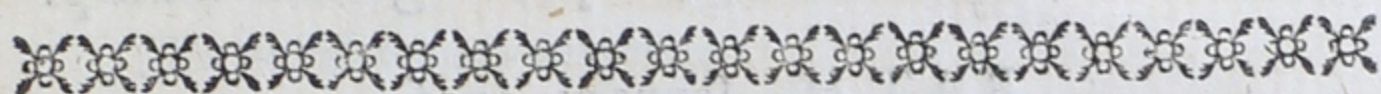


A certain nobleman takes up the child,
 The real father lay perdue, and smil'd.
 The public now enlarges every grace,
 What shining eyes it has! how fair a face!
 Of parts what symmetry! what strength divine!
 The noble brat is sure of Pelops' line.



The POET'S IMPORTANCE.

By Dr. H * * *

THE glow-worm scribblers of a feeble age,
 Pale twinklers of an hour provoke my rage:
 In each dark hedge we start an insect fire,
 Which lives by night, and must at dawn expire;
 Yet such their number that their specks combine,
 And the unthinking vulgar swear they shine.

Poets are prodigies so greatly rare,
 They seem the tasks of heav'n, and built with care:
 Like suns, unquench'd, unrival'd and sublime,
 They roll, immortal, o'er the wastes of time:
 Ages in vain close round and snatch in fame;
 High over all still shines the Poet's name!
 Lords of a life that scorns the bounds of breath,
 They stretch existence and defy stern death.
 Glory and shame are theirs---they plant renown,
 Or shade the Monarch's by the Muse's crown:
 To say Augustus reign'd when Virgil shin'd,
 Does honour to the lord of half mankind.

So when three thousand years have wan'd away,
 And POPE is said t' have liv'd when GEORGE bore sway,
 Millions shall lend the King the Poet's fame,
 And bless implicit the *supported* name.



TO POLLY LAURENCE, quitting the Pump.

BATH, January 1756.

SPITE of beauty, air, and grace,
 With honour hast thou run thy race!
 In *sunshine* well thy part thou'st play'd —
 Now, sweet Polly, seek the *shade*.

The prudent general, tho' beat,
 Reaps honour from a *good retreat*;
 But nobler thou, thy thousands kill'd,
 With *flying colours* leav'st the field.

Let not retirement give the spleen,
 Thy sex's *longing* ——— to be seen:
 But teach the vicious and the vain,
 Their pleasure's but refining pain.

Teach the gay by thy retreat,
 Eternal *giggle* is not wit;
 And the formal fool advise,
Prudery cannot make her *wife*.

Take with thee to thy private state
 Th' applauses of the *good* and *great*;
 The best reward below allow'd
 Of a conduct *great* and *good*.