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*Lusus animo debent aliquando dari
Ad cogitandum melior ut redeat sibi.*—PHÆDRUS

Alternate sports are needful for the mind,
Study and pleasure oft should be combined.

Utinam sic sient, male qui mihi volunt.—TERENCE.

Let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise
my hurt. PSALM XXXV.

REVIEW OF PUBLICATIONS.

*Recueil de Chansons choisies, Montreal, 1821,
printed by James Brown, 18 mo. pp. 216, price
2s. 6d.*

This collection of French sonnets appears a judicious one, and exhibits most of the airy graces for which the light poetry of France is justly celebrated. Tenderness, vivacity, and point are its characteristics. I recognize many old acquaintances in this little book, sung on the banks of the Rhone and the Rhine, and in the gay circles of Brussels and of Paris; and some that are quite new to me. It would have been a desirable addition to have named the sources whence these trifles have been drawn. I extract the following as a specimen.

LA DOUCEUR ET LA BEAUTÉ.

Air. *Recueillez-vous, belle endormie.*

Un jour la Beauté vaine et fière

Reçut avis que la Douceur,

Lui disputait l'honneur de plaire

Et le don de parler au cœur.

Soudain, jalouse et furieuse,

Elle porte sa plainte aux cieux;

L'affaire devint sérieuse;

On la plaida devant les Dieux.