

well attended, the tickets were not demanded with the same avidity as before; the edge of novelty was blunted; the expenses of the performances were increased, and the means of defraying them diminished. At this last Abbey-meeting the immortal Haydn, then on his first visit to this country, was present; and from it derived his deep reverence for the mighty genius of Handel, which, to the honour no less of his candid modesty than of his judgment, he was ever ready to avow. The last commemoration was that of 1834.—*Knight's London.*

PRICE OF A VIOLONCELLO.

Batta's violoncello was once sold to a French family in a small town in Spain for 300*l.*, and remained for years silent, neglected, and unappreciated. One day it accidentally came under the eye of a connoisseur, who at once pronounced it to be worth 3000*l.*, but he was treated as a wild enthusiast. Some time afterwards, Batta had the fortune to fall in with the instrument and determined to possess it, but its intrinsic merits had become known, and he could not obtain it for less than 8000*l.* Having had it repaired it is now considered without a rival in Europe. An English gentleman lately offered Batta 25,000*l.* for his favourite, but the artist declared that no price could

induce him to part with it. Upon this, the amateur offered Batta the same sum for the reversion of the violoncello after the cunning hand of the master had ceased to draw forth its "potent witchery" and was unstrung by death, but whether this has been accepted is not known.

APOLLO.

A SONNET AFTER* THE ANTIQUE.

Methought I stood on high Olympus mount,
 What time great Jove did hold celestial state;
 There heard the Nine, from golden harps create
 Songs sweetly bubbling as Pierian fount;
 The great god Pan, too, and his jocund choir,
 With one vast chorus wake the trembling sky,—
 Scare swarthy Vulcan from his smithy fire,
 And make Jove pause amidst the revelry.
 Then all was hushed, and one stood forth, who drew
 From well shaped viol, tones most exquisite;
 And as their quickening spirit through me flew,
 I asked of one stood by—"Apollo is it?"
 "Apollo don't play at these rooms, Sir, and I'm sure he
 Can't play one half so well—why that there's Mori."
William J. Thoms.

* A long way.—*Printer's Devil.*

IS IT NIGHT?

GLEE FOR THREE VOICES.

Allegro. *Hebbe.*

Would darkness fright, would darkness fright us, Let us

Is it night? is it night? would darkness fright us, Let us

drive dull thoughts a - way - - Let us drive dull thoughts a -

drive dull thoughts a - way - - Let us drive dull thoughts a -

way, Let gay mirth - and songs u -
 way, Let gay mirth - and songs - - - u -
 Let gay mirth - and songs u - nite us, unite us, Let mirth u -

- nite us, Till we see the ri - - - sing
 - nite us, u - nite us, 'Till we see the rising
 - nite us, 'Till we see the ri - sing day. 'Till - - we see the rising

day, Let gay mirth and
 day, Let gay mirth and songs unite us, u -
 day, Let gay mirth and songs unite us, u - nite us, Let gay mirth and

songs u - nite us, 'Till we see the rising day, the ris - ing day - -
 - nite us - - 'Till we see the ris - ing day - -
 songs u - nite us, 'Till we see the ri - sing day - -

'Till - - we see the ri - - sing day - -

'Till we see the rising day - -

Allegro.

Fly, fly, fly, care, fly, to the winds thus I

Fly, fly, fly, fly, care to the winds thus I

Fly, fly, fly - - fly, care to the winds thus I

blow thee a - way - - - - fly, fly, I

blow thee a - way, fly, care to the winds thus I blow thee a - way -

blow thee a - way, fly care, fly a - way thus I blow - -

blow thee a - way, a - way, I'll drown thee in wine, If thou darest to stay, I'll

I blow thee a - way - - - - If thou darest to stay I'll

- - - - thee a - way, I'll drown thee in wine if thou darest to stay, I'll

p *f*

drown thee in wine, If thou da - rest to stay, I'll drown thee in wine if thou darest to

p *f*

drown thee in wine, If thou da - rest to stay, I'll drown thee in wine, if thou darest to

drown thee in wine, If thou da - rest to stay - - - - If thou da - rest to

stay, I'll drown thee in wine, If thou darest to stay - - If thou

stay, I'll drown - - - thee, I'll drown - - - thee, I'll drown thee in wine, if thou

stay, I'll drown - - - - thee, I'll drown - - - thee in wine,

da - rest to stay, Fly care to the winds, thus I blow thee a - way, I'll drown thee in

da - rest to stay, Fly care to the winds, thus I blow thee a - way, I'll drown thee in

wine, If thou darest to stay I'll drown thee in wine if thou da - rest to stay.

wine, If thou darest to stay I'll drown thee in wine if thou da - rest to stay.