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WHILE the spacious pages of the county historian are too exclusively engrossed by topographical surveys, genealogical tables, statistical numbers, or agricultural refinements; the humble and amusing village strains, founded upon the squabbles of a wake; tales of untrue love; superstitious rumours; or miraculous traditions of the hamlet; are very slightly regarded, if not glanced over unnoted. A county garland is one of those minor publications scarcely considered worthy the attention of a county editor; and from the motley basket of an itinerary mendicant, the reader is alone supplied with such an entertainment. To glean for each county its appropriate ballads might, therefore, be an acceptable task. If they neither vied for

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