a breeze like this will transport us to those sunny islands near the cataracts; there, to wander, among the sacred palm groves of Philæ, or sit, at noontide hour, in those cool alcoves, <sup>3</sup> which the waterfall of Syene shadows under its arch. O, who is there that, with scenes of such loveliness within reach, would turn coldly away to the bleak desert, and leave this fair world, with all its enchantments, shining unseen and unenjoyed? At least" — I added, taking tenderly her hand in mine — "let a few more days be stolen from the dreary fate to which thou hast devoted thyself, and then —"

She had heard but the last few words — the rest had been lost upon her. Startled by the tone of tenderness into which, in despite of all my resolves, I had suffered my voice to soften, she looked for an instant with passionate earnestness into my face; — then, dropping upon her knees with her clasped hands upraised, exclaimed, — "Tempt me not, in the name of God I implore thee, tempt me not to swerve from my sacred duty. O, take me instantly to that desert mountain, and I will bless thee forever."

This appeal, I felt, could not be resisted — even though my heart were to break for it. Having silently intimated my assent to her prayer, by a slight pressure of her hand as I

<sup>1</sup> The voyages on the Nile are, under favorable circumstances, performed with considerable rapidity. "En cinq ou six jours," says *Maillet*, "on pourroit aisément remonter de l'embouchure du Nil à ses cataractes, ou descendre des cataractes jusqu'à la mer." The great uncertainty of the navigation is proved by what *Belzoni* tells us: — "Nous ne mîmes cette fois que deux jours et demi pour faire le trajet

du Caire à Melawi, auquel, dans notre second voyage, nous avions employés dix-huit jours."

<sup>2</sup> "Elles ont près de vingt mètres (61 pieds) d'élevation; et au lever du soleil, leurs ombres immenses s'étendent au loin sur la chaîne Libyenne." *Description générale de Thèbes par Messrs. Jollois et Devilliers.*

<sup>3</sup> *Paul Lucas.*



raised her from the deck, I proceeded immediately, as we were still in full career, for the south, to give orders that our sail should be instantly lowered, and not a moment lost in retracing our course.

In giving these directions, however, it, for the first time, occurred to me, that, as I had hired this yacht in the neighborhood of Memphis, where it was probable the flight of the young Priestess would be most vigilantly tracked, we should run the risk of betraying to the boatmen the place of her retreat; — and there was now a most favorable opportunity for taking precautions against this danger. Desiring, therefore, that we should be landed at a small village on the shore, under pretence of paying a visit to some shrine in the neighborhood, I there dismissed our barge, and was relieved from fear of further observation, by seeing it again set sail, and resume its course fleetly up the current.

From the boats of all descriptions that lay idle beside the bank, I now selected one, in every respect, suited to my purpose — being, in its shape and accommodations, a miniature of our former vessel, but, at the same time, so light and small as to be manageable by myself alone, and requiring, with the advantage of the current, little more than a hand to steer it. This boat I succeeded, without much difficulty, in purchasing, and, after a short delay, we were again afloat down the current; — the sun just then sinking, in conscious glory, over his own golden shrines in the Libyan waste.

The evening was calmer and more lovely than any that had yet smiled upon our voyage; and, as we left the shore, a strain of sweet melody came soothingly over our ears. It was the voice of a young Nubian girl, whom we saw kneeling before an acacia, upon the bank, and singing, while her companions stood around, the wild song of invocation, which, in her country, they address to that enchanted tree: —

“O, Abyssinian tree,  
We pray, we pray to thee;  
By the glow of thy golden fruit,  
And the violet hue of thy flower,  
And the greeting mute  
Of thy bough's salute  
To the stranger who seeks thy bower,<sup>1</sup>

“O, Abyssinian tree,  
How the traveller blesses thee,

When the night no moon allows,  
And the sunset hour is near,  
And thou bend'st thy boughs  
To kiss his brows.  
Saying, ‘Come, rest thee here.’  
O, Abyssinian tree,  
Thus bow thy head to me!”

In the burden of this song the companions of the young Nubian joined; and we heard the words, “O, Abyssinian tree,” dying away on the breeze, long after the whole group had been lost to our eyes.

Whether, in the new arrangement which I had made for our voyage, any motive, besides those which I professed, had a share, I can scarcely, even myself — so bewildered were then my feelings — determine. But no sooner had the current borne us away from all human dwellings, and we were alone on the waters, with not a soul near, than I felt how closely such solitude draws hearts together, and how much more we seemed to belong to each other, than when there were eyes around us.

The same feeling, but without the same sense of its danger, was manifest in every look and word of Alethe. The consciousness of the one great effort which she had made appeared to have satisfied her heart on the score of duty — while the devotedness with which she saw I attended to every wish, was felt with all that trusting gratitude which, in woman, is the dayspring of love. She was, therefore, happy, innocently happy; and the confiding, and even affectionate, unreserve of her manner, while it rendered my trust more sacred, made it also far more difficult.

It was only, however, upon subjects unconnected with our situation or fate, that she yielded to such interchange of thought, or that her voice ventured to answer mine. The moment I alluded to the destiny that awaited us, all her cheerfulness fled, and she became saddened and silent. When I described to her the beauty of my own native land — its founts of inspiration and fields of glory — her eyes sparkled with sympathy, and sometimes even softened into fondness. But when I ventured to whisper, that, in that glorious country, a life full of love and liberty awaited her; when I proceeded to contrast the adoration and bliss she might command, with the gloomy austerities of the life to which she was hastening — it was like the coming of a sudden cloud over a summer sky. Her head sunk, as she listened; — I waited in vain for an answer; and when, half playfully re-

<sup>1</sup> See an account of this sensitive tree, which bends down its branches to those who approach it, in M. Jomard's Description of Syene and the Cataracts.

proaching her for this silence, I stooped to take her hand, I could feel the warm tears fast falling over it.

But even this — feeble as was the hope it held out — was still a glimpse of happiness. Though it foreboded that I should lose her, it also whispered that I was loved. Like that lake, in the land of Roses,<sup>1</sup> whose waters are half sweet, half bitter,<sup>2</sup> I felt my fate to be a compound of bliss and pain — but its very pain well worth all ordinary bliss.

And thus did the hours of that night pass along; while every moment shortened our happy dream, and the current seemed to flow with a swifter pace than any that ever yet hurried to the sea. Not a feature of the whole scene but lives, at this moment, freshly in my memory; — the broken starlight on the water; — the rippling sound of the boat, as, without oar or sail, it went, like a thing of enchantment, down the stream; — the scented fire, burning beside us upon the deck, and then that face, on which its light fell, revealing, at every moment, some new charm — some blush or look, more beautiful than the last!

Often, while I sat gazing, forgetful of all else, in this world, our boat, left wholly to itself, would drive from its course, and, bearing us away to the bank, get entangled in the water flowers, or be caught in some eddy, ere I perceived where we were. Once, too, when the rustling of my oar among the flowers had startled away from the bank some wild antelopes, that had stolen, at that still hour, to drink of the Nile, what an emblem did I think it of the young heart then beside me — tasting, for the first time, of hope and love, and so soon, alas, to be scared from their sweetness forever!

## CHAPTER XV.

THE night was now far advanced — the bend of our course towards the left, and the closing in of the eastern hills upon the river, gave warning of our approach to the hermit's dwelling. Every minute now appeared like the last of existence; and I felt a sinking of despair at my heart, which would have been intolerable, had not a resolution that suddenly, and as if by

inspiration, occurred to me, presented a glimpse of hope which, in some degree, calmed my feelings.

Much as I had, all my life, despised hypocrisy — the very sect I had embraced being chiefly recommended to me by the war they continued to wage upon the cant of all others — it was, nevertheless, in hypocrisy that I now scrupled not to take refuge from that calamity which to me was far worse than either shame or death, my separation from Alethe. In my despair, I adopted the humiliating plan — deeply humiliating as I felt it to be, even amid the joy with which I welcomed it — of offering myself to this hermit, as a convert to his faith, and thus becoming the fellow-disciple of Alethe under his care!

From the moment I resolved upon this plan my spirit felt lightened. Though having fully before my eyes the mean labyrinth of imposture into which it would lead me, I thought of nothing but the chance of our continuing still together. In this hope, all pride, all philosophy was forgotten, and every thing seemed tolerable, but the prospect of losing her.

Thus resolved, it was with somewhat less reluctant feelings, that I now undertook, at the anxious desire of my companion, to ascertain the site of that well-known mountain, in the neighborhood of which the anchorite's dwelling lay. We had already passed one or two stupendous rocks, which stood, detached, like fortresses, over the river's brink, and which, in some degree, corresponded with the description on the leaf. So little was there of life now stirring along the shores, that I had begun almost to despair of any assistance from inquiry, when, on looking to the western bank, I saw a boatman among the sedges, towing his small boat, with some difficulty, up the current. Hailing him as we passed, I asked, — "Where stands the Mountain of the Birds?"<sup>1</sup> — and he had hardly time, as he pointed above us, to answer "There," when we perceived that we were just then entering into the shadow, which this mighty rock flings across the whole of the flood.

In a few moments we had reached the mouth of the ravine, of which the Mountain of the Birds forms one of the sides, and through which the scanty canal from the Nile flows. At the sight of this awful chasm, within some of whose

<sup>1</sup> The province of Arsinoë, now Fium.

<sup>2</sup> Paul Lucas.

<sup>3</sup> There has been much controversy among the Arabian

writers, with respect to the site of this mountain, for which see *Quatremère*, tom. i. art. *Amoun*.

dreary recesses (if we had rightly interpreted the leaf) the dwelling of the Solitary was to be found, our voices sunk at once into a low whisper, while Alethe turned round to me with a look of awe and eagerness, as if doubtful whether I had not already disappeared from her side. A quick movement, however, of her hand towards the ravine, told too plainly that her purpose was still unchanged. Immediately checking, therefore, with my oars, the career of our boat, I succeeded, after no small exertion, in turning it out of the current of the river, and steering into this bleak and stagnant canal.

Our transition from life and bloom to the very depth of desolation was immediate. While the water on one side of the ravine lay buried in shadow, the white skeleton-like crags of the other stood aloft in the pale glare of moonlight. The sluggish stream through which we moved yielded sullenly to the oar, and the shriek of a few water birds, which we had roused from their fastnesses, was succeeded by a silence, so dead and awful, that our lips seemed afraid to disturb it by a breath; and half-whispered exclamations, "How dreary!" — "How dismal!" — were almost the only words exchanged between us.

We had proceeded for some time through this gloomy defile, when, at a short distance before us, among the rocks upon which the moonlight fell, we could perceive, on a ledge elevated but a little above the canal, a small hut or cave, which, from a tree or two planted around it, had some appearance of being the abode of a human being. "This, then," thought I, "is the home to which she is destined!" — A chill of despair came again over my heart, and the oars, as I sat gazing, lay motionless in my hands.

I found Alethe, too, whose eyes had caught the same object, drawing closer to my side than she had yet ventured. Laying her hand agitatedly upon mine, "We must here," said she, "part forever." I turned to her, as she spoke; there was a tenderness, a despondency in her countenance, that at once saddened and inflamed my soul. "Part!" I exclaimed passionately — "No! — the same God shall receive us both. Thy faith, Alethe, shall, from this hour, be mine, and I will live and die in this desert with thee!"

Her surprise, her delight at these words, was like a momentary delirium. The wild, anxious smile, with which she looked into my face, as if to ascertain whether she had, indeed, heard my words aright, bespoke a happiness too much

for reason to bear. At length the fulness of her heart found relief in tears; and, murmuring forth an incoherent blessing on my name, she let her head fall languidly and powerlessly on my arm. The light from our boat-fire shone upon her face. I saw her eyes, which she had closed for a moment, again opening upon me with the same tenderness, and — merciful Providence, how I remember that moment — was on the point of bending down my lips towards hers, when, suddenly, in the air above us, as if coming direct from heaven, there burst forth a strain of choral music, that with its solemn sweetness filled the whole valley.

Breaking away from my caress at these supernatural sounds, the maiden threw herself trembling upon her knees, and, not daring to look up, exclaimed wildly, "My mother, O my mother!"

It was the Christian's morning hymn that we heard; — the same, as I learned afterwards, that, on their high terrace at Memphis, she had been taught by her mother to sing to the rising sun.

Scarcely less startled than my companion, I looked up, and saw, at the very summit of the rock above us, a light, appearing to come from a small opening or window, through which those sounds likewise, that had appeared to me so supernatural, issued. There could be no doubt, that we had now found — if not the dwelling of the anchoress — at least, the haunt of some of the Christian brotherhood of these rocks, by whose assistance we could not fail to find the place of his retreat.

The agitation, into which Alethe had been thrown by the first burst of that psalmody, soon yielded to the softening recollections which it brought back; and a calm came over her brow, such as it had never before worn, since we met. She seemed to feel as if she had now reached her destined haven, and hailed, as the voice of heaven itself, those solemn sounds by which she was welcomed to it.

In her tranquillity, however, I was very far from yet sympathizing. Full of impatience to learn all that awaited her as well as myself, I pushed our boat close to the base of the rock, so as to bring it directly under that lighted window on the summit, to explore my way up to which was now my immediate object. Having hastily received my instructions from Alethe, and made her repeat again the name of the Christian whom we sought, I sprang upon the bank, and was not long in discovering a sort of path, or stairway, cut rudely out of the rock, and lead-

ing, as I found, by easy windings, up the steep.

After ascending for some time, I arrived at a level space or ledge, which the hand of labor had succeeded in converting into a garden,<sup>1</sup> and which was planted, here and there, with fig trees and palms. Around it, too, I could perceive, through the glimmering light, a number of small caves or grottoes, into some of which, human beings might find an entrance; while others appeared of no larger dimensions than those tombs of the Sacred Birds which are seen ranged around Lake Mœris.

I was still, I found, but half way up the ascent, nor was there visible any further means of continuing my course, as the mountain from hence rose, almost perpendicularly, like a wall. At length, however, on exploring more closely, I discovered behind the shade of a fig tree a large ladder of wood, resting firmly against the rock, and affording an easy and safe ascent up the steep.

Having ascertained thus far, I again descended to the boat for Alethe, whom I found trembling already at her short solitude; and having led her up the stairway to this quiet garden, left her lodged there securely, amid its holy silence, while I pursued my way upward to the light upon the rock.

At the top of the long ladder I found myself on another ledge or platform, somewhat smaller than the first, but planted in the same manner, with trees, and, as I could perceive by the mingled light of morning and the moon, embellished with flowers. I was now near the summit;—there remained but another short ascent, and, as a ladder against the rock supplied, as before, the means of scaling it, I was in a few minutes at the opening from which the light issued.

I had ascended gently, as well from a feeling of awe at the whole scene, as from an unwillingness to disturb rudely the rites on which I intruded. My approach, therefore, being unheard, an opportunity was, for some moments, afforded me of observing the group within, before my appearance at the window was discovered.

In the middle of the apartment, which seemed to have been once a Pagan oratory, there was

collected an assembly of about seven or eight persons, some male, some female, kneeling in silence round a small altar;—while, among them, as if presiding over their solemn ceremony, stood an aged man, who, at the moment of my arrival, was presenting to one of the female worshippers an alabaster cup, which she applied, with profound reverence, to her lips. The venerable countenance of the minister, as he pronounced a short prayer over her head, wore an expression of profound feeling, that showed how wholly he was absorbed in that rite; and when she had drank of the cup—which I saw had engraven on its side the image of a head,<sup>2</sup> with a glory round it—the holy man bent down and kissed her forehead.<sup>3</sup>

After this parting salutation, the whole group rose silently from their knees; and it was then, for the first time, that, by a cry of terror from one of the women, the appearance of a stranger at the window was discovered. The whole assembly seemed startled and alarmed, except him, that superior person, who, advancing from the altar, with an unmoved look, raised the latch of the door adjoining to the window, and admitted me.

There was, in this old man's features, a mixture of elevation and sweetness, of simplicity and energy, which commanded at once attachment and homage; and half hoping, half fearing, to find in him the destined guardian of Alethe, I looked anxiously in his face, as I entered, and pronounced the name "Melanius!"—"Melanius is my name, young stranger," he answered; "and whether in friendship or in enmity thou comest, Melanius blesses thee." Thus saying, he made a sign with his right hand above my head, while, with involuntary respect, I bowed beneath the benediction.

