

A SONG OF TRUISMS.

AIR—*Vivaan tutte.*

HARK to me, and I will tell you
 Some things you may find of value :
 Common-sense and useful knowledge
 Are not only got at College.

*This is true beyond a doubt,
 Whosoever found it out.*

Soldiers fight and fall in battle ;
 Calves and cows are counted cattle ;
 Sheep make turnips into mutton ;
 Fat men's clothes don't freely button.

This is true, &c.

Oxygen combines with iron ;
 Marvels great our lives environ ;
 I've seen human bears and monkeys,
 Plumeless geese and two-legged donkeys.

This is true, &c.

Ducks and Dutchmen love aquatics ;
Some poor people live in attics ;
Some set order at defiance ;
Some believe in Social Science.

This is true, &c.

Wrinkles aren't cured by riches ;
Some wives wear their husbands' breeches ;
Beauties like to have their roses
Rather on their cheeks than noses.

This is true, &c.

Venison makes a noble pasty ;
What is cheap is often nasty ;
'Tis a project quite Utopian,
To wash white an Ethiopian.

This is true, &c.

If you wish to hear related
All the truths that could be stated,
I might thus go on till supper,
Near as wise as Martin Tupper.

*This is true beyond a doubt,
But your patience now is out.*