

Battled and kept at bay most manfully
'The constantly accumulating cares
Inseparable from marrying in *haste*,
Where competition, in its thousand shapes,
Stalks o'er the land ; throwing its virus dire
Through every vein of man's society ;
Making his friends the bitt'rest of his foes ;
Hypocrisy a garb of sanctity assume ;
Giving the olive branch the boa's will
And might ; converting ~~into~~ deadly hate,
Or envy ill-concealed, fraternal love.

Thus Cain of old his brother Abel sléw,
And Noah's sons their father ridiculed ;
And Joseph's brèthren in their anger threw
Into a pit, then sold to be a slave,

Him who with wisdom and discretion ruled.

Thus Pharaoh did destroy each first-born male
Of those whose sire his forefathers did save

From death, and then of brick exact more *tale*.

Thus did the Jews their taskmasters annoy,
And magic staves, and conj'ring tricks employ.

Thus Moses climbed high Sinai's Mount *alone*,

That he his laws might *chisel* upon stone ;

And thus his followers the molten calf did make,
And thus in passion he his slabs of stone did break.