"Let this volume," I replied, "answer for the peacefulness of my mission"—at the same time, placing in his hands the copy of the Scriptures which had been his own gift to the mother of Alethe, and which her child now brought as the credential of her claims on his protection. At the sight of this sacred pledge, which he instantly recognized, the solemnity that had at first marked his reception of me softened into tenderness. Thoughts of other

<sup>1</sup> The monks of Mount Sinai (*Shaw* says) have covered over near four acres of the naked rocks with fruitful gardens and orchards.

<sup>2</sup> There was usually, *Tertullian* tells us, the image of Christ on the communion cups.

<sup>3</sup> We are rather disposed to infer," says the late *Bishop*

of *Lincoln*, in his very sensible work on *Tertullian*, "that, at the conclusion of all their meetings for the purpose of devotion, the early Christians were accustomed to give the kiss of peace, in token of the brotherly love subsisting between them."



times appeared to pass through his mind; and as, with a sigh of recollection, he took the book from my hands, some words on the outer leaf caught his eye. They were few — but contained, most probably, the last wishes of the dying Theora; for as he read them over eagerly, I saw tears in his aged eyes. “The trust,” he said, with a faltering voice, “is precious and sacred, and God will enable, I hope, his servant to guard it faithfully.”

During this short dialogue, the other persons of the assembly had departed — being, as I afterwards learned, brethren from the neighboring bank of the Nile, who came thus secretly before daybreak,<sup>1</sup> to join in worshipping their God. Fearful lest their descent down the rock might alarm Alethe, I hurried briefly over the few words of explanation that remained, and leaving the venerable Christian to follow at his leisure, hastened anxiously down to rejoin the young maiden

## CHAPTER XVI.

MELANIUS was one of the first of those zealous Christians of Egypt, who, following the recent example of the hermit, Paul, bade farewell to all the comforts of social existence, and betook themselves to a life of contemplation in the desert. Less selfish, however, in his piety, than most of these ascetics, Melanius forgot not the world, in leaving it. He knew that man was not born to live wholly for himself; that his relation to humankind was that of the link to the chain, and that even his solitude should be turned to the advantage of others. In flying, therefore, from the din and disturbance of life, he sought not to place himself beyond the reach of its sympathies, but selected a retreat where he could combine all the advantages of solitude with those opportunities of being useful to his fellow-men, which a neighborhood to their populous haunts would afford.

That taste for the gloom of subterranean recesses, which the race of Misraim inherit from

their Ethiopian ancestors, had, by hollowing out all Egypt into caverns and crypts, supplied these Christian anchorites with an ample choice of retreats. Accordingly, some found a shelter in the grottoes of Elethya; — others, among the royal tombs of the Thebaid. In the middle of the Seven Valleys,<sup>2</sup> where the sun rarely shines, a few have fixed their dim and melancholy retreat; while others have sought the neighborhood of the red Lakes of Nitria,<sup>3</sup> and there, like those Pagan solitaries of old, who fixed their dwelling among the palm trees near the Dead Sea, pass their whole lives in musing amidst the sterility of nature, and seem to find, in her desolation, peace.

It was on one of the mountains of the Saïd, to the east of the river, that Melanius, as we have seen, chose his place of seclusion — having all the life and fertility of the Nile on one side, and the lone, dismal barrenness of the desert on the other. Half way down this mountain, where it impends over the ravine, he found a series of caves or grottoes dug out of the rock, which had, in other times, ministered to some purpose of mystery, but whose use had long been forgotten, and their recesses abandoned.

To this place, after the banishment of his great master, Origen, Melanius, with a few faithful followers, retired, and there, by the example of his innocent life, as well as by his fervid eloquence, succeeded in winning crowds of converts to his faith. Placed, as he was, in the neighborhood of the rich city, Antinoë,<sup>4</sup> though he mingled not with its multitude, his name and his fame were ever among them, and to all who sought after instruction or consolation, the cell of the hermit was always open.

Notwithstanding the rigid abstinence of his own habits, he was yet careful to provide for the comforts of others. Content with a rude pallet of straw, himself, he had always for the stranger a less homely resting-place. From his grotto, the wayfaring and the indigent never went unrefreshed; and, with the aid of some of his brethren, he had formed gardens along the ledges of the mountain, which gave an air

<sup>1</sup> It was among the accusations of *Celsus* against the Christians, that they held their assemblies privately and contrary to law; and one of the speakers in the curious work of *Minucius Felix* calls the Christians “*latebrosa et uefugax natio*.”

<sup>2</sup> See *Macrizy's* account of these valleys, given by *Quatremère*, tom. i. p. 450.

<sup>3</sup> For a striking description of this region, see “*Ram-ses*,” a work which, though in general too technical and elabo-

rate, shows, in many passages, to what picturesque effects the scenery and mythology of Egypt may be made subservient.

<sup>4</sup> From the position assigned to Antinoë in this work, we should conclude that it extended much farther to the north, than the few ruins of it that remain would seem to indicate, and that the distance between the city and the Mountain of the Birds was considerably less than what it appears to be at present.



of life and cheerfulness to his rocky dwelling, and supplied him with the chief necessaries of such a climate — fruit and shade.

Though the acquaintance he had formed with the mother of Alethe, during the short period of her attendance at the school of Origen, was soon interrupted, and never afterwards renewed, the interest which he had then taken in her fate was far too lively to be forgotten. He had seen the zeal with which her young heart welcomed instruction; and the thought that so promising a candidate for heaven should have relapsed into idolatry, came often, with disquieting apprehension, over his mind.

It was, therefore, with true pleasure, that, but a year or two before Theora's death, he had learned by a private communication from her, transmitted through a Christian embalmer of Memphis, that "not only had her own heart taken root in the faith, but that a new bud had flowered with the same divine hope, and that, ere long, he might see them both transplanted to the desert."

The coming, therefore, of Alethe was far less a surprise to him, than her coming thus alone was a shock and a sorrow; and the silence of their first meeting showed how painfully both remembered that the tie which had brought them together was no longer of this world — that the hand, which should have been then joined with theirs, was mouldering in the tomb. I now saw that even religion like his was not proof against the sadness of mortality. For, as the 'old man put aside the ringlets from her forehead, and contemplated in that clear countenance the reflection of what her mother had been, there mingled a mournfulness with his piety, as he said, "Heaven rest her soul!" which showed how little even the certainty of a heaven for those we love can reconcile us to the pain of having lost them on earth.

The full light of day had now risen upon the desert, and our host, reminded, by the faint looks of Alethe, of the many anxious hours we had passed without sleep, proposed that we should seek, in the chambers of the rock, such rest as a hermit's dwelling could offer. Pointing to one of the largest of these openings, as he addressed me — "Thou wilt find," he said, "in that grotto a bed of fresh doum leaves, and may the consciousness of having protected the orphan sweeten thy sleep!"

I felt how dearly this praise had been earned, and already almost repented of having deserved it. There was a sadness in the countenance of

Alethe, as I took leave of her, to which the forebodings of my own heart but too faithfully responded; nor could I help fearing, as her hand parted lingeringly from mine, that I had, by this sacrifice, placed her beyond my reach forever.

Having lighted for me a lamp, which, in these recesses, even at noon, is necessary, the holy man led me to the entrance of the grotto. And here I blush to say, my career of hypocrisy began. With the sole view of obtaining another glance at Alethe, I turned humbly to solicit the benediction of the Christian, and, having conveyed to her, while bending reverently down, as much of the deep feeling of my soul as looks could express, I then, with a desponding spirit, hurried into the cavern.

A short passage led me to the chamber within — the walls of which I found covered, like those of the grottoes of Lycopolis, with paintings, which, though executed long ages ago, looked as fresh as if their colors were but laid on yesterday. They were, all of them, representations of rural and domestic scenes; and, in the greater number, the melancholy imagination of the artist had called in, as usual, the presence of Death, to throw his shadow over the picture.

My attention was particularly drawn to one series of subjects, throughout the whole of which the same group — consisting of a youth, a maiden, and two aged persons, who appeared to be the father and mother of the girl — were represented in all the details of their daily life. The looks and attitudes of the young people denoted that they were lovers; and, sometimes, they were seen sitting under a canopy of flowers, with their eyes fixed on each other's faces, as though they could never look away; sometimes, they appeared walking along the banks of the Nile, —

— on one of those sweet nights

When Isis, the pure star of lovers,<sup>1</sup> lights  
Her bridal crescent o'er the holy stream —  
When wandering youths and maidens watch her beam  
And number o'er the nights she hath to run,  
Ere she again embrace her bridegroom sun.<sup>2</sup>

Through all these scenes of endearment the two elder persons stood by; — their calm countenances touched with a share of that bliss, in whose perfect light the young lovers were bask-

<sup>1</sup> Vide *Plutarch. de Isid.*

<sup>2</sup> "Conjunctio solis cum luna, quod est veluti utriusque connubium." *Jablonski.*

ing. Thus far, all was happiness;—but the sad lesson of mortality was yet to come. In the last picture of the series, one of the figures was missing. It was that of the young maiden, who had disappeared from among them. On the brink of a dark lake stood the three who remained; while a boat, just departing for the City of the Dead, told too plainly the end of their dream of happiness.

This memorial of a sorrow of other times—of a sorrow, ancient as death itself—was not wanting to deepen the melancholy of my mind, or to add to the weight of the many bodings that pressed upon it.

After a night, as it seemed, of anxious and unsleeping thought, I rose from my bed and returned to the garden. I found the Christian alone—seated, under the shade of one of his trees, at a small table, on which there lay a volume unrolled, while a beautiful antelope was sleeping at his feet. Struck by the contrast which he presented to those haughty priests, whom I had seen surrounded by the pomp and gorgeoussness of temples, "Is this, then," thought I, "the faith before which the world now trembles—its temple the desert, its treasury a book, and its High Priest the solitary dweller of the rock?"

He had prepared for me a simple, but hospitable repast, of which fruits from his own garden, the white bread of Olyra, and the juice of the honey cane, formed the most costly luxuries. His manner to me was even more cordial and fatherly than before; but the absence of Alethe, and, still more, the ominous reserve, with which he not only, himself, refrained from all mention of her name, but eluded the few inquiries, by which I sought to lead to it, seemed to confirm all the apprehensions I had felt in parting from her.

She had acquainted him, it was evident, with the whole history of our flight. My reputation as a philosopher—my desire to become a Christian—all was already known to the zealous anchorite, and the subject of my conversion was the very first on which he entered. O, pride of philosophy, how wert thou then humbled, and with what shame did I stand in the presence of that venerable man, not daring to let my eyes encounter his, while, with unhesitating trust in the sincerity of my intention, he welcomed me to a participation of his holy hope, and imprinted the Kiss of Charity on my infidel brow!

Embarrassed as I could not but feel by the humiliating consciousness of hypocrisy, I was

even still more perplexed by my almost total ignorance of the real tenets of the faith to which I professed myself a convert. Ashamed and confused, and with a heart sick at its own deceit, I listened to the animated and eloquent gratulations of the Christian, as though they were words in a dream, without any link or meaning; nor could disguise but by the mockery of a reverend bow, at every pause, the total want of self-possession, and even of speech, under which I labored.

A few minutes more of such trial, and I must have avowed my imposture. But the holy man perceived my embarrassment;—and, whether mistaking it for awe, or knowing it to be ignorance, relieved me from my perplexity by, at once, changing the theme. Having gently awakened his antelope from its sleep, "You have doubtless," he said, "heard of my brother anchorite, Paul, who, from his cave in the marble mountains, near the Red Sea, sends hourly the blessed 'sacrifice of thanksgiving' to heaven. Of his walks, they tell me, a lion is the companion; but, for me," he added with a playful and significant smile, "who try my powers of taming but on the gentler animals, this feeble child of the desert is a far fitter playmate." Then, taking his staff, and putting the time-worn volume which he had been perusing into a large goat-skin pouch, that hung by his side, "I will now," said he, "conduct thee over my rocky kingdom, that thou mayest see in what drear and barren places that 'sweet fruit of the spirit,' Peace, may be gathered."

To speak of peace to a heart throbbing, as mine did, at that moment, was like talking of some distant harbor to the mariner sinking at sea. In vain did I look around for some sign of Alethe;—in vain make an effort even to utter her name. Consciousness of my own deceit, as well as a fear of awakening in the mind of Melanius any suspicion that might tend to frustrate my only hope, threw a fetter over my spirit and checked my tongue. In humble silence, therefore, I followed, while the cheerful old man, with slow, but firm step, ascended the rock, by the same ladders which I had mounted on the preceding night.

During the time when the Decian Persecution was raging, many Christians, as he told me, of the neighborhood had taken refuge under his protection, in these grottoes; and the small

<sup>1</sup> M. Chateaubriand has introduced Paul and his lion into the "*Martyrs*," liv xi

chapel upon the summit, where I had found his flock at prayer, was, in those awful times of suffering, their usual place of retreat, where, by drawing up these ladders, they were enabled to secure themselves from pursuit.

The view, from the top of the rock, extending on either side, embraced the two extremes of fertility and desolation; nor could the Epicurean and the Anchorite, who now stood gazing from that height, be at any loss to indulge their respective tastes, between the living luxuriance of the world on one side, and the dead, pulseless repose of the desert on the other. When we turned to the river, what a picture of animation presented itself! Near us to the south, were the graceful colonnades of Antinoë, its proud, populous streets, and triumphal monuments. On the opposite shore, rich plains, all teeming with cultivation to the water's edge, seemed to offer up, as from verdant altars, their fruits to the sun; while beneath us, the Nile, —

— the glorious stream,

That late between its banks was seen to glide —  
With shrines and marble cities, on each side,  
Glittering, like jewels strung along a chain —  
Had now sent forth its waters, and o'er plain  
And valley, like a giant from his bed  
Rising with outstretch'd limbs, superbly spread.

From this scene, on one side of the mountain, we had but to turn round our eyes to the other, and it was as if Nature herself had become suddenly extinct; — a wide waste of sands, bleak and interminable, wearying out the sun with its sameness of desolation; — black, burnt-up rocks, that stood as barriers, at which life stopped; — while the only signs of animation, past or present, were the footprints, here and there, of an antelope or ostrich, or the bones of dead camels, as they lay whitening at a distance, marking out the track of the caravans over the waste.

After listening, while he contrasted, in a few eloquent words, the two regions of life and death on whose confines we stood, I again descended with my guide to the garden we had left. From thence, turning into a path along the mountain side, he led me to another row of grottoes, facing the desert, which had been once, he said, the abode of those brethren in Christ, who had fled with him to this solitude from the crowded world — but which death had, within a few short months, rendered tenantless. A cross of red stone, and a few faded trees, were

the only traces these solitaries had left behind.

A silence of some minutes succeeded, while we descended to the edge of the canal; and I saw opposite, among the rocks, that solitary cave, which had so chilled me with its aspect on the preceding night. Beside the bank we found one of those rustic boats, which the Egyptians construct of planks of wild thorn, bound rudely together with bands of papyrus. Placing ourselves in this boat, and rather impelling than rowing it across, we made our way through the foul and shallow flood, and landed directly under the site of the cave.

This dwelling was situated, as I have already mentioned, on a ledge of the rock; and, being provided with a sort of window or aperture to admit the light of heaven, was accounted, I found, far more cheerful than the grottoes on the other side of the ravine. But there was a dreariness in the whole region around, to which light only lent additional horror. The dead whiteness of the rocks, as they stood, like ghosts, in the sunshine; — that melancholy pool, half lost in the sands; — all gave to my mind the idea of a wasting world. To dwell in a place so desolate seemed to me a living death; and when the Christian, as we entered the cave, said, "Here is to be thy home," prepared as I had been for the worst, all my resolution gave way; — every feeling of disappointed passion and humbled pride, which had been gathering round my heart for the last few hours, found a vent at once, and I burst into tears.

Accustomed to human weakness, and perhaps guessing at some of the sources of mine, the good Hermit, without appearing to take any notice of this emotion, proceeded to expatiate, with a cheerful air, on, what he called, the comforts of my dwelling. Sheltered from the dry, burning wind of the south, my porch would inhale, he said, the fresh breeze of the Dogstar. Fruits from his own mountain garden should furnish my repast. The well of the neighboring rock would supply my beverage; and "here," he continued — lowering his voice into a more solemn tone, as he placed upon the table the volume which he had brought — "here, my son, is that 'well of living waters,' in which alone thou wilt find lasting refreshment or peace!" Thus saying, he descended the rock to his boat, and after a few splashes of his oar had died upon my ear, the solitude and silence that reigned around me was complete.

