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PREFATORY
AND
DEDICATORY STANZAS.

LADEN with Fancy's half-blown blossomings,
And buds, (not "buds of promise" would they were,)
My fledgeling Muse's votive offerings,—
Fruits all unripe, selected with no care,
Plucked as they came to hand,—my bark doth dare,
The dangers of the wild unstable deep
Of *public opinion*: few are there
Who, when the gales of *criticism* sweep,
Its restless surface o'er, their sails aloft can keep.

No spars are her's, bedecked with flaunting pride,
Nought is there in her cargo to allure,
The Corsair of the *literary* tide,
That dread of vent'rous Authors, hight Reviewer!
Whose raking fire not many may endure,
And *mine* the least of any; may she sail
On, in her insignificance secure,
Nor be her progress stayed by that fierce hail,
At which the stoutest crew, and bravest captains quail.

As yet 'mid *friendly* states her course has lain,
Close along shore, where Storms nor Rovers come ;
But now,—complete her lading,—o'er the main,
The wide unsheltered main, she far must roam ;
A bubble cast upon the ocean's foam,
A feather floating in a stormy sea,
Commissioned,—should she reach that distant dome,—
To offer at the shrine of Poesy,
This wreath from One, the Nine's most humble devotee.

A nut-shell amid Navies, may she ride,
E'en as the Nautilus, in safety o'er
The wave, nor from her course be turned aside,
By mightier vessels bearing to that shore,
Where Fame erects her temple ; long and sore
Must be her buffetings, oh ! may her state,
So weak and helpless, 'mid the tempest's roar,
Compassion, in some feeling breast create,
To stretch a helping hand, ere yet it be too late.

To those who lent their aid to build my Bark,
And launch her forth, my grateful thanks are due,
And, of my gratitude a trifling mark,
Subscribers ! do I dedicate to you
These untaught lays ; full soon shall I renew
My "grey goose quill," and strive my verse to mend,
'Till then, to one and all, I bid adieu !
And many a prayer, will Nemo upward send,
That health, and every blessing, may on you and your's
attend.



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