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OLD-TIME SUPERSTITIONS.

"When golden angels cease to cure the evil,
We give the royal witchcraft to the devil."—POPE.

THE reader who has dallied over "Percy's Reliques" may, perhaps, recall to his mind the old ballad of "Sir Aldingar," in which a lazar-man who came to the King's gate is told,

"He makes the a whole man and a sound
In two howers of the day."

The afflicted one meets the King, and the poem continues :

"But first he had touched the lazar-man,
And stroakt him with his hands
The lazar under the gallows-tree
All whole and sounde did stonde !"

An old superstition of great strength and wide-spread prevalence is referred to in these lines,—one which has often been the subject of research and thought, and whose history, even at the present enlightened day, may prove of interest