

## RONDELS THREE.

(Written for THE COURIER.)

THE 'Tis made of sticks and point lace,  
 FAN The fan my lady plays with so,  
 And as it flutters to and fro  
 It seems a thing of life and grace.

It has no sure abiding place,  
 Now here, now there, its laces blow.  
 Sometimes it hides her witching face;  
 Again it sweeps the floor below.

I idly watch it and I trace  
 A language in its movements slow,  
 It speaks to me—I bolder grow  
 I stoop to kiss my lady's face.  
 I kiss instead a lifeless space  
 'Tis made of sticks and point and lace.

THE Oh, all this world seems stale and flat  
 HAT For when a play I go to see  
 There always sits in front of me  
 A woman with a monstrous hat.

Ah, yes, I hear, but what of that?  
 I'm still completely lost at sea,  
 For though I know the play I'm at  
 'Tis surely out of sight to me.

If men at plays so rudely sat  
 And acted half as selfishly,  
 This world I'm sure would shortly see  
 All men, sans eyes, sans hair, sans hat,  
 Oh, all this world seems stale and flat

THE I wish I were my lady's veil  
 VEIL Softly to lie against her cheek,  
 Where dimples play at hide and seek  
 And rosy blushes flush and pale.  
 I'm sure that I should never fail  
 To feel a charm when she would speak.  
 I'm sure her glances would prevail.  
 And draw me closer to her cheek.  
 If my wish were of some avail!  
 But, pshaw 'ti's only vain and weak,  
 An idle dream—a childish freak,  
 And yet, and yet, the thoughts assail  
 I wish I were my lady's veil.

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