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THE DAGUERREOTYPE.

TO —

At the famous Daguerreotype art,  
Sweet girl, I must own thou art clever,  
For, with one sunny glance, on my heart  
Thou hast painted thy image forever.

De l'art de Daguerre fameux  
Chère fille, je te rends l'hommage,  
Par un seul rayon de tes yeux,  
Tu a peint, sur mon coeur, ton image.

Dell' arte fotografica l'onore,  
Sia il tuo, chi con sguardo lucente,  
La tua immagine, risplendente  
Hai dipinto per sempre, sul mio core!

M. J. B.

**[End of text.]**

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