



THESE OAKS ARE TOO TOUGH FOR THE GRAND OLD FELLER.

GLADSTONE.—"IT'S TOO MUCH FOR ME, PADDY, MY BOY, TOO MUCH; MY STRENGTH HAS GIVEN OUT AT LAST!"

BALLAD OF WORSTED SOCKS.

WITH a patriotic desire to doubly encourage home industry and get my mother to knit and send to me socks from Canada.

No lay troll I to cloth of gold
Kings wear when mumming stiff in state,
Nor purflewed kerchief's fleecy fold,
No e'en the mystic web of fate
We poets sing of soon or late,
Nor flaunting fabric-fad that mocks
Sweet comfort; no, I here dilate
On warm, substantial, worsted socks.

My mother, bless her, growing old,
Still clicks the needles at a rate
'Twould shame most maidens to behold,
The while she shares a *tete-a-tete*;
Idlers may giggle, smirk, and prate,
Her busy finger nimbly knocks
The stitches that amplifycate
My warm, substantial, worsted socks.

What care I, prithee, that the cold
World colder grows, and ultimate
Defeat is to my fears foretold
As wants and debts accumulate,
No whit my pipings I'll abate
Tho' Fortune still my striving blocks,
She's welcome so I can but mate
My warm, substantial, worsted socks.

ENVOY.

Prince, were a crown to deck my pate,
Nor pride of place nor fawn of gawks,
Could tempt me to evacuate
My warm, substantial, worsted socks.

London, England.

James Barr.

A BOSS DOCTOR.

M R. McCOLL he is not dull,—
His record that discloses—
He is a Vet. and can, you bet,
Perform a diagnosis;
Vet can't, somehow, tell when a cow
Has the tuberculosis!

DEFINITIONS.

(BY OUR OWN DOUGLAS JERROLD.)

BEE.—A labourer, partner and outdoor collector in an extensive sugar factory. A travelling bagman in the sweet-meat line.

CHILD.—The ever renewed hope of the world. God's problem waiting man's solution.

DINNER.—The breakfast of the poor and the supper of the rich.

FAME.—The draft of genius upon society, payable either at sight or by posterity.

HOME.—The magnet of positive or negative happiness. A place where the world seeks your character. The place where a man's character *should* be sought.

JOKE.—A child of wit, nourished on laughter. A shining balloon filled with intellectual gas.

LUXURY.—War's deputy in time of peace. The hectic flush of a consumptive nation.

MARRIAGE.—Love brought to trial. Going home by daylight after courtship's masquerade.

WINE.—Bottled fever. Spurs to make the brain gallop.