NOTES AND QUERIES. August 15, 1925.

(1656-1658). In the 'Life of Johnson' for April of this very year Boswell tells us that he was very fond of this neglected author, having been directed to him by a quotation in The Spectator. Johnson, however, thought Osborne "a conceited fellow" whom boys of their time would throw stones at (ii. 193-194). Boswell had apparently just come upon Osborne and had his head filled with him. Strangely enough, in this pamphlet he calls him "Sir Francis Osborne," though he had no title of any sort. (His father, Sir John, was a knight, as was also his eldest brother, Sir Peter. Sir Peter's eldest son, Sir John, was a baronet. See D.N.B.). Yet in 'The Hypochondriack' Boswell quotes him three times, and always as "Sir Francis." By the time he published the 'Life of Johnson' he had learned his mistake, for there Osborne appears as plain "Mr." This detail alone would perhaps be enough to establish the fact of his authorship, were there any great question on the point. I feel sure that no one who reads the pamphlet will have any doubt about it.

I append a collation of the Yale copy:
Reflections on the late alarming Bankruptcies in Scotland, Addressed to all Ranks: but particularly to the different Classes of Men from whom Payments may soon be demanded. | With | Advice to Such, how to conduct themselves at this Crisis. |
[Long double rule with small ornament in the centre.] | Edinburgh: | Printed in the Year M.DCC.LXXII, and sold by all the Booksellers in Scotland. | (Price, Sixpence.).

Octavo, printed in half-sheets, pp. ii.+24; consisting of: Title-page, as above (with blank reverse), pp. [i-ii]; Text of the 'Reflections,' etc., pp. [1-23]. P. [24] is blank.

The pages from 2 to 23 are numbered centrally in Arabic numerals placed between square brackets. There are catch-words throughout. The signatures are A to C (three half-sheets, each 4 leaves), preceded by an unsigned leaf carrying the Title-page.

I suppose that a perfect copy has a corresponding blank leaf at the end. Issued "stabbed" without wrapper. The leaves (which have been trimmed) measured 8½ by 5 inches.

There is at present no copy in the British Museum, but I am informed by the librarian that there is one in the Signet Library, Edinburgh, which also possesses a copy of the first edition of 'Observations on the Minor.' I should be glad to hear of other copies; especially that sold in the Auchinleck sale.

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BROWNING'S VOCABULARY.—I. (See ante, p. 96).

Red-brick (under Red a. and sb. A. adj. II. 12. a.). 1840 'Sord.' iv. 114: This tall Huge four-square line of red brick garden-wall.

Re-surge vb. intr. = 'To surge back again.' 1887 'Parleyings, Ap. and Fates.' 199: Astropos: Words, surging at high-tide, soon ebb From starved ears. Apollo: Drink but down to the source, they resurge.

Rose-wreathed (under Rose sb. and a. V. 22. b.). 1864 'Dram. Pers., Confessions' ix. 1: As she... stood by the rose-wreathed gate.

Sand-grain (under Sand sb. 9. a.) 1868 'Ring and Bk.' iii. 140: As 'tis said a body... Holds a germ — sand-grain weight too much i' the scale.

Cf. also 1869 'Ring and Bk.' viii. 59: The hour-glass, whence no sand-grain slips.

Sea-shore attrib. 1845 'Dram. Lyr., Flight Duch.' 414: Just a sea-shore stone holding a dozen fine pebbles.

Seigneur-like (under Seigneur). 1872 'Fifine' 265: Seigneur-like I place I the tambourine... no less than a whole franc.

1887 C. W. Hutson, 'Beg. Civiliz.,' xx. 206: Kelts swept over Etruria... then re-surged and poured through the Illyrian, Macedonian and Thracian regions.

1895 Outing (U.S.): Dusty with little sand-grains.

1850 Miss Pratt: medick
Self-abnegating pl. a. 1855 'Men and Wom. i. Blougram' 933: What's your reward, self-abnegating friend?

Sisterliness. 1868 'Ring and Bk.' iii. 757: This letter... being half courtesy and compliment, half sisterliness.

Slope-side (under Slope-in combs = "the side of the slope"). 1868 'Ring and Bk.' i. 5: This ring found alive, Spark-like 'mid unearthed slope-side fig-tree-roots That roof old tombs at Chiusi.

Soaked pl. a. (In the sense "Soaked, saturated"). 1883 'Jocoseria, Donald' 200: All of him looked like a toast In a tumbler of port-wine soaked.

Solid-looking (under Solid a. IV. 21. b.). 1872 'Fifine' 2167: Beyond compare with fanes Which, solid-looking late, had left no least remains.

Spear-throw (under Spear sb. II. 8.). 1877 tr. 'Agamemnon' 118: Appearing by the palace, on the spear-throw side. [ NSMutableArray的基础上。]

Square-faced (under Square a. IV. 12.). 1840 'Sord.' iv. 442: Square-faced, no lion more.

Sun-blanced (under Sun II. 12. b.). 1840 'Sord.' ii. 155: The few fine locks Coloured like honey oozed from topmost rocks Sun-blanced the livelong summer.

