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SELECT POETRY.

THE PEN AND THE ALBUM.

BY W. M. THACKERAY.

'I am Miss Catherine's book,' (the Album speaks) 'I've lain among your tomes these many weeks...

Quick, Pen! and write a line with a good grace; Come I draw me off a funny little face...

I am master's faithful old Gold Pen, I've served him three long years, and drawn since then...

O Album could I tell you all his ways And thoughts, since I am his, these thousand days...

His ways I his thoughts I just whisper me a few; Tell me a curious anecdote or two...

Since he my faithful service did engage To follow him through his queer pilgrimage...

I've helped him to pen many a line for him; To joke with sorrow aching in his head...

I've spoke with men of all degrees and ranks; Peers of the land, and ladies of the Court...

Feats that were ate a thousand days ago, Giddiness to wine that long hath ceased...

Gay meetings with good fellows long laid low; Sammons to bridal, banquet, burial, ball...

Poor Diddler's tenth petition for a half-Guinea; Miss Banyan's for an autograph...

So I refuse, accept, lament, or laugh; Condone, congratulate, invite, praise, scold...

Day after day the laborer's to be done, And sure as comes the postman and the sun...

Go back my pretty little gilded tomes, To a fair miss and a pleasant home...

Dear, friendly eyes, with constant kindness lit; However rude my verse, or poor my wit...

Kind lady! till my last of lines is penned, My master's love, grief, laughter, at an end...

All are as so that were so in past years, Voices, familiar once, no more he hears...

So be it!—joys will end and tears will dry; Album! my master bids me wish good bye...

And thus with thankful heart he closes you; Blessing the happy hour when a friend he knew...

Nor pass the words as idle phrases by; Stranger, I never write a flattery...

The ill-starred father, whose wail of remorseful sorrow was thus uttered in burning verse...

Ada resembled him only in genius, and in that generosity and nobleness of feeling...

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power of melody which dwell within her soul for itself a voice in music, rather than in verse...

of whom he made an ideal in his desolate heart, cherishing the portrait sent to him from time to time...

but, alas! there wanted some tender, judicious friend to step between him and his anger fed by solitude and by self-accusation...

No one who was acquainted with the daughter and the wife of the great poet, whose sorrows and whose faults a world deplores...

It is too late!—the grave has closed over the erring father and the warm-hearted daughter...

For long weary months the mother of Ada has kept incessant watch by the side of that couch on which her child lay in acute suffering...

There was something in her countenance, although she more resembled her mother, which recalled her father's expression at times...

I am called upon, therefore to do an act of self-sacrifice, in view of which all other self-sacrificing acts of my life are less than nothing...

With continued affection and esteem, I pray you to allow me still to subscribe myself, Your faithful friend, etc.

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and natural, but there was thought in every word. She had requested that the author of a recent novel should be presented to her...

The unaffected good nature which had induced her to appear at this very party "without a bridal garment," was afterwards commented on in another sense...

She lived much in retirement, occupied by her favorite studies; and her friends and acquaintances were all chosen from the most accomplished and the most liberal-minded...

RESIGNATION OF BISHOP IVES. Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina.

ROME, Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1852. DEAR BRETHREN:—Some of you, at least, are aware that for years, doubts of the validity of my office as Bishop, have at times harassed my mind...

When he arrived at the house, he found Mrs. Ellsworth, with her youngest child, whom she had dressed, went into the cellar, leaving the other two children in bed...

Under these doubts, I desired temporary relief from duties which had become so disquieting to me, and determined to accompany Mrs. Ives, whose health demanded a change of climate...

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COLD FRIDAY. The 10th of January, says the N. H. Statesman, 1810, was a day the intense coldness of which will be long remembered...

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THE GREAT REJECTED. It appears not so surprising, after all, as it was at first supposed to be, that Louis Napoleon should have chosen him an Empress from the humbler walks of life...

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THE VANITY OF HUMAN GREATNESS. It is said that Emperor Nicholas breakfasts on a cup of tea and milk; dines on a little fish, a cutlet of chop, with a biscuit and a glass of sherry and water...

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THE MURDER OF RINK.—HARRIS CORPUS.—Jerome Eckert, committed by the Mayor for the murder of Joseph Rink, was brought before the Criminal Court on Saturday...

A MAN THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS OF AGE THAT NEVER KISSED A WOMAN.—The Syracuse Journal gives the following account of a marriage between two Shakers...

MARRIAGE OF SHAKERS.—Quite an interesting marriage took place on the evening of the 12th, in Howly street, in this city...

His mistress, by the way, was willing he should escape, but she was in fear of her heirs, who, indeed, were the parties that chased and captured the slave...

THE FOUR AGES OF WOMAN. (From the French) In infancy a tender flower, Cultivate her...

GREASING FOR SCARLET FEVER.—The Baltimore Sun, some time ago, contained the following statement relative to a new and effective cure for this dreaded and often fatal disease...

WE published in the Sun, about a year since, a statement that the robbing of all parts of the body, three times a day with fat bacon, as soon as the scarlet fever displaced itself, was a sure remedy for that disease...

BASKET WILLOW.—Five millions of dollars' worth of baskets willow are annually imported at a cost of from \$100 to \$200 per ton...

DR. FRANCIS says that nothing increases marriage like waltzing. In his opinion, "hugging a girl to music," leads as naturally to white veils and orange blossoms, as New Year's eve does to broken heads...