This joyful thing, too, happened there—
Sir James came up to speak to me
When I was propped in easy chair;—
He said he was quite glad to see
That I was getting round at last—
And thus our little feud blew past;
He shook me warmly by the hand—
We both regretted friendship broken,
And each could other understand
As if a thousand words were spoken.

The Medico, with solemn look,
Said, he must give me to the cook.
Why will some stupid men refuse
With cheerful air to tell good news?
One would have thought the undertaker
Was hinted at, and not the baker!

Dear Rosa red aloud to me—
The City article, and stocks
She would attempt, but I could see
She knows far more of gowns and frocks.

But sometimes, though, she'd rather chat, And I did not object to that, And learned to understand her ways Much better than in former days.

My wife has taken to her books,
And works with energy and zeal;
I must not have her spoil her looks,
Nor let her work her roses steal.