

LITERARY.

LOVE'S FROLIC.

Imitated from Anacreon for Yule-tide.

(PETER SPENSER, B. A., Author of "PARVULA.")

When my weary, worn out eyes  
Closed, to seek a willing peace,  
And the moon, in midnight skies,  
Glitter'd like a shilling-piece,  
At my door there came a knock,  
O'er my brain a dizziness,  
Through the window-pane I look—  
'Holloa! what's your business?'

There I saw a little boy,  
Frosty-faced and shivering;  
Forty arrows, like a toy,  
Beat his back, a quiver in.  
Let me in he cried, 'till day—  
Lost my road in joggin' on;  
I possess the means to pay,  
Put your board a noggin on.

'Men by mercy show the God—  
Don't be stupid, pondering;  
If you send me on the road,  
I shall die in wandering.'  
'Enter in,' said I, 'my lad!  
Pale your cheeks and spectre like;  
Here's a fire to make you glad,  
Here's a bottle nectar-like.'

To the dying flame he drew,  
There he took a seat awhile;  
And his color backward flew,  
As he warm'd his feet awhile.  
Then he dried his moisten'd hair,  
Then he took a sup or two,  
Then he humm'd a merry air,  
Rose, and tried a hop or two.

But when he beheld his bow,  
All his joints seemed sinuous;  
'Sure,' he cried 'tis spoilt by snow,  
And he twang'd contumacious.  
'If 'tis hurt, unhappy I,  
Speedy death, my due it is!  
You shall be my bullock's eye,  
While I see if 'true it is.'

Ere against I could exclaim,  
Fearing some ill-luck in it,  
At my heart he took an aim,  
And his arrow stuck in it.  
'That's a hit—my bow is right,  
Now,' says he, 'away for it!  
Through a pain he took his flight,  
And left poor me to pay for it.

Surely Not.

'Surely not!' said Mrs. Seymour St. Leger to her daughter Augusta; 'surely not. It is preposterous to think of such a thing. You must dismiss the idea from your mind at once, and not give way to any sentimental nonsense. Why, what can you be thinking of? You know you have little or no fortune, and his uncle, I am sure, does not allow him more than five hundred a year! Absurd, Augusta! It must not be thought of for an instant. Why there is not enough to buy shirt buttons for him, much less to pay your milliner. And Mrs Seymour St. Leger, who got so heated in urging her objections as to speak of such unheard of things as shirt buttons, fanned herself; and then said again, 'Surely not.'

'And why not, mamma?' asked her daughter.  
'You make me angry, Augusta, by asking such frivolous questions,' said Mrs. St. Leger, 'You ought to know what is due to your position in life. I am sure I have tried to teach you to give proper attention to such matters.' And to do Mrs St Leger justice, she had done her best to make her daughter as worldly-wise as possible. 'It would be very different if you were in the same position as your cousins,' she resumed. 'If one of them were headstrong enough to fall in love with a poor cstrate, or something equally dreadful, it would not matter quite so much, for

their immense interest and patronage would be able to find him a good living at once, and plenty of promotion afterward. But it is necessary, absolutely necessary, that you and your sisters, above all girls, should take care to secure for yourselves a good position in life. try to look at the matter in a sensible light, and don't nourish such girl notions. Who would call on you if you marry Mr Egerton?'

'I don't care about people calling, mamma,' said Augusta. 'Nonsense!' said Mrs St Leger, using her fan vigorously. 'And where would you live, I should like to know? You would be obliged to go to Bloomsbury or Finsbury, or some equally out-of-the-way place. No; the idea must be given up at once, Augusta, and if you won't write to that effect I will.'

'I cannot tell him a lie, mamma,' said Augusta.  
'As if there was any necessity to do so,' said Mrs St Leger. 'I will manage all that; I am sure Mr Egerton will take good care not to send any more of his offers here. You must not wed with any parvenu like him.'

Mrs St Leger forgot herself here, as she saw the moment she had uttered the last sentence.

'He is not a parvenu, mamma,' said Augusta, her colour rising. 'He is as good as we are, and if he were rich, there would be no objection. I will answer the letter myself, mamma. I think it will be better, and it certainly is right, that I should. And now I think we have talked enough about the matter.'

'Take care not to commit yourself,' was the mother's reply.

To tell the truth, Mrs. St. Leger was rather afraid of her daughter; she could not understand her. 'She is such a remarkable girl,' she used to say to her intimate friends; and on this particular occasion judging that further remonstrances would be useless, she held her peace.

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