

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.