## CHAPTER XVII.

WHAT a fate was mine! — but a few weeks since, presiding over that gay Festival of the Garden, with all the luxuries of existence tributary in my train; and now — self-humbled into a solitary outcast — the hypocritical pupil of a Christian anchoress — without even the excuse of religious fanaticism, or any other madness, but that of love, wild love, to extenuate my fall! Were there a hope that, by this humiliating waste of existence, I might purchase now and then a momentary glimpse of Alethe, even the depths of the desert, with such a chance, would be welcome. But to live — and live thus — *without* her, was a misery which I neither foresaw nor could endure.

Hating even to look upon the den to which I was doomed, I hurried out into the air, and found my way, along the rocks, to the desert. The sun was going down, with that blood-red hue, which he so often wears, in this climate, at his setting. I saw the sands, stretching out, like a sea to the horizon, as if their waste extended to the very verge of the world — and, in the bitterness of my feelings, rejoiced to see so large a portion of creation rescued, even by this barren liberty, from the encroaching grasp of man. The thought seemed to relieve my wounded pride, and, as I wandered over the dim and boundless solitude, to be thus free, even amidst blight and desolation, appeared to me a blessing.

The only living thing I saw was a restless swallow, whose wings were of the same hue with the gray sands over which he fluttered.<sup>1</sup> “Why (thought I) may not the mind, like this bird, partake of the color of the desert, and sympathize in its austerity, its freedom, and its calm?” — thus vainly endeavoring, between despondence and defiance, to encounter with some degree of fortitude what yet my heart sickened to contemplate. But the effort was unavailing. Overcome by that vast solitude, whose repose was not the slumber of peace, but rather the sullen and burning silence of hate, I

felt my spirit give way, and even love itself yielded to despair.

Taking my seat on a fragment of a rock, and covering my eyes with my hands, I made an effort to shut out the overwhelming prospect. But all in vain — it was still before me, with every additional horror that fancy could suggest; and when, again looking forth, I beheld the last red ray of the sun, shooting across the melancholy and lifeless waste, it appeared to me like the light of that comet which once desolated this world,<sup>2</sup> and thus luridly shone out over the ruin that it had made!

Appalled by my own gloomy imaginations, I turned towards the ravine; and, notwithstanding the disgust with which I had fled from my dwelling, was not ill pleased to find my way, over the rocks, to it again. On approaching the cave, to my astonishment, I saw a light within. At such a moment, any vestige of life was welcome, and I hailed the unexpected appearance with pleasure. On entering, however, I found the chamber all as lonely as I had left it. The light I had seen came from a lamp that burned brightly on the table; beside it was unfolded the volume which Melanius had brought, and upon the open leaves — O, joy and surprise — lay the well-known cross of Alethe!

What hand, but her own, could have prepared this reception for me? — The very thought sent a hope into my heart, before which all despondency fled. Even the gloom of the desert was forgotten, and my rude cave at once brightened into a bower. She had here reminded me, by this sacred memorial, of the vow which I had pledged to her under the Hermit's rock; and I now scrupled not to reiterate the same daring promise, though conscious that through hypocrisy alone could I fulfil it.

Eager to prepare myself for my task of imposture, I sat down to the volume, which I now found to be the Hebrew Scriptures; and the first sentence, on which my eyes fell, was — “The Lord hath commanded the blessing, even Life forevermore!” Startled by these words, in which it appeared to me as if the Spirit of my dream had again pronounced his assuring

<sup>1</sup> “Je vis dans le désert des hirondelles d'un gris clair comme le sable sur lequel elles volent.” *Denon*.

<sup>2</sup> In alluding to Whiston's idea of a comet having caused the deluge, *M. Girard*, having remarked that the word Typhon means a deluge, adds, “On ne peut entendre par le tems du règne de Typhon que celui pendant lequel le dé-

luge inonda la terre, tems pendant lequel on dût observer le comète qui l'occasionna, et dont l'apparition fut, non seulement pour les peuples de l'Égypte, et de l'Éthiopie, mais en core pour tous les peuples le présage funeste de leur destruction presque totale.” *Description de la Vallée de l'Égarment*.



prediction,<sup>1</sup> I raised my eyes from the page, and repeated the sentence over and over, as if to try whether in these sounds there lay any charm or spell, to reawaken that faded illusion in my soul. But no — the rank frauds of the Memphian priesthood had dispelled all my trust in the promises of religion. My heart had again relapsed into its gloom of scepticism, and, to the word of "Life," the only answer it sent back was "Death!"

Being impatient, however, to possess myself of the elements of a faith, upon which — whatever it might promise for hereafter — I felt that all my happiness here depended, I turned over the pages with an earnestness and avidity, such as never even the most favorite of my studies had awakened in me. Though, like all who seek but the surface of learning, I flew desultorily over the leaves, lighting only on the more prominent and shining points, I yet found myself, even in this undisciplined career, arrested, at every page, by the awful, the supernatural sublimity, the alternate melancholy and grandeur of the images that crowded upon me.

I had, till now, known the Hebrew theology but through the platonizing refinement of Philo; — as, in like manner, for my knowledge of the Christian doctrine I was indebted to my brother Epicureans, Lucian and Celsus. Little, therefore, was my mind prepared for the simple majesty, the high tone of inspiration — the poetry, in short, of heaven that breathed throughout these oracles. Could admiration have kindled faith, I should, that night, have been a believer; so elevated, so awed was my imagination by that wonderful book — its warnings of woe, its announcements of glory, and its unrivalled strains of adoration and sorrow.

Hour after hour, with the same eager and desultory curiosity, did I turn over the leaves; — and when, at length, I lay down to rest, my fancy was still haunted by the impressions it had received. I went again through the various scenes of which I had read; again called up, in sleep, the bright images that had passed before me, and when awakened at early dawn by the solemn Hymn from the chapel, imagined that I was still listening to the sound of the winds,

sighing mournfully through the harps of Israel on the willows.

Starting from my bed, I hurried out upon the rock, with a hope that, among the tones of that morning choir, I might be able to distinguish the sweet voice of Alethe. But the strain had ceased; — I caught only the last notes of the Hymn, as, echoing up that lonely valley, they died away into the silence of the desert.

With the first glimpse of light I was again early at my study, and, notwithstanding the frequent distraction both of my thoughts and looks towards the distant, half-seen grottoes of the Anchoret, continued my task with unabating perseverance through the day. Still alive, however, but to the eloquence, the poetry of what I studied, of its claims to authority, as a history, I never once paused to consider. My fancy alone being interested by it, to fancy only I referred all that it contained; and, passing rapidly from annals to prophecy, from narration to song, regarded the whole but as a tissue of oriental allegories, in which the deep melancholy of Egyptian associations was interwoven with the rich and sensual imagery of the East.

Towards sunset I saw the venerable Hermit, on his way, across the canal, to my cave. Though he was accompanied only by his graceful antelope, which came snuffing the wild air of the desert, as if scenting its home, I felt his visit, even thus, to be a most welcome relief. It was the hour, he said, of his evening ramble up the mountain — of his accustomed visit to those cisterns of the rock, from which he drew nightly his most precious beverage. While he spoke, I observed in his hand one of those earthen cups,<sup>2</sup> in which it is the custom of the inhabitants of the wilderness to collect the fresh dew among the rocks. Having proposed that I should accompany him in his walk, he proceeded to lead me, in the direction of the desert, up the side of the mountain that rose above my dwelling, and which formed the southern wall or screen of the defile.

Near the summit we found a seat, where the old man paused to rest. It commanded a full view over the desert, and was by the side of one of those hollows in the rock, those natural

<sup>1</sup> "Many people," said *Origen*, "have been brought over to Christianity by the Spirit of God giving a sudden turn to their minds, and offering visions to them either by day or night." On this *Jortin* remarks: — "Why should it be thought improbable that Pagans of good dispositions, but not free from prejudices, should have been called by divine ad-

monitions, by dreams or visions, which might be a support to Christianity in those days of distress?"

<sup>2</sup> *Pulladius*, who lived some time in Egypt, describes the monk Ptolemæus, who inhabited the desert of Scete, as collecting in earthen cups the abundant dew from the rocks" *Bibliothec. Pat.* tom. xiii



reservoirs, in which are treasured the dews of night for the refreshment of the dwellers in the wilderness. Having learned from me how far I had advanced in my study — “In yonder light,” said he, pointing to a small cloud in the east, which had been formed on the horizon by the haze of the desert, and was now faintly reflecting the splendors of sunset — “in the midst of that light stands Mount Sinai, of whose glory thou hast read; upon whose summit was the scene of one of those awful revelations, in which the Almighty has renewed from time to time his communication with Man, and kept alive the remembrance of his own Providence in this world.”

After a pause, as if absorbed in the immensity of the subject, the holy man continued his sublime theme. Looking back to the earliest annals of time, he showed how constantly every relapse of the human race into idolatry has been followed by some manifestation of Divine power, chastening the strong and proud by punishment, and winning back the humble by love. It was to preserve, he said, unextinguished upon earth, that great and vital truth — the Creation of the world by one Supreme Being — that God chose, from among the nations, a humble and enslaved race — that he brought them out of their captivity “on eagles’ wings,” and, still surrounding every step of their course with miracles, has placed them before the eyes of all succeeding generations, as the depositaries of his will, and the ever-during memorials of his power.<sup>1</sup>

Passing, then, in review the long train of inspired interpreters, whose pens and whose tongues were made the echoes of the Divine voice,<sup>2</sup> he traced throughout the events of successive ages, the gradual unfolding of the dark scheme of Providence — darkness without, but all light and glory within. The glimpses of a coming redemption, visible even through the wrath of Heaven; — the long series of prophecy through which this hope runs, burning and alive, like a spark along a chain; — the slow and merciful preparation of the hearts of mankind for the great trial of their faith and obedience that was at hand, not only by miracles

that appealed to the living, but by prophecies launched into the future to carry conviction to the yet unborn; — “through all these glorious and beneficent gradations we may track,” said he, “the manifest footsteps of a Creator, advancing to his grand, ultimate end, the salvation of his creatures.”

After some hours devoted to these holy instructions, we returned to the ravine, and Melanius left me at my cave; praying, as he parted from me — with a benevolence which I but ill, alas! deserved — that my soul might, under these lessons, be “as a watered garden,” and, ere long, “bear fruit unto life eternal.”

Next morning, I was again at my study, and even more eager in the awakening task than before. With the commentary of the Hermit freshly in my memory, I again read through, with attention, the Book of the Law. But in vain did I seek the promise of immortality in its pages.<sup>3</sup> “It tells me,” said I, “of a God coming down to earth, but of the ascent of Man to heaven it speaks not. The rewards, the punishments it announces, lie all on this side of the grave; nor did even the Omnipotent offer to his own chosen servants a hope beyond the impassable limits of this world. Where, then, is the salvation of which the Christian spoke? or, if Death be at the root of the faith, can Life spring out of it?”

Again, in the bitterness of disappointment, did I mock at my own willing self-delusion — again rail at the arts of that traitress, Fancy, ever ready, like the Delilah of this wondrous book, to steal upon the slumbers of Reason, and deliver him up, shorn and powerless, to his foes. If deception, thought I, be necessary, at least let me not practise it on myself; — in the desperate alternative before me, let me rather be even hypocrite than dupe.

These self-accusing reflections, cheerless as they rendered my task, did not abate, for a single moment, my industry in pursuing it. I read on and on, with a sort of sullen apathy, neither charmed by style, nor transported by imagery — the fatal blight in my heart having communicated itself to my imagination and taste. The

<sup>1</sup> The brief sketch here given of the Jewish dispensation agrees very much with the view taken of it by Dr. Sumner, in the first chapters of his eloquent work, the “Records of the Creation.”

<sup>2</sup> In the original, the discourses of the Hermit are given much more at length.

<sup>3</sup> “It is impossible to deny,” says Dr. Sumner, “that the sanctions of the Mosaic Law are altogether temporal . . . It is, indeed, one of the facts that can only be explained by

acknowledging that he really acted under a Divine commission, promulgating a temporary law for a peculiar purpose” — a much more candid and sensible way of treating this very difficult point, than by either endeavoring, like Warburton, to escape from it into a paradox, or, still worse, contriving, like Dr. Graves, to increase its difficulty by explanation. Vide “*On the Pentateuch*.” See also *Horne’s Introduction*, &c., vol. i. p. 226.

curse and the blessings, the glory and the ruin, which the historian recorded and the prophet had predicted, seemed all of this world — all temporal and earthly. That mortality, of which the fountain head had tasted, tinged the whole stream; and when I read the words, "all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again,"<sup>1</sup> a feeling, like the wind of the desert, came witheringly over me. Love, Beauty, Glory, every thing most bright and worshipped upon earth, appeared to be sinking before my eyes, under this dreadful doom, into one general mass of corruption and silence.

Possessed by the image of desolation I had thus called up, I laid my head upon the book, in a paroxysm of despair. Death, in all his most ghastly varieties, passed before me; and I had continued thus for some time, as under the influence of a fearful vision, when the touch of a hand upon my shoulder roused me. Looking up, I saw the Anchorite standing by my side; — his countenance beaming with that sublime tranquillity, which a hope, beyond this earth, alone can bestow. How I did envy him!

We again took our way to the seat upon the mountain — the gloom within my own mind making every thing around me more gloomy. Forgetting my hypocrisy in my feelings, I proceeded at once to make an avowal to him of all the doubts and fears which my study of the morning had awakened.

"Thou art yet, my son," he answered, "but on the threshold of our faith. Thou hast seen but the first rudiments of the Divine plan; — its full and consummate perfection hath not yet opened upon thy mind. However glorious that manifestation of Divinity on Mount Sinai, it was but the forerunner of another, still more glorious, which, in the fulness of time, was to burst

upon the world; when all, that before had seemed dim and incomplete, was to be perfected, and the promises, shadowed out by the 'spirit of prophecy,' realized; when the seal of silence, under which the Future had so long lain, was to be broken, and the glad tidings of life and immortality proclaimed to the world!"

Observing my features brighten at these words, the pious man continued. Anticipating some of the holy knowledge that was in store for me, he traced, through all its wonders and mercies, the great work of Redemption, dwelling in detail upon every miraculous circumstance connected with it — the exalted nature of the Being, by whose ministry it was accomplished, the noblest and first created of the Sons of God,<sup>2</sup> inferior only, to the one, self-existent, Father; — the mysterious incarnation of this heavenly messenger; — the miracles that authenticated his divine mission; — the example of obedience to God and love to man, which he set, as a shining light, before the world forever; — and, lastly and chiefly, his death and resurrection, by which the covenant of mercy was sealed, and "life and immortality brought to light."

"Such," continued the Hermit, "was the Mediator, promised through all time, to 'make reconciliation for iniquity,' to change death into life, and bring 'healing on his wings' to a darkened world. Such was the last crowning dispensation of that God of benevolence, in whose hands sin and death are but instruments of everlasting good, and who, through apparent evil and temporary retribution, bringing all things 'out of darkness into his marvellous light,' proceeds watchfully and unchangingly to the great, final object of his providence — the restoration of the whole human race to purity and happiness!"<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> While Voltaire, Volney, &c., refer to the Ecclesiastes, as abounding with tenets of materialism and Epicurism, Mr. Des Vœux and others find in it strong proofs of belief in a future state. The chief difficulty lies in the chapter from which this text is quoted; and the mode of construction by which some writers attempt to get rid of it — namely, by putting these texts into the mouth of a foolish reasoner — appears forced and gratuitous. Vide *Dr. Hale's Analysis*.

