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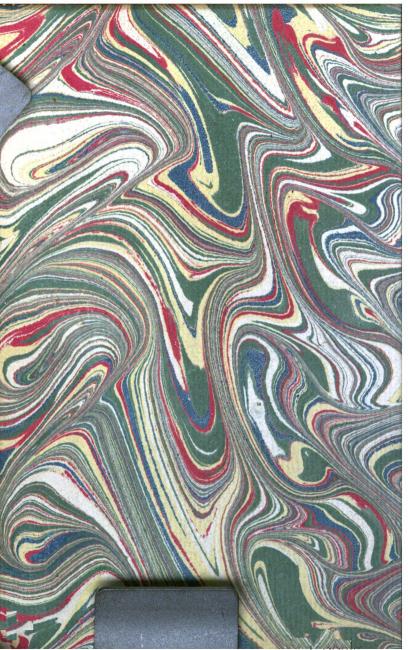
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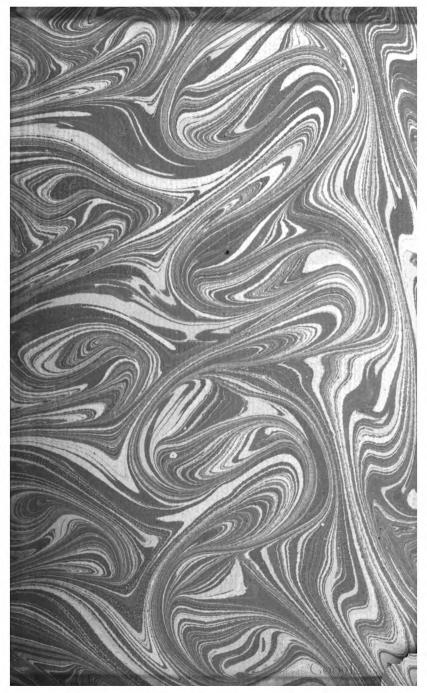
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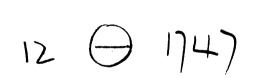


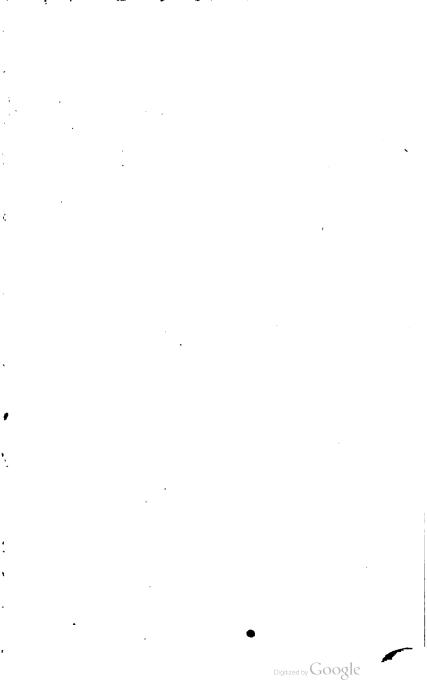
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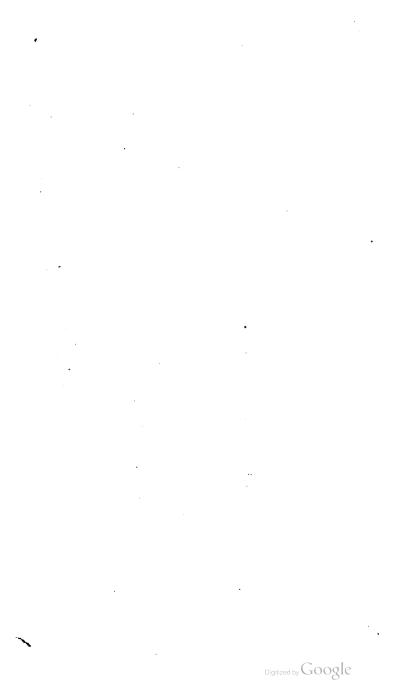
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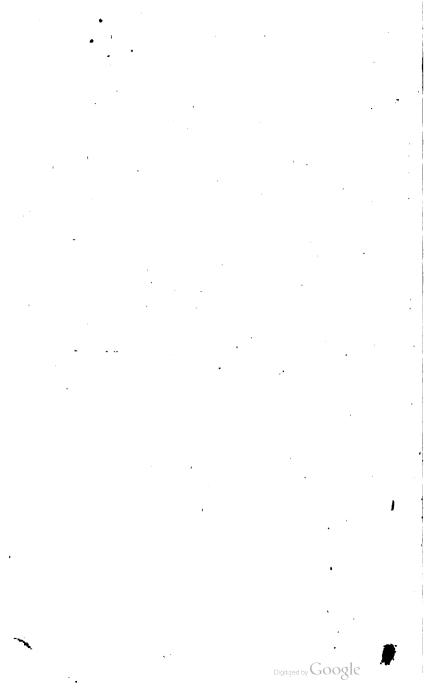




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HILARIA.

THE FESTIVE BOARD,

" Mirth, admit me of thy crew."

MILTON.

----- " Vino pellite curas."

Hor.

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PRELIMINARY.

Tres mihi convivæ prope diffentire videntur, Pofcentes vario multum diverfa palato.

HOR.

W E, for the most part, differ in our notions of pleasure; one man's delight is another's aversion: but felicity is the aim of all. Where then shall we find it? a celebrated poet observes, "'tis no where to be found, or every where." I say with an air of triumph, which the experience of a laughing life has imparted, the delights of love and joys of wine, happily blended, will enable us to attain the summit of human enjoyment. Would you meliorate the condition of the mind, and give to the body its best energies; fly to the circle of convivial gaiety for the one,

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and to the arms of indulgent beauty for the other-Life without this charming union, is like wine without fermentation, perfectly infipid-for the vinofity of wine, as well as the libidinofity of carnal nature, is produced (as Doctor Johnfon, that leviathan of literature would have faid) by the fame exquisite process-fermentation.----So much in ancient as well as modern times has been faid and fung of love and wine, that novelty on thefe topics cannot be expected. I am an enemy to every fpecies of innovation; but more particularly to that lately broached by the celebrated original four-legg'd, longtail'd, philofopher, Lord Monboddo, who is full of regret becaufe we do not mix water with our wine.

Read with fober attention what his lordship fays on this subject.

" As, by Ifis, a plant was difcovered,

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which furnished bread to man; fo by Ofiris, her hufband and brother, an art was invented of making drink for man: this art is what is called fermentation. which he applied to the use of the grape; and fo first made wine: which, though it has been very much abused, as almost every production of nature and art has been by man, and, therefore, is very properly flyled by Milton, The fweet poison of misufed wine. It may be applied to the most useful purposes, for it is the beft cordial of old age: and at all times of life it enlivens the fpirits; and, therefore, Bacchus is called Lætitiæ Dator; and it cherishes the stomach: but it is a great abuse of this liquor, in modern times, to drink it pure, without mixture of water, which, I am forry to observe so much practised in Britain."-Horace fays this ironically.

Notwithstanding this opinion, the gen- ,

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tlemen of Britain, whole fondnels for pure, unadulterated, wine, cannot be doubted, will continue the old cuftom of drinking a bumper of wine with the first toast after dinner, to the first thing that ever was created for the enjoyment of their fex.

Solomon, who was at leaft as wife as the author in queftion, fays, "Give strong drink to him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts:" "Let him drink and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more."

Burns, the admirable Scots bard, agreed with Solomon, and agreed with himfelf alfo, to verfify thefe doctrines :

"Give him ftrong drink until he wink, That's finking in defpair; And liquor good to fire his blood, That's preft with grief and care: There let him boufe, and deep caroufe,

With bumpers flowing o'er,

Till he forgets-his loves or debts,

And minds his griefs no more."

But what are the vital elixirs, gold tinctures, wonder-working effences, electricity, and animal magnetism, compared to the properties of wine? Dr. Franklin, a name dear to political liberty, has recorded a curious fact concerning the effects of wine. When in France he received a quantity of Madeira, that had been bottled in Virginia : in fome of the bottles he found a few dead flies, which he exposed to the warm fun in the month of July, and, in lefs than three hours, these apparently dead animals recovered life, which had been fo long fufpended. The philosopher then asks whether such a procefs might not be employed with regard to man? if that be the cafe, I can imagine, adds he, no greater pleafure,

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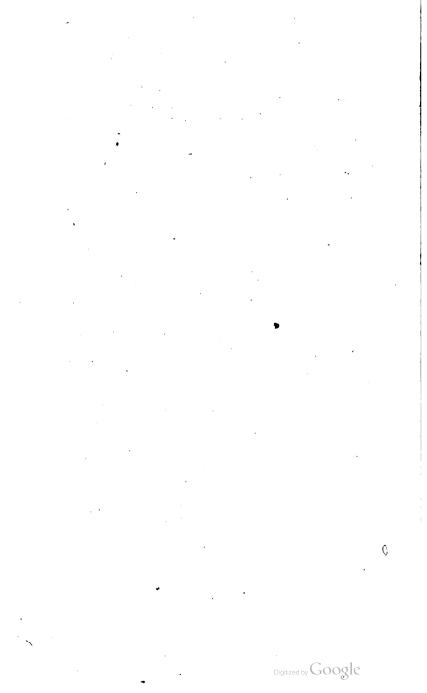
than to caufe myfelf to be immerfed along with a few friends in Madeira wine, (not wine and water,) and to be again called to life, at the end of fifty, or more years, by the genial folar rays of my native country; only that I may fee what improvement the ftate has made, and what changes time has brought along with it.

I cannot conclude thefe few obfervations on the virtues of wine, without introducing the fentiment of another philofophical gentleman. A modern practitioner of confiderable medical fkill, has given an opinion worthy the attention of the convivial world : he tells us, if our vital fenfation require to be much exalted, neither alembics nor crucibles are neceffary for that purpofe; Nature herfelf has provided for us that most excellent fpirit—wine, which exceeds all those prepared by the art of man : if there be any thing in the world which one can call the prima materia, that contains the fpirit of the earth in an incorporated form, it is certainly this noble production :

"With genial joy to warm the foul, "Bright Helen mix'd a mirth-infpiring bowl."

Odyssey.

To promote hilarity, to keep up the good humour of life, to help digeftion by the falutary exercife of the rifible faculty, the compositions that follow were chiefly written;---the cynic, the fanctified hypocrite, and the mifanthrope, will eagerly condemn many of them, but the man of the world, who thinks liberally, and acts up to his feelings, the *bon vivant*, the friend of the fair fex, the bottle and fong, will, it is hoped and prefumed, place them under their private care and protection.



PAT-RIOT,

A REVOLUTIONARY SONG.

I.

OCH! my name is Pat Riot, And I'm never eafy; For when all is quiet, It turns my head crazy:

So to kick up a duft,

By my foul is delighting; Then to lay it again,

I fall to without fighting. Chorus-Row, row, row, row, row, row.

> II. Nought but times topfy turvy Suit my conftitution; And all that I want, is A fnug Revolution :

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Then in rank and in riches I'll equal my betters; And a long lift of creditors Change into debtors. Chorus-Row, row, &c.

III.

I dare not be loyal,

For this loyal reafon; My tutor, Tom Paine,

Tells me loyalty's treafon: And Prieftley my Faith has

Shook to its foundation; So I've no profpect on earth

But eternal damnation.

IV.

