



THE NEW PEGASUS.

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A POET, if major or minor,
Who lived in the earlier days,
Though he were a penny-a-liner,
Or a bard who wrote lyrics and lays,
Whenever he felt inspiration
To seek the Pierian fount,
Would shyly and with trepidation
His Pegasus mount.

'Twas a scholarly, sage band of brothers
Who rode on the classic old steed;
Yet some advanced more than the others
By urging the beast to top speed.
Will Shakespeare and Milton and Dryden
Were always seen far in the van,
While Browning like fury was ridin',
And Pope also ran.