<sup>2</sup> This opinion of the Hermit may be supposed to have been derived from his master, Origen; but it is not easy to ascertain the exact doctrine of Origen on this subject. In the Treatise on Prayer attributed to him, he asserts that God the Father alone should be invoked — which, says Bayle, is to "enchérir sur les Hérésies des Sociniens." Notwithstanding this, however, and some other indications of, what was afterwards called, Arianism, (such as the opinion of the divinity being received by *communication*, which *Milner* asserts to have been held by this Father,) Origen was one of

the authorities quoted by Athanasius in support of his high doctrines of co-eternity and co-essentiality. What Priestley says is, perhaps, the best solution of these inconsistencies: —

"Origen, as well as Clemens Alexandrinus, has been thought to favor the Arian principles; but he did it only in words, and not in ideas." — *Early Opinions, &c.* Whatever uncertainty, however, there may exist with respect to the opinion of Origen himself on this subject, there is no doubt that the doctrines of his immediate followers were, at least, Anti-Athanasian. "So many Bishops of Africa," says Priestley, "were, at this period (between the year 255 and 258), Unitarians, that Athanasius says, 'The Son of God' — meaning his divinity — 'was scarcely any longer preached in the churches.'"

<sup>3</sup> This benevolent doctrine — which not only goes far to solve the great problem of moral and physical evil, but which would, if received more generally, tend to soften the spirit of uncharitableness, so fatally prevalent among Chris-

With a mind astonished, if not touched, by these discourses, I returned to my cave, and found the lamp, as before, ready lighted to receive me. The volume which I had been hitherto studying, was replaced by another, which lay open upon the table, with a branch of fresh palm between its leaves. Though I could not doubt to whose gentle and guardian hand I was indebted for this invisible watchfulness over my studies, there was yet a something in it, so like spiritual interposition, that it struck me with awe;—and never more than at this moment, when, on approaching the volume, I saw, as the light glistened over its silver letters,<sup>1</sup> that it was the very Book of Life of which the Hermit had spoken!

The midnight hymn of the Christians had sounded through the valley, before I had yet raised my eyes from that sacred volume; and the second hour of the sun found me again over its pages.

#### CHAPTER XVIII.

IN this mode of existence I had now passed some days;—my mornings devoted to reading, my nights to listening, under the wide canopy of heaven, to the holy eloquence of Melanius. The perseverance with which I inquired, and the quickness with which I learned, soon succeeded in deceiving my benevolent instructor, who mistook curiosity for zeal, and knowledge for belief. Alas! cold, and barren, and earthly was that knowledge—the word without the spirit, the shape without the life. Even when, as a relief from hypocrisy, I persuaded myself that I believed, it was but a brief delusion, a faith, whose hope crumbled at the touch—like the fruit of the desert shrub,<sup>2</sup> shining and empty!

But, though my soul was still dark, the good

Hermit saw not into its depths. The very facility of my belief, which might have suggested some doubt of its sincerity, was but regarded, by his innocent zeal, as a more signal triumph of the truth. His own ingenuousness led him to a ready trust in others; and the examples of such conversion as that of the philosopher, Justin, who, during a walk by the sea shore, received the light into his soul, had prepared him for illuminations of the spirit, even more rapid than mine.

During all this time, I neither saw nor heard of Althea;—nor could my patience have endured through so long a privation, had not those mute vestiges of her presence, that welcomed me every night on my return, made me feel that I was still living under her gentle influence, and that her sympathy hung round every step of my progress. Once, too, when I ventured to speak her name to Melanius, though he answered not my inquiry, there was a smile, I thought, of promise upon his countenance, which love, far more alive than faith, was ready to interpret as it desired.

At length—it was on the sixth or seventh evening of my solitude, when I lay resting at the door of my cave, after the study of the day—I was startled by hearing my name called loudly from the opposite rocks; and looking up, saw, upon the cliff near the deserted grottoes, Melanius and—O, I could not doubt—my Althea by his side!

Though I had never, since the first night of my return from the desert, ceased to flatter myself with the fancy that I was still living in her presence, the actual sight of her once more made me feel for what a long age we had been separated. She was clothed all in white, and, as she stood in the last remains of the sunshine, appeared to my too prophetic fancy like a parting spirit, whose last footsteps on earth that pure glory encircled.

fian sects—was maintained by that great light of the early Church, Origen, and has not wanted supporters among more modern Theologians. That Tillotson was inclined to the *eternation* appears from his sermon preached before the queen. Paley is supposed to have held the same amiable doctrine; and Newton (the author of the work on the Prophecies) is also among the supporters of it. For a full account of the arguments in favor of this opinion, derived both from reason and the express language of Scripture, see *Dr. Southwood Smith's* very interesting work, “On the Divine Government.” See also *Magee on Atonement*, where the doctrine of the advocates of Universal Restoration is thus briefly, and, I believe, fairly explained:—“Beginning with the existence of an infinitely powerful, wise, and good Being,

as the first and fundamental principle of rational religion, they pronounce the essence of this Being to be love, and from this infer, as a demonstrable consequence, that none of the creatures formed by such a Being will ever be made eternally miserable. . . . Since God (they say) would act unjustly in inflicting eternal misery for temporary crimes the sufferings of the wicked can be but remedial, and will terminate in a complete purification from moral disorder, and in their ultimate restoration to virtue and happiness.”

<sup>1</sup> The Codex Cottonianus of the New Testament is written in silver letters on a purple ground. The Codex Cottonianus of the Septuagint version of the Old Testament is supposed to be the identical copy that belonged to Origen

<sup>2</sup> Vide *Hamilton's Ægyptiaca*.

With a delight only to be imagined, I saw them descend the rocks, and, placing themselves in the boat, proceed directly towards my cave. To disguise from Melanius the mutual delight with which we again met was impossible; — nor did Alethe even attempt to make a secret of her joy. Though blushing at her own happiness, as little could her frank nature conceal it, as the clear waters of Ethiopia can hide their gold. Every look, every word, bespoke a fullness of affection, to which, doubtful as I was of our tenure of happiness, I knew not how to respond.

I was not long, however, left ignorant of the bright fate that awaited me; but, as we wandered or rested among the rocks, learned every thing that had been arranged since our parting. She had made the Hermit, I found, acquainted with all that had passed between us; had told him, without reserve, every incident of our voyage — the avowals, the demonstrations of affection on one side, and the deep sentiment that gratitude had awakened on the other. Too wise to regard affections so natural with severity — knowing that they were of heaven, and but made evil by man — the good Hermit had heard of our attachment with pleasure; and, fully satisfied, as to the honor and purity of my views, by the fidelity with which I had delivered my trust into his hands, saw, in my affection for the young orphan, but a providential resource against that friendless solitude in which his death must soon leave her.

As, listening eagerly, I collected these particulars from their discourse, I could hardly trust my ears. It seemed a happiness too great to be true, to be real; nor can words convey any idea of the joy, the shame, the wonder with which I listened while the holy man himself declared that he awaited but the moment, when he should find me worthy of becoming a member of the Christian Church, to give me also the hand of Alethe in that sacred union, which alone sanctifies love, and makes the faith, which it pledges, holy. It was but yesterday, he added, that his young charge, herself, after a preparation of prayer and repentance, such as even her pure spirit required, had been admitted, by the sacred ordinance of baptism, into the bosom of the faith; — and the white garment she wore, and the ring of gold on her

finger,<sup>1</sup> “were symbols,” he added, “of that New Life into which she had been initiated.”

I raised my eyes to hers as he spoke, but withdrew them again, dazzled and confused. Even her beauty, to my imagination, seemed to have undergone some brightening change; and the contrast between that open and happy countenance, and the unblest brow of the infidel that stood before her, abashed me into a sense of unworthiness, and almost checked my rapture.

To that night, however, I look back, as an epoch in my existence. It proved that sorrow is not the only awakener of devotion, but that joy may sometimes quicken the holy spark into life. Returning to my cave, with a heart full, even to oppression, of its happiness, I could find no other relief to my overcharged feelings, than that of throwing myself on my knees, and uttering, for the first time in my life, a heartfelt prayer, that if, indeed, there were a Being who watched over mankind, he would send down one ray of his truth into my darkened soul, and make it worthy of the blessings, both here and hereafter, proffered to it!

My days now rolled on in a perfect dream of happiness. Every hour of the morning was welcomed as bringing nearer and nearer the blest time of sunset, when the Hermit and Alethe never failed to visit my now charmed cave, where her smile left, at each parting, a light that lasted till her return. Then, our rambles, together, by starlight, over the mountain; our pauses, from time to time, to contemplate the wonders of the bright heaven above us; our repose by the cistern of the rock, and our silent listening, through hours that seemed minutes, to the holy eloquence of our teacher; all, all was happiness of the most heartfelt kind, and such as even the doubts, the cold lingering doubts, that still hung, like a mist, around my heart, could neither cloud nor chill.

As soon as the moonlight nights returned, we used to venture into the desert; and those sands, which had lately looked so desolate, in my eyes, now assumed even a cheerful and smiling aspect. To the light, innocent heart of Alethe, every thing was a source of enjoyment. For her, even the desert had its jewels and flowers; and, sometimes, her delight was to search among the sands for those beautiful peb-

<sup>1</sup> See, for the custom among the early Christians of wearing white for a few days after baptism, *Ambros. de Myst.* — With respect to the ring, the Bishop of Lincoln says, in his *work* on Tertullian, “The natural inference from these

words (*Tertull. de Pudicitia*) appears to be, that a ring used to be given in baptism; but I have found no other trace of such a custom.”



bles of jasper<sup>1</sup> that abound in them; — sometimes her eyes would sparkle with pleasure on finding, perhaps, a stunted marigold, or one of those bitter, scarlet flowers,<sup>2</sup> that lend their dry mockery of ornament to the desert. In all these pursuits and pleasures the good Hermit took a share — mingling occasionally with them the reflections of a benevolent piety, that lent its own cheerful hue to all the works of creation, and saw the consoling truth, “God is Love,” written legibly every where.

Such was, for a few weeks, my blissful life. O, mornings of hope, O, nights of happiness, with what melancholy pleasure do I retrace your flight, and how reluctantly pass to the sad events that followed!

During this time, in compliance with the wishes of Melanius, who seemed unwilling that I should become wholly estranged from the world, I used occasionally to pay a visit to the neighboring city, Antinoë,<sup>3</sup> which, being the capital of the Thebaid, is the centre of all the luxury of Upper Egypt. But here, so changed was my every feeling by the all-absorbing passion which now possessed me, that I sauntered along, wholly uninterested by either the scenes or the people that surrounded me, and, sighing for that rocky solitude where my Alethe breathed, felt *this* to be the wilderness, and *that* the world.

Even the thoughts of my own native Athens, that at every step were called up, by the light Grecian architecture of this imperial city, did not awaken one single regret in my heart — one wish to exchange even an hour of my desert for the best luxuries and honors that awaited me in the Garden. I saw the arches of triumph; — I walked under the superb portico, which encircles the whole city with its marble shade; — I stood in the Circus of the Sun, by whose rose-colored pillars the mysterious movements of the Nile are measured; — on all these proud monuments of glory and art, as well as on the gay multitude that enlivened them, I looked with an unheeding eye. If they awakened in me any thought, it was the mournful idea, that, one day, like Thebes and Heliopolis, this pageant would pass away, leaving nothing behind but a few mouldering ruins — like sea shells found where the ocean has been — to tell that the great tide of Life was once there!

But, though indifferent thus to all that had formerly attracted me, there were subjects, once alien to my heart, on which it was now most tremblingly alive; and some rumors which had reached me, in one of my visits to the city, of an expected change in the policy of the Emperor towards the Christians, filled my mind with apprehensions as new as they were dreadful to me.

The toleration and even favor which the Christians enjoyed, during the first four years of the reign of Valerian, had removed from them all fear of a renewal of those horrors, which they had experienced under the rule of his predecessor, Decius. Of late, however, some less friendly dispositions had manifested themselves. The bigots of the court, taking alarm at the rapid spread of the new faith, had succeeded in filling the mind of the monarch with that religious jealousy, which is the ever-ready parent of cruelty and injustice. Among these counsellors of evil was Macrianus, the Prætorian Prefect, who was, by birth, an Egyptian, and had long made himself notorious — so akin is superstition to intolerance — by his addiction to the dark practices of demon worship and magic.

From this minister, who was now high in the favor of Valerian, the new measures of severity against the Christians were expected to emanate. All tongues, in all quarters, were busy with the news. In the streets, in the public gardens, on the steps of the temples, I saw, every where, groups of inquirers collected, and heard the name of Macrianus upon every tongue. It was dreadful, too, to observe, in the countenances of those who spoke, the variety of feeling with which the rumor was discussed, according as they feared or desired its truth — according as they were likely to be among the torturers or the victims.

Alarmed, though still ignorant of the whole extent of the danger, I hurried back to the ravine, and, going at once to the grotto of Melanius, detailed to him every particular of the intelligence I had collected. He listened to me with a composure, which I mistook, alas! for confidence in his own security; and, naming the hour for our evening walk, retired into his grotto.

At the accustomed time, accompanied by

<sup>1</sup> Vide Clarke.

<sup>2</sup> Les *Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum* et *Zygophyllum coccineum*, plantes grasses des déserts rejetées, à cause de leur

âcreté, par les chameaux, les chèvres, et les gazelles.” *M Delile upon the Plants of Egypt.*

<sup>3</sup> Vide Savary and Quatremère.



Alethe, he came to my cave. It was evident that he had not communicated to her the intelligence which I had brought, for never hath brow worn such happiness as that which now played around hers:—it was, alas! *not* of this earth. Melanius, himself, though composed, was thoughtful; and the solemnity, almost approaching to melancholy, with which he placed the hand of Alethe in mine—in the performance, too, of a ceremony that *ought* to have filled my heart with joy—saddened and alarmed me. This ceremony was our betrothment, the act of plighting our faith to each other, which we now solemnized on the rock before the door of my cave, in the face of that calm, sunset heaven, whose one star stood as our witness. After a blessing from the Hermit upon our spousal pledge, I placed the ring—the earnest of our future union—on her finger, and, in the blush, with which she surrendered to me her whole heart at that instant, forgot every thing but my happiness, and felt secure even against fate!

We took our accustomed walk, that evening, over the rocks and on the desert. So bright was the moon—more like the daylight, indeed, of other climes—that we could plainly see the tracks of the wild antelopes in the sand; and it was not without a slight tremble of feeling in his voice, as if some melancholy analogy occurred to him as he spoke, that the good Hermit said, “I have observed in the course of my walks, that wherever the track of that gentle animal appears, there is, almost always, found the footprint of a beast of prey near it.” He regained, however, his usual cheerfulness before we parted, and fixed the following evening for an excursion on the other side of the ravine, to a point looking, he said, “towards that northern region of the desert, where the hosts of the Lord encamped in their departure out of bondage.”

Though, when Alethe was present, all my fears even for herself were forgotten in that perpetual element of happiness, which encircled her like the air that she breathed, no sooner was I alone, than vague terrors and bodings crowded upon me. In vain did I endeavor to reason away my fears, by dwelling only on the most cheering circumstances—on the reverence with

which Melanius was regarded, even by the Pagans, and the inviolate security with which he had lived through the most perilous periods, not only safe himself, but affording sanctuary in the depths of his grottoes to others. Though somewhat calmed by these considerations, yet when at length I sunk off to sleep, dark, horrible dreams took possession of my mind. Scenes of death and of torment passed confusedly before me; and, when I awoke, it was with the fearful impression that all these horrors were real.

## CHAPTER XIX.

At length, the day dawned—that dreadful day. Impatient to be relieved from my suspense, I threw myself into my boat—the same in which we had performed our happy voyage—and, as fast as oars could speed me, hurried away to the city. I found the suburbs silent and solitary, but, as I approached the Forum, loud yells, like those of barbarians in combat, struck on my ear, and, when I entered it—great God, what a spectacle presented itself! The imperial edict against the Christians had arrived during the night, and already the wild fury of bigotry was let loose.

Under a canopy, in the middle of the Forum, was the tribunal of the Governor. Two statues—one of Apollo, the other of Osiris—stood at the bottom of the steps that led up to his judgment seat. Before these idols were shrines, to which the devoted Christians were dragged from all quarters by the soldiers and mob, and there compelled to recant, by throwing incense into the flame, or, on their refusal, hurried away to torture and death. It was an appalling scene;—the consternation, the cries of some of the victims—the pale, silent resolution of others;—the fierce shouts of laughter that broke from the multitude, when the dropping of the frankincense on the altar proclaimed some denier of Christ;<sup>2</sup> and the fiend-like triumph with which the courageous Confessors, who avowed their faith, were led away to the flames;—never could I have conceived such an assemblage of horrors!

