

I wish to say about  
the "Grains which absorb  
"the most water &c" that I  
am not quite sure what  
I meant by the admonition  
unless it was "avoid, when  
"being hungry, filling your  
"stomach with hastily swallowed  
"meat (Yankee-fashion) but  
"prefer a basin of broth thick  
"with rice, pearl barley,  
"or wheat, in the shape of fragments."

Let me thank you for the  
capital little essay on "Society"  
which Ruskin so justly praises.

As I may some time print  
the Rhymes again I hope you  
will give me any further criti-  
cisms which may occur to you.  
Ever yours Truly, A. Power

35 Regent Road  
Dublin 2 June 1870

My dear Sir,  
Many thanks for the  
Rhymes which you have  
taken with my Rhymes  
and Appendix, especially  
as to the error and short-  
-comings pointed out in  
the Letter, which if I  
ever print it again shall  
be corrected as you suggest.

All my knowledge,  
such as it was, came  
from occasional reading

in Carpenter's *Animal  
Physiology* (Edition '48)  
and a few other  
accidental studies of  
the same kind.

As you kindly propose  
to give the *Rhymes* a  
further critical examina-  
tion I send you a  
corrected copy of them  
in which I have already  
availed myself of the  
suggestions of friends.

"With regard to 'Capillaries'  
I could not very well  
have introduced them into

the *verses*, but a full  
explanation ought to have  
appeared in the Appendix.

"Cardials" — I don't  
know how to replace this  
but it may be omitted.

I fear this is one of  
many offences against *Prosody*.  
In fact I have used much  
wisdom with the metre  
making Dactylic Trochees,  
Iambics Anapaests all  
serve at need. One of  
my readers objects to the vari-  
fication of all the series  
but Part I the *Skin*, be-  
cause the latter is the  
only one he can sing  
to the air of "The *Lock Song*".

a. Power.  
Author in "folklore"  
etc.

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