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Choice Poetry.

HOME IN THE SKIES.

When up to night sky we gaze,

Where stars pursue their endless ways,

We think we see from earth's low clod

The wide and shining home of God.

But could we rise to moon or sun,

Or path where planets daily run,

Still heaven would spread above us far.

And earth remote would seem a star.

'Tis vain to dream those tracts of space,

With all their worlds, approach his face;

One glory fills each rolling ball—

One love has shaped and moved them all.

One earth, with all its dust and tears,

Is his no less than yonder spheres;

And rain-drops weak, and grains of sand,

Are stamped by his immediate hand.

The rock, the wave, the little flower,

Are fed by streams of living power;

That spring from one Almighty Will,

Whence his thoughts conceive, fulfill.

And is this all that man can claim?

Is this our longing's final aim?

To be like all things round us—more

Than pebbles cast on Time's grey shore?

Can man, no more than beast, aspire

To know his being's awful fire?

And, born and lost on Nature's breast,

No blessing seek but there to rest?

Not this our doom, thou God behest!

Whose rays on us unclouded shine.

Thy breath sustains you fiery dome.

But man is most thy favored home.

We view those halls of painted air,

And own thy presence makes them fair.

But dearer still to thee, O Lord!

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AN INGENIOUS DEFENCE.

If rogues exercised one half the

ingenuity and industry to be successful in

an honest calling, which they put forth

in knavery, they would be sure to stand

high in any profession or trade. The fol-

lowing narrative shows what shrewd de-

vices they adopt, and what perils they

bodily incur, to secure their objects:

Many years ago, a gentleman, followed

by a servant in livery, rode into an inn

in the west of England one evening, a

little before dusk. He told the landlord

that he should be detained by business in

that part of the country for a few days,

and wished to know if there was any

amusement going on in the town to fill

up the intervals of time. The landlord

replied that it was their assize week, and

he would therefore be at no loss to pass

away his leisure hours. On the gentle-

man's making answer that this was fortu-

nate, for he was fond of hearing trials,

the other said that a very interesting case

of robbery would come on the next day,

on which people's opinions were very

much divided, the evidence being very

strong against the prisoner, but the man

himself persisted resolutely in declaring

that he was in a distant part of the king-

dom at the time the robbery was com-

mitted.

The guest manifested considerable

anxiety to hear the trial, but as the court

would probably be crowded, expressed

some doubt of getting a place. The land-

lord told him that there could be no diffi-

culty in a gentleman of his appearance get-

ting a seat, but that, to prevent any

accident, he would himself go with him

and speak to one of the beailes. Ac-

cordingly they went into court next morn-

ing, and through the landlord's interest

with the officers of the court, the gentle-

man was shown to a seat on the bench. Pre-

sently the trial began.

While the evidence was proceeding

against him, the prisoner had remained

very much depressed on the floor, seem-

ingly very much depressed; till, on being called

on for his defence, he looked up, and

seeing the stranger, he suddenly faint-

ed. This excited some surprise, and it seem-

ed, at first, like a trick to gain time. As

soon as he came to himself, being asked

by the judge the cause of this behavior,

he said:

"O, my lord, I see a person who can

save my life: that gentleman," pointing

to the stranger, "can prove I am inno-

cent; might I only have leave to put a

few questions to him?"

The eyes of the whole court were now

turned upon the gentleman, who said he

felt in a very awkward situation to be

called upon, as he did not remember ever

to have seen the man before, but that he

would answer any question that was

asked him.