In this plight I've a plan,

Tho' it's not ripe for Broaching; But between you and me,

'Tis a little encroaching; By a ftroke—flight of hand—

To furprize all beholders: Why I mean to take off

The king's head from his thoulders. Chorus-Row, row, &cc. Then the crown, d'ye fee,

I wou'd lay on a shelf, Sir; Tho' it fits me as if it

Was made for myfelf, Sir: Och! good luck to the found,

How the dumb bells will ring, Sir, When I've made all men equal,

And made myfelf king, Sir! Chorus-Row, row, &cc.

VI.

Just to guard off th'effect

Of fell lightning and thunder, That together fplit churches

And steeples asunder, I mean to pull down

Are Heaven's conductors. Chorus-Row, row, &c.

vii.

To fee chapels, from churches, Like Phœnixes rifing, Good fouls, the diffenters

Wou'd deem it furprising,

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And, grateful to me,

They wou'd down on their knees too, Who hate both a church

And a chapel of ease too. Chorus-Row, row, &c.

VIII.

Now the lands of the church,

That feed fat and lean preachers, By their leaves, I'll bestow

On the puritan teachers :

Of their tithes, and their off'rings, And gifts, I'll bereave 'em;

And nought but their flomachs

And confciences leave 'em. Chorus-Row, row, &c.

IX.

The law long eftablish'd

No longer shall bind me; With my father before,

Or my father behind me,-I've nothing to do:

Then your bother pray cease, Sir; I'll lay down the law

By a breach of the peace, Sir. Chorus-Row, row, &c.

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Since the law and the gofpel

I've taken by ftorm, Sir, Phyficians shall swallow

My pills of reform, Sir; I'll take off their wigs,

Canes, fees, and degrees; And poifon the rogues

With their own recipes. Chorus-Row, row, &c.

XI.

Since the Commons are cyphers, The Lords but nick-names, Sir,

I mean to prorogue 'em

All into the Thames, Sir; And, left folks fhould fay

I don't humanely treat 'em, Doctor Hawes and cork jackets

At Gravefend shall meet 'em. Chorus-Row, row, &c.

XII.

I'll abolifh all titles Mankind may inherit; From the fountain of honour, Worth, virtue, and merit:

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I'm a naked reformer : The doctrine I preach, is To take coats of arms off Shirts, waistcoats, and breeches. Chorus-Row, row, &c.

XIII.

Thus age, youth, and beauty, Mifs, mafter, and madam,

All decently figg'd

By the taylor of Adam : Why this is not new ;

Becaufe high and low fration, Were all in confusion

Before the creation. Chorus-Row, row, &c.

xiv.

By Jafus, to think how 'Twou'd tickle the devil, To fee from a mountain, All things on a level;
For the devil's a patriot Not over nice, Sir,
And he hates all diffinctions 'Twixt virtue and vice, Sir.
Chorus-Row, row, &c.

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XV.

Here's long life after death To all hot-headed fellows, Who night and day work at The devil's big bellows: What charming confusion, What fine botheration, To blow up the coals, And extinguish the nation! Chorus-Row, row, &c.

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THE

MARRIAGE MORN.

Tune, The Merry Dance.

THE marriage morn I can't forget, My fenfes teem'd with *new delight*; Time, cry'd I, hafte the coming night, And Hymen, give me fweet Lifette: I whifper'd foftly in her ear, And faid, the GOD of NIGHT draws near. Oh, how fhe look'd! Oh, how fhe fmil'd!

Oh, how fhe figh'd ! She figh'd—then fpent a joyful tear.

Now nuptial Night her curtain drew, And Cupid's mandate was, "Commence "With ardour, break the virgin fence;" Then to the bed fweet Lifette flew— 'Twas heav'n to view her when fhe lay, And hear her cry, Come to me, pray; Oh, how I feel ! Oh, how I pant ! Oh, I fhall die !---

Shall die before the break of day!

Soon Manhood rofe with furious guft; And Mars, when he lewd Venus view'd, Ne'er felt his pow'r fo clofely fcrew'd Up to the ftanding poft of Luft: But when the ftranger to her fight Sweet Lifette faw in rampant plight, Oh, how fhe fcream'd! Oh, how fhe

fcream'd! Oh, how fhe fcream'd! She fcream'd—then grafp'd the dear delight.

Now luftful Nature eager grew, And longer could not wanton toy; So rufhing up the path of joy, Quick from the fount Love's liquor fiew: At morn, fhe cry'd, full three times three The vivid ftream I've felt from thee; Oh, how I'm eas'd! Oh, how I'm pleas'd!

Oh, how I'm charm'd!

I'm charm'd with rapt'rous three times three !

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CONVIVIAL.

Tune, Mrs. Cafey.

W HEN round reflection foggy Care His dreary damp difperfes, And Prudence, with *didattic* air, Her cautious code rehearfes; Then grant us, gods, fome glowing wine, Such foes of glee to banifh; 'Twill make our heart's *borizon* fhine, And ev'ry vapour vanifh.

CHORUS.

Then laugh and drink, And never think; Each frifky feftive fellow Will feize the time, The feafon's prime, T' enjoy the fruit while mellow.

The heights of love we can't attain, Till wine's electric potion Reach the fummit of the brain, To quicken Fancy's motion :

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Then Nature's *still*, with rapid flow, In am'rous fermentation,

Fills thro' THE WORM the vat below With lufcious diffillation.

When fafe arriv'd our LATTER END, And time to duft fhall grind us, Our atoms can't the eyes offend Of neighbours left behind us: If with the heart-expanding bowl, Infpiring love and laughter, We foak the body and the foul, 'Twill lay the duft bereafter.

The hardy tars more valiant fight, The foldiers fally quicker,

The poets with more *fpirit* write,

When charg'd with conqu'ring liquor: And to forrow-finking hearts

Wine's the true falvation; For, take enough, and foon departs Suspended animation.

His journey foon must end, they fay, Who drives thro' life fo quickly; And, ere in years his hair turn gray, His body will be fickly:

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If Velnos' Syrup he purfue,

'Twill strengthen trunk and twig, Sir; And if his hair should change its hue, He can but mount a wig, Sir.

Kind Fortune, fix the jolly foul On Plenty's full-plum'd pinion,
To foar beyond the fad control Of Poverty's dominion;
And when, with eager fatal claw, You take him by the *tbrottle*,
His precious cork of life to draw, O Death ! don't *fbake* the *bottle*.

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THE

HIGH-METTLED P-O.

Tune, The Race Horfe.

VIEW the lafs lewd and lovely, of high fporting race,

Prepar'd to encounter the lustful embrace; Her t—s wide extended, her tempting breasts bare,

While ruddy and rampant, erecting his creft,

With ardour rebounding from knee to the breaft,

The fignal obferv'd, firmly fix'd on his feat,

The high-mettled P----o first starts for the heat.

The luftful receiver conceal'd by black hair:

- Full ftretch'd, croffing, juftling, fee onward they rufh,
- And o'er the fame ground three times fpeedily push;
- Till weary'd, worn out, we behold P----o tame,
- As he crawls off the course lifeles, jaded, and lame.
- A fhort time elaps'd, when examin'd his cafe,
- He's found forely injur'd by running the race;
- And the high mettl'd P-----o, erst proud and elate,
- Is pronounc'd by the knowing ones in for the plate.
- Confin'd to the stable, shut out from the stud,

Reftrain'd in his diet, and oft lofing blood

- He's plaister'd and poultic'd, in linen rags rob'd,
- Fir'd, purg'd, and bolus'd, cut, fyring'd, and prob'd;

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- Till burning like frones that are turn'd into lime,
- Alas! lucklefs P-----o's cut off in his prime.
- Lament the hard fate this fad ftory informs,
- The high-mettl'd P-----o's made food for the worms.

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BOTANY BAY.

Tune, Liberty Hall.

BRITANNIA, fair guardian of this favour'd land,

Lately fanction'd a fcheme, in full Cabinet plann'd,

For transporting her fons who from honour dare ftray,

To that fweet fpot terrestrial, term'd Bo-TANY BAY.

Toll de roll, &c.

- Now this BAY, by fome blockheads we've fagely been told,
- Was unknown to the fam'd navigators)f old;

But this I deny, in terms homely and blunt, For BOTANY BAY is the fpot we call ——.

Toll de roll, &c.

Our ancestor Adam, 'tis past any doubt,

Was the famous Columbus that found the fpot out;

He brav'd ev'ry billow, rock, quickfand, and fhore,

To fteer thro' THE PASSAGE none ere fteer'd before.

Toll de roll, &c.

- Kind Nature, ere Adam had push'd off to fea,
- Bid him be of good cheer, for his pilot fhe'd be:
- Then his cables he flipp'd, and stood straight for the Bay,
- But was stopp'd in his passage about THE MIDWAY.

Toll de roll, &c.

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- Avast! Adam cry'd, I'm dismasted, I doubt,
- If I don't tack the HEAD of my VESSEL about;

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Take courage, cry'd Nature, and leave it to me,

For 'tis only THE LINE that divides THE RED SEA.

Toll de roll, &cc.

- Tho' fhook by the STROKE, Adam's MAST flood upright,
- His BALLAST was steady, his TACKLING quite tight;
- Then a breeze fpringing up, down the RED STRAITS he ran,
- And, o'erjoy'd with his voyage, he fit'd off a GREAT GUN.

Toll de roll, &c.

- High from the MAST HEAD, by the help of ONE EYE,
- The HEART of the BAY did old Adam efpy;
- And, alarm'd at a noife—to him Nature did fay,
- That it was the TRADE WIND, which blows always ONE WAY.

Toll de roll, &c.

So transported was Adam in BOTANY BAY, He dame Nature implor'd to SPEND there night and day,

And curious he try'd the BAY's bottom to found,

But his LINE was too fhort by a YARD from the ground.

Toll de roll, &c.

- The time being out, Nature's fentence had pass'd,
- Adam humbly a favour of her bounty ask'd,
- That when flock'd with provisions, and ev'ry thing found,
- To BOTANY BAY he again might be bound. Toll de roll, &c.
- Nature granted the boon both to him and his race,
- And faid, oft I'll transport you to that charming place;
- But never, cry'd she, as you honour my word,
- Set fail with a Clap, Pox, or Famine on board.

Toll de roll, &c.

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Then this BOTANY BAY, or whate'er, be the name,

I have prov'd is the fpot from whence all of us came;

May we there be transported, like Adam our fire,

And never return 'fore the time shall expire. Toll de roll, &c.

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THE

NEWLY-DUBB'D JEW.

Tune, Derry Down.

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MY Mufe, t'other day, having laughter in view,

Selected George Gordon, the now no more Jew,

Refolving to flate, with Mofaic precifion, What befel poor Crop's P---- on the late circumcifion.

- The Rabbi appear'd, and the Christian's foreskin
- Was about to be banish'd, to cleanse Crop of fin;
- But Gentiles and Jews, mark the cream of the joke,
- By Prometheus infpir'd, his P----- fuddenly fpoke.

- Tho' with fear first poor P-----o had prudently shrunk,
- And, like fnail in its shell, fnugly hid lay his trunk ;
- To the Priest then he cry'd, put your knife in its cafe,
- Or, you terrible Cut P-----k, I'll pifs in your face.
- My Lotd flood amaz'd, and the Rabbi was mum,
- To hear a thing talk that had ever been dumb;
- Tha' Crop faid his P---- ne'er obey'd his command,
- But always lay down when he with'd him to fland.

This damnable riot in Crop's private part, Baffl'd the Priest and resisted his art,

- So he fwore, if P---- did not ceafe making a route,
- He'd pull out his c-d-m, and muffle his fnout.

