With sorrow we mourn the absent Fidèle,
With sorrow we look for the Hirondelle,—
Oh! what can the latter be doing.
Thro' such absentees much pleasure is lost,
But I must confess what surprised us most,
Was the absence of Mr. Bruin.

His brothers in arms intend to delight
Their friends with a brilliant ball to-night,
And so I think, perchance,
For the sake of the many ladies fair
Who'll grace the scene, this frolicksome Bear,
Egad! must be learning to dance.

But I'll stop, for I know I've said enough,
To put you all in a mighty huff,
So now we'll drink the fair,—
Those ladies fair who, with many a smile,
Thus help us our bachelor hours to beguile,
And drive away dull care.

THE SQUIRE.