

POETRY.

ORIGINAL.

THE SERENADE.

A YAMBEO MUGUITO MADRIGAL.

I.

Oh, how delightful to be serenaded!
And oh, what pleasure 'tis to serenade!
Our hero through New Orleans promenade.

II.

Julia now turned with heavy heart away,
But only to be met with fresh dismay,
Bless me! the room is full of horrible musquitoes!

III.

At length with Spartan firmness, indiscreet,
Our heroine seized the bowl, and burnt her fingers,
And chuck'd it through the window to the street.

IV.

"Fly from the devil," is a maxim wise,
And like a rocket through the darkened skies,
Swiftly he flies,

V.

Our hero was not quite so easy settled,
And now he is a human salamander,
Proof against fire and burning brandy, nettled,

VI.

His said he goes to explore the Ocean Subterranean
A task he's better fitted for than any one.
He enters in at Zena's crater,

VII.

He who would come duly prepared, and fitted
to the business of interpretation, must neither be
a follower of novelty, custom, nor antiquity;

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR.

MR. ADVERTISER—If the spirits of your
great ancestors of the Spectator and Tatler
were to arise and behold your modern
broadsheets filled with coals, and steam,

Among all the disasters of the present
crisis, there is nothing so very heartbreaking
or so much neglected; as the condition of
the forsaken, portionless, yet willing-to-be-

"Four and twenty maidens all in a row,"

I now call upon you to give publicity to
their grievances, and devise some means
of redress. And since you are so ungallant
as to leave us to plead our own cause,

Now I do positively maintain, I do, and
I should like to hear any one deny it, that
there should be a heavy tax laid upon every
bachelor, for their heartlessness and how-

If these remarks should be treated with
contempt, I only hope I shall live to be
revenge upon some one of you, when I
will make him suffer for the rest—I will—

Melbourne, 2nd February.

CORINNE.

SCIENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE GEELONG
ADVERTISER.

SIR,—In compliance with your request,
though at the risk of appearing presumptuous,
I send herewith a number of short
sketches on scientific subjects, which I
have compiled in a desultory manner during

In submitting these crude observations
to your scientific readers, I claim no indul-
gence that may compromise the cause of
truth, if my positions be untenable, I hope
they will be unrelentingly condemned.

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to the business of interpretation, must neither be
a follower of novelty, custom, nor antiquity;

trace of errors into truths, and of truths into
errors, without despoiling or admiring any thing.
He must understand his own talents and abilities,
or the advantages of his own nature. He must
comply with the nature of others. He must, as with

NON-EXISTENCE OF REPULSION.

I do not recollect ever having met with
any passage in any of the chemical writers,
expressive of scepticism as to the existence
of the power of repulsion; neither have I
ever met with any attempt to trace the phe-

The consequences of my temerity in en-
tering upon this subject have been duly
weighed; but they are not sufficient to deter
me from the attempt, although they will
necessarily in use a caution into my bold-

There is a precedent in point, for doubt-
ing the immutability of the attributes with
which Nature has been invested by MAN.
Before the time of Torricelli there was a
received opinion that "nature abhorred a
vacuum, and at the present day, among the
unlearned, water is supposed to be raised

In requesting attention to these remarks,
I beg to explain, that I abhor, as much as
any one can do, that theorising mania
in which tyros in science are apt to indulge,
and which is often pursued in direct de-

Inductive reasoning is now acknowledged
as the surest guide in exploring the un-
served land of science;—but it is not all-
sufficient, for false deductions may be made
by this method; as well as by the Aristotelian

I do not here mean to call in question the
propriety of the Baconian mode of reasoning,
but to abate the dogmatism of those who
assume that it is never failing. I argue
against those who have lulled themselves
into a false security by imagining that what-

Let me not be misunderstood,—I am
such an enthusiastic admirer of the induc-
tive system, that these remarks have been
drawn from me by a desire to render its
majesty more sacred. But while I admit
that it is unquestionably the only true system,

against the inductive philosophy, to doubt
any of the existing theories which may
appear to be conformable to its rules.
Thus the phenomenon of "repulsion" is
no more to be considered a positive and
independent power, under that name, than
if it had been represented by the term

Having thus attempted to remove any
prejudicial impression as to the orthodoxy
of doubting the existence of repulsion, I
now proceed to a closer examination of
facts.

KYAMON.

To be continued.

MISCELLANEA.

CHARACTERISTIC DISPLAY OF NATIONAL
VANITY.

We have been vastly amused with
the following ebullition of egotism,
which appeared in a late number
of one of the Parisian journals, the
title of which we have neglected to
note. What is here said in good

"The wonders of proud London to survey,
The sun himself shall rise by break of day."

PARIS.

"Athens was more polished, Rome
more warlike, London is more com-
mercial, Pekin is more vast, but Paris
is more homogenous. Paris has but a
million of men, but, if need were,

"London is the capital of England,
Vienna of Austria, Madrid of Spain,
Constantinople of Turkey, Rome of
Catholicism; but Paris is the metro-

"Compared with Paris every other
place is a hamlet, a little town, a
village. Every thing ends in Paris—
roads, canals, and telegraphs. Every
thing leaves and re-enters it. Like a
feudal giant, it keeps the departments

"Paris sleeps not, rests not. Winter
and summer, day and night, its brain
thinks, its arm works, its eyes watch,
and its legs are in motion.

"Its intellectual strength is greater
still than its material strength. The
French idea is wholly in Paris. Paris
is the most exalted expression of our

"Paris contains generals enough to
command-in-chief the armies of Russia,
Austria, and England; it contains
enough of men of intelligence to stir
up the whole world, and enough of

"To the eyes of foreigners Paris is
everything; Paris is the capital, not
of Europe, if you choose, but of Eu-
ropeans. Who says Paris says France.
Paris is what a large kingdom would
be in a small one. Paris is the head,

A gentleman in Whitby, well known
as a shipowner in that town, is pos-
sessed of the whole of the Ocean,
and half of Great Britain. Startling as
the fact may appear, it is no more
strange than true, and bears out the
saying that "facts are more strange
than fiction."

"A great lie," says the poet Crabbe,
"is like a great fish on dry land, it
may fret and fling, and make a frightful
bother, but it cannot hurt you. You
have only to keep still, and it will die
of itself."

J. GRIFFIN,

Geelong Retreat Inn,

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inform the Settlers of this district,
that he has secured the services of one
of the best FARRIERS in the Colony.
So that he can now undertake orders
of every description, either in Far-

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