- Not a crab-louse car'd P..... for the Priest and his laws;
- He flood up for his prepuce, and fpoke to the caufe;
- His language was nervous, his reasoning clear,
- And he spoke full as well as the Mambers elsewhere.
- Your life, cry'd he, Crop's a mere mock of devotion;
- Well fpoken, faid Cods, who was backing each motion;
- Such conduct, he faid, combin'd madnefs and fin;
- And Cods fwore his friend P—— fhould fleep in a whole fkin.
- Now in Akerman's fynagogue Crop's got a place,
- A beard like a Jew doth his pious front grace;
- In time 'tis to grow fo enormoufly big,
- As to make TOMMY ERSKINE a full-bottom'd wig.

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- Mr. P----, faid Crop, to turn Turk I intend,
- And 'mongft fmack and fmooth eunuchs my days will I end;
- Poor P---- took the hint, and did woefully weep,
- Till his *fle/b cap* flipp'd o'er him, then he fell asleep.

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The FLATS and the SHARPS of the NATION.

OF HANDEL's fam'd Commemoration, And what was let loofe there, I fing, When the Flats and the Sharps of our nation

Affembled along with their King. Madam Mara (now mark what will follow)

Her ravishing founds was imparting; Momus play'd off a trick on Apollo,

And fet the fweet lady a f-t-g.

At Sowgelders' Hall, rural fcene,

The feat of a Knight and his fwine, The mufical Madam had been

Invited by Mawbey to dine: So the caufe of this windy commotion

Was owing, if we're not mistaken, To her bolting too great a proportion

Of peafe-pudding and gammon of bacon.

Sir John Hawky, the mufical Knight,

Who in wit all the Quorum furpaffes,

And to whom, if we judge of him right, The wife men of Greece were mere affes, Has defin'd Antient Music to be

What fprung from the bottom of Madam,

And that under the wifdom-fraught tree Eve f-t-d in concert with Adam.

Now those fages renown'd in our nation, The fam'd F.R.S.es, do tells us, That to blow up the coals of creation, The bum is a species of bellows. But Priestley, who loves to oppose, Doth a different system insist on, And swears that he's led by the nose To pronounce it a Cask of Phlogiston.

The moment the Lady let fly,

Billington, Storacci, and Kelly, With laughter were ready to die

At the pickle of poor Rubinelli; For Rubi, the father of fcreeches,

In laughing at Mara, fo ftrain'd it, That his pipe let the pifs in his breeches,

For no CISTERN has he to retain it.

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Hurlowe Thrumbo, your wonder 'twill raife,

Is of catgut fo charming a scraper,

That, old Orpheus-like, when he plays, The trees and the brutes round him caper.

He blasted the Thing I won't name,

Hop'd she'd burst on the rock of damnation;

- But he stopp'd when the Bishop cry'd "Shame,
 - " Brother, think of the late proclamation."

That famous reformift, Jack Wilkes,

Martin Luther the Second now deem'd, Sat in converse with Lawn Sleeves and Silks,

And declar'd Sacred Mufic blafphem'd;

But Jack turning round to Jem Twitch, Swore 'twas like the affair on the Terrace,

When Bethsheba, impudent bitch,

Shew'd bollocking David her bare arfe.

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Now Sir Watkin ap Williams ap Wynne, Who came from whence came John ap Morgan,

Roar'd out to the band-leading Bates,

To drown the FOUL NOISE with bur organ:

So Bates, by a blaft of the bellows,

Made peace and fweet founds rule the roaft;

Then drink about, laughing fellows-

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For f-g and fiddling's my toaft.

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RUNNYMEDE PILLAR.

Air, I can't for my Life guefs the Caufe of this Fufs.
T_0 celebrate deeds of renown, 'tis
agreed
That a pillar on fam'd Runneymede be erected :
MEN of PARTS of all parties then here may proceed,
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To relate how this wonderful work is effected.
The pillar's to fland in Middlefex land,
BUSHY PARK'S CENTRE'S the fweet plea-
fure ground ;
A ftrong-fenc'd retreat, well water'd and
fweet,
Where Adam first FELL, Runnymede's
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to be found
CHORUS.
Rare Runnymede fuch pleafures produ-
cing,
No language of mortals is equal to tell;
Tho' Mofes declines it, my Muse thus de-
fines it :
The paradife where our progenitors FELL.
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When the midwife, our welcome deliverer, came, Runnymede witnefs'd a great revolution : From bondage fhe brought us, and Nature, dear dame, To Britain's brave fons gave their good Conffitution : For bleffings like thefe, let gratitude feize The CRITICAL MINUTE its ardour to fhew : The stones first prepare the PILLAR to rear. Then DISCHARGE in this MEDE the just debt that we owe. Rare Runnymede, &c. When Eve, with a mixture of fear and furprife, Beheld the HUGE PILLAR of Adam erected. Her bare bofom heav'd, and gave vent to foft fighs, While with curious eye fhe the structure

infpected.

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O'erjoy'd did she trace the Moss round its base,

But its altitude did her chafte fenfes appal;

Eve fainted away, and Mofes doth fay,

That her apron of fig-leaves flew up in the fall.

Rare Runnymede, &c.

Adam's inftinct divine difplay'd powers that prove,

Mighty man most fagacious of Nature's creation;

Eve's distress he beheld, and, in pity, Love

His COLUMN convey'd to its dear destination.

What follow'd, you'll find, is wifely defign'd,

And the Hercules' Pillar of Pagan renown

Ne'er long could ftand in Middlefex land, Adam's BASIS gave way, fo the Pillar fell down.

Rare Runnymede, &c.

By the magical touch of his heaven-tun'd lyre,

Amphion, the Theban King, wonders effected ;

- Stones erft in confusion his founds did infpire,
 - They danc'd, and we're told tow'ring walls were erected.
- Such harmonic fway this Mede doth difplay,
 - And from chaos, thus transient, can order reftore;
- A quick refurrection fucceeds the defection,

To meet the fame fate that befel it before.

Rare Runneymede, &c.

That architect, old Mother Phillips I mean,

Doth cafes prepare of a curious conftructure,

From the fury of fire *ftanding Pillars* to fcreen,

As light'ning's difarm'd by th' attractive Conductor :

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But curft be her traffic for THINGS POLY-**GRAPHIC** : To vend for original, Pillars fhe plann'd; Monuments bafe usurping the place, Where alone the PROUP PILLAR of Nature should stand. Rare Runnymede, &c. Tho' partifans differ, in this all agree, From Reafon's clear light, and from Nature's dictation, That THE MEDE, at this moment, my mind's eye doth fee, Is alone the fweet fpot for the PROUD PILLAR's flation. There fout may it fland, refifting Time's hand: And, Nature, great architect, as thee we prize ! From fire protect it, when down don't neglect it, Let it RISE but to FALL, let it FALL but to RISE. Rare Runnymede, &c.

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THE

BANKRUPT BAWD.

Tune, Vicar of Bray.

N EAR Jermyn-ftreet a BAWD did trade, In credit, ftyle, and fplendor, Well known to ev'ry *bigb-bred* blade, And thofe of *doubtful* gender: How Nature once, in *marring* mood, Her body form'd, I'll tell ye, Upon her back a *fwelling ftood*, To mock her *barren belly*. CHORUS. For fome fucceed, and others fail, That into commerce enter, So few are chafte, and many frail,

In this great trading Center.

In coney *fkins* her commerce lay, A charming flock fhe'd laid in; She ne'er to *fmugglers* fell a prey, Her practice was *fair trading*:

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Thefe fkins when drefs'd were red and white, The fur of each fair creature, Of diff'rent hues, hath day and night Kept warm man's naked nature. For fome fucceed, &c.

The trading flock of this old BAWD A vital flab fuftain'd, fir; The news like wild-fire flew abroad,

Each cuftomer complain'd, fir; Some coney_/kins lay with a lot,

By caution uninfpected; So quarantine, alas! forgot, Foul plague the whole infected. For fome fucceed, &c.

Now OLD and YOUNG her fhop forfook, Infolvent was her plight, fir, When Habeas Corpus Catchpole took Her body off by night, fir; From Banco Regis civil law, To liquidate her debt, fir, Between the sheets this OLD BAWD faw Of London's fam'd Gazette, fir. For fome fucceed, &c.

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To give each creditor his due, Three men. the Lord's Anointed, IACK WILKES, LORD SANDWICH, and OLD Q., . egg. Were Affignees appointed : But, luckless Bawd! the after day Her flock on fire they found, fir ; So 'twas agreed the could not pay A cundum in the pound, fir. For fome fucceed, &c. The fkin (ber own) this Bawd had left, Each Affignee did handle ; 'Twas found of all its fur bereft, By finging flame of candle: Some butter'd bunns conceal'd within. Old Q.'s keen eye beset, fir; So Wilkes defin'd this coney fkin A fund for floating debt, fir. For fome fucceed, &c.

By beadlong luft her claimants led, They feiz'd her mortal treasures The furless coney skin was spread, A dividend past measure.

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Now all came in, not one flood out; THE BAWD was fet at large, fir; Her coney fkin (of worth, no doubt) Did ev'ry MAN difcharge, fir. For fome fucceed, &c.

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MEDLEY.

Air, Bow Wow.

SILENCE, humbugs all, and I'll fing you a merry fong;

- Like our lives, 'tis a medley, neither fhort nor very long;
- I mean plainly to prove, that in high and low flation,
- Hub, bub, bub, bub, boo, is the bufinefs of the nation.

Hub, bub, boo, fal, lal, &c.

- As late from the hall Hurlow Thrumbo came growling,
- A carman's great dog at his coach fet up howling;
- Enrag'd with the brute, Hurlow let down the glafs, fir,
- Cry'd, " whole dog is that ?" quoth the carman, " alk his a-, fir."

- The coachman drove on; but ere he'd driven very far,
- Two wheels were left behind, and fnap went the fplinter bar;
- Hurlow roar'd out aloud (tho' no doubt he did wrong to't),
- For he blafted the bar, and all that belong'd to't.
- 'Tis not long ago, fince poor Jack, the Brighton taylor,
- For fitching well a *button-hole*, was pinn'd up by the jailor :
- The trial tells us, by furprife, fnip feiz'd an artlefs lafs, fir,
- And cabbag'd her virginity, the best piece of her a-, fir.
- The maiden fcream'd, and fnip teem'd with love's delicious liquor;
- O there never was a taylor that could flitch it nine times quicker;
- Twas ditto, ditto, ditto, ditto, ditto,
- Till he work'd up all the thread, then he ripp'd up the flit O.

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" R------," dames cry, " what a ravifhing creature !

"His pipe! and his fhake! and each delicate feature!"

But la ! what a pity, divine R-----!

Your pipe can but carry the p-from your belly !

Bow, wow, wow, &c.

If wedlock's your plan, ere you fcheme to open trenches,

- Humbugs pray take heed of our modern made-up wenches :
- Fore and aft they are plump to view, but feel, and you will find, fir,
- They've bubbles like blown bladders, and all is hum behind, fir.
- Oh poverty ! our purfes fpare, and pains, do not perplex us,
- Still the cheerful fong we'll chaunt, nor fhall trifles ever vex us;

But leave to dreary dull dogs their cheerlefs hours to fpend, fir,

Whilft we, in mirthful mood, meet our bottles, c----s, and friends, fir.

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Now the fequel of my fong mark well each humbug brother,

Tho' here we laugh, drink and joke, and humbug one another;

When out of wind, Death hums us, and we're fent the Lord knows where, fir,

If we've humbugg'd the Devil, I'll be d----d if we need fear, fir.

