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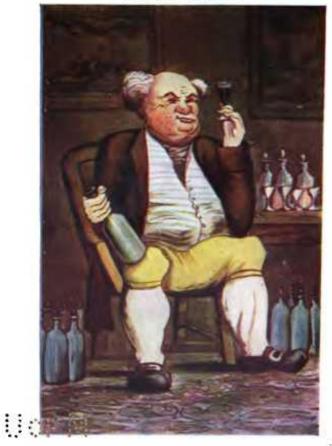
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And in the Butters party found him. With Brandy Bottles gatherd neural him.

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OLD ENGLISH 'SQUIRE

INVOCATION

HELICON !- thy rocky head

Whose steep ascent might fill with dread The boldest bard that would aspire To wake one note on Phœbus' lyre.-Helicon !- thy steepy height Is the Muses' dwelling bright: <u>*</u> 1 In bow'rs of bays, and laurel'd shades, There the blest Aönian maids, In strains harmonious, rehearse The mighty pow'r of magic verse. 10 There the rays of rosy morn, Commixing with the dews, are born A race of flow'rets, wild, unknown, They bloom an hour, and then are gone : More yet peep forth, and greet the sky A moment, then contented die; I

CANTO THE FIRST

- IN a fine central country, well studded with hills,
- Richly scatter'd with wood, and well water'd by rills,
- There lies a domain, which 'tis said has remain'd
- In the fam'ly that first at the Conquest it gain'd.
- 'Tis not very remarkable for situation,
- Nor yet is it noted for high cultivation,
- As 'tis useless at all times to keep things in order,
- That thrive just as well in a little disorder.

The owner ne'er thought of such troublesome stuff, 60

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- And ev'ry thing here-did just well enough.
- The fences too frequently suff'ring repairs
- Might scare away partridge, or keep out the hares,