

BALLADE OF THE BOOK-HUNTER.

In torrid heats of late July,
In March beneath the bitter bise,
He book-haunts while the loungers fly,
He book-haunts through December freeze !
In breeches baggy at the knees,
And heedless of the public jeers,
For these, for these he hoards his fees,
Aldines, Bedonis, Elzevirs.

No dismal stall escapes his eye,
He turns o'er tomes of low degree ;
There soiled romanticists may lie,
Or Restoration comedies.
Each tract that flutters in the breeze
For him is charged with hopes and fears,
In mouldy novels fancy sees
Aldines, Bedonis, Elzevirs.

Will restless eyes that peer and spy,
Sad eyes that heeds not skies nor trees,
In dismal works he loves to pry,
Whose motto evermore is *spes* !
But ah ! the faded treasure flies,
Grown rarer with the fleeting years,
In rich men's shelves they take their ease—
Aldines, Bedonis, Elzevirs.

ENVY.

"Prince, all the things that tease and please,
Fame, hope, wealth, kisses, cheers and tears,
What are they but such toys as these—
Aldines, Bedonis, Elzevirs.

—ANDREW LANG.

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