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HUMBUG CLUB CONSTITUTIONAL SONG. Air, The Reaft Beef of Old England. ${f T}$ HIS taftey gay town's grown of humbug fo full, That ev'ry new day starts new matter to gull, Credulity's known by the name of John Bull. O the humbugs of Old England; How finely Old England's humbugg'd! Sham patriots profess, with a plaufible grace, The nerves of the nation they fhortly could brace. But pro bono publico means a good place. O the humbugs, &c. Here clergy the minister flatter and fawn, Stick close to his skirts to secure sleeves of lawn. And the curate's old caffock goes weekly to pawn.

O the humbugs, &c.

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The dunce is dubb'd doctor, fans sense in his head,

And fame unacquir'd is thro' quackery fpread,

With cures that are curelefs credulity's fed.

O the humbugs, &c.

- The captain's a compound of flath and cockade,
- Cofmetics, pink powder, with curl carronade,
- And his feats are confin'd to box-lobby parade.

O the humbugs, &c.

Now lawyers are licens'd their clients to cheat,

Trading justices equity tread under feet, And rafcally runners all rogu'ry greet.

O the humbugs, &c.

The stage, to amuse us, sings "Fal de Ral Tit,"

With "Che chow cherry chow, and cherry chow chit;"

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And then, to humbug us, they puff it as wit.

O the humbugs, &c

So now, brother humbugs, you all plainly fee,

That few modern modes from humbugging are free ;

Let's diffinguish our bumbug with wine, wit, and glee.

O the humbugs, &c.

THE celebrated patropels of the young Chimney Sweepers, whole hard fate was fo often deplored by the late Jonas Hanway, has had fitted up an elegant apartment in her town refidence, decorated with Feathers; here follows a defcription of what is termed "THE FEATHER'D ROOM."

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THE blue-flocking club, when abandon'd by fame,

On a project refolv'd to revive a lost name, So for each member's comfort in life's chil-

ling gloom,

Old mother M-----tague feather'd her room.

CHORUS.

Sing a Ballynamona oro,

A fine feather'd chamber for me.

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Like old mother Philips, tho' doubtlefs her betters,

These blue-stocking ladies are ladies of letters;

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Not in love, but in learning, their paffions prevail,

And they feather the head whilft they moult at the tail.

tit.

An Irifh upholsterer Murphy's the man,
Who furnished my muse with a sketch of this plan;
To guard off the wind that hard by the spot gathers,
He told me she'd paper'd her front room

with feathers.

ÍV.

By the hair-broom of Nature this room was neglected,

Here lay dust undisturbed, and there cobweb collected ;

Till a lewd fon of Adam, a fon of a whore, To get into the room had *burft open the door*.

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v.

Then wicked wit W and old lolly-pop Q_____, This fine feather'd drawing-room haften'd to view ; Old Q_____ firft got in, but he foon turn'd about, For the feathers flew round him and tickl'd bis fnout.

VI.

W----- ftood undifmay'd at old Q-----'s queer mifhap,

And fwore, tho' the devil fhould ftand in the gap,

Into it he'd wriggle; when in it he got, He turn'd pale and fell fick, and dropt dead on the fpot.

VII.

Birds of paffage, alas ! all us mortals are here,

Exclaim'd Johnny W----- when he fpent his last tear; In his last dying speech he declar'd with dejection,

He'd not the least hope of a flesh refurrection.

VIII.

Now ere like Johnny W----- my mufe gives up the ghoft,

She leaves, as a legacy, Nature's first toast; The front room of Eve Adam fill'd full of fin,

Well feather'd without, and well furnish'd within.

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LITTLE PERU,

OR THE

WICKLOW GOLD-MINE.

I.

MY fweet native land, the first place of my birth there,

Good luck to you dear if the ftory be true, In your bowels I'm told on the face of the earth there,

Lies Mexico's wealth, a fnug little Peru; Back to Ireland I'll trot and fall digging for riches,

These two eyes no longer shall pewter behold,

For a pair I'll get measur'd of ready-made breeches,

And copper both pockets with pure virgin gold.

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Leave nothing behind you but what you can take,

'Tis your turn to laugh at John Bull's rags and tatters,

No longer at Pat. can he fun and game make.

No more with fweet butter-milk whitewash your bodies,

No more with potatoes your full flomachs cram,

As Plutus, not Patrick, old Ireland's rich God is,

Drink champaign and ven? fon with rafberry jam.

III.

You chairmen from Ireland, big blackguards call'd ponies,

- Cafe you up and down, fan away tabbies in chairs,
- You'll foon be all jontlemen and macaronies,
- If your prize in Peru only comes up in fhares.

Come then brother Pats and pack up your odd matters,

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I think I now fee you all fwell, ftrut, and fwagger,

With big lumps of nature's coin'd gold in your hand,

When by whilkey tight-laced up St. James's you ftagger,

Bid tabbies go carry themfelves and be d-----d.

IV.

And you flashy captains who oft go recruiting,

- 'Mongft England's brifk widows, fond daughters and wives,
- Leave war for a peace, and don't be after fhooting
- Of Frenchmen, to frighten them out of their lives.
 - What's honour and glory to flush ready rhino,

Without which no captain can keep up the ball,

Quick march to Peru, the fweet fpot you and I know,

Fill your bellies with full pay and half-pay and all,

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- Oh! you my Bath Bobadils hunting for acres,
- And fhaking your elbows, cry feven's the main,
- For the bodies of belles you're the live undertakers,
- But you take them, it's true, for no prolpect of gain.
- "It's not for a gold inite you Bobadils marry,
- Tis all for pure love, Beauty, Einper, and grace !
- ¹⁹Tis for¹ kindnefs and tendernefs faid Captain Larry,
- Who kill'd his laft wife by too fight an embrace.
 - Ye limbs of the law living on little pittances,

VI.

- Fertile in quibbles, tho' barren in fees, Yet pregnant with bother 'bout Irish-remittances,
 - Which you mighty well know never crofs the falt feas;

Leave the law's crooked path for the straight path of pleasure,

The road to Peru is the turnpike to wealth; And when you walk thro' it purfuing your treafure,

Pay as you come back, when your purfe is in health.

VII.

- You gentlemen all in St. Giles's gay quatter,
- To earry a hod, make your shoulder an ass,
- My tight peep of day boys, leave stones, bricks, and mortar,

Come one after t'other, rife all in a mass.

Go tafte but the water of Wicklow's clear fountain,

- And then, in a moment, you'll miracles find;
- By the ftream that runs up to the top of the mountain,
- Like a watch cafe of gold will your bodies be lin'd.

VIII.

And you L-----M like penny-poft walking,

All up and down London to bother the ftones,

- In a pair of jack boots there no longer be ftalking,
- But to Ireland convey yourfelf, body, and bones.
- As an absentee go and dwell on your estate then,
- " Lay the root to the axe" of your tenants diffrefs,
- A flice of Peru for old Pompey the great then,
- Will make him look bigger fure never the lefs.

IX.

- And you father O'Burke, first of Irish defenders,
- Of war and corruption, of tyrants and flaves,
- Protector of kings, not of humbug pretenders,
- So you pray for their lives, and keep digging their graves.

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As their old prieft and fexton you've got a fnug penfion,

The gift of our king, wealthy, worthy, and wife;

'Twas to make you fee clearer, ah! lucky invention,

He threw the gold dust of Peru in your eyes.

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Jew Aaron of old, in the absence of Moses, Set up a gold calf, a strange fancy I think; When Moses came back, they pull'd each others noses.

- Burnt the gold calf, and mixt it with water to drink.
- To be fure for pure gold with fome filver alloy now,

I fhan't be of worfhip and gratitude full;

- But I make a calf when you know my dear joy now,
- For half the expence I can make a nate bull.

- While planning profperity for brother paddies dear,
- I took up the news, called the National Star;
- I read it aloud, and was mightily vex'd to hear
- Peru had been feiz'd for the king, not the war.
- So faid I to myfelf, talking to a bye-ftander,
- I hate all damn'd wars and their confequent ills;
- But Peru for the king, fedition and flander,
- 'Tis to pay future ministers' blunders and bills.

THE

BLUE VEIN,

A TRUE WELCH STORY.

I.

Y E fun-loving fellows for comical tales, Match this if you can, truly current in Wales;

The bible fo old, and the testament new,

Have none more authentic, more faithful, or true.

- Four frifky maidens, young, handfome, and plump,
- Who cou'd each crack a flea on their bubbies or rump,
- Took it into their heads, just to bother the tail
- Of Ned Natty, a grobin, to they jalap'd his ale.

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11.

- Now Ned on red herrings that ev'ning did fup,
- So he drank ev'ry drop of the gripe-giving cup,
- Soon his guts 'gan to grumble, and fhortly Ned found
- His bowels give way, and his body unbound:
- The buckskin's gay leather, by gallows confin'd,
- Could not be cut down 'till indecently lin'd,
- This made Neddy's P-----o, accustom'd to fprout,
- Shrink into his belly, and turn up his fnout.

III.

The time this damn'd jalap in Ned's belly lurk'd,

No post-horfe like Neddy was ever fo work'd,

- Three nights and three days he lay fquirting in bed,
- And neither could hold up his tail nor his head :
- The ftorm, at length, ceafing, purg'd Ned 'gan to think
- On fome revenge fweet for this damnable ftink,
- " For I'm damn'd," exclaim'd Ned, " if thefe bitches fhan't find
- "That I'm cabbag'd before, tho' I'm loofen'd behind."

IV.

'Twas early one morn, exercifing his fteed, Ned faw an old gipfey hag croffing the mead,

- Straight he hail'd her, and faid, "Woman, where do you hie?"
- She replied, " to tell fortunes of females hard by":
- Now these females Ned found were his jalapping friends,
- So he thought it the feafon to make them amends,

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Then he brib'd for the cant, and the gipfey's old cloaths;

Thus equipp'd, faid Ned, trick for trick, damn me, here goes.

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- First Molly, the cook-maid, he took by the hand,
- From her greafy palm, told her what fortune had plann'd,
- She was foon to be married, each year have a brat,
- " Indeed," cried the cooky, " how can you tell that?"
- " I'll tell you the number," faid Ned, " let me fee
- " The blue vein that's low plac'd 'twixt the navel and knee,"
- When the pull'd up her cloaths, Ned exclaim'd, "I declare
- "Your blue vein I can't fee, 'tis fo cover'd with hair."

VI.

Next dairy-maid Dolly, of letchery full, Swore fhe was then breeding, for fhe'd had the buil; To the gipfey, faid Doll, " can you, old " woman, tell

"Whether bull or cow calf make my belly "fo fwell?"

When he view'd her blue vein, he faid, "Doll, by my troth,

- "You must find out two fathers, for you "will have both,"
- For the fquire and the curate, when heated with ale,

Doll Dairy had milk'd in her amorous pail.

VII.

- Now Kitty, the house-maid, so frisky and fair,
- Who fmelt none the fweeter for carrotty hair,
- Prefenting her palm to the gipfey fo fhrewd,
 - Was candidly told that her nature was lewd:
- "While feeling the vein near her gold-girted nick,

"Kate play'd the old gipley a suppery trick,

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So Kate, that had ne'er been confider'd a whore,

Was told fhe'd mifcarried the morning before.

'VIII.

