

## THE MASHING CHINEE.

[MASHERISM HAS NOW INVADED CHINA.]

M EN gain in this enlightened land
(A fact we may lament),
But little credit for the grand
Inventions they invent—
Such things, as antiquarians show,
Were known in China long ago.

So how refreshing 'tis, by gum!
To know the Western whim
To Johnny Chinaman can come.
And introduce to him
A something that he did not know
Some fifty thousand years ago!

We deem it an addition bright And new, for, sooth to say, The modern masher was a sight Unknown to Old Cathay; It knew, deep sunk in Time's abyss, No thing of beauty like to this.

'Twould put completely in the shade All mashers hitherto, A bilious-looking dude arrayed In petticoat and queue; An object which the sensitive Could never look upon and live.

Though in a world like ours we know Quite natural it is The whirligig of change should show Strange metamorphosis; Yet China on the mash must take From all competitors the cake!

A LITERARY man who has given years to the study of Tennyson, is of opinion that there is no direct reference to Hamilton in the poet's line:

"A land where all things always seem the same."