
THE

BUTTERFLY'S BALL.

AND THE

GRASSHOPPER'S FEAST.

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The Emperor of Morocco gave a Grand Gala;
It was, I am told, on Midsummer Day,
Quite close to his side was the young Chinese queen,
Two handsomer Butterfly's never were seen.
The Blue-bottle Fly as a herald went round,
The insects crept out as they heard the gay sound
Of his clarion, inviting them unto the ball,
Which was to take place close to Peacock’s Hall.
Such a throng of gay revellers before ne'er was seen,
Of Moths and Gnats, with Grasshoppers green,
The Bees left their hive, and did quickly repair,
With large bags of honey to add to the fare.
The Cricket came next, a chirping along,
But no one but herself was pleased with the song:
She rode on a Frog, who was a kind fellow,
And she had a small Dock Leaf, for an umbrella.
The Butterfly's subjects came in grand procession,
The scene it was pleasing beyond all expression,
A drawing along, ('tis true I declare,)
Their favorite Prince in a car through the air.
A little Tom Tit was so kind to make tea,
And handed it round to the gay company,
On a small wooden tray, that he placed on his head,
And the Cups and the Saucers of Acorns were made.
The Queen and the Emperor led off the dance,
Which they did with much skill—they had
learned it in France;
The Frog he stood up, and play’d on the fiddle,
While some little Cockchafers blithe sung
“Diddle diddle.”
Alas! they unprudently staid till 'twas dark;
They heard the owls hoot and the surly dog bark;
Mr. Frog lost his way, but had the good luck
To make his escape from the gripe of a Duck.
The Butterfly's lay until the next morning,
But rov'd 'mongst the flowers just at the day's
dawning:
Then cards of enquiry to their late guests they
sent,
By a Beetle in boots, who speedily went.
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