

LXXI.

All have their fooleries—not alike are thine,
 Fair Cadiz, rising o'er the dark blue sea !
 Soon as the matin bell proclaimeth nine,
 Thy saint adorers count the rosary :
 Much is the VIRGIN teased to shrive them free 715
 (Well do I ween the only virgin there)
 From crimes as numerous as her beadsman be ;
 Then to the crowded circus forth they fare :
 Young, old, high, low, at once the same diversion share.

LXXII.

The lists are opened, the spacious area cleared, 720
 Thousands on thousands piled are seated round ;
 Long ere the first loud trumpet's note is heard,
 No vacant space for lated wight is found ;
 Here dons, grandees, but chiefly dames abound,
 Skilled in the ogle of a roguish eye, 725
 Yet ever well-inclined to heal the wound ;
 None through their cold disdain are doomed to die,
 As moon-struck bards complain, by Love's sad archery.

LXXIII.

Hushed is the din of tongues—on gallant steeds.
 With milk-white crest, gold spur, and light-poised lance, 730
 Four cavaliers prepare for venturous deeds,
 And lowly bending to the lists advance ;
 Rich are their scarfs, their chargers featly prance :
 If in the dangerous game they shine to-day,
 The crowd's loud shout and ladies' lovely glance, 735
 Best prize of better acts, they bear away,
 And all that kings or chiefs e'er gain, their toils repay.

LXXIV.

In costly sheen and gaudy cloak arrayed,
 But all afoot, the light-limbed Matadore

717. BEADSMAN, A.S. *bead*, a prayer, one who prays for others.

723. NE for NO — LATED WIGHT, belated fellow.

724. DONS. Span. *don*, from Lat. *dominus*, a lord. — GRANDEE, Span. *grande*, a nobleman of the highest rank in Spain.

733. FEATLY, nimbly, by way of display.

737. ALL THAT KINGS OR CHIEFS E'ER GAIN ; that is, the crowd's loud shouts, etc. Note the irony in the comparison.

739. MATADORE. Span. *matador*, murderer, slayer ; the man appointed to kill the bull at a bull-fight.

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