

INTRODUCTION.

This age of speed—displays a need
That people read—and then indeed
One well may plead—"take special heed
What reading matter."

Some readings sought—really are not
Best can be got—nor such as ought
Largely inwrought—with good seed thought
Broadcast to scatter.

Publishers ask—"What's to be done
If buyers will the solid shun?
"Demand's for fun "Twill have the run"
For mirth folks look.

"Rich tho't!" was hid—"wit fun!" replied
"Combine!" was cried—"let both abide,
And both be plied—the field is wide"
The hint we took.

Placed side by side—taste's not defied
Let neither chide—neither need hide,
So we complied—the task is tried
And HERE'S the book.