Though I gazed but for a few minutes, in

<sup>1</sup> “Je remarquai, avec une réflexion triste, qu’un animal de proie accompagne presque toujours les pas de ce joli et frêle individu.”

<sup>2</sup> “These Christians who sacrificed to idols to save themselves were called by various names, *Thurificati, Sacrificati,*

*Mittentes, Negatores,*” &c. Baronius mentions a bishop of this period (353), Marcellinus, who, yielding to the threats of the Gentiles, threw incense upon the altar. Vide *Arnob contra Gent.* lib. vii.

those minutes I felt and fancied enough for years. Already did the form of Alethe appear to flit before me through that tumult;—I heard them shout her name;—her shriek fell on my ear; and the very thought so palsied me with terror, that I stood fixed and statue-like on the spot.

Recollecting, however, the fearful preciousness of every moment, and that—perhaps, at this very instant—some emissaries of blood might be on their way to the Grottoes, I rushed wildly out of the Forum, and made my way to the quay.

The streets were now crowded; but I ran headlong through the multitude, and was already under the portico leading down to the river—already saw the boat that was to bear me to Alethe—when a Centurion stood sternly in my path, and I was surrounded and arrested by soldiers! It was in vain that I implored, that I struggled with them as for life, assuring them that I was a stranger—that I was an Athenian—that I was—not a Christian. The precipitation of my flight was sufficient evidence against me, and unrelentingly, and by force, they bore me away to the quarters of their Chief.

It was enough to drive me at once to madness! Two hours, two frightful hours, was I kept waiting the arrival of the Tribune of their Legion<sup>1</sup>—my brain burning with a thousand fears and imaginations, which every passing minute made but more likely to be realized. All I could collect, too, from the conversations of those around me but added to the agonizing apprehensions with which I was racked. Troops, it was said, had been sent in all directions through the neighborhood, to bring in the rebellious Christians, and make them bow before the Gods of the Empire. With horror, too, I heard of Orcus—Orcus, the High Priest of Memphis—as one of the principal instigators of this sanguinary edict, and as here present in Antinoë, animating and directing its execution.

In this state of torture I remained till the arrival of the Tribune. Absorbed in my own thoughts, I had not perceived his entrance;—till, hearing a voice, in a tone of friendly surprise, exclaim, "Alciphron!" I looked up, and in this legionary Chief recognized a young Roman of rank, who had held a military command, the year before, at Athens, and was one of the most distinguished visitors of the Garden. It was no time, however, for courtesies:—

he was proceeding with all cordiality to greet me, but, having heard him order my instant release, I could wait for no more. Acknowledging his kindness but by a grasp of the hand, I flew off, like one frantic, through the streets, and, in a few minutes, was on the river.

My sole hope had been to reach the Grottoes before any of the detached parties should arrive, and, by a timely flight across the desert, rescue, at least, Alethe from their fury. The ill-fated delay that had occurred rendered this hope almost desperate; but the tranquillity I found every where as I proceeded down the river, and my fond confidence in the sacredness of the Hermit's retreat, kept my heart from sinking altogether under its terrors.

Between the current and my oars, the boat flew, with the speed of wind, along the waters; and I was already near the rocks of the ravine, when I saw, turning out of the canal into the river, a barge crowded with people, and glittering with arms! How did I ever survive the shock of that sight? The oars dropped, as if struck out of my hands, into the water, and I sat, helplessly gazing, as that terrific vision approached. In a few minutes, the current brought us together;—and I saw, on the deck of the barge, Alethe herself and the Hermit surrounded by soldiers!

We were already passing each other, when, with a desperate effort, I sprang from my boat and lighted upon the edge of their vessel. I knew not what I did, for despair was my only prompter. Snatching at the sword of one of the soldiers, as I stood tottering on the edge, I had succeeded in wresting it out of his hands, when, at the same moment, I received a thrust of a lance from one of his comrades, and fell backward into the river. I can just remember rising again and making a grasp at the side of the vessel;—but the shock, and the faintness from my wound, deprived me of all consciousness, and a shriek from Alethe, as I sank, is all I can recollect of what followed.

Would I had then died!—Yet, no, Almighty Being—I should have died in darkness, and I have lived to know Thee!

On returning to my senses, I found myself reclined on a couch, in a splendid apartment, the whole appearance of which being Grecian, I, for a moment, forgot all that had passed, and imagined myself in my own home at Athens. But too soon the whole dreadful certainty flashed upon me; and, starting wildly—disabled as I was—from my couch, I called loud-

<sup>1</sup> A rank, resembling that of Colonel.

ly, and with the shriek of a maniac, upon Alethe.

I was in the house, I then found, of my friend and disciple, the young Tribune, who had made the Governor acquainted with my name and condition, and had received me under his roof, when brought, bleeding and insensible, to Antinoë. From him I now learned at once — for I could not wait for details — the sum of all that had happened in that dreadful interval. Melanius was no more — Alethe still alive, but in prison!

“Take me to her” — I had but time to say — “take me to her instantly, and let me die by her side” — when, nature again failing under such shocks, I relapsed into insensibility. In this state I continued for near an hour, and, on recovering, found the Tribune by my side. The horrors, he said, of the Forum were, for that day, over — but what the morrow might bring, he shuddered to contemplate. His nature, it was plain, revolted from the inhuman duties in which he was engaged. Touched by the agonies he saw me suffer, he, in some degree, relieved them, by promising that I should, at nightfall, be conveyed to the prison, and, if possible, through his influence, gain access to Alethe. She might yet, he added, be saved, could I succeed in persuading her to comply with the terms of the edict, and make sacrifice to the Gods. — “Otherwise,” said he, “there is no hope; — the vindictive Orcus, who has resisted even this short respite of mercy, will, tomorrow, inexorably demand his prey.”

He then related to me, at my own request — though every word was torture — all the harrowing details of the proceeding before the Tribunal. “I have seen courage,” said he, “in its noblest forms, in the field; but the calm intrepidity with which that aged Hermit endured torments — which it was hardly less torment to witness — surpassed all that I could have conceived of human fortitude!”

My poor Alethe, too — in describing to me her conduct, the brave man wept like a child. Overwhelmed, he said, at first by her apprehensions for my safety, she had given way to a full burst of womanly weakness. But no sooner was she brought before the Tribunal, and the

declaration of her faith was demanded of her, than a spirit almost supernatural seemed to animate her whole form. “She raised her eyes,” said he, “calmly, but with fervor, to heaven, while a blush was the only sign of mortal feeling on her features; — and the clear, sweet, and untrembling voice, with which she pronounced her own doom, in the words, ‘I am a Christian!’<sup>1</sup> sent a thrill of admiration and pity throughout the multitude. Her youth, her loveliness, affected all hearts, and a cry of ‘Save the young maiden!’ was heard in all directions.”

The implacable Orcus, however, would not hear of mercy. Resenting, as it appeared, with all his deadliest rancor, not only her own escape from his toils, but the aid with which she had, so fatally to his views, assisted mine, he demanded loudly and in the name of the insulted sanctuary of Isis, her instant death. It was but by the firm intervention of the Governor, who shared the general sympathy in her fate, that the delay of another day was granted to give a chance to the young maiden of yet recalling her confession, and thus affording some pretext for saving her.

Even in yielding, with evident reluctance, to this respite, the inhuman Priest would yet accompany it with some mark of his vengeance. Whether for the pleasure (observed the Tribune) of mingling mockery with his cruelty, or as a warning to her of the doom she must ultimately expect, he gave orders that there should be tied round her brow one of those chaplets of coral,<sup>2</sup> with which it is the custom of young Christian maidens to array themselves on the day of their martyrdom; — “and, thus fearfully adorned,” said he, “she was led away, amidst the gaze of the pitying multitude, to prison.”

With these harrowing details the short interval till nightfall — every minute of which seemed an age — was occupied. As soon as it grew dark, I was placed upon a litter — my wound, though not dangerous, requiring such a conveyance — and, under the guidance of my friend, I was conducted to the prison. Through his interest with the guard, we were without difficulty admitted, and I was borne into the chamber where the maiden lay immured. Even the veteran guardian of the place seemed

<sup>1</sup> The merit of the confession “Christianus sum,” or “Christiana sum,” was considerably enhanced by the clearness and distinctness with which it was pronounced. Eusebius mentions the martyr Vetius as making it λαμπροτατη φωνη.

<sup>2</sup> Une “de ces couronnes de grain de corail, dont les vierges martyres ornoient leurs cheveux en allant à la mort.” *Les Martyrs.*

touched with compassion for his prisoner, and supposing her to be asleep, had the litter placed gently near her.

She was half reclining, with her face hid beneath her hands, upon a couch—at the foot of which stood an idol, over whose hideous features a lamp of naphtha, that hung from the ceiling, shed a wild and ghastly glare. On a table before the image stood a censer, with a small vessel of incense beside it—one grain of which, thrown voluntarily into the flame, would, even now, save that precious life. So strange, so fearful was the whole scene, that I almost doubted its reality. *Alethe!* my own, happy *Alethe!* can it, I thought, be thou that I look upon?

She now, slowly, and with difficulty, raised her head from the couch, on observing which, the kind Tribune withdrew, and we were left alone. There was a paleness, as of death, over her features; and those eyes, which, when last I saw them, were but too bright, too happy for this world, looked dim and sunken. In raising herself up, she put her hand, as if from pain, to her forehead, whose marble hue but appeared more deathlike from those red bands that lay so awfully across it.

After wandering for a minute vaguely, her eyes at length rested upon me—and, with a shriek, half terror, half joy, she sprung from the couch, and sunk upon her knees by my side. She had believed me dead; and, even now, scarcely trusted her senses. “My husband! my love!” she exclaimed; “O, if thou comest to call me from this world, behold I am ready!” In saying thus, she pointed wildly to that ominous wreath, and then dropped her head down upon my knee, as if an arrow had pierced it.

“*Alethe!*” I cried—terrified to the very soul by that mysterious pang—and, as if the sound of my voice had reanimated her, she looked up, with a faint smile, in my face. Her thoughts, which had evidently been wandering, became collected; and in her joy at my safety, her sorrow at my suffering, she forgot entirely the fate that impended over herself. Love, innocent love, alone occupied all her thoughts; and the warmth, the affection, the devotedness, with which she spoke—O, how, at any other moment, I would have blessed, have lingered upon every word!

But the time flew fast—that dreadful morrow was approaching. Already I saw her writhing in the hands of the torturer—the flames, the

racks, the wheels were before my eyes! Half frantic with the fear that her resolution was fixed, I flung myself from the litter in an agony of weeping, and supplicated her, by the love she bore me, by the happiness that awaited us, by her own merciful God, who was too good to require such a sacrifice—by all that the most passionate anxiety could dictate, I implored that she would avert from us the doom that was coming, and—but for once—comply with the vain ceremony demanded of her.

Shrinking from me, as I spoke—but with a look more of sorrow than reproach—“What, thou, too!” she said mournfully—“thou, into whose inmost spirit I had fondly hoped the same light had entered as into my own! No, never be thou leagued with them who would tempt me to ‘make shipwreck of my faith!’ Thou, who couldst alone bind me to life, use not, I entreat thee, thy power; but let me die, as He I serve hath commanded—die for the Truth. Remember the holy lessons we heard together on those nights, those happy nights, when both the present and future smiled upon us—when even the gift of eternal life came more welcome to my soul, from the glad conviction that thou wert to be a sharer in its blessings;—shall I forfeit now that divine privilege? shall I deny the true God, whom we then learned to love?”

“No, my own betrothed,” she continued—pointing to the two rings on her finger—“behold these pledges—they are both sacred. I should have been as true to thee as I am now to heaven,—nor in that life to which I am hastening shall our love be forgotten. Should the baptism of fire, through which I shall pass tomorrow, make me worthy to be heard before the throne of Grace, I will intercede for thy soul—I will pray that it may yet share with mine that ‘inheritance, immortal and undefiled,’ which Mercy offers, and that thou—and my dear mother—and I——”

She here dropped her voice; the momentary animation, with which devotion and affection had inspired her, vanished;—and there came a darkness over all her features, a livid darkness—like the approach of death—that made me shudder through every limb. Seizing my hand convulsively, and looking at me with a fearful eagerness, as if anxious to hear some consoling assurance from my own lips—“Believe me,” she continued, “not all the torments they are preparing for me—not even this deep, burning pain in my brow, to which they will



hardly find an equal — could be half so dreadful to me, as the thought that I leave thee, without —”

Here her voice again failed; her head sunk upon my arm, and — merciful God, let me forget what I then felt — I saw that she was dying! Whether I uttered any cry, I know not; — but the Tribune came rushing into my chamber, and, looking on the maiden, said, with a face full of horror, “It is but too true!”

He then told me in a low voice, what he had just learned from the guardian of the prison, that the band round the young Christian’s brow<sup>1</sup> was — O horrible! — a compound of the most deadly poison — the hellish invention of Orcus, to satiate his vengeance, and make the fate of his poor victim secure. My first movement was to untie that fatal wreath — but it would not come away — it would not come away!

Roused by the pain, she again looked in my face; but, unable to speak, took hastily from her bosom the small silver cross which she had brought with her from my cave. Having pressed it to her own lips, she held it anxiously to mine, and seeing me kiss the holy symbol with fervor, looked happy, and smiled. The agony of death seemed to have passed away; — there came suddenly over her features a heavenly light, some share of which I felt descending into my own

<sup>1</sup> We find poisonous crowns mentioned by *Pliny*, under the designation of “*coronæ ferales*.” *Paschalius*, too, gives the following account of these “deadly garlands,” as he calls them: — “*Sed mirum est tam salutare inventum humanam nequitiam reperisse, quomodo ad nefarios usus tra-*

soul, and, in a few minutes more, she expired in my arms.

*Here ends the Manuscript; but, on the outer cover is found, in the handwriting of a much later period, the following Notice, extracted, as it appears, from some Egyptian martyrology: —*

“ALCIPHRON — an Epicurean philosopher, converted to Christianity A. D. 257, by a young Egyptian maiden, who suffered martyrdom in that year. Immediately upon her death he betook himself to the desert, and lived a life, it is said, of much holiness and penitence. During the persecution under Diocletian, his sufferings for the faith were most exemplary; and being at length, at an advanced age, condemned to hard labor, for refusing to comply with an Imperial edict, he died at the Brass Mines of Palestine, A. D. 297. —

“As Alciphron held the opinions maintained since by Arius, his memory has not been spared by Athanasian writers, who, among other charges, accuse him of having been addicted to the superstitions of Egypt. For this calumny, however, there appears to be no better foundation than a circumstance, recorded by one of his brother monks, that there was found, after his death, a small metal mirror, like those used in the ceremonies of Isis, suspended around his neck.”

ducent. Nempe, repertæ sunt nefandæ coronæ harum, quas dixi, tam salubrium per nomen quidem et speciem imitatrices, at re et effectu ferales, atque adeo capitis, cui imponantur, interfetrices.” *De Coronis*.

## ALCIPHRON:

### A FRAGMENT.

#### LETTER I.

FROM ALCIPHRON AT ALEXANDRIA TO CLEON AT ATHENS.

WELL may you wonder at my flight  
From those fair Gardens, in whose bowers  
Lingers whate'er of wise and bright,  
Of Beauty's smile or Wisdom's light,  
Is left to grace this world of ours.

Well may my comrades, as they roam,  
On such sweet eves as this, inquire  
Why I have left that happy home  
Where all is found that all desire,  
And Time hath wings that never tire;  
Where bliss, in all the countless shapes  
That Fancy's self to bliss hath given,  
Comes clustering round, like roadside grapes  
That woo the traveller's lip, at even;



Where Wisdom flings not joy away —  
 As Pallas in the stream, they say,  
 Once flung her flute — but smiling owns  
 That woman's lip can send forth tones  
 Worth all the music of those spheres  
 So many dream of, but none hears ;  
 Where Virtue's self puts on so well  
 Her sister Pleasure's smile that, loath  
 From either nymph apart to dwell,  
 We finish by embracing both.

Yes, such the place of bliss, I own,  
 From all whose charms I just have flown ;  
 And ev'n while thus to thee I write,  
 And by the Nile's dark flood recline,  
 Fondly, in thought, I wing my flight  
 Back to those groves and gardens bright,  
 And often think, by this sweet light,  
 How lovelily they all must shine ;  
 Can see that graceful temple throw  
 Down the green slope its lengthen'd shade,  
 While, on the marble steps below,  
 There sits some fair Athenian maid,  
 Over some favorite volume bending ;  
 And, by her side, a youthful sage  
 Holds back the ringlets that, descending,  
 Would else o'ershadow all the page.  
 But hence such thoughts ! — nor let me grieve  
 O'er scenes of joy that I but leave,  
 As the bird quits a while its nest  
 To come again with livelier zest.