- Then came Peggy the prude, who no bawdy could bear,
- Yet wou'd tickle the lap-dog while combing his hair;
- " Is the butler, my fweetheart," faid Peggy, "fincere,
- " And shall we be married, pray, gipsey, " this year :"
- Quoth the gipfey, "you'll have him for "better or worfe,
- "But you'll find that his corkfkrew is not "worth a curfe;
- "So when you are wed, 'twill be o'er the "town talk'd,
- " There goes Peggy, a bottle, most dam-" nably cork'd."

IX.

- Now Ned, thus reveng'd, bid the maidens good day,
- But, curious, they ask'd him a moment to stay,

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- For faid Molly, the cook-maid, " we all " long to fee
- " If you've a blue vein 'twixt the navel and knee:".
- Ned pull'd up his cloaths, Sir, when to their furprife,
- They beheld his blue vein of a wonderful fize,
- The fight Kate the carrotty couldn't withftand,
- She grasp'd the blue vein 'till it burst in her hand.

x.

- So alarm'd, the prude Peggy fell into ftrong fits,
- Frighten'd cook and Doll dairy went out of their wits;

Then carrotty Kitty to gipfey Ned fpoke,

- "We'll each give a guinea to ftifle the "joke:"
- But Ned fwore that no money fhould filence his tongue,

That the tale fhould be told in a mirthmoving fong; "As a caution," cry'd Ned, " to all Abi-" gails frail,

"'That there's more fun in f-----g than " jalapping ale."

xı.

The ftory like wildfire o'er Cambria was (pread,

From the borders of Chefter, to fam^{*}d Holyhead,

In a vein of good humour, the vein that is blue,

Will long be remember'd by me and by you:

Then fill a bright bumper to honour this vein,

A bumper of pleafure to badger all pain; So hear us, celeftials, gay mortals below ! Drink c-t, the blue vein, wherein floods of joy flow.

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COUNTRY LIFE.*

Written by CAPTAIN MORRIS.

WITH ADDITIONAL STANZAS BY MR. HEWERDINE, MARKED BY INVERTED COMMAS.

IN LONDON I never know what to be at-Enraptur'd with this, and transported with that:

I'm wild with the fweets of variety's plan— And life feems a bleffing too happy for man !

- But the COUNTRY (Lord blefs us!) fets all matters right—
- So calm and composing from morning to night:
- Oh, it fettles the ftomach, when nothing is feen
- But an als on a common—a goole on a green!

• Captain Morris's Song is here inferted, for the fake of the answer that follows.

- Our mornings a round of good humour delight—
- And we rattle in comfort and pleafure all night!
- In the COUNTRY how pleafant our vifits to make,
- Thro' ten miles of mud, for formality's fake;
- With the coachman in drink, and the moon in a fog,
- And no thought in our head—but a ditch or a bog !

In LONDON, if folks ill together are put, A bore may be roafted, a quiz may be cut. "In the COUNTRY your friends would feel angry and fore,

" Call an old maid a quiz, or a parfon a bore."

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- In the COUNTRY you're nail'd like a pale in your park,
- To fome flick of a neighbour cramm'd into the ark;

Or, if you are fick, or in fits tumble down,

You reach death, ere the doclor can reach you from town.

- I've heard that how love in a cottage is fweet,
- When two hearts in one link of foft fympathy meet:---
- I know nothing of that; for, alas, I'm a fwain
- Who requires (I own it) more links to ' My chain!
- Your jays and your magpies may chatter on trees,
- And whifper foft nonfenfe in groves if they pleafe:
- But a house is much more to my mind than a tree;
- And, for groves—oh, a fine grove of chimneys for me !

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- " In the ev'ning you're fcrew'd to your chairs fift to fift,
- " All flupidly yawning at fixpenny whift;
- " And, tho' win or lofe, 'tis as true as 'tis strange,
- "You've nothing to pay—the good folks bave no change !
- " But, for finging and piping, your time to engage,
- "You've cock and hen bullfinches coop'd in a cage;
- " And what mufic in nature can make you fo feel,
- " As a pig in a gate fluck, or knifegrinder's wheel!
- " I grant, if in fifhing you take much delight,
- " In a punt you may fhiver from morning to night;
- " And, tho' bleft with the patience that Job had of old,
- " The devil a thing do you catch—but a cold !

- "Yet 'tis charming to hear, just from boarding-school come,
- " A Tit-up tune up an old family ftrum:
- " Play God fave the King in an excellent tone,
- "With the fweet variation of Old Bob and Joan!
- " But, what tho' your appetite's in a weak flate,
- " A pound at a time they will push on your plate :---
- "' 'Tis true, as to health, you've no caufe to complain;
- " For they'll drink it, God blefs 'em, again and again l"
- Then in Town let me live, and in Town let me die;
- For, in truth, I can't relifh the COUNTRY —not I.

If I must have a villa in London to dwell,

Oh, give me the fweet fhady fide of Pallmall !

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THE ANSWER TO CAPTAIN MORRIS'S

SONG, " The COUNTRY LIFE."

I.

AS town-bitten bards, bred in fashion and noise,

The country decry, and its health yielding joys;

Let us fairly examine the preference due To the fmoak-fmother'd town, o'er the villa's clear view.

11.

At ev'ry town tavern you turn in to dine, Tho' your dinner's half cold, fmoaking hot is your wine;

Then how pleafant and wholefome while picking your bone,

The mix'd odour of other folks food and your own.

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III.

- Then noify and drunk, fcarcely feeling their legs,
- Bucks fup at the M-----, on hafh'd duck, oyfters, eggs,
- Eggs pregnant with chick, oysters fp-d up before,
- The duck dainty fed in the ftreets common fewer.

IV.

- Yet, how charming Vauxhall in a cold rainy night,
- To hear dull-hacknied ditties to mufic fo trite;
- You've a thin flice of ham, town-made wine thick and flat:
- View a tinman's cafcade, and a fidler's cock'd hat!

v.

See Ranelagh ! folly and fashion's refort,

And vapid mafqued balls, where Intrigue holds her court;

- There girls are "loofe fishes," pull'd up in their turns;
- There wives are harpoon'd, and dull hufbands get horns.

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The dance is *bon ton*—and in hot fultry weather

Sticks the fexes like two pats of butter together !

And when you get into the heart of the hop, You're pinion'd like fowls in a poulterer's

fhop.

VII.

But routes for fine fellows, fine feathers to fee,

Strong *liqueurs* for ladies, who love to make free;

- Old tabbies at cards, over old fashion'd fans,
- Peeping, cheating, and fquinting in each others hands.

VIII.

Then at dinners and concerts fee fidlers fo fine,

Bolt hot macaroni, drink rare foreign wine;

Die away, "amorofo," for fiddle-ftick's fake.

There mufical dames, at each fhift and each fhake,

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IX.

In a vortex of dust, thro' the fun's fcorching ray,

A rotten-row ride on a Sunday how gay;

- Thro' a long lane of lacqueys you meet your hard fate,
- Screw'd in and fcrew'd out of a damn'd narrow gate.

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- Then how curfedly civil when folks in town roam,
- To leave cards with their friends, when they know they're from bome;
- In the country, glad welcome our vifits attends,
- We've no humbugging, card-dropping, fhy-fighting friends.

XI.

- In London, while day-light, not long are you clean;
- At night you're bug bitten, fcarce fit to be feen;
- Thus amusement and exercise fall in your way,
- For you're fcratching all night, and you're fcrubbing all day.

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XII.

- In the fireets oft you meet a queer flick of a fellow,
- Who pokes in your eye his fharp-pointed umbrella;
- But the meafure of danger is fcarcely half full,
- When a flow'r-pot dropt down, breaks itfelf and your fcull.

XIII.

- If in London the doctors should shorten life's date,
- To lie long in the grave's, not the dead bodies fate;
- For furgeon, clerk, fexton, and coachman confpire,
- To mangle the corpfe, and the bones join with wire.

XIV.

- In the country we're healthy, all vigour and fpunk,
- No doctor we want, but to make him dead drunk;

- Nor yet patent-coffins; for, once in the ground,
- Our bodies are fnug, till the trumpet's laft found.

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- Now suppose you a flat, and addicted to play,
- In London a fharp will feize on you as prey;
- He'll the paffion promote, make you drink, though not dry,
- And filch your fair profpects by *loading* the die.

XVI.

- Then the fports of the field, a fine view of the fea,
- Friend and bottle, girl, Cutter, and cottage give me;
- At fmoak'd *rus in urbe* let other bards dwell,
- Keep me from Pall Mall, Piccadilly, and Hell !*

* A famous gambling-house so called in the vicinity of S₉ James's.

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ADDITIONAL STANZAS.

I.

- At the play among loungers and doxies you're cramm'd,
- To hear wretched fluff that has just not been damn'd;
- Take cold with your back 'gainst an open door box,
- Get a crick in the neck, and a c---- full of p-x!

II.

- Sublime your fensations, arise, when you hear
- The codlefs Italian, with pipe fhrill and clear;
- But we in the country, whom cocknies call clods,
- All glory in raifing our pipes with ourc-----ds.

III.

- At night, half feas over, returning from club,
- You run foul of a nightman, and his nosegay tub;

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- And a jordan perhaps, on your noddle may fplit,
- So before you get home, you're bepis'd or be-s-t !

IV.

- In the country to fee us would do your hearts good,
- Such pieces we push at, of pure flesh and blood;
- Take a flyer in town, 'tis a hot butter'd bun,
- And you're certain to pay thro' your nofe for the fun.

v.

- At the playhouse or opera when you approach,
- How fweet to be fluck in a flinking hackcoach;
- And when you alight, ftill your patience to try,
- A ftrange hand's in your pocket, a link's in your eye.

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GOODY BURTON'S ALE.

Tune, The Dufty Miller.

GOODY Burton's ale Gets into my noddle, 'Tis fo ftout and pale, It makes me widdle waddle; When I came to afk, Who the brewing taught her, I found out each cafk Was brew'd by-Goody's daughter.

Now I long'd to fee Goody's buxom brewer, Hoping I fhould be The only one to woe her; When I fpoke her foft, I meant not to fool her, So I went aloft,

And warm'd her in the cooler.

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Oh ! what flefh and blood ! Malt, and hop, and water, Are not near fo good As goody Burton's daughter; · I made her heart right glad, For till I came across it. She had never had A (pigot in her fauset. Nightly at my door Comes a gentle rapping, 'Tis Mifs Burton fure. Who wants her barrel tapping; When her barrel's tapp'd, She with art and cunning, Turns the patent cock, And fets the liquor running. Other folks I hear, Pant for Betfy Burton, But I've nought to fear, So I let her flirt on : If her cask runs low, Slowly comes the liquor, Betfy tilts it /0, And makes it come the quicker.

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Mellow up and ripe, I and Parfon Cottle, Sit behind a pipe. And quaff the ale in bottle; Goody Burton bye, Sings to pleafe the parfon, While Mifs B. and I Carry Nature's—farce on.

By the yeaft I fwear, Yielding fermentation, To the home-brew'd beer, The neighbour's admiration, This the maid will tell, The Bard's no bragging talker, Like ale, to keep her well, Well, by Jove,-I cork ber.

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THE

LADIES' WIGS.

Tune, Moll in the Wad.

YOU'LL pardon me, ma'am, I'm quite a gig,

Is it your hair, or is it a wig? Upon my life, I mean no quiz, But is't your own, or the barber his friz? Becaufe if it is, 'tis a very neat friz, Whether it's yours—or whether it's his; But if it's a wig, it's a little too big, And you'll dance it off in a reel or a jig.

