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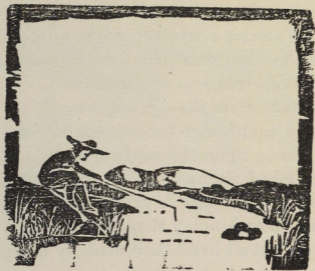
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With storms a-weather, rocks a-lee,  
The dancing skiff puts forth to sea.  
The lone dissenter in the blast  
Recoils before the sight aghast.  
But she, although the heavens be black,  
Holds on upon the starboard tack.  
For why? although today she sink  
Still safe she sails in printers' ink,  
And though today the seamen drown,  
My cut shall hand their memory down.



The careful angler chose his nook  
At morning by the liliated brook,  
And all the noon his rod he plied  
By that romantic riverside.  
Soon as the evening hours decline  
Tranquilly he'll return to dine,  
And breathing forth a pious wish,  
Will cram his belly full of fish.



The Abbot for a walk went out  
A wealthy cleric, very stout,  
And Robin has that Abbot stuck  
As the red hunter spears the buck.  
The djavel or the javelin  
Has, you observe, gone bravely in,  
And you may hear that weapon whack  
Bang through the middle of his back.  
*Hence we may learn that abbots should  
Never go walking in a wood.*





The frozen peaks he once explored,  
But now he's dead and by the board.  
How better far at home to have stayed  
Attended by the parlour maid,  
And warmed his knees before the fire  
Until the hour when folks retire!  
*So, if you would be spared to friends,  
Do nothing but for business ends.*

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