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Man Joe Sel...

GRATEFULLY MINDFUL
OF MANY YEARS OF HIS LOVE,
I DEDICATE THESE TRIFLES
TO
MY HUSBAND.

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FIRESIDE THOUGHTS.

—◆—
ALEXANDRA.

March, 1863.

WITH bursts of loyal welcome thou art greeted in our isle,
The best and noblest in our land are waiting for thy smile,
The true heart of our England beats with sympathy and
pride,
And mighty is the voice of welcome to the royal bride.

The northern breeze hath wafted us a flower across the sea,
Transplanted to our garden may it flourish royally ;
And if no flower can ever bloom without some little rain,
All transient be the showers and speed the sunbeams
back again.