Poft-chaifes, coaches, chairs, and gigs, Are let as jobs like ladies' light wigs; And fcandal goffips (madam) fay Yours is a jafey hir'd by the day. Be that as it may, it's a very cheap way, Jafeys to lett of all colours but grey; But, what do I fee, that gives me fuch glee,

You're cocking your cap and your caxon at me.

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Now into a scrape, by love, I'm led,

Your wig, dear ma'am, has twifted my head;

My heart too, I feel, goes pitty pat, But what care you or your jafey for that; Yet I'm no flat—I know what I'm at,

I'll foon mount a wig of my own to match that :

I care not a fig—the woman I twig I'll marry, by jafey, in fpite of her wig.

The light or dark, brown, black, or flax, No jafey pays Pitt's hair-powder tax; And when with men, maids romp and play, How cool to throw the wiggy away; By night or by day, to frifk, romp, or play, On carpet, bed, fopha, green grafs, or new hay;

Whate'er it's upon, a little crim. con., With a lady's rough jafey's expensive bon

ton.

Pray, ma'am, does the colour of your fcratch

With the hair of your *madgery* match? Perhaps as it is the kick and go,

You've mounted, ma'am, a merkin below!

- But the merkin you'll find, from water and wind,
- Strong torrents before, and stiff breezes behind,
- Will not flick at all; but with glue to the cawl,
- 'Twill flick like a fnug *fwallow's neft* to the wall!

Ah, happy, happy, happy hour,
When I get your wig in my pow'r;
Then we'll count the coming joys,
Buxom girls, and prattling boys;
Dolls, trinkets, and toys to feaft their young eyes,
And lullaby ditties to quiet their noife;
While fweet lolly-pob ftops the figh and

the fob,

Sing higgledy, piggledy, jiggummy bob.

CHORUS.

So bibere bob,

Let's all hob and nob,

To the ladies' brown bob,

And fing plenty of money in ev'ry fob.

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GENTLEMAN's WIG.

Tune, Derry Down.

- I SING not of defpots, or flaves who fubmit,
- Not of farmer GEORGE, JENKY, DUNDAS, Fox, or Pitt!
- My ballad's the bantling of laughter and gig,

'Tis of an old cock in a c-tified wig.

'Gainst the poll-tax of Pitt this old codger did rave,

Like a felon transported, it forc'd him to fhave;

- " Tho' tried for my life," faid th' old buck, I'll rob
- The tail of fome Dolly to build a brown bob.

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Near Somerfet Houfe he fell in with a tit, And he thought, for his purpole, the c-tling was fit;

- But, when he examin'd her parts, d'ye fee,
- All the hair of her c-t would'nt make a toupee.
- The fame night he pick'd up a merryars'd wench,
- With hair quantum fuff. for the wifdomwig'd bench;
- Whilft on her back sleeping as fast as a top,
- He with keen-cutting fciffars her c-t made a crop.
- Away went the thief, and the barber received

The booty, for which a fine cawl he had weav'd;

- But ftrange ! whilft old RAZOR the wig had in hand,
- The *pole* in his breeches did conftantly ftand.

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- Well pleas'd with his plight, Razor laid by his work,
- And lather'd the beard of his wife like a Turk;
- Keep the wig, faid fhe, Love, don't expofe it for fale,
- 'Tis a bob for your head, and a bob for my tail.

The wig frizz'd and curl'd, clofely fhav'd Codger's nob;

Away went the barber to try on the bob; But the bob waxing warm, Codger's paffions did rife.

Which brought *tears* in his breeches, inftead of his eyes.

In rampant condition he flew to a fair, And per chance met the Dolly he'd robb'd of her hair,

She whipp'd off the wig, cloath'd his parts with the cawl,

So in went his dry bob, and wet bob, and all.

- Now we know to be true what anatomists flate,
- That the fountain of love is fupplied from the pate;
- 'Twas the jafey provoking,—firs, mark what I fay,—
- Made his fountain of love in love's bafon to play.
- Then take my advice, ye old cocks of the game,
- Whenever you find your wild paffions grown tame;
- Get a wig made of hair, from the fpot ye all prize,
- And in fpite of your prudence your p-owill rife.

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IRISH DYING DITTY.
I AM in my nature as brifk as a fly, Refolving to live the day after I die; And when I am dead, this live body to fave,
Plant a peck of potatoes plump over my grave;
Then bedge me well round with fome big pebble ftones,
Elfe father Mai's pigs will foon root up

my bones;

For fure foolifh I'd look at the trumpet's laft found,

When my body's to rife, and no bones to be found.

As I've nothing to leave, fo I've made my laft will,

Chalk'd up on a flate, without paper or quill;

- And JUDAH my wife, the delight of my bed,
- Swears she won't open it till I am dead;
- With tears in her eyes too, that did herface foule,
- She vows the'll keep fingle, tho' I quit the houfe;
- When I know that the moment my back's to her face,
- She'll be flying to Paddy O'Blarney's embrace.
- Good luck t'her, fay I, for the comfort I've had,

For when I was merry, fhe always was fad;

- Dead hufbands, fhe tells me, are not worth a curfe,
- And live ones are often no better than worfe.
- When the fleeps all alone, the's all night wide awake,
- And dreams that the devil her confcience will take;
- To drive him away from her head, my fweet bride
- Must have a live spouse to lie by her backfide. 2

- Well, let her be married again, what care . I,
- I'm off to my grave, other fish I've to fry;
- I forgive her, God knows, fure without any bother,
- Oh, fhe'll think of Pat's thing if fhe gets fuch another.
- And now, as the breath in my body's all gone,
- A word or two more, and then Paddy has done;
- But yet, when I think on't, I've nothing to fay,
- For to-morrow we're here, and are all gone to-day.

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COFFIN CLUB.

CONSTITUTIONAL DIRGE,

COSTUME.—Members to appear in black or faded crape cravats, tobacco-boxes in the fhape of patent coffins, the end of the pipes to be put in mourning, with black fealing wax, white pocket handkerchiefs (if convenient) to catch the tears.

N. B. A heavy fine on perfons indulging in that foolifh practice, called laughter.—" Afhes to Afhes, Duft to Duft."—Secretary. The prefident, whoever he may be, for the evening, to be called— Mr. Undertaker; and whoever takes the chair, grave fubjects will be expected from him.

To the Solemn Tune of " JACK RAN."

Y E giddy youth, in life's gay fpring, Who wanton joke, laugh, drink, and fing; Ah, look at us, and change your ways, In fackcloth we fpend all our days.

CHORUS—WITH A GROAN. May fate beftow what's good for you, Horrors jet black, and devils dark blue.

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Did you but know how fweet is grief, The flowing tears that yield relief; Sweet forrow's figh, heart-heaving moan, Your life wou'd be one grunt and groan.

For life's like bubbles made by rain, No fooner come, but gone again; So we must go, as 'tis our doom, To make for other bubbles room.

Then ne'er rejoice, or e'er look glad, Keep cloudy front, and vifage fad; For life's a flake of fmoke at best, And not as poet's fay, " *a jeft*."

Away with idle hopes and fears, Cut fhort your days, and nights, and years; When defp'rate grown, and hating life. Go off by water, rope, or knife.

Coffins to be shewn.

Then comes this tight-fcrew'd patent cafe,

The undertaker's last embrace;

Faft lock'd in which, four feet in ground, We're fafe until the trumpet's found. But, hark! the fexton tolls the bell! So coffin comrades fare ye well.

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THE

TOY.

AT Hampton-court a manfion flands, A tavern, called the Toy, fir, A captain there and enfign came, A feeming beardlefs boy, fir; The waiter fhew'd 'em both a room, And as the ftory teaches, He fhortly faw the captain's hand Within the enfign's breeches !

The captain damn'd the waiter's foul, And bid him ftraight retire, fir, The enfign fwore, in bouncing tone, He'd throw him on the fire, fir ! "I beg your pardon, Sirs," faid he, And thus express my forrow, "This is the Toy at Hampton-court, "Not Sodom and Gomorrab!"

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Away the waiter ran down stairs, No waiter e'er ran faster. Half out of breath he told the tale To Boniface, his master; A council at the bar agreed. That chambermaid and cook, fir, To give proof of their dirty tricks, Should thro' the key-hole look, fir. So up went cooky first, and spied The parties billing, cooing, When to herfelf, she faid, "God's curfe," "What nafty work's a brewing;" I'll /pit 'em, baste 'em, roast 'em too, I'll clyfter-pipe the fellows, Then straight with water scalding hot, She fill'd the kitchen bellows. Nell chambermaid next crept up stairs, Saw th' enfign on a table, The captain charging 'twixt his legs, With bayonet fo able; "I'll tuck you up, I'll warm your bed, " And when warm in your places," Said Nell, " I'll fcorch your nafty fcuts, " Throw p-s in both your faces."

The laundrefs fwore fhe'd mangle 'em, The dairy-maid would fkim 'em, The bar-maid vow'd fhe'd fqueeze 'em too, The offler fwore he'd trim 'em : The post-boy was for whipping them, The boots, for brushing, beating, The fcullion was for fcow'ring them, The waiter was for cheating. The landlord up stairs led the way, His fervants follow'd after. They found the captain full of play, The enfign full of laughter; The captain cry'd out, "Who's afraid?" But th' enfign look'd difgrace, fir, And carried, as the landlord faid, The colours in his face, fir. Old Boniface faid, " fie for shame!

" Sure, captain, you are no man,

"You lie," faid he, " and look ye here, " My enfign is a woman;"

And when he ope'd her waistcoat wide, The parties were struck dumb, sir,

For a pair of bubbies bolted out,

God Cupid's kettle drums, fir.

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The cook faid to the enfign gay, "I'm quite up to the rig, fir, "You Sodomiters, people fay, "Have breafts as dumplings big, fir; "And 'till I feel I'll not believe, "For I knows dogs from bitches," And faying this, fhe thruft her hand Into the enfign's breeches !

The captain, in a paffion, flew To his fair friend's affiftance,
He damn'd the cooky for a whore, And bid her keep her diftance;
She'd laid her hand upon the place, That fpreads the enfign's p—s, fir,
Then looking humbly in his face, Said, " beg your pardon MISS—SIR."

CATASTROPHE.

The captain drew his fword, and ftood To bear 'gainft all the brunt, fir, And faid—I mount not guard in rear, But always in the front, fir;

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He turn'd 'em one by one down stairs, And shew'd the cook his 'tarse, fir, While with his sword, as she pass'd by, He PINK'D her in the a-fe, fir.



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THE

CROPT COMET.

Tune, I have a Tenement to let.

THE Comet paffed its perchelion on the 20th of June, 1797, and was feen in the Southern Hemifphere, paffing from Argo through Orion, up towards *Auriga*; near the head of which, it was feen by Mifs Caroline Herfchell, and to her wonder and difappointment, without a tail.

WHAT's all this buftle and alarm, This buzzing 'bout the nation, A Comet crop'd, now heaves in fight, A ftranger conftellation; Tho' Newton, Tycho Brahe, Des Cartes, Concerning Comets vary, Yet Comets, call them what you will, Are Stars both rough and hairy.

CHORUS.

And fome are crop'd, Nick'd, hog'd, fig'd, dock'd, Fir'd, bearded, tail'd, and whifker'd, Doodle, doodle, doodle doo, Doodle, doodle, dil do.

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But truce to all the learned trafh,

All vague and loofe conjecture, And take from me, ye Comet skill'd,

A plain and fimple lecture; If this foul fact I fully prove, No odds will be between us, This Comet got his tail clofe crop'd, By ftroking planet Venus.

