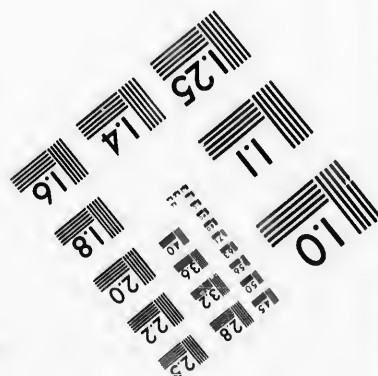
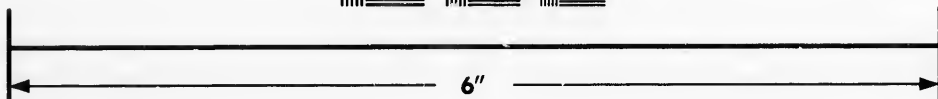
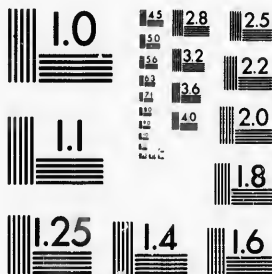


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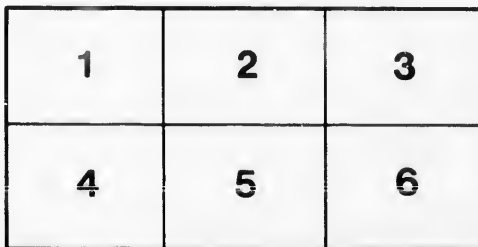
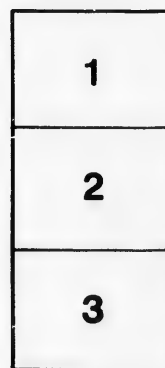
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*Per*

To the Editor of the Quebec Gazette  
with Mr Martin's respects.



**MARTIN'S ADDRESS TO MERCURY.**

—●●—  
"A man must serve his time to ev'ry trade,  
Save censure. Critics all are ready made."

"I'll seek the lion in his den, and beard him there."

"Those that live in glass houses should n't throw stones."

"None but an author knows an author's cares."

A Poem to the gods was sent,  
One wintry day ; "a snow scene" styl'd :  
The writer thou'st attack'd and jeer'd ;  
And the trite truths he told revil'd,  
Kind Mercury !  
My names wilt' sport with, silly elf !  
As if of thy name thou could'st boast.  
Need "ONE"\* with four to write but two,  
Until his character he's lost,  
Like Mercury !

\* NOTE.—The only news here is that a Poem called "Paradise lost" has been published by ONE Mr. John Milton.—They say it's very long and very stupid" !! "ONE" Mr. A. T. J. Martin ridiculed by a six faced Mercury indeed !!!



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Thou would'st not compensate for wrong,  
Insert the injur'd one's reply,  
Ev'n in thine ephemeral page,  
Nor make the least apology :

Rude Mercury !

"Ephemeral !" Yes ! for passing by  
A broken window, th'other day,  
I saw sheets pasted in as panes,  
To guard Æolus's breath away.

Weep Mercury !

Yet this were useful ; but the lines  
Thyself had scratch'd, now on the frame !  
Obstructed beaming light of heav'n :  
The house made darker by dark name

Of Mercury !

And through one pane, behold ! there scowl'd  
Thy monstrous face, 'midst serpents twin'd,  
Glooming on the domestic hearth ;  
Inspiring pride, vain looks unkind :

Proud Mercury !

But thy smear'd water-closet doom,  
Chaste decency shall hide ;  
As where thy up-turn'd nose we put,  
Thou long since hast descried.

Snuff Mercury !

Why spoil such reams of paper pure  
With but past *copied news* of earth ?  
'Tis well *thou* dost not lead on mind ;  
Give thy deform'd conceptions birth :

Lame Mercury !

But when thou fling'st o'er honest names,  
Of muck thy periodic mass,  
Wilt thou their plea again refuse,  
Thou "DEVIL'S" scribe with face of brass :

Imp Mercury !



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If there be something in a name,  
 Demolish'd see thy throne of glass!  
 Dar'st thou Jupiter's thunderbolts  
 Hurl e'en at *poets* that near thee pass?  
 Weak Mercury!

Though they've not "finish'd education"  
 By glancing Greek and Latin o'er?  
 Too well they know thy history,  
 Thy classic "cloak" shall hide no more.  
 Puff Mercury!

—'Tis said, thou wast a scoundrel god  
 In times of yore, by men antique;  
 That six of thee Arcadia curs'd,  
 Styl'd Hermes by the noble Greek.  
 Bull-frog Mercury!

A son of Bacchus one was call'd;  
 So curs'd all lines on drunkenness:  
 But, like his modern grey hair'd child,  
 Did he men's virtues test by dress:  
 Pseudonyme Mercury!

But though thou bear'st the monster's name,  
 Thou'lt say thou'rt not the *scoundrel* sage.  
 Why! Hast thou not the horrid god's  
 Portrait put in thy premier page,  
 As thine, Mercury!

Messenger of the gods art thou!  
 They seldom on **THY** message look.  
 Thou pin'st when English papers fail,  
 Or copiest from a printed book:  
 Sage Mercury!

To prove no merit's in my poem,  
 Must ye to my four names descend?  
 Could'st thou not e'en one beauty find?  
 Was all deform'd? No poet's friend  
 Is Mercury!



Patron of trav'lers, kind thou art ;  
 But if a poet with them be found,  
 Dost thou the stranger entertain,  
 Or strive to dash him to the ground ;  
 Base Mercury !