And now to tell thee — what I fear  
 Thou'lt gravely smile at — *why* I'm here.  
 Though through my life's short, sunny dream,  
 I've floated without pain or care,  
 Like a light leaf, down pleasure's stream,  
 Caught in each sparkling eddy there ;  
 Though never Mirth awak'd a strain  
 That my heart echoed not again ;  
 Yet have I felt, when ev'n most gay,  
 Sad thoughts — I knew not whence or why —  
 Suddenly o'er my spirit fly,  
 Like clouds, that, ere we've time to say  
 "How bright the sky is !" — shade the  
 sky.

Sometimes so vague, so undefin'd  
 Were these strange dark'nings of my mind —  
 While nought but joy around me beam'd —  
 So causelessly they've come and flown,  
 That not of life or earth they seem'd,  
 But shadows from some world unknown.  
 More oft, however, 'twas the thought  
 How soon that scene, with all its play  
 Of life and gladness must decay —

Those lips I press'd, the hands I caught —  
 Myself — the crowd that mirth had brought  
 Around me — swept like weeds away !

This thought it was that came to shed  
 O'er rapture's hour its worst alloys ;  
 And, close as shade with sunshine, wed  
 Its sadness with my happiest joys.  
 O, but for this disheart'ning voice  
 Stealing amid our mirth to say  
 That all, in which we most rejoice,  
 Ere night may be the earthworm's prey —  
 But for this bitter — only this —  
 Full as the world is brimm'd with bliss,  
 And capable as feels my soul  
 Of draining to its dregs the whole,  
 I should turn earth to heav'n, and be,  
 If bliss made Gods, a Deity !

Thou know'st that night — the very last  
 That 'mong my Garden friends I pass'd —  
 When the School held its feast of mirth  
 To celebrate our founder's birth,  
 And all that He in dreams but saw  
 When he set Pleasure on the throne  
 Of this bright world, and wrote her law  
 In human hearts, was felt and known  
 Not in unreal dreams, but true,  
 Substantial joy as pulse e'er knew —  
 By hearts and bosoms, that each felt  
*Itself* the realm where Pleasure dwelt.

That night, when all our mirth was o'er,  
 The minstrels silent, and the feet  
 Of the young maidens heard no more —  
 So stilly was the time, so sweet,  
 And such a calm came o'er that scene,  
 Where life and revel late had been —  
 Lone as the quiet of some bay,  
 From which the sea hath ebb'd away —  
 That still I linger'd, lost in thought,  
 Gazing upon the stars of night,  
 Sad and intent, as if I sought  
 Some mournful secret in their light ;  
 And ask'd them, 'mid that silence, why  
 Man, glorious man, alone must die,  
 While they, less wonderful than he,  
 Shine on through all eternity.

That night — thou haply mayst forget  
 Its loveliness — but 'twas a night  
 To make earth's meanest slave regret  
 Leaving a world so soft and bright.  
 On one side, in the dark-blue sky,  
 Lonely and radiant, was the eye

Of Jove himself, while, on the other,  
 'Mong stars that came out one by one,  
 The young moon — like the Roman mother  
 Among her living jewels — shone.  
 "O that from yonder orbs," I thought,  
 "Pure and eternal as they are,  
 "There could to earth some power be brought,  
 "Some charm, with their own essence fraught,  
 "To make man deathless as a star,  
 'And open to his vast desires  
 "A course, as boundless and sublime  
 "As that which waits those comet fires,  
 "That burn and roam, throughout all  
 time!"

While thoughts like these absorb'd my mind,  
 That weariness which earthly bliss,  
 However sweet, still leaves behind,  
 As if to show how earthly 'tis,  
 Came lulling o'er me, and I laid  
 My limbs at that fair statue's base —  
 That miracle, which Art hath made  
 Of all the choice of Nature's grace —  
 To which so oft I've knelt and sworn,  
 That, could a living maid like her  
 Unto this wondering world be born,  
 I would, myself, turn worshipper.

Sleep came then o'er me — and I seem'd  
 To be transported far away  
 To a bleak desert plain, where gleam'd  
 One single, melancholy ray,  
 Throughout that darkness dimly shed  
 From a small taper in the hand  
 Of one, who, pale as are the dead,  
 Before me took his spectral stand,  
 And said, while, awfully, a smile  
 Came o'er the wanness of his cheek —  
 "Go, and, beside the sacred Nile,  
 "You'll find th' Eternal Life you seek."

Soon as he spoke these words, the hue  
 Of death o'er all his features grew  
 Like the pale morning, when o'er night  
 She gains the victory, full of light;  
 While the small torch he held became  
 A glory in his hand, whose flame  
 Brighten'd the desert suddenly,  
 Ev'n to the far horizon's line —  
 Along whose level I could see  
 Gardens and groves, that seem'd to shine,  
 As if then o'er them freshly play'd  
 A vernal rainbow's rich cascade;  
 And music floated every where,  
 Circling, as 'twere itse f the air,

And spirits, on whose wings the hue  
 Of heav'n still linger'd, round me flew,  
 Till from all sides such splendors broke,  
 That with the excess of light, I woke!

Such was my dream; — and, I confess,  
 Though none of all our creedless school  
 E'er conn'd, believ'd, or reverenc'd less  
 The fables of the priest-led fool,  
 Who tells us of a soul, a mind,  
 Separate and pure, within us shrin'd,  
 Which is to live — ah, hope too bright! —  
 Forever in yon fields of light;  
 Who fondly thinks the guardian eyes  
 Of Gods are on him — as if, blest  
 And blooming in their own blue skies,  
 Th' eternal Gods were not too wise  
 To let weak man disturb their rest! —  
 Though thinking of such creeds as thou  
 And all our Garden sages think,  
 Yet is there something, I allow,  
 In dreams like this — a sort of link  
 With worlds unseen, which, from the hour  
 I first could lisp my thoughts till now,  
 Hath master'd me with spell-like power.

And who can tell, as we're combin'd  
 Of various atoms — some refin'd,  
 Like those that scintillate and play  
 In the fix'd stars — some, gross as they  
 That frown in clouds or sleep in clay —  
 Who can be sure, but 'tis the best  
 And brightest atoms of our frame,  
 Those most akin to stellar flame,  
 That shine out thus, when we're at rest; —  
 Ev'n as the stars themselves, whose light  
 Comes out but in the silent night.  
 Or is it that there lurks, indeed,  
 Some truth in Man's prevailing creed,  
 And that our Guardians, from on high,  
 Come, in that pause from toil and sin,  
 To put the senses' curtain by,  
 And on the wakeful soul look in!

Vain thought! — but yet, howe'er it be,  
 Dreams — more than once — have prov'd to  
 me  
 Oracles, truer far than Oak,  
 Or Dove, or Tripod ever spoke.  
 And 'twas the words — thou'lt hear and smile —  
 The words that phantom seem'd to speak —  
 "Go, and beside the sacred Nile  
 "You'll find th' Eternal Life you seek —"  
 That, haunting me by night, by day,  
 At length, as with the unseen hand

Of Fate itself, urg'd me away  
 From Athens to this Holy Land ;  
 Where, 'mong the secrets, still untaught,  
 The myst'ries that, as yet, nor sun  
 Nor eye hath reach'd — O, blessed thought ! —  
 May sleep this everlasting one.

Farewell — when to our Garden friends  
 Thou talk'st of the wild dream that sends  
 The gayest of their school thus far,  
 Wandering beneath Canopus' star,  
 Tell them that, wander where he will,  
 Or, howsoe'er they now eondemn  
 His vague and vain pursuit, he still  
 Is worthy of the School and them ; —  
 Still, all their own — nor e'er forgets,  
 Ev'n while his heart and soul pursue  
 Th' Eternal Light which never sets,  
 The many meteor joys that *do*,  
 But seeks them, hails them with delight  
 Where'er they meet his longing sight.  
 And, if his life *must* wane away,  
 Like other lives, at least the day,  
 The hour it lasts shall, like a fire  
 With incense fed, in sweets expire.

## LETTER II.

FROM THE SAME TO THE SAME.

*Memphis.*

'Tis true, alas — the mysteries and the lore  
 I came to study on this wondrous shore,  
 Are all forgotten in the new delights,  
 The strange, wild joys that fill my days and  
 nights.

Instead of dark, dull oracles that speak  
 From subterranean temples, those *I* seek  
 Come from the breathing shrines where Beauty  
 lives,

And Love, her priest, the soft responses gives.  
 Instead of honoring Isis in those rites  
 At Coptos held, I hail her, when she lights  
 Her first young crescent on the holy stream —  
 When wandering youths and maidens watch her  
 beam

And number o'er the nights she hath to run,  
 Ere she again embrace her bridegroom sun.  
 While o'er some mystic leaf, that dimly lends  
 A clew into past times, the student bends,  
 And by its glimmering guidance learns to tread  
 Back through the shadowy knowledge of the  
 dead —

The only skill, alas, *I* yet can claim  
 Lies in deciphering some new lov'd one's name —

Some gentle missive, hinting time and place,  
 In language, soft as Memphian reed can trace.

And where — O where's the heart that could  
 withstand  
 Th' unnumber'd witcheries of this sun-born  
 land,

Where first young Pleasure's banner was un-  
 furl'd,

And Love hath temples ancient as the world !  
 Where mystery, like the veil by Beauty worn,  
 Hides but to win, and shades but to adorn ;  
 Where that luxurious melancholy, born  
 Of passion and of genius, sheds a gloom  
 Making joy holy ; — where the bower and tomb  
 Stand side by side, and Pleasure learns from  
 Death

The instant value of each moment's breath.

Couldst thou but see how like a poet's dream  
 This lovely land now looks ! — the glorious  
 stream,

That late, between its banks, was seen to glide  
 'Mong shrines and marble cities, on each side  
 Glittering like jewels strung along a chain,  
 Hath now sent forth its waters, and o'er plain  
 And valley, like a giant from his bed  
 Rising with outstretch'd limbs, hath grandly  
 spread.

While far as sight can reach, beneath as clear  
 And blue a heav'n as ever bless'd our sphere,  
 Gardens, and pillar'd streets, and porphyry  
 domes,

And high-built temples, fit to be the homes  
 Of mighty Gods, and pyramids, whose hour  
 Outlasts all time, above the waters tower !

Then, too, the scenes of pomp and joy, that  
 make

One theatre of this vast, peopled lake,  
 Where all that Love, Religion, Commerce gives  
 Of life and motion, ever moves and lives.  
 Here, up the steps of temples from the wave  
 Ascending, in procession slow and grave,  
 Priests in white garments go, with sacred wands  
 And silver cymbals gleaming in their hands ;  
 While there, rich barks — fresh from those  
 sunny tracts

Far off, beyond the sounding cataracts —  
 Glide, with their precious lading to the sea,  
 Plumes of bright birds, rhinoceros' ivory,  
 Gems from the Isle of Meroe, and those grains  
 Of gold, wash'd down by Abyssinian rains.  
 Here, where the waters wind into a bay  
 Shadewy and cool, some pilgrims, on their way

To Sais or Bubastus, among beds  
Of lotus flowers, that close above their heads,  
Push their light barks, and there, as in a bower,  
Sing, talk, or sleep away the sultry hour ;  
Oft dipping in the Nile, when faint with heat,  
That leaf, from which its waters drink most  
sweet. —

While haply, not far off, beneath a bank  
Of blossoming acacias, many a prank  
Is played in the cool current by a train  
Of laughing nymphs, lovely as she,<sup>1</sup> whose  
chain

Around two conquerors of the world was cast,  
But, for a third too feeble, broke at last.

For O, believe not them, who dare to brand,  
As poor in charms, the women of this land.  
Though darken'd by that sun, whose spirit flows  
Through every vein, and tinges as it goes,  
'Tis but th' imbrowning of the fruit, that  
tells

How rich within the soul of ripeness dwells —  
The hue their own dark sanctuaries wear,  
Announcing heav'n in half-caught glimpses  
there.

And never yet did telltale looks set free  
The secret of young hearts more tenderly.  
Such eyes ! — long, shadowy, with that languid  
fall

Of the fring'd lids, which may be seen in all  
Who live beneath the sun's too ardent rays —  
Lending such looks as, on their marriage days,  
Young maids cast down before a bridegroom's  
gaze !

Then for their grace — mark but the nymph-  
like shapes

Of the young village girls, when carrying grapes  
From green Anthylla, or light urns of flowers —  
Not our own Sculpture, in her happiest hours,  
E'er imag'd forth, even at the touch of him<sup>2</sup>  
Whose touch was life, more luxury of limb !  
'Then, canst thou wonder if, 'mid scenes like  
these,

I should forget all graver mysteries,  
All lore but Love's, all secrets but that best  
In heav'n or earth, the art of being bless'd !  
Yet are there times — though brief, I own, their  
stay,

Like summer clouds that shine themselves  
away —

Moments of gloom, when ev'n these pleasures  
pall

Upon my sadd'ning heart, and I recall

<sup>1</sup> Cleopatra.

<sup>2</sup> Apelles.

That Garden dream — that promise of a power,  
O, were there such ! — to lengthen out life's  
hour,

On, on, as through a vista, far away  
Opening before us into endless day !  
And chiefly o'er my spirit did this thought  
Come on that evening — bright as ever brought  
Light's golden farewell to the world — when  
first

Th' eternal pyramids of Memphis burst  
Awfully on my sight — standing sublime  
'Twixt earth and heav'n, the watchtowers of  
Time,  
From whose lone summit, when his reign hath  
pass'd  
From earth forever, he will look his last !

There hung a calm and solemn sunshine round  
Those mighty monuments, a hushing sound  
In the still air that circled them, which stole  
Like music of past times into my soul.  
I thought what myriads of the wise and brave  
And beautiful had sunk into the grave,  
Since earth first saw these wonders — and I  
said,

"Are things eternal only for the Dead ?  
"Hath Man no loftier hope than this, which  
dooms

"His only lasting trophies to be tombs ?  
"But 'tis not so — earth, heaven, all nature  
shows

"He *may* become immortal — *may* unclose  
"The wings within him wrapp'd, and proudly  
rise

"Redeem'd from earth, a creature of the skies !

"And who can say, among the written spells  
"From Hermes' hand, that, in these shrines and  
cells

"Have, from the Flood, lay hid, there may not  
be

"Some secret clew to immortality,  
"Some amulet, whose spell can keep life's  
fire

"Awake within us, never to expire !  
"Tis known that, on the Emerald Table,<sup>3</sup> hid

"For ages in you loftiest pyramid,  
"The Thrice-Great<sup>4</sup> did himself, engrave, of  
old,

"The chemic mystery that gives endless gold.  
"And why may not this mightier secret dwell  
"Within the same dark chambers ? who can  
tell

<sup>3</sup> See Notes on the Epicurean

<sup>4</sup> The Hermes Trismegistus

"But that those kings, who, by the written skill

"Of th' Emerald Table, call'd forth gold at will,

"And quarries upon quarries heap'd and hurl'd,  
"To build them domes that might outstand the world —

"Who knows but that the heavenlier art, which shares

"The life of Gods with man, was also theirs —  
"That they themselves, triumphant o'er the power

"Of fate and death, are living at this hour ;  
"And these, the giant homes they still possess,

"Not tombs, but everlasting palaces,  
"Within whose depths, hid from the world above,

"Even now they wander, with the few they love,

"Through subterranean gardens, by a light  
"Unknown on earth, which hath nor dawn nor night !

"Else, why those deathless structures ? why the grand

"And hidden halls, that undermine this land ?  
"Why else hath none of earth e'er dared to go

"Through the dark windings of that realm below,

"Nor aught from heav'n itself, except the God  
"Of Silence, through those endless labyrinths trod ?"

Thus did I dream — wild, wandering dreams, I own,

But such as haunt me ever, if alone,  
Or in that pause 'twixt joy and joy I be,  
Like a ship hush'd between two waves at sea.  
Then do these spirit whisperings, like the sound  
Of the Dark Future, come appalling round ;  
Nor can I break the trance that holds me then,  
Till high o'er Pleasure's surge I mount again !