Now where d'ye think when laft you peep'd, This Comet was a pofting, When he had loft his fiery tail, Left Venus orbit roafting; Why? to the planet Mercury, To ftate his woeful cafe, fir, And rubbing in his recipe, His nofe dropt off his face, fir.

It feems this Comet oft was feen, With Venus cutting capers,

And Mars had heard his damag'd tail

Emitted noxious vapours; So off he went to Jupiter,

About his wife's ellipfis, For he did'nt like to fee her have So many ftrange eclipfes.

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How came, quoth Jupiter to Mars, Fair Venus out of order, For I fufpect 'twas you old boy Who gave her this diforder; It may be fo, faid planet Mars, To Jupiter, his king, fir, For I've been in the milky way, And Saturn's filthy ring, fir. This Comet crop'd hangs o'er our heads, I wish he'd travel faster, For in his courfe eccentrical, He dealeth dire difaster: Pale Luna's got the clap of him, Bright Sol's reflecting mopfey, With water too, he's fill'd our earth, And given her the dropfy. Pifs M-----k, B----m, both M. D. D.

Afcend by a balloon, fir,

The first, the Comet has call'd in,

The last attends the Moon, fir ; Humbug B. cures her clap,

And Humbug M. gratis, Undertakes the Comet's cafe,

A dreadful Diabetes.

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Now if I'm wrong, firs, fet me right,

Banks, Herschell, Lost, and Walkers, All you who of cropt Comets are,

The aftronomic talkers; Go tell the town I'm nebulous, Word "caviare to the million," Swear radiant Phœbus Cromwell cropt, The Comet's perchelion.

Enquirers into nature fay,

That bucks, when rutting's over, Inter their old-tails in the park,

And new ones foon difcover; The Comet and the buck alike,

With new tails bound and jump, fir, While old DUKE Q., not I or you,

Wags on with his old ftump, fir.

This Comet, timid people talk, Forebodes a revolution,

A total change and overthrow Of Britain's confliction ;

But still I think we've nought to fear,

Tho' enemies divide us,

Our leading light of freedom is,

The steady Georgium Sidus.

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THE

ACTRESSES.

WHEN Momus, laughter-loving boy, THALIA fill'd with pleafure,
At one home ftroke, fpring tides of joy Swept off the virgin treafure :
The ftroke gave birth to nature's child, A child, like fortune fickle;
So Momus laugh'd, Thalia fmil'd, And out pop'd little Pickle !

When Pickle came to London town, Plain truth confirm'd this rumour,

A naval duke, of high renown,

Fell in with Pickle's humour; For art had loft the pow'r to charm,

Which wakes the passions sleeping, So He, to quiet love's alarm,

Took-nature into keeping.

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Pickle's rife gave birth to gall,

She fcarcely was refpected,

The green-room feem'd a furgeon's hall, Her body there diffected;

Tho', both were fore, fhe had two eyes, Said *envy*'s bitter daughter,

And while fhe prais'd her legs and thighs, On c-t fhe threw cold water.

Syren C-----h, of lufcious look, Envied Pickle's belly,

Tho' fhe hugg'd a CORNISH DUKE, And her bravura K-y;

Thus do dukes and dollys meet,

Ye, Gods, how chafte this age is, When horned hufbands, in the *fuite*, Attend their wives as pages.

Lovely, lively, young, and fair,

M—a may-day blooming, Skin as fleek as racing mare,

Just after finish'd grooming; See her fashion, style, and grace,

Hear Polly Peachum warble, And if your tears don't wash your face, Your heart's a block of marble. [105]

I hate the gothic flately pile, The comic, tragic, ruin,

Give me the new, not the old ftyle,

Some work of modern doing;

Both fock and bufkin bred, fir, What would I give, I blufh to own,

For both their maidenheads, fir.

Whither is S-e fled?

And where's her cock of wax gone? Who us'd to rear his crefted head Within her curly caxon!

When Jew Braham's cabbage came, She quitted Drury's station,

To enjoy (was fhe to blame) The early vegetation !

Becky W-----s, who went to pot, From burton ale and brandy,

Fonder was of Tippy Top,

Than children's fugar candy ; No more the cut of Tippy's frock,

No more his ftrut invites her, 'Tis now the cut of Ifrael's cock That comforts and delights her. Still Mother M——r's virtues mark;
She lives in chafte condition,
With her hautboy puffing P—k,
Who plays for his admiffion;
Moft titled things I've heard her fay,
Are dry b—s next-door neighbours,
Before fuch hufky pipes can play,
Their bums are bang'd like tabors.

Jordan laughs at gibes and jeers, At envy, fpite, and fpleen, fir, And fays, to mortify their ears, "Ecod, I may be queen, fir;" Her keeper, too, keeps up the farce, Whofe love of Jordan fuch is, He bids her foes to kifs her a-e, For he's made her c-t a Duchefs.

Long in love's hammock may they fwing, Health, wealth, and peace abounding, With all the blifs that life can bring,

To I well the fcene furrounding; So fill a bumper, 'tis the debt

That's due from loyal freemen, Here's may the prefs between 'em get

A crew of gallant feamen.

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THE

CROP.

DEAR ladies attend to the fong, Of a CROP in the prime of gay life, Young, healthy, and wealthy, and ftrong, And languifhing for a fond wife.

CHORUS.

Crop's determin'd to marry, He's tir'd of a bachelor's round, Crop wants a comely clean woman, With fome dirty acres of ground.

A bachelor wild CROP has been, But variety's charms he'll forfake, And conftancy, maids, will be feen, To follow the reign of the rake.

Your fuitor for conjugal rites, Promifes, maids, to his praife, To crown, with affection, your nights, With mirth and good humour your days.

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Says Lydia, with love-looking eye, Vow and promife you bachelors can, But fure, till his virtues she try, No maid should decide on her man. The language of Spintext let's cite, 'Tis take him for better or worse, His heart, girls, you'll find is as light; Aye! light as a transparent purse. But Crop's an effate in the fens. Deeply dipp'd in the water we hear. For his fleward the reck'ning fends, And it brings him in nothing a year. To a widow, fome fay, he is fold. Who keeps in the Borough a fhop, As fhe kill'd her firft DEARY, behold! A beautiful profpect for Crop. In an old maid's affection's CROP's place; But he ne'er will be married, we hope, To one in whole frost-bitten face There's ruin in razors and foap. Gods ! give Crop the girl kind and fair, Of feminine manners and grace, Whofe fkin is not cover'd with bair, To kifs without fcrubbing his face.

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Crop once lov'd a boarding-fchool gig, All his letters fhe ftitch'd in her ftays,
Which made little Tittup look big With vows, proteftations, and praife.
If, prefent, there be fuch a lafs, And tho' but one *chemife* to her back,
I'll take her to Gretna's green grafs, On fwift Pegafus poet's old hack.

The life that is merry and fhort, Crop's reafon and paffions approve,A life of all lives, 'tis the fort To give life to the woman we love.

> So Crop's determin'd to marry, He's tir'd of a dull fingle life, He'll not die an old bachelor, If he can get a young wife.

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THE

WHIRLIGIG WORLD.*

- A FIG for the cares of this Whirligig World,
- Shall still be my maxim wherever I'm twirl'd;
- From the fpring of my youth, to the autumn of life,
- It has cheer'd me and whifk'd me through trouble and strife.

CHORUS.

So this is my maxim wherever I'm twirl'd, A fig for the cares of this whirligig world.

It has taught me to rife to the fummit of eafe,

By fimply fubmitting to fortune's degrees;

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Thus I'm rich without pelf, for content is true wealth,

And the best vade mecum in fickness and health.

- Just as full of defects as the rest of my kind,
- "Give and take" is my meafure, for fpecks in the mind;

For who in another shou'd pry for a spot,

When he knows, in his heart, he has blot upon blot.

- Mankind I contemplate as Heaven's great work,
- Whether Christian or Jew, Pagan, Gentoo or Turk;
- In a nutfhell the creed of my confcience will lie,

To others I do, as I wou'd be done by.

- 'Gainft chill poverty yet, I have ne'er fet my face,
- For I hope all my heart's a benevolent place;

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A friend in diftrefs my tobacco fhall quaff, And while I've a guinea, he's welcome to half.

- From the Court to the Change as I skim o'er each phiz,
- Of the fharp, flat, and blood, natty crop, kiddy quiz;
- I read as I walk, without fludy or plan,
- The cunning, the weaknefs, and folly of man.
- Yet my fpleen never kicks at the whims that it meets,
- For in oddity's circle each gig a gig greets;
- So I laugh and grow fat at the figures I fee,
- And they're welcome to fatten by laughing at me.
- Of the virtue and zeal of the ins and the outs,
- After many years mufing I've clear'd up all doubts;

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- The outs wou'd get in, if the ins wou'd get out,
- And I think it but fair they fhou'd take fpell about.
- All fanatic difpute and fophiftical rant I leave to the crafty professor of cant; Content if my course from the day-break of youth,
- Has steer'd by the rudder and compass of truth.
- Fast wedlock I frankly confess not my whim;
- Nay, the man, who best marries, I envy not him;
- I love the foft fex, and I know, to my coft,
- My love has not always been love's labour loft.
- Light, in freight, as a cutter return'd from a cruize,
- Finding little to gain, having little to lofe;

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My anchor is caft, and my fails are all furl'd,

So a fig for the cares of this Whirligig World.

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THE

ZODIAC.

 \mathbf{T}_{HE} figns of the Zodiac, learned men fay. Are confin'd to the regions above, And none yet imagin'd they ferve to difplay The tokens terrestial of love : But my muse, ever merry, will fing to explain, Tho' learning look grave and auftere, We cherifh the whim of each whirligig brain. Starch'd gravity enters not here. Sign Aries, then maids, is your ram or lew'd tup, A rich pond'rous bag 'twixt his legs, With juicy-joy pregnant, and closely tied up, Is the effence of oyfters and eggs;

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In figure 'tis Cupid with arrow and bow, Sagittarius, that archer divine,

Letting fly at the target of yielding Virgo, To prick *rouge* virginity's fign.

By twin bubbies, fign Gemini's amply express'd,

In a maiden just leaning to man,

The ripe blooming fruit of the firm heaving breaft,

The flame of love's paffion doth fan ; When exhausted in raptures, how charming to lie

'Twixt love's hillocks, gay mortal's delight,

Feel the heave, hear the figh, mark the languishing eye,

Which the Signum Salutis invite.

Sign Scorpio, no doubt, is an evil that fled From Pandora's combustible box,

A fign you may tell by the tail or the head Of that hell-born difeafe call'd the pox.

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Sign Cancer's the cod-clinging crab we all know,

And wifely clings he; for you'll find He's ever in danger, above or below,

Of destruction by water or wind.

Sign Capricorn goatifh old Q. doth denote, Or them who of luft firongly fmell,

Teaze, fumble and feel, drivel, dangle, and doat,

On the bawd, or the old batter'd belle; Sign Pifces too plainly refers to the thing

Sweet and clean, kept by laudable art,

But the *bidet* neglected, we wind the old ling,

And turn from the fishified part.

Sign Taurus alludes to Old English beefsteaks ;

For this cabbaging, love-feeding food, Gives vigour to age, is a bracer of rakes,

And enriches the brain and the blood; This Taurus may mean too, the lufty big

Pat,

Who bellows about London ftreets, Whofe nofe is eternally fmelling old hat, And who mounts ev'ry cow that he meets.