Sun-warmed (under Sun II. 12. b.). 1883 'Jucoseria, Jo. Hak.' 533: After Summer next comes Spring, Than Summer's self-warmed, spice-scented more.

Tea-pot tempest (under Tea-pot b.). 1875 'Inn Alb.' 788: Oh, at first I took the anger easily, ... having learned that storms Subside, and tea-pot-tempests are akin.

Tent-pegging. 1875 'Inn Alb.' 333: Having, by your help, touched society, Polo, Tent-pegging, Hurlingham, the Rink.

Thirst-quenching (under Thirst sb. 3.). 1887 'Parleyings. Fust' 97: No elf Had need to persuade them a vine rose umbrageous, Fruit-bearing, thirst-quenching!

Thumb-nail 2. transf. 1873 'Red Cotton Nt.-Cap' 288: Hogarth eyed The thumb-nail record of some alley-phyz.

Tomb-like (under Tomb sb. 5.). 1835

1864 Pusey, Daniel i. 22: silence

1879 G. Meredith, 'Egoist.' (O.E.D. Main Word)

1870 Morris, 'Earthly Par.' ii. iii. 469: A gay-striped tent Just raised upon the slope-side

1898 Daily News, 10 Sept.: Bits of soaked drapery.

(But in sense "Intoxicated." 1651 Manton, Exp. James).


1892 Rider Haggard, 'Nada' 28: The men were running... with the length of a spear-throw between them.

1884 F. M. Crawford, 'Rom. Singer' I. 103: boy

1840 B., 'Sordello' vi. [871] 869, where the lines also occur, as previously in bk. v. 909.

1884 Expositor: earth

1854 Andrews, 'Lat. Dict.' s.v., Simpulum, Excitare fluctus in simpulo... to raise a tempest in a teapot. Cic. 'Leg.' 3, 16, 36.

1891 Cent. Dict. s.v. Tempest, A tempest in a teapot, a great disturbance over a small matter.

1896 Peterson Mag. Jan.: What a ridiculous tea-pot tempest!

1878 N. Amer. Review cxxvii. 155: Tent-pegging is a very favourite amusement of the sovar. (Note: Polo was first played in England in July, 1871).

1895 Westm. Gaz. 19 Mar.: This orange wine is most refreshing and thirst-quenching.

1900 D. Woodside, 'Life H. Calderwood': Small ink-sketches of the thumb-nail order. As sb. 1901 Daily Chron. 3 Jan.: The truth of Dickens's vignettes and thumb-nails of humanity. In the lit. sense first in 1604 Dekker, 'Honest Whore.'

1845 Hirst, 'Com. Mammoth' &c.: spot
'Paracelsus' v. 34: Only the eye remained intent awhile as though it recognised the tomb-like place.

Torch-light C. attrib. 1869 'Ring and Bk.' x. 721: Since fowlers... eschew vile practice, nor find sport in torch-light treachery or the luring owl.

Torchlight (under Torch sb. 3). 1840 'Sord.' iii, 119: The rout of haggard ribalds wandering about the hot torchlight wine-scented island-house.

Trustlessness (= b. Distrustfulness). 1884 'Ferishtah iii. Shah Abbas' 134: Suppose the trustful son had sighed... How would such trust reward him? Trustlessness—O' the other hand—were what procured most praise.

Twelve-foot (under Twelve numeral a. and sb. III. a.). 1869 'Ring and Bk.' xi. 212: There stood the twelve-foot-square of scaffold, railed considerately round.

Twenty-cubit (under Twenty numeral a. and sb. C. a.). 1840 'Sord.' ii. 740: He'd strike that lyre adroitly—speech, Would but a twenty-cubit plectre reach.

Two-oared (under Two numeral a. and sb. IV. 1 b.). 1871 tr. Alcestis in 'Balaustion' 732: I see it—see the two-oared boat! The ferryer of the dead, Charon... calls me.

Also tr. Alcestis ('Balaustion' 997): He bears... this time, I' the two-oared boat, the best—oh, best by far of womankind!

Vine-leaf attrib. 1844 'Colombe's B.' i. 175: This prompt disbossoming of love, to wit—Their vine-leaf wrappage of our tribute penny,... all works well.

Virgin-minded (under Virgin sb. and a. II. 18.). 1850 'Christmas Eve' i. 816: That sallow virgin-minded studious Martyr to mild enthusiasm.

War-tower (under War sb. II. 8. b.). 1887 'Parleyings, Bartoli' 325: I wrap me round with love of your black hair, Black eyes, black every wicked inch of those Limbs' war-tower tallness.

Wave-like B. adv. 1869 'Ring and Bk.' x. 66: Breaks wave-like one whole foam of wrath.

Young-hearted (under Young a. C. 2. b.). 1845 'Dram. Rom., Flight Duch.' 110: The Mid-Age was the Heroic Time, And only in wild nooks like ours Could you taste of it yet as in its prime, And see true castles with proper towers, Young-hearted women, old-minded men, And manners now as manners were then.