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THE OLD SQUIRE.



*And in the Butler's pantry found him
With Brandy Bottles gather'd round him.*

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OLD ENGLISH 'SQUIRE

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A POEM
IN TEN CANTOS

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THE
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 Phæbus' lyre.—
Helicon!—thy steepy height
Is the Muses' dwelling bright:
In bow'rs of bays, and laurel'd shades,
There the blest Aonian 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;

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
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,