

LEZ-BREIZ.

EPIC FRAGMENTS.

(Concluded.)

The old hermit, hearing these words, jumped off his bed;
And he lighted a small torch of resin, and he went to
open his door,

Now, when the door was opened, he drew back with
horror

For he saw a spectre advancing, holding in his two
hands his head ;

His eyes filled with blood and fire, and rolling in a
hideous manner,

—Silence ! aged Christian, be not afraid, it is the
Lord God who has thus permitted,

The Lord God has allowed the Franks to behead me
for a time ;

And now he permits you to replace my head, if you
will,

Because I have been element and helpful to my
subjects,

—If the Lord God allows me to replace your head
according to my good will,

Because you have been kind and helpful to your
subjects,

May your head be replaced, my son, in the name of
God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost—

And by the virtue of the holy water, the phantom
become man.

When the phantom had become man, the hermit thus
spoke :

—Now you are going to do penance, hard penance
with me,

You shall bear during seven years a robe of lead
padlocked to your neck ;