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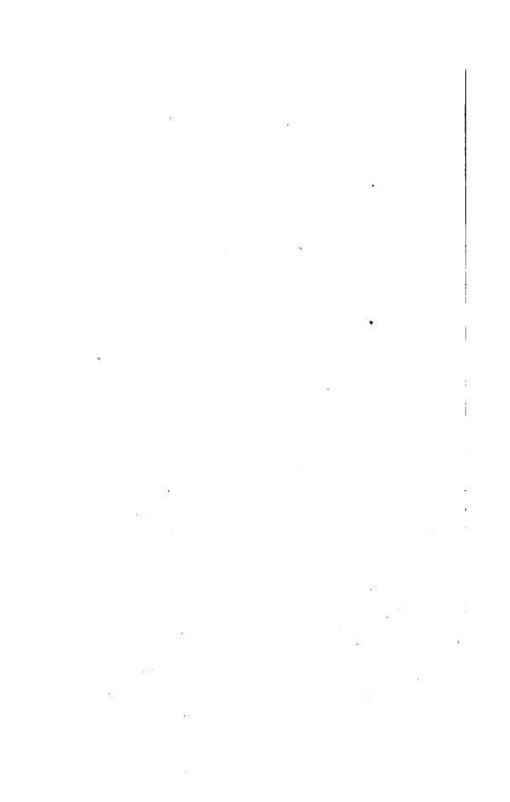
HER FATHER'S FRIEND,

FITZ-GREENE HALLECK,

THESE POEMS ARE

RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED,

BY THE AUTHOR'S DAUGHTER.



THE CULPRIT FAY.

- " My visual orbs are purged from film, and lo!
- " Instead of Anster's turnip-bearing vales
- "I see old fairy land's miraculous show!

 "Her trees of timed kissed by freakish gales,
- " Her Ouples that, cloaked in leaf-gold, skim the breeze,
 - " And fairies, swarming -

TENNANT'S ANSTRA FAIR.

I.

The earth is dark, but the heavens are bright;
Nought is seen in the vault on high
But the moon, and the stars, and the cloudless sky,
And the flood which rolls its milky hue,
A river of light on the welkin blue.
The moon looks down on old Cronest,
She mellows the shades on his shaggy breast,
And seems his huge gray form to throw
In a silver cone on the wave below;

His sides are broken by spots of shade,
By the walnut bough and the cedar made,
And through their clustering branches dark
Glimmers and dies the fire-fly's spark—
Like starry twinkles that momently break
Through the rifts of the gathering tempest's rack.

П.

The stars are on the moving stream,
And fling, as its ripples gently flow,
A burnished length of wavy beam
In an eel-like, spiral line below;
The winds are whist, and the owl is still,
The bat in the shelvy rock is hid,
And nought is heard on the lonely hill
But the cricket's chirp, and the answer shrill
Of the gauze-winged katy-did;
And the plaint of the wailing whip-poor-will,
Who moans unseen, and ceaseless sings,
Ever a note of wail and wo,
Till morning spreads her rosy wings,
And earth and sky in her glances glow.