

**BLANKET SHIELD.**

When blanket round us we do fold,  
It doth keep out the wind and cold ;  
And when house is near to great fire,  
Wet blankets save from ruin dire.

A General in Mexico  
Advanced against Indian foe,  
But Indians did hold the field,  
Protected by wet blanket shield.

While Mexicans by hundreds fall,  
Each pierced by an Indian ball ;  
Wet blanket it must hang quite loose,  
Or for protection 'tis no use.

Thus Indians rushed o'er the field,  
And caused the Mexicans to yield ;  
The savages they were more wise  
Than Christian foe did them despise.

As a shield we high must rank it,  
So light you cannot outflank it ;  
The bullets glance off from the blanket,  
For its uses we must thank it.