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Sign Libra's the balance that ought to pre-
vail,
In an act we delight to enjoy,
For a feather we're told will turn nature's
near fcale,
When we bob for a girl or a boy ;
Aquarius appears as the word doth instruct,
An object, who once was a man,
An Italian castrato's cut-down aqueduct,
A mere fpout for a watering pan.
Brave Leo the lion's our national fign,
Where foreigners come for good fare,
True freedom, true friendship, good hu-
mour, good wine,
We hope they will ever find here;
Our houses alone are the Garter and Star,
Jolly Bacchus the fign of the tun,
Where Venus receives us with fmiles at
the bar,
To fill up life's meafure of fun.
CHORUS.
But the firm of all firms mood

But the fign of all figns, good and truly divine, Is a bumper of heart-cheering

generous wine.

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IRISH EXTRAVAGANCE,

AND

SCOTCH GECONOMY.

AN Irithman and Scottifhman, Both full of fun and brogue; Sly Sawney—for a faving plan, Big Pat—a fpending rogue:

Together, arm in arm, they hied, From Pall-Mall to the City; When in a fhop by chance they fpied A damfel wond'rous pretty.

"By heavens!" Pat exclaim'd in love, "In that fair form I trace "A charming pattern from above, "Of Angel fhape and face."

While thro' the window-glafs he ftar'd, Struck dumb with admiration, Sawney, too, the rapture fhar'd, Of love's fond inclination.

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Long Paddy then did feaft his eyes On this—the firft of belles, "I'll go into her fhop," he cries, "And buy whate'er fhe fells.

"Two yards of ribbon black, I'll buy, "And fpeak to the dear creature, "Perhaps," faid he, to Sawney, fly, "The maid will let me meet her.

" Ha'd your band," faid Sawney, " do, " What need of fuch expence, " Into the fhop we both may go " With this right good pretence:

"Save your penny while you live, "The lafs looks kind and willing; "Let's afk her, civilly, to give "Twa Tizzys * for a *fbilling*."

A cant term for Sixpences.

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EXTRAORDINARY FISH.

THIS animal (fays the learned Zoologift, Mr. Pennant) was effected a delicacy by the antients, and is eaten, at prefent, by the Italians; Rondelius gives us two receipts for the dreffing, which may be continued to this day; Athenæus alfo leaves us the method of making an antique cuttle-fifth faufage; and we learn from Ariftotle, that those animals are in the higheft perfection when pregnant.

ATTEND wives and widows, and daughters, dear creatures,

To hear of a fifh caught off Anglesea Isle,

Be filent, compose all your muscles and features,

Friends and neighbours around who love time to beguile;

Saint Peter took most forts of fish in his net, fir,

Like fo many hooks were his fingers and toes,

- But Peter ne'er caught, I wou'd lay any bet, fir,
 - A fish with one eye, bushy tail, and red nose.

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- This fifh lately found, from the top to the bottom,
 - Of inches, then meafur'd a full half a fcore,
- Girls fwallow'd 'em faster than fishermen got 'em,
- Yet ne'er were fo cloy'd, but they still long'd for more;
- 'Tis just at low water when crabs are feen crawling,
 - For shelter beneath heavy tang-cover'd stones,
- That girls from all quarters come eagerly calling
 - For fish full of griftle, hard roes, and no bones.
- At the gills of this creature you'll fee them all peeping,
- And if as fick damfels they're livid and pale,
- They'll tell you thefe fifh are no better for keeping,
 - Like lobsters long caught, they've no fpring in the tail;

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But when fresh and frisky, maids, troutlike, will tickle 'em,

Till in the net of Dame Nature they go, Where fhou'd wanton women e'er take 'em and pickle 'em,

The curing's a pain and expence we all know.

Two fam'd learned fages, both birds of a feather,

This odd fifh to fee, left their pigs, plants, and land,

And tho' they both clubb'd their wife noddles together,

The devil a one did the fifh underftand; Yes, M—by and B—s, who fo folemn

and grave is,

Knew not, till PAT told 'em, from whence the fifh came,

'Tis Ireland that boasts it, their fea-rara avis,

Caught wild in a net, and by ftroking made tame.

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Star-gazing H-----l, a knowing old fellow,

As e'er peep'd at bodies above or below,

- This man o'-the moon, by ftrong ftingo made mellow,
 - Thro' glafs microfcopic can miracles fhow;

He call'd it a fatellite of Venus centre,

- That —— had feen by command of the ——,
- And that Mercury into its fystem would enter,
 - If e'er it were station'd in Saturn's foul ring.
- The B—— of King's place, call'd old wicked-eye'd W——,

Who lives upon gudgeons, young ling, and crimp'd cod,

- When she faw these odd fish, she took hold of their fins, sir,
 - And ftole off, unnotic'd, two dozen and odd ;

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For the fifh-kettle Windfor had long in poffeffion,

In spite of two leaks, as TARS say, fore and aft,

I'm fure 'twou'd have held, (pray excufe my digreffion)

The whole of Saint Peter's miraculous draft.

The news of this fifh reach'd ------, a bifhop,

His chaplain, obedient, was posted away,

And brought from the ferry this odd-looking fifh up,

Bound down with a cord in a butcher's big tray;

When the female fat cooky, of flesh and blood frail, fir,

Took hold of its gills to the ______ furprife,

It, Kangaroo like, took a fpring from its tail, fir,

And fluck itfelf fast 'twixt the cooky's round thighs.

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- Away, in a fright, flew the _____ and ladies,
 - The folks in the kitchen were put to the rout,
- "'Tis the devil," faid _____, " and as preaching your trade is,
 - "Do, good Mifter Chaplin, exorcife the fcout;"
- Said the Chaplin, "Indeed —, begging your pardon,
 - " Such doctrine is rafh, and to danger may tend,
- "For why would your ——— with to bear hard on
 - " The devil, who always has been our best friend !"
- Lord ——, large man, whom the women well know, fir,
 - Examin'd this fifh from the root to the fnout,
- With both hands was feen to take hold of it fo, fir,
 - To keep it from hopping and fkipping about;

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- - "I ne'er in my life faw its fellow before,
- " Pull out," faid a friend, " all the ladies' delight, fir,"

He did, and exhibited two inches more.

- Girls, take my advice; let this odd fifh before you
 - Be first skinn'd alive, and then dress'd to your taste,
- As a ftanding difh dainty, dear fouls, I implore you,
 - Take in all you can, but let none run to wafte;
- Old Jonah, who lay in the whale's blubber'd belly,
 - Came out weak and feeble, went in ftrong and ftout,
- So into your bellies, this fifh, need I tell ye,

As foutly goes in, as he feebly flips out.

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LLANDISILIO HOTEL,

SOUTH WALES.

FAM'Dancient South Britain gave birth To the ftory my muse means to tell, Hear it, neighbours, who live on this earth, And in fnug habitations do dwell;

A parfon, his wife, fon, and Jew, Drove in by difaftrous weather,

A poet pedefirian too, Pig'd in a mud hut all together.

To supper the quizzes sat down,

The parfon eat rabbits, fans legs, The poet mus'd over bread brown,

The Jew bolted bacon and eggs; Hot and new from the tub came their ale,

As to fpirits they'd none but their own, Yet each man told his mirth-moving tale, And the parfon's wife fung *Bobbing Joan*.

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A cradle conftructed of wood,

Was prepar'd for the poet to reft, When the man of mofaical blood

Petition'd to have half the neft; But Smouch was no chum to his mind,

So the poet faid "Smouch, d'ye fee, " Two cocks of a different kind

" In the fame rooft can never agree."

First the parson's wife got into bed, And close to the wall plac'd her fide,

Then the parfon, by jealoufy led,

Laid his hand o'er the quim of his bride; But fearing a crofs o' the breed,

The fon kept apart th' unbeliever, Left the tube which pafs'd Abraham's feed, Shou'd enter his MOTHER's receiver.

Now it feems in the dead of the night, The parfon libidinous grew,

So he nudg'd his fond wife to lie right,

That he might have a family forew; First having before meat faid grace,

He fell too with an appetite craving, Soon he wriggl'd the Jew from his place, And bare-bum'd on the floor laid him raving.

- " By the coming Meffiah," faid Smouch, "What is all this diffurbance about ?
- " As I was alleep in my couch, "For what reason I was now kick'd out?
- " Master Parson, pray how cou'd you rob "A poor pedlar of rest and repose?
- "You knew there won't room for the job, "Yet must do it plump under my nose."

Tag, the Poet, heard all that had pafs'd, Found the Parfon was winding his clock,

There lay he like a sheep when 'tis cast,

- While with laughter his cradle did rock; "Have you broke," faid he, "Smouchy, " your bones ?
- "Do you oft get fuch damnable knocks?" "No," faid Smouch, " but the cafe for " my ftones

" Is very much pruised by my pax, *"

When for room roar'd out Mofes in vain, All the family fham'd faft afleep,

So up the flarv'd Jew got again,

And took thro' the bed-curtains a peep;

* The box he carried was half pushed under the bed, on the corner of which he fell.

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The Parfon was on his gray mare,

Smouch faw his a---e nod, wag, and waddle,

" Mafter Parfon," faid he, " have a care, " Or, by G-d, you'll be thrown off the " faddle."

While the Parfon did Scripture fulfil, For his text was increase, multiply,

The Poet lay filent and ftill,

Full of vigour, and ready to fly; Then his line Alexandrin of love

He put into his hostes's hand,

Which the willingly ftraight did remove

To the fpot where 'twas properly fcan'd.

By fwarms of black jumpers, call'd fleas, All this party were damnably bit,

The prieft's fhirt, and his wife's clean chemife,

The filthy black jumpers b-s-t; And pending the Parfon's embrace,

Till the critical minute had come, The fleas were not fhook from their place, Till they'd taken blood tythe of his bum.

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Aurora, at dawning of day, Peep'd into the manfion of mud. Affes fet up their ominous bray, Ducks and geefe quack'd and cackl'd for food : The cock crow'd and treaded the hen, The boar got a-back of the fow, Lewd goats shag'd again and again, • And the bull fluck it into the cow. Then the Jew, with his box, did depart, And the Poet took leave of his crib. But the Parfon, unwilling to ftart, Took another fly ft-ke at his rib; If you think, then, my tale worth a toaft, As we've here no parfonical prig, I'll bumper life's pleafure, and boaft The Parson, his wife, the goat's fig.

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B----'s BUGBEAR.

- A PROUD pamper'd P----e, to hypocrites dear,
- With an income, from tythes, of twelve thousand a year,
- Hath furnish'd the nation with novel alarms,
- 'Bout the legs of the French, for he fears not their arms;
- He tells us he's heard, tho' he's not feen the truth,
- That the minds of our modest ingenuous youth
- Are debauch'd by French dancers, who riot young blood
- With the fight of that *nicbe*, wherein B----s have flood.

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- But how came a B----p, 'bove all men, to know
- That dancers teetotum themfelves on the toe?
- Was he feated, difguis'd, in the front of the ftage,
- To peep at what put his priestcraft in a rage?
- No! his female observer went oft to the play,
- And told him th' effect of this am'rous difplay,
- In language fo glowing, that D----m, amaz'd,
- Beheld from his belly the dead the had rais'd.
- At his time of life, and grim death near at hand,
- 'Twas vicious enough, in his crozier to stand,
- So thought the ftill hufband, but not fo the w-e,

For the yet had a tafte for the arbor of life;

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- Cock-fure of a tafte when she told the lewd tale
- Of Parifot's pranks, which prov'd piety frail,
- To roufe thus the tail of a head of the c----h,

Were better than *banging* the bottom with Birch !

- Now the B----p, in fenate, his brethren met,
- To difculs this affair, youthful morals befet,
- