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Bipatens pugillar—

AUSONIUS.

An open pocket-book.

In disputatiunculis inanibus vanissima subtilitas. SENECA.

Trivial debates yield nought but vain and unmeaning arguments.

Can she bear it? Can that delicate frame
Endure the biting of a storm so rude?
Can she for whom the various seasons changed
To court her appetite, and crown her board,
Entreat for bread, and want the needful raiment
To wrap her shivering bosom from the weather?

ROWE—*Jane Shore.*

Montreal, Sept. 1822.

MR. MACCULLOH,

I send you for insertion in your miscellany, the following items, as promiscuously noted down in MY POCKET-BOOK.

1. A disciple of Galen, frequenting a billiard-room not a hundred miles from the New-market, would do well to keep away whilst intoxicated, as he runs some risk, when in his drunken vagaries, of being thrown out of the window, or kicked down stairs.

2. Certain gentlemen are requested to give ladies the wall upon meeting them in the streets, as a contrary procedure betrays an inattention to, if not a total want of, good manners.* The law,

* This recommendation of Mr. Tickler's is very well in streets that are little frequented; but where there is the slightest crowd, or many foot-passengers, the observance of it would be productive of great confusion, and much more inconvenience to the ladies, than following the regular system.