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The following is a list of the titles of the
works published by the
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in the year 1842.

STEREOTYPED AT THE
BOSTON TYPE AND STEREOTYPE FOUNDRY.

Though once it were a crystal vase!
But, brothers, let it simply rest,
And each shall see his features there impressed.
For inward thought a desert home is best.

Such was the hermit's answer brief;
And, happily, it gained belief.

But business, still, from life must not be stricken.
Since men will doubtless sue at law, and sicken,
Physicians there must be, and advocates, —
Whereof, thank God, no lack the world awaits,
While wealth and honors are the well-known baits.
Yet, in the stream of common wants when thrown,
What busy mortal but forgets his own?
O, you who give the public all your care,
Be it as judge, or prince, or minister,
Disturbed by countless accidents most sinister,
By adverse gales abased, debased by fair, —
Yourself you never see, nor see you aught.
Comes there a moment's rest for serious thought,
There comes a flatterer too, and brings it all to nought.

This lesson seals our varied page:
O, may it teach from age to age!
To kings I give it, to the wise propose.
Where could my labors better close?

THE END.