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Selected Poetry.

A S O N G,
By the Rev'd, James Hurdis, D. D. Professor
of Poetry in the University of Oxford.

CAN ought be more fair to the eye,
Than the blush of the maidenly year;
Can aught with the orchard-bloom vie,
When in its sweet blossoms appear?
Can aught like the eglantine please,
Or the rose budding? Tell me what can?
O thrice more attracting than these
Is the cheek of my sweet little Anne.

What can charm like the spring of the field
When it trickles transparently by?
Or what sweeter pleasure can yield,
Than to look on the gems of the sky?
What can win like the tremulous dew
Which the zephyrs on gossamer fan?
O thrice more enchanting to view
Is the eye of my sweet little Anne.

Can aught like the morning delight
When it dawns toward peaceful day;
Or bewitch like the planet of night
When she steals in good humor away?
Is there aught like the sweetness of eve,
When serene as when nature began,
The soft sun takes his mellow last leave?
Yes, the smile of my sweet little Anne.

Can aught more delicious be nam'd
Than the exquisite fruit of the pine?
More inviting can aught be proclaim'd
Than the elegant bunch of the vine?
Is there aught can in favour exceed
Ev'ry beverage precious to man?
O yes, these are tasteless indeed
To the kiss of my sweet little Anne.

Thrice more than the sun setting hour,
Or the dawn of the morning, benign,
More delightful than spring's sweetest flow'r,
Or the mirth-making juice of the vine,
More serene than the gems of the sky,
And more soft than the down of the swan.
Is the cheek, is the lip, is the eye,
Is the smile, of my sweet little Anne.

THE WISH. TO A FRIEND.

The muse who struck to mortal strains the lyre,
Now turns to court a visionary theme,
To frame the wish which flattering hopes inspire.
When fancy revels in her golden dream.

I ask no lone retreat, no shady grove,
Nor grove nor bowser can boast a charm for me,
I muse on justice, liberty, and love,
And, need I, Orson I tell my wish to thee?

I bend, great justice! at thine awful throne,
Eternal arbiter of good and ill;
The sons of soul shall make thy laws their own,
And form their dictates by thy sov'ign will.

But oft perverted is thy high behest,
And oft I'm doom'd oppression's rod to see;
I see wealth triumph, and the poor oppress'd,
And, need I, Orson I tell my wish to thee?

How bounds the soul at freedom's sacred call?
How shrinks from slavery's heart-appalling train?
But still her victims' av'rice will intrail,
Atrix's sad sons still wear the accursed chain.

Still, power despotic, with ambition join'd,
Would crush the soul determin'd to be free;
I see debas'd man's dignity of mind,
And, need I, Orson I tell my wish to thee?

Were justice follow'd, then would man be good,
Were freedom guarded, then would man be blest!
No generous impulse of the soul subdu'd,
But love, unfringed with anguish hid the breast.

I felt the magic of Lucinda's eye,
I thought her charms were of no mean degree;
Lucinda's name inspir'd the secret sigh,
And, need I, Orson I tell my wish to thee?

One only wish remain'd I oh! might I find,
Amid this scene of danger and of strife,
Some kindred spirit, some congenial mind,
To cheer my journey through the vale of life.

Indulgent heav'n vouchsafed the boon to send,
A youth I found, and just and mild was he;
My heart sprang out to embrace its friend,
And, need I, Orson I name that friend to thee?
MO. CHU.

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ISAAC TAYLOR, Admr.

Feb. 7.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

RAN-AWAY from the subscriber in Newbern, on the 2d. day of January last, a negro man named

M I N G O,

about the age of twenty five years, of a brown complexion. He had on when he went away a light blue coat and trousers, of a middle stature. He is supposed to be lurking about Wayne County, as he was formerly the property of Squire Alford. Whoever apprehends the said negro and deliver him in Newbern goal, or to the subscriber, shall be entitled to the above reward.

JOHN HOBDAV.

Newbern, Feb. 7.

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February 6.

To the PUBLIC.

A REPORT being in circulation highly injurious to the credit of our house, I am advised by the friends thereof to lay a statement of all I know of the matter before the world.

In the month of May last, the brig Betsey and cargo belonging to Mr. Lewis Osment, was seized by Mr. Matthew Keely; at the request of the said Osment, I liberated the same by paying the debt to Mr. Keely, of two thousand and eighty dollars in our notes taking the said brig as security for the same, she was then valued at four thousand dollars, after this she made a voyage to the West Indies, under the direction of Mr. Osment, and on his account, he shipping the men and cargo, and doing every other thing concerning the said brig, the house of R. & J. Potter only insuring the vessel for their own security, the same amount he has always stood inured at, say 3,500 dollars, upon the return of the said brig, Lewis Osment purposed sending her to North-Carolina, I advised his selling her as our note to Mr. Keely was coming due; he solicited hard and I permitted him to send her to Newbern; I asked him how he intended to load her; he answered Mr. Page had agreed to be concerned with him and to have in return Indian corn, at the same time purposed buying some goods, which Mr. Page would pay us for, he further said, that as Mr. Page had been a great sufferer by him when he stopped payment, he therefore intended shipping some wine for his account, to reduce his debt; I reminded him that we had at least as strong a claim as Mr. Page as our debt was much larger, he assured me he would ship some goods on our account, which as appearance he did as appears by his books wherein we are charged with them, amounting to two thousand one hundred and seventy dollars seven cents, these we insured, and is every penny we have insured in the vessel, any gentlemen, who will do me the favor to call at the house of R. & J. Potter, it will afford a particular pleasure to shew every transaction.

Mr. R. H. Dunkin has seen the entry to us in Osment's books and his invoice of the goods in ours. I should observe in the last voyage I did not see the brig or any part of the cargo, mate or men, and except walking to the custom-house with the captain to clear the vessel out, I never exchanged one word with him or knew him before.

RICHARD POTTER,
of the House of R. & J. Potter.

February 20.

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