

LINES

Written in the woody vale of Berra.

The intervening boughs for thee
Have wove, sweet delf, a verdant vest;
And though, in turn, shall give to me
A verdant couch upon thy breast.

To shield me from day's fervid glare
Thine oaks their fostering arms extend,
As, anxious o'er her infant care,
I've seen a watchful mother bend.

A brighter cup, a sweeter draught
Lgather from that rill of thine,
Than maddening toppers ever quaff'd,
Than all the treasures of the vine.

So smooth the pebbles on its shore,
That not a maid can hither stray,
But counts her string of jewels o'er
And thinks the pearls have slept away.

From the Port Folio.

[With the exception of Cervantes, Quevedo, Father Feyjou, and a few others, whom we are compelled to praise, I know not whether even in England, and still less in America, the literature of Spain excites the just attention of the learned.—My slender acquaintance with the language enables me to affirm, that it abounds with writings which in dignity, spirit and grace, exceed works translated from languages much more fashionable. The apothegms of the Spanish nation are as pregnant with wisdom as those of the Greeks. The following, in very quaint terms, convey lessons of prudence, which deserve to be studied and obeyed.]

Old Spanish Proverbs.

He is a rich man who hath God for his friend. He is the best scholar who hath learned to live well. A handful of mother wit is worth a bushel of learning. When all men say you are an ass, it is time to bray. Change of weather finds discourse for fools. A pound of care will not pay an ounce of debt. The sorrow men have for others hangs upon one hair. A wise man changes his mind; a fool never will. That day on which you marry, you either mar or make yourself; God comes to see or look upon us without a hell. You had better leave your enemy something when you die, than live to beg of your friends. That's wise delay which makes the rind safe. Cure your sore eyes only with your elbow. Let us thank God, and be content with what we have. The foot of the owner is the best manure for his land. He is my friend who grinds at my mill. Enjoy that little you have, while the fool is hunting for more. Saying and doing do not dine together. Money cures all diseases. A life ill spent makes a sad old age. 'Tis money that makes men lords. We talk, but God does what he pleases. May you have good luck, my son, and a little wit will serve your turn. Gifts break through stone walls. Go not to your doctor for every ill, nor to your lawyer for every quarrel, nor to your pitcher for every thirst. There is no better looking-glass than an old true friend. A wall between both best preserves friendship. The sum of all is, to serve God well, and to do no ill thing. The creditor always hath a better memory than the debtor. Setting down in writing is a lasting memory. Repentance always costs very dear. Good breeding and money make our sons gentlemen. As you use your father, so your children will use you. There is no evil but some good use may be made of it. No price is great enough for good counsel. Examine not the pedigree nor patrimony of a good man. There is no ill thing in Spain but that which can speak. Praise the man whose bread you eat. Keep out of an hasty man's way for a while; out of a sullen man's all the days of your life. If you love me John, your deeds will tell me so. I defy all fetters, though they were made of gold. Few die of hunger; an hundred thousand of surfeits. Govern yourself by reason; though some like it, others do not. If you would know the worth of a ducat, go and borrow one.—No companion like money. A good wife is the workmanship of a good husband. The fool fell in love with the lady's laced apron.—The friar who asks for God's sake, asks for himself too. God keeps him who takes what care he can of himself. Nothing is valuable in this world except as it tends to the next. Smoke, raining into the house, and a talking wife, make a man run out of doors. There is no to-morrow for an asking friend. God keep me from still water; from that which is rough I will keep myself. Take your wife's first advice, not her second. Tell not what you know, judge not what you see, and you will live in quiet. Hear reason, or she will make herself be heard. Gifts enter every where without a wimble. A great fortune with a wife is a bed full of brambles. One pin for your purse, and two for your mouth. There was never but one man who never did a fault. He who promises runs in debt. He who holds his peace gathers stones.—Leave your son a good reputation, and an employment. Receive your money before you give a receipt for it, and take a receipt before you pay it. God doth the cure, and the physician takes the money for it. Thinking is very far from knowing the truth.—Fools make great feasts, and wise men eat them. June, July, August, and Carthage, are the four best ports of Spain. A gentle calf sucks its own mother and four cows more (between the two own brothers, two witnesses, and a notary). The devil brings a modest man to the court. He who will

have a male without any fault, must keep none. The wolves eat the poor ass that hath many owners. Visit your aunt, but not every day in the year. In an hundred years time princes are peasants, and in an hundred and ten peasants grow princes. The poor cat is whipped because our dame will not spin. Leave your jest whilst you are most pleased with it. Whither goest thou, grief? Where I am used to go. Leave a dog and a great talker in the middle of the street.

Miscellany.

THE LAY PREACHER.

"Remove sorrow far from thee; for sorrow hath killed many, and there is no profit therein."

DRY up your eyes, then, ye mourners; for grief will not restore the friends you have lost, nor abate the edge of misfortune; but as oil and the whetstone to the razor, it will sharpen that, which is already too acute, and the bleeding heart will open a still deeper wound. Why will you strive to add one drop to this vale of tears, which, trust me, is already too full? why court the acquaintance of Grief, that sorry companion, who, sobbing and silent, as he journeys with you through the wilderness of this world, multiplies every brake, and adds ten fold horror to the gloom? You have various and real evils to encounter in your sore travails; the climate is vaporous, and you must be sick; men are treacherous, and you will be deceived. Poverty will sometimes start up, like an armed man before you, and your careful days be those of an hireling. But be of good cheer, and repeat not, with erring Solomon, in the day of adversity, that laughter is mad, nor impudently inquire of Mirth, what doth she; but believe with my predecessor, Sterne, that comfortable assertion is worth a million of cold homilies; that every time we laugh, it adds something to the fragrant of life.—*No profit therein!* No, verily; the man of sorrow, who, with sullen Ahab, refuses to eat bread, and charges his time for tears, is engaged in one of the most barren & least lucrative employments you can conceive. Sighs I have already considered as the very canker of the heart, and sobs the grand epitomizers of existence. Child of melancholy! if sorrow hath killed many, and there is no profit therein, banish it from thy shades; for why, to the pathetic language of Ecclesiastes, shouldst thou die before thy time?

But who are those fair forms, the one with folded arms, and the other with bounding step, ministering like dutious handmaids, at the bedside of the Philosopher? I see his palid cheek already flush; I hear his voice utter a bolder tone; wrinkles are no more seen on his brow, and not a solitary tear traces its lonely way down his cheek; for PATIENCE and MIRTH are before him. At their salutary approach, the troops of care, the family of pain, fly disconsolate, and free the vacant heart from their torturing sway. Gentle and benignant spirits, meek Patience, and chirping Mirth! whether my cottage be unroofed by the storm, or my couch thorned by disease; whether friends grow lukewarm, or lovers be put far away; let your forms appear, and the load of life will be no more irksome! for well I know your pleasing arts, and well I remember your numerous topics of consolation—your music, your song, carelessness—Mirth and Patience, your philosophy and resignation. Sorrow as the wise son of Sirach, tells us may kill many, but ye can make alive. Come then to the unfortunate, and let the adverse hour be your favorite hour of visitation.

"Two men belonging to the Virginia rifle regiment, a large division of which, quartered in the town of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, during the war, had such a dependence on each other's dexterity, that the one would hold a piece of board, not more than 9 inches square, between his knees, whilst the other shot at it with a ball at the distance of one hundred paces. This they used to do alternately, for the amusement of the town's people; as often as called upon. Numbers of people in Lancaster can vouch for the truth of this fact."
Wells Travels, 1795, '97.

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