SONGS OF THE PINES.

What murderer ever lacked a tool Made ready to his hand ? Before a knobbed and iron bar Brief time had he to stand.

I would have dared the dawn of day, The press, the public eye ; Well knowing that the deed I did They each would justify.

But he, alas, had but one friend, A little maiden fair, Of tender heart and hazel eyes, And long and yellow hair.

She loved him and forgave each fault, I knew 'twould grieve her sore, So far away ere dawn did break His corpse I quickly bore.

Upon a lone hillside I found A cairn both high and wide; I hid him while the waning moon Blanched at the felicide !

L'ENUOL

The cat came back ? I tell you pay, Under the heep or stones he lay ; So deep in a lonely, loveless grave Must be buried all if our lives we'd save