ONCE on a time an Emperor, a man of might and fame,
Married a wife, and fair was she, and Bellisant her name;
And fair and happy were their lives, until an evil man
(He was the High Priest of the Court) an evil tale began,
Of how the lady was not true unto her husband dear:
The Emperor believed the tale, and rose up in great fear,
And drove poor Bellisant away; in haste and dire mischance
She took her way to Pepin's Court (her brother, King of France).