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TO THE PUBLIC.

YOU NEED NOT FOR A PREFACE LOOK ;
T IS BETTER FAR YOU READ THE BOOK.

Poems.

TALES FROM THE CLASSICS.

Annihilation of Carthage.

I.

OH, Cato! Cato! great as is thy name,
For one fell act thou 'rt cursed for e'er to fame,—
Thy fiend-like counsel, urging to destroy
Rome's rival, Carthage, in her pride and joy.
Too fully was thy mind resolved on this:—
“Proud Carthage shall be made a wilderness;”
Ay! though she have been mistress of the main,
Of Sicily, Sardinia, and Spain.
And now the occurrences we will relate
That stamp'd the seal to her lamented fate,
And show that if there were a “Punic-faith,”
It had a parallel in Roman wrath.

II.

The Romans, having form'd the base resolve
The City's demolition to involve,
Albeit no cause could justify the act,
Dissimulated with their usual tact.

Rome first demanded its submission; then,
 Three thousand scions of the noblest men,
 As hostages; and, when deliver'd, she
 Demanded next, Carthage should put away
 All arms and hostile implements of war
 Which Carthage and its cities near and far
 Contain'd,—as forfeited to Rome. Was *this*
 (Which was its safeguard—*that* its only bliss)
 Demand complied with? Ay! I grieve to say,
 Two hundred thousand armour-suits that day,
 And thirty hundred engines with their frames,
 Relinquish'd were,—or offer'd to the flames.

III.

Next, Rome demanded Carthage hence should leave
 Her name alone, the Romans to deceive;
 That all inhabitants, what sex or sort,
 Should quit their city—suburbs, walls, and fort;
 And elsewhere raise a Carthage, as they chose,
 For that which fate decreed they were to lose;
 And eighty stadia from the sea were they
 To keep the bound'ry of its walls away.

IV.

And now the Carthaginians, at last,
 Discover'd how their doom had been forecast;
 That Roman jealousy would not endure
 So vast a rival, 'though on distant shore;
 And heeded but as nought the sacrifice
 They'd made already to retain their prize.
 And sith that all must leave their habitation
 At the demand of that all-haughty nation,