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but to divert others whose regard ceases the instant the laugh
 is over, and should your wit offend you may be assured of an
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Believe nothing against another, but upon good authority ;
 nor report what may hurt another unless it be a greater hurt to
 others to conceal it.

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From " Whims and Oddities in Prose and Verse."

FAITHLESS NELLY GRAY: A PATHETIC BALLAD,

Ben Battle was a soldier bold,
 And used to war's alarms ;
 But a cannon-ball took off his legs,
 So he laid down his arms !

Now as they bore him off the field,
 Said he, ' Let others shoot,
 For here I leave my second leg,
 And the ' Forty-second Foot.'

The army-surgeons made him limbs ;
 Said he, ' They're only pegs ;
 But there's as wooden members quite
 As represent my legs !'

Now Ben he loved a pretty maid,
 Her name was Nelly Gray ;
 So he went to pay her his devours,
 When he'd devour'd his pay !

But when he call'd on Nelly Gray,
 She made him quite a scoff ;
 And when she saw his wooden legs,
 Began to take them off !

O Nelly Gray ! O Nelly Gray !
 Is this your love so warm ?
 The love that loves a scarlet coat
 Should be more uniform.'

Said she, ' I loved a soldier once,
 For he was blithe and brave ;
 But I will never have a man
 With both legs in the grave !

Before you had those timber toes,
 Your love I did allow ;
 But then, you know, you stand upon
 Another footing now !'