Who stole Admetus' oxen, aye !  
 Though '*tended*' by the fam'd Apollo ;  
 And the old shepherd's quiver filch'd,  
 With every barbed arrow ?  
 Thief Mercury !

Who Neptune's trident took away ?  
 Venus's girdle ? Mars's sword ?  
 Jupiter's sceptre ? Vulcan's tools :  
 Whilst gods like thee thy tricks ador'd ?  
 Sly Mercury !

*God* of thieves, too, they say thou art :  
 Pickpockets also worship thee :  
 Whilst unjust gains thou smil'st upon,  
 Thou patron of dishonesty.  
 Fawn, Mercury !

*Petatus* and *talaria*  
 To thee, insidious wretch, were giv'n  
 To fly thy little space around,  
 And wound the favour'd sons of heav'n :  
 Cruel Mercury !

But, Proteus-like, why dost' assume  
 Whatever shape or name may please :  
 And make thyself invisible,  
 When victim'd "*ONE'S*" for justice tease ?  
 Skulk Mercury !

Concern'd in state alliances,  
 And treaties too, as the gods say,  
 Why rush to break that nine string'd lyre,  
 On which thou ne'er could'st learn to play ;  
 Dunce Mercury !

Where hast thou hid the seven cord one  
 Thou mad'st thyself, as ancients tell ;  
 But ne'er couldst sound one son'rous note,  
 Though thou canst criticise so well !  
 Poor Mercury !!!

In wars of giants 'gainst thy gods,  
 Why drivest filthy foam on me ?  
 Ixion to wheel infernal tie :  
 Take Argus to his destiny :

Fierce Mercury :  
 As thou hast stol'n his hundred eyes  
 To spy the faults of mortal men.  
 But do the death-dimm'd orbs deceive ?  
 With thine own peepers look again :

Prying Mercury !  
 Although like other *flat fish* (found  
 Describ'd in Ichthyology)  
 Thou'st one-side, squinting eyes ; so see'st  
 But int'rest or deformity.

Squint, Mercury !  
 Go, guide damn'd souls again to hell ;  
 As thou wast wont to do of yore.  
 Satan, himself, if thou'dst no *place*,  
 Could not *thy* patronage secure :  
 Wing-(bell ?) capp'd Mercury.

To Omphale sell e'en Hercules ;  
 Apollo bribe with filched lyre,  
 To sing one *stave* in praise of thee :  
 Beg imp of thine to cope with ME !  
 Thy fingers fling into thy fire,—or  
 Write, Mercury !

But art thou ARMLESS, too ! poor wretch !  
 Yet thou canst speak.—Come now, take pains.  
 Bring forth one thought. Yes, I WILL write !!!  
 —Art' also destitute of brains,  
 Cripple Mercury !



"*President*" over orators,  
 Thou, base unprincipled, art found ;  
 And carriest Bacchus in thine arms,  
 To nymphs of Nysa bound :

Nurse Mercury !!

But thou hast many surnames, too :  
 Though no one now three christen'd blesses,  
 More than a dozen thou subscrib'st,  
 Like college "*finish'd*" A. S. S,—es.

Bray, Mercury. —

A pregnant sow was sacrific'd ;  
 And sometimes, too, a calf :  
 Not *editors*, but *poets*, say !  
 Gods, with your jester laugh !

Grin, Mercury.

All artful measures thou forgav'st,  
 When canting vot'ry came ;  
 Falsehood thou pardon'st. "Love of Truth"  
 Thou hatest e'en the very name :

False Mercury.

In thy right hand we see a purse  
 Of gold, receiv'd for  
 A tortoise slow creeps  
 Near to thy scorpion

phant Mercury.

And well thou speak'st the words of cant,  
 Like flatt'ring fox to catch the cheese ;  
 Pander'st to pride and vanity,  
 Do'st dirty work the base to please :  
 Dost th' humble scorn ; the vile caress :  
 And call this, "Liberty of 'Press !"

Catch-penny Mercury !

A snarling cur we know thou wert ;  
 So a dog's head in Egypt wore.  
 They sacrificed a stork ; but here,  
 "Canadian Swans" wilt *thou* devour !!

That sing one note just ere they die  
 Beneath thy gripe : or near thee sigh.  
 But other notes yet sing shall I.

Snarl, Mercury !

Tongues we will offer 'gain to thee ;  
 To feed thy soulless, flick'ring fire,  
 That on thy gelid altar glares.

Genius immortal wont expire

With Mercury !

To whose representative, a thing dress'd in men's  
 clothes, a breathing, half animated clay-clod from the  
 valley of dry bones, the aforegoing "namby-pamby"—  
 in commemoration of very editorial conduct, in  
 respect to the unwarrantable liberty taken with an  
 honest name, without consenting after being thrice  
 requested, to publish a reply,—is, by advice of friends,  
 who have recently stated, that the article alluded to had  
 the effect of subjecting the subscriber to the contempt  
 of unreflecting men,—gratefully inscribed by

ALFRED TOBIAS JOHN MARTIN.

Quebec 31st August 1837.

P. S.—*Extract.* "What presumption in parents  
 to give names to their children, without first, permit-  
 ting the unfeeling hypercritic in his dark den on his  
 soul-icing altar, to scratch with the tips of his icicled  
 fingers in sanguinary characters of blood, freezing as  
 he writes, "Hard Frost" on the infantile breasts, as a  
 certificate of the august sanction of the Registrar Gene-  
 ral of both the Canadas !"

A. T. J. M.



