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Burns' note

Ane gies them coin, ane gies them wine, Anither gies them clatter; Annbank, wha guess'd the ladies' taste, He gies a Fête Champêtre.

one gives talk

When Love and Beauty heard the news, The gay green-woods amang, man; Where gathering flowers and busking bowers They heard the blackbird's sang, man:

dressing

A vow, they seal'd it with a kiss, Sir Politics to fetter,

As theirs alone, the patent-bliss, To hold a Fête Champêtre.

Then mounted Mirth, on gleesome wing, O'er hill and dale she flew, man; Ilk wimpling burn, ilk crystal spring, Ilk glen and shaw she knew, man;

each wood

She summon'd every social sprite, That sports by wood or water, On th' bonnie banks o' Ayr to meet, And keep this Fête Champêtre.

· Cauld Boreas, wi' his boisterous crew, Were bound to stakes like kye, man; And Cynthia's car, o' silver fu', Clamb up the starry sky, man;

cows

Reflected beams dwell in the streams, Or down the current shatter: The western breeze steals thro' the frees, To view this Fête Champêtre.

climbed

How many a robe sae gaily floats! What sparkling jewels glance, man! To harmony's enchanting notes, As moves the mazy dance, man. The echoing wood, the winding flood, Like Paradise did glitter, When angels met, at Adam's yett, To hold their Fête Champêtre.

When Politics came there, to mix And make his ether-stane, man!1

adder-stone

He circled round the magic ground, But entrance found he nane, man: He blush'd for shame, he quat his name,

renounced (quitted)

Forswore it, every letter, Wi' humble prayer to join and share This festive Fête Champêtre.

1 Certain small annular stones with streaked colour | superstitious to be produced by adders and to have ing are called adder-stones, and were supposed by the | magical powers.

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