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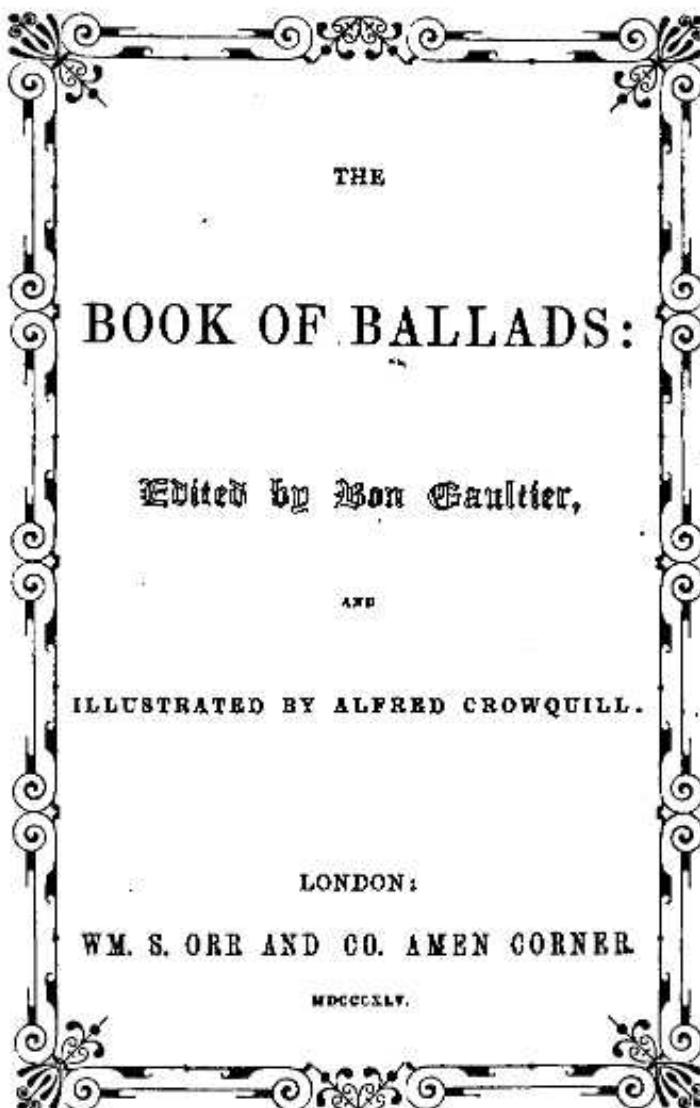
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The Pied Piper.

Come, buy my lays, and read them if you list;
My peninsular public, if you list not, buy.
Come, for you know me. I am he who sung
At Minister Watt, and I am he who framed
At CANNONBROOK the wily and wondrous song.
Come, listen to my lays, and you shall hear

ENVY.

John ~~Elizabeth~~, battling for the laureate's laurel,
Bore to the dust the terrible ~~pitch~~ ball;
John N. P. ~~Wilkes~~ for his country's good,
In complete steel, all bone-knife'd at point,
Took lodgings in the Snapping Turtle's mouth.
Come, listen to my lage, and ye shall hear
The mingled music of all modern bards
Floating about in such peculiar stratas,
As strike themselves with envy and amaze:
For you "bright-spirèd" Campion shall sing,
Macaulay chant a more than Monks' lage;
And Butler Lyttelton, Lyttelton Butler sing,
Banister without a metaphysic fog.
Total melancholy homage to the moon:
For you once more Montgomery shall rule
In all his rapt tributary of rhyme;
Nankeen Backsigne shall pipe the yomp note,
And our Young England's penny trumpet blow.



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