Ev'n now for new adventure, new delight,  
My heart is on the wing ; — this very night,  
The Temple on that island, half way o'er  
From Memphis' gardens to the eastern shore,  
Sends up its annual rite<sup>1</sup> to her, whose beams  
Bring the sweet time of night flowers and dreams ;

The nymph, who dips her urn in silent lakes,  
And turns to silvery dew each drop it takes ; —  
O, not our Dian of the North, who chains  
In vestal ice the current of young veins,

But she who haunts the gay Bubastian<sup>2</sup> grove,  
And owns she sees, from her bright heav'n above,

Nothing on earth to match that heav'n but Love.

Think, then, what bliss will be abroad to-night ! —

Besides those sparkling nymphs, who meet the sight

Day after day, familiar as the sun,  
Coy buds of beauty, yet unbreath'd upon,  
And all the hidden loveliness, that lies, —  
Shut up, as are the beams of sleeping eyes,  
Within these twilight shrines — to-night shall be

Let loose, like birds, for this festivity !

And mark, 'tis nigh ; already the sun bids  
His evening farewell to the Pyramids,  
As he hath done, age after age, till they  
Alone on earth seem ancient as his ray ;  
While their great shadows, stretching from the light,

Look like the first colossal steps of Night,  
Stretching across the valley, to invade  
The distant hills of porphyry with their shade.  
Around, as signals of the setting beam,  
Gay, gilded flags on every house top gleam :  
While, hark ! — from all the temples a rich swell

Of music to the Moon — farewell — farewell.

### LETTER III.

FROM THE SAME TO THE SAME.

*Memphis.*

THERE is some star — or it may be  
That moon we saw so near last night —  
Which comes athwart my destiny  
Forever, with misleading light.  
If for a moment, pure and wise  
And calm I feel, there quick doth fall  
A spark from some disturbing eyes,  
That through my heart, soul, being flies,  
And makes a wildfire of it all.  
I've seen — O, Cleon, that this earth  
Should e'er have giv'n such beauty birth ! —  
That man — but, hold — hear all that pass'd  
Since yesternight, from first to last.

<sup>1</sup> The great Festival of the Moon.

<sup>2</sup> Bubastis, or Isis, was the Diana of the Egyptian mythology.



The rising of the Moon, calm, slow,  
 And beautiful, as if she came  
 Fresh from the Elysian bowers below,  
 Was, with a loud and sweet acclaim,  
 Welcom'd from every breezy height,  
 Where crowds stood waiting for her light.  
 And well might they who view'd the scene  
 Then lit up all around them, say,  
 That never yet had Nature been  
 Caught sleeping in a lovelier ray,  
 Or rivall'd her own noontide face,  
 With purer show of moonlight grace.

Memphis — still grand, though not the same  
 Unrivall'd Memphis, that could seize  
 From ancient Thebes the crown of Fame,  
 And wear it bright through centuries —  
 Now, in the moonshine, that came down  
 Like a last smile upon that crown,  
 Memphis, still grand, among her lakes,  
 Her pyramids and shrines of fire,  
 Rose, like a vision, that half breaks  
 On one who, dreaming still, awakes  
 To music from some midnight choir :  
 While to the west — where gradual sinks  
 In the red sands, from Libya roll'd,  
 Some mighty column, or fair sphinx  
 That stood in kingly courts, of old —  
 It seem'd as, 'mid the pomps that shone  
 Thus gayly round him, Time look'd on,  
 Waiting till all, now bright and blest,  
 Should sink beneath him like the rest.

No sooner had the setting sun  
 Proclaim'd the festal rite begun,  
 And, 'mid their idol's fullest beams,  
 The Egyptian world was all afloat,  
 Than I, who live upon these streams,  
 Like a young Nile bird, turn'd my boat  
 To the fair island, on whose shores,  
 Through leafy palms and sycamores,  
 Already shone the moving lights  
 Of pilgrims, hastening to the rites.  
 While, far around, like ruby sparks  
 Upon the water, lighted barks,  
 Of every form and kind — from those  
 That down Syene's cataract shoots,  
 To the grand, gilded barge, that rows  
 To tambor's beat and breath of flutes,  
 And wears at night, in words of flame,  
 On the rich prow, its master's name ; —  
 All were alive, and made this sea  
 Of cities busy as a hill  
 Of summer ants, caught suddenly  
 In the overflowing of a rill.

Landed upon the isle, I soon  
 Through marble alleys and small groves  
 Of that mysterious palm she loves,  
 Reach'd the fair Temple of the Moon ;  
 And there — as slowly through the last  
 Dim-lighted vestibule I pass'd —  
 Between the porphyry pillars, twin'd  
 With palm and ivy, I could see  
 A band of youthful maidens wind,  
 In measur'd walk, half dancingly,  
 Round a small shrine, on which was plac'd  
 That bird,<sup>1</sup> whose plumes of black and  
 white  
 Wear in their hue, by Nature trac'd,  
 A type of the moon's shadow'd light.

In drapery, like woven snow,  
 These nymphs were clad ; and each, below  
 The rounded bosom, loosely wore  
 A dark-blue zone, or bandelet,  
 With little silver stars all o'er,  
 As are the skies at midnight, set.  
 While in their tresses, braided through,  
 Sparkled that flower of Egypt's lakes,  
 The silvery lotus, in whose hue  
 As much delight the young moon takes,  
 As doth the Day-God to behold  
 The lofty bean flower's buds of gold.  
 And, as they gracefully went round  
 The worshipp'd bird, some to the beat  
 Of castanets, some to the sound  
 Of the shrill sistrum tim'd their feet ;  
 While others, at each step they took,  
 A tinkling chain of silver shook.

They seem'd all fair — but there was one  
 On whom the light had not yet shone,  
 Or shone but partly — so downcast  
 She held her brow, as slow she pass'd.  
 And yet to me, there seem'd to dwell  
 A charm about that unseen face —  
 A something, in the shade that fell  
 Over that brow's imagin'd grace,  
 Which won me more than all the best  
 Outshining beauties of the rest.  
 And *her* alone my eyes could see,  
 Enchain'd by this sweet mystery ;  
 And *her* alone I watch'd, as round  
 She glided o'er that marble ground,  
 Stirring not more th' unconscious air  
 Than if a Spirit were moving there.  
 Till suddenly, wide open flew  
 The Temple's folding gates, and threw

<sup>1</sup> The Ibis.

A splendor from within, a flood  
 Of glory where these maidens stood.  
 While, with that light — as if the same  
 Rich source gave birth to both — there came  
 A swell of harmony, as grand  
 As e'er was born of voice and hand,  
 Filling the gorgeous aisles around  
 With luxury of light and sound.

Then was it, by the flash that blaz'd  
 Full o'er her features — O 'twas then,  
 As startlingly her eyes she rais'd,  
 But quick let fall their lids again,  
 I saw — not Psyche's self, when first  
 Upon the threshold of the skies  
 She paus'd, while heaven's glory burst  
 Newly upon her downcast eyes,  
 Could look more beautiful or blush  
 With holier shame than did this maid,  
 Whom now I saw, in all that gush  
 Of splendor from the aisles, display'd.  
 Never — though well thou know'st how much  
 I've felt the sway of Beauty's star —  
 Never did her bright influence touch  
 My soul into its depths so far ;  
 And had that vision linger'd there  
 One minute more, I should have flown,  
 Forgetful *who* I was and where,  
 And, at her feet in worship thrown,  
 Proffer'd my soul through life her own.

But, scarcely had that burst of light  
 And music broke on ear and sight,  
 Than up the aisle the bird took wing,  
 As if on heavenly mission sent,  
 While after him, with graceful spring,  
 Like some unearthly creatures, meant  
 To live in that mix'd element  
 Of light and song, the young maids went ;  
 And she, who in my heart had thrown  
 A spark to burn for life, was flown.

In vain I tried to follow ; — bands  
 Of reverend chanters fill'd the aisle :  
 Where'er I sought to pass, their wands  
 Motion'd me back, while many a file  
 Of sacred nymphs — but ah, not they  
 Whom my eyes look'd for — throng'd the  
 way.  
 Perplex'd, impatient, 'mid this crowd  
 Of faces, lights — the o'erwhelming cloud  
 Of incense round me, and my blood  
 Full of its new-born fire — I stood,  
 Nor mov'd, nor breath'd, but when I caught  
 A glimpse of some blue, spangled, zone,

Or wreath of lotus, which, I thought,  
 Like those she wore at distance shone.

But no, 'twas vain — hour after hour,  
 Till my heart's throbbing turn'd to  
 pain,  
 And my strain'd eyesight lost its power,  
 I sought her thus, but all in vain.  
 At length, hot — wilder'd — in despair,  
 I rush'd into the cool night air,  
 And hurrying (though with many a look  
 Back to the busy Temple) took  
 My way along the moonlight shore,  
 And sprung into my boat once more.

There is a Lake, that to the north  
 Of Memphis stretches grandly forth,  
 Upon whose silent shore the Dead  
 Have a proud City of their own,<sup>1</sup>  
 With shrines and pyramids o'erspread —  
 Where many an ancient kingly head  
 Slumbers, immortaliz'd in stone ;  
 And where, through marble grots beneath,  
 The lifeless, rang'd like sacred things,  
 Nor wanting aught of life but breath,  
 Lie in their painted coverings,  
 And on each new successive race,  
 That visit their dim haunts below,  
 Look with the same unwithering face,  
 They wore three thousand years ago.  
 There, Silence, thoughtful God, who loves  
 The neighborhood of death, in groves  
 Of asphodel lies hid, and weaves  
 His hushing spell among the leaves —  
 Nor ever noise disturbs the air,  
 Save the low, humming, mournful sound  
 Of priests, within their shrines, at prayer  
 For the fresh Dead intomb'd around.

'Twas towards this place of death — in mood  
 Made up of thoughts, half bright, half  
 dark —

I now across the shining flood  
 Unconscious turn'd my light-wing'd bark.  
 The form of that young maid, in all  
 Its beauty, was before me still ;  
 And oft I thought, if thus to call  
 Her image to my mind at will,  
 If but the memory of that one  
 Bright look of hers, forever gone,  
 Was to my heart worth all the rest  
 Of womankind, beheld, possess'd —

<sup>1</sup> Necropolis, or the City of the Dead, to the south of Memphis.

What would it be, if wholly mine,  
 Within these arms, as in a shrine,  
 Hallow'd by Love, I saw her shine —  
 An idol, worshipp'd by the light  
 Of her own beauties, day and night —  
 If 'twas a blessing but to see  
 And lose again, what would *this* be ?

In thoughts like these — but often cross'd  
 By darker threads — my mind was lost,  
 Till, near that City of the Dead,  
 Wak'd from my trance, I saw o'erhead —  
 As if by some enchanter bid  
 Suddenly from the wave to rise —  
 Pyramid over pyramid  
 Tower in succession to the skies ;  
 While one, aspiring, as if soon  
 'Twould touch the heavens, rose o'er all :  
 And, on its summit, the white moon  
 Rested, as on a pedestal !

The silence of the lonely tombs  
 And temples round, where nought was  
 heard  
 But the high palm-tree's tufted plumes,  
 Shaken at times, by breeze or bird,  
 Form'd a deep contrast to the scene  
 Of revel, where I late had been ;  
 To those gay sounds, that still came o'er,  
 Faintly, from many a distant shore,  
 And th' unnumber'd lights, that shone  
 Far o'er the flood, from Memphis on  
 To the Moon's Isle and Babylon.

My oars were lifted, and my boat  
 Lay rock'd upon the rippling stream ;  
 While my vague thoughts, alike afloat,  
 Drifted through many an idle dream,  
 With all of which, wild and unfix'd  
 As was their aim, that vision mix'd,  
 That bright nymph of the Temple — now,  
 With the same innocence of brow  
 She wore within the lighted fane —  
 Now *king*, through each pulse and vein,  
 With *passion* of such deepfelt fire  
 As Gods might glory to inspire ; —  
 And now — O Darkness of the tomb,  
 That must eclipse ev'n light like hers !  
 Cold, dead, and blackening 'mid the gloom  
 Of those eternal sepulchres.

Scarce had I turn'd my eyes away  
 From that dark death-place, at the thought,  
 When by the sound of dashing spray  
 From a light oar my ear was caught,

While past me, — through the moonlight —  
 sail'd  
 A little gilded bark, that bore  
 Two female figures, closely veil'd  
 And mantled, towards that funeral shore.  
 They landed — and the boat again  
 Put off across the watery plain.

Shall I confess — to *thee* I may —  
 That never yet hath come the chance  
 Of a new music, a new ray  
 From woman's voice, from woman's glance,  
 Which — let it find me how it might,  
 In joy or grief — I did not bless,  
 And wander after, as a light  
 Leading to undreamt happiness.  
 And chiefly now, when hopes so vain  
 Were stirring in my heart and brain,  
 When Fancy had allur'd my soul  
 Into a chase, as vague and far  
 As would be his, who fix'd his goal  
 In the horizon, or some star —  
 Any bewilderment, that brought  
 More near to earth my high-flown thought —  
 The faintest glimpse of joy, less pure,  
 Less high and heavenly, but more sure,  
 Came welcome — and was then to me  
 What the first flowery isle must be  
 To vagrant birds, blown out to sea.

Quick to the shore I urg'd my bark,  
 And, by the bursts of moonlight, shed  
 Between the lofty tombs, could mark  
 Those figures, as with hasty tread  
 They glided on — till in the shade  
 Of a small pyramid, which through  
 Some boughs of palm its peak display'd,  
 They vanish'd instant from my view.

I hurried to the spot — no trace  
 Of life was in that lonely place ;  
 And, had the creed I hold by taught  
 Of other worlds, I might have thought  
 Some mocking spirits had from thence  
 Come in this guise to cheat my sense.

At length, exploring darkly round  
 The Pyramid's smooth sides, I found  
 An iron portal — opening high  
 'Twixt peak and base — and, with a pray'r  
 To the bliss-loving Moon, whose eye  
 Alone beheld me, sprung in there.  
 Downward the narrow stairway led  
 Through many a duct obscure and dread,  
 A labyrinth for mystery made,

With wanderings onward, backward, round,  
And gathering still, where'er it wound,  
But deeper density of shade.

Scarce had I ask'd myself, "Can aught  
"That man delights in sojourn here?" —  
When, suddenly, far off, I caught  
A glimpse of light, remote, but clear —  
Whose welcome glimmer seem'd to pour  
From some alcove or cell, that ended  
The long, steep, marble corridor,  
Through which I now, all hope, descended.  
Never did Spartan to his bride  
With warier foot at midnight glide.  
It seem'd as echo's self were dead  
In this dark place, so mute my tread.  
Reaching, at length, that light, I saw —  
O listen to the scene, now rais'd  
Before my eyes — then guess the awe,  
The still, rapt awe with which I gaz'd.  
'Twas a small chapel, lin'd around  
With the fair, spangling marble, found  
In many a ruin'd shrine that stands  
Half seen above the Libyan sands.  
The walls were richly sculptur'd o'er,  
And character'd with that dark lore  
Of times before the Flood, whose key  
Was lost in th' "Universal Sea." —  
While on the roof was pictur'd bright  
The Theban beetle, as he shines,  
When the Nile's mighty flow declines,  
And forth the creature springs to light,  
With life regenerate in his wings: —  
Emblem of vain imaginings!  
Of a new world, when this is gone,  
In which the spirit still lives on!

Direct beneath this type, reclin'd  
On a black granite altar, lay  
A female form, in crystal shrin'd,  
And looking fresh as if the ray  
Of soul had fled but yesterday.  
While in relief, of silv'ry hue,  
Grav'd on the altar's front were seen  
A branch of lotus, brok'n in two,  
As that fair creature's life had been  
And a small bird that from its spray  
Was winging, like her soul, away.

But brief the glimpse I now could spare  
To the wild, mystic wonders round;  
For there was yet *one* wonder there,  
That held me as by witch'ry bound.  
The lamp, that through the chamber shed  
Its vivid beam, was at the head

Of her who on that altar slept;  
And near it stood, when first I came —  
Bending her brow, as if she kept  
Sad watch upon its silent flame —  
A female form, as yet so plac'd  
Between the lamp's strong glow and me,  
That I but saw, in outline trac'd,  
The shadow of her symmetry.  
Yet did my heart — I scarce knew why —  
Ev'n at that shadow'd shape beat high.  
Nor was it long, ere full in sight  
The figure turn'd; and by the light  
That touch'd her features, as she bent  
Over the crystal monument,  
I saw 'twas she — the same — the same —  
That lately stood before me, bright'ning  
The holy spot, where she but came  
And went again, like summer lightning!

Upon the crystal, o'er the breast  
Of her who took that silent rest,  
There was a cross of silver lying —  
Another type of that blest home,  
Which hope, and pride, and fear of dying  
Build for us in a world to come: —  
This silver cross the maiden rais'd  
To her pure lips: — then, having gaz'd  
Some minutes on that tranquil face,  
Sleeping in all death's mournful grace,  
Upward she turn'd her brow serene,  
As if, intent on heav'n, those eyes  
Saw then nor roof nor cloud between  
Their own pure orbits and the skies;  
And, though her lips no motion made,  
And that fix'd look was all her speech,  
I saw that the rapt spirit pray'd  
Deeper within than words could reach.

Strange pow'r of Innocence, to turn  
To its own hue whate'er comes near,  
And make ev'n vagrant Passion burn  
With purer warmth within its sphere!  
She who, but one short hour before,  
Had come, like sudden wildfire, o'er  
My heart and brain — whom gladly, even  
From that bright Temple, in the face  
Of those proud ministers of heav'n,  
I would have borne, in wild embrace,  
And risk'd all punishment, divine  
And human, but to make her mine; —  
She, she was now before me, thrown  
By fate itself into my arms —  
There standing, beautiful, alone,  
With nought to guard her, but her  
charms.

Yet did I, then — did ev'n a breath  
 From my parch'd lips, too parched to move,  
 Disturb a scene where thus, beneath  
 Earth's silent covering, Youth and Death  
 Held converse through undying love?  
 No — smile and taunt me as thou wilt —  
 Though but to gaze thus was delight,  
 Yet seem'd it like a wrong, a guilt,  
 To win by stealth so pure a sight:  
 And rather than a look profane  
 Should then have met those thoughtful eyes,  
 Or voice, or whisper broke the chain  
 That link'd her spirit with the skies,  
 I would have gladly, in that place,  
 From which I watched her heav'nward face,  
 Let my heart break, without one beat  
 That could disturb a prayer so sweet.  
 Gently, as if on every tread,  
 My life, my more than life depended,  
 Back through the corridor that led  
 To this blest scene I now ascended,  
 And with slow seeking, and some pain,  
 And many a winding tried in vain,  
 Emerg'd to upper air again.

The sun had freshly ris'n, and down  
 The marble hills of Araby,  
 Scatter'd, as from a conqueror's crown,  
 His beams into that living sea.  
 There seem'd a glory in his light,  
 Newly put on — as if for pride  
 Of the high homage paid this night  
 To his own Isis, his young bride,  
 Now fading feminine away  
 In her proud Lord's superior ray.

My mind's first impulse was to fly  
 At once from this entangling net —  
 New scenes to range, new loves to try,  
 Or, in mirth, wine, and luxury  
 Of every sense, that night forget.  
 But vain the effort — spell-bound still,  
 I linger'd, without power or will  
 To turn my eyes from that dark door,  
 Which now enclos'd her 'mong the dead;  
 Oft fancying, through the boughs that o'er  
 The sunny pile their flickering shed,  
 'Twas her light form again I saw  
 Starting to earth — still pure and bright,  
 But wakening, as I hop'd, less awe,  
 Thus seen by morning's natural light,  
 Than in that strange, dim cell at night.

But no, alas — she ne'er return'd:  
 Nor yet — though still I watch — nor yet,

Though the red sun for hours hath burn'd,  
 And now, in his mid course, hath met  
 The peak of that eternal pile  
 He pauses still at noon to bless,  
 Standing beneath his downward smile,  
 Like a great Spirit, shadowless! —  
 Nor yet she comes — while here, alone,  
 Saunt'ring this death-peopled place,  
 Where no heart beats except my own,  
 Or 'neath a palm-tree's shelter thrown,  
 By turns I watch, and rest, and trace  
 These lines, that are to waft to thee  
 My last night's wondrous history.

Dost thou remember, in that Isle  
 Of our own Sea, where thou and I  
 Linger'd so long, so happy a while,  
 Till all the summer flowers went by —  
 How gay it was, when sunset brought  
 To the cool Well our favorite maids —  
 Some we had won, and some we sought —  
 To dance within the fragrant shades,  
 And till the stars went down attune  
 Their Fountain Hymns<sup>1</sup> to the young moon?

That time, too — O, 'tis like a dream —  
 When from Scamander's holy tide  
 I sprung as Genius of the Stream,  
 And bore away that blooming bride,  
 Who thither came, to yield her charms  
 (As Phrygian maids are wont, ere wed)  
 Into the cold Scamander's arms,  
 But met, and welcom'd mine, instead —  
 Wondering, as on my neck she fell,  
 How river gods could love so well!  
 Who would have thought that he, who rov'd  
 Like the first bees of summer then,  
 Rifing each sweet, nor ever lov'd  
 But the free hearts, that lov'd again,  
 Readily as the reed replies  
 To the least breath that round it sighs:  
 Is the same dreamer who, last night,  
 Stood aw'd and breathless at the sight  
 Of one Egyptian girl; and now  
 Wanders among these tombs, with brow  
 Pale, watchful, sad, as though he just,  
 Himself, had ris'n from out their dust!

Yet so it is — and the same thirst  
 For something high and pure, above  
 This withering world, which, from the first,  
 Made me drink deep of woman's love —

<sup>1</sup> These Songs of the Well, as they were called by the ancients, are still common in the Greek isles.



As the one joy, to heav'n most near  
Of all our hearts can meet with here —  
Still burns me up, still keeps awake  
A fever nought but death can slake.

Farewell ; whatever may befall —  
Or bright, or dark — thou'lt know it all.

## LETTER IV.

FROM ORCUS, HIGH PRIEST OF MEMPHIS, TO  
DECIVS, THE PRÆTORIAN PREFECT.

REJOICE, my friend, rejoice : — the youthful  
Chief

Of that light Sect which mocks at all belief,  
And, gay and goddess, makes the present hour  
Its only heaven, is now within our power.

Smooth, impious school ! — not all the weapons  
aim'd,

At priestly creeds, since first a creed was fram'd,  
E'er struck so deep as that sly dart they wield,  
The Bacchant's pointed spear in laughing flowers  
conceal'd.

And O, 'twere victory to this heart, as sweet  
As any *thou* canst boast — ev'n when the feet  
Of thy proud war steed wade through Christian  
blood,

To wrap this scoffer in Faith's blinding hood,  
And bring him, tam'd and prostrate, to implore  
The vilest gods ev'n Egypt's saints adore.

What ! — do these sages think, to *them* alone  
The key of this world's happiness is known ?  
That none but they, who make such proud pa-  
rade

Of Pleasure's smiling favors, win the maid,  
Or that Religion keeps no secret place,  
No niche, in her dark fanes, for Love to grace ?  
Fools ! — did they know how keen the zest that's  
given

To earthly joy, when season'd well with heaven ;  
How Piety's grave mask improves the hue  
Of Pleasure's laughing features, half seen  
through,

And how the Priest, set aptly within reach  
Of two rich worlds, traffics for bliss with each,  
Would they not, Decius — thou, whom th' an-  
cient tie

'Twixt Sword and Altar makes our best ally —  
Would they not change their creed, their craft,  
for ours ?

Leave the gross daylight joys that, in their  
bowers,

Languish with too much sun, like o'erblown  
flowers,

For the veil'd loves, the blisses undisplay'd  
That slyly lurk within the Temple's shade ?  
And, 'stead of haunting the trim Garden's  
school —

Where cold Philosophy usurps a rule,  
Like the pale moon's, o'er passion's heaving  
tide,

Till Pleasure's self is chill'd by Wisdom's pride —  
Be taught by *us*, quit shadows for the true,  
Substantial joys we sager Priests pursue,  
Who, far too wise to theorize on bliss,  
Or pleasure's substance for its shade to miss,  
Preach *other* worlds, but live for only *this* : —  
Thanks to the well-paid Mystery round us flung,  
Which, like its type, the golden cloud that hung  
O'er Jupiter's love couch its shade benign,  
Round human frailty wraps a veil divine.

Still less should they presume, weak wits, that  
they

Alone despise the craft of us who pray ; —  
Still less their creedless vanity deceive  
With the fond thought, that we who pray be-  
lieve.

Believe ! — Apis forbid — forbid it, all  
Ye monster Gods, before whose shrines we fall —  
Deities, fram'd in jest, as if to try  
How far gross Man can vulgarize the sky ;  
How far the same low fancy that combines  
Into a drove of brutes yon zodiac's signs,  
And turns that Heaven itself into a place  
Of sainted sin and deified disgrace,  
Can bring Olympus ev'n to shame more deep,  
Stock it with things that earth itself holds cheap,  
Fish, flesh, and fowl, the kitchen's sacred brood,  
Which Egypt keeps for worship, not for food —  
All, worthy idols of a Faith that sees  
In dogs, cats, owls, and apes, divinities !

Believe ! — O, Decius, thou, who feel'st no  
care

For things divine, beyond the soldier's shaft,  
Who takes on trust the faith for which he bleeds,  
A good, fierce God to swear by, all he needs —  
Little canst thou, whose creed around thee hangs  
Loose as thy summer war cloak, guess the pangs  
Of loathing and self-scorn with which a heart,  
Stubborn as mine is, acts the zealot's part —  
The deep and dire disgust with which I wade  
Through the foul juggling of this holy trade —  
This mud profound of mystery, where the  
feet,

At every step, sink deeper in deceit.  
O, many a time, when, 'mid the Temple's blaze,  
O'er prostrate fools the sacred cist I raise,

Did I not keep still proudly in my mind  
The power this priestcraft gives me o'er man-  
kind —

A lever, of more might, in skilful hand,  
To move this world, than Archimede e'er  
plann'd —

I should, in vengeance of the shame I feel  
At my own mockery, crush the slaves that kneel  
Besott'd round; and — like that kindred breed  
Of reverend, well-dress'd crocodiles they feed,  
At fam'd Arsinoë<sup>1</sup> — make my keepers bless,  
With their last throb, my sharp-fang'd Holiness.

Say, is it to be borne, that scoffers, vain  
Of their own freedom from the altar's chain,  
Should mock thus all that thou thy blood hast  
sold,

And I my truth, pride, freedom, to uphold?  
It must not be: — think'st thou that Christian  
sect,

Whose followers, quick as broken waves, erect  
Their crests anew, and swell into a tide,  
That threats to sweep away our shrines of  
pride —

Think'st thou, with all their wondrous spells,  
ev'n they

Would triumph thus, had not the constant play  
Of Wit's resistless archery clear'd their way? —  
That mocking spirit, worst of all the foes,  
Our solemn fraud, our mystic mummery knows,  
Whose wounding flash thus ever 'mong the signs  
Of a fast-falling creed, prelusive shines,  
Threat'ning such change as do the awful freaks  
Of summer lightning, ere the tempest breaks.

But, to my point — a youth of this vain school,  
But one, whom Doubt itself hath fail'd to cool  
Down to that freezing point where Priests despair  
Of any spark from th' altar catching there —  
Hath, some nights since — it was, methinks, the  
night

That follow'd the full Moon's great annual rite —  
Through the dark, winding ducts, that downward  
stray

To these earth-hidden temples, track'd his way,  
Just at that hour when, round the Shrine, and me,  
The choir of blooming nymphs thou long'st to  
see,

Sing their last night hymn in the Sanctuary.  
The clangor of the marvellous Gate, that stands  
At the Well's lowest depth — which none but  
hands

Of new, untaught adventurers, from above,  
Who know not the safe path, e'er dare to move —  
Gave signal that a foot profane was nigh: —  
'Twas the Greek youth, who, by that morning's  
sky,

Had been observ'd, curiously wand'ring round  
The mighty fanes of our sepulchral ground.

Instant, th' Initiate's Trials were prepar'd, —  
The Fire, Air, Water; all that Orpheus dar'd,  
That Plato, that the bright-hair'd Samian  
pass'd,

With trembling hope, to come to — *what*, at last?  
Go, ask the dupes of Priestcraft; question him  
Who, 'mid terrific sounds and spectres dim,  
Walks at Eleusis; ask of those, who brave  
The dazzling miracles of Mithra's Cave,  
With its seven starry gates; ask all who keep  
Those terrible night myst'ries where they weep  
And howl sad dirges to the answering breeze,  
O'er their dead Gods, their mortal Deities —  
Amphibious, hybrid things, that died as men,  
Drown'd, hang'd, empal'd, to rise, as gods,  
again; —

Ask *them*, what mighty secret lurks below  
This sev'nfold myst'ry — can they tell thee?  
No;

Gravely they keep that only secret, well  
And fairly kept — that they have none to tell;  
And, dup'd themselves, console their humbled  
pride  
By duping thenceforth all mankind beside.

And such th' advance in fraud since Orpheus'  
time —

That earliest master of our craft sublime —  
So many minor Myst'ries, inps of fraud,  
From the great Orphic Egg have wing'd abroad,  
That, still t' uphold our Temple's ancient boast,  
And seem most holy, we must cheat the most;  
Work the best miracles, wrap nonsense round  
In pomp and darkness, till it seems profound:  
Play on the hopes, the terrors of mankind,  
With changeful skill; and make the human mind  
Like our own Sanctuary, where no ray,  
But by the Priest's permission, wins its way —  
Where through the gloom as wave our wizard  
rods,

Monsters, at will, are conjured into Gods;  
While Reason, like a grave-faced mummy  
stands,

With her arms swathed in hieroglyphic bands.

<sup>1</sup> For the trinkets with which the sacred Crocodiles were ornamented, see the Epicurean, chap. x.

<sup>2</sup> Pythagoras.

But chiefly in that skill with which we use  
 Man's wildest passions for Religion's views,  
 Yoking them to her car like fiery steeds,  
 Lies the main art in which our craft succeeds.  
 And O be blest, ye men of yore, whose toil  
 Hath, for our use, scoop'd out from Egypt's soil  
 This hidden Paradise, this mine of fanes,  
 Gardens, and palaces, where Pleasure reigns  
 In a rich, sunless empire of her own,  
 With all earth's luxuries lighting up her  
 throne; —

A realm for mystery made, which undermines  
 The Nile itself and, 'neath the twelve Great  
 Shrines

That keep Initiation's holy rite,  
 Spreads its long labyrinths of unearthly light,  
 A light that knows no change — its brooks that  
 run

Too deep for day, its gardens without sun,  
 Where soul and sense, by turns, are charm'd,  
 surpris'd,

And all that bard or prophet e'er devis'd  
 For man's Elysium, priests have realiz'd.

Here, at this moment — all his trials pass'd,  
 And heart and nerve unshrinking to the last —  
 Our new Initiate roves — as yet left free  
 To wander through this realm of mystery;  
 Feeding on such illusions as prepare  
 The soul, like mist o'er waterfalls, to wear

All shapes and hues, at Fancy's varying will,  
 Through every shifting aspect, vapor still; —  
 Vague glimpses of the Future, vistas shown,  
 By scenic skill, into that world unknown,  
 Which saints and sinners claim alike their own;  
 And all those other witching, wildering arts,  
 Illusions, terrors, that make human hearts,  
 Ay, ev'n the wisest and the hardest, quail  
 To *any* goblin thron'd behind a veil.

Yes — such the spells shall haunt his eye, his  
 ear,  
 Mix with his nightdreams, form his atmos-  
 phere;

Till, if our Sage be not tam'd down, at length,  
 His wit, his wisdom, shorn of all their strength,  
 Like Phrygian priests, in honor of the shrine —  
 If he become not absolutely mine,  
 Body and soul, and, like the tame decoy  
 Which wary hunters of wild doves employ,  
 Draw converts also, lure his brother wits  
 To the dark cage where his own spirit flits,  
 And give us, if not saints, good hypocrites —  
 If I effect not this, then be it said

The ancient spirit of our craft hath fled,  
 Gone with that serpent god the Cross hath  
 chas'd

To hiss its soul out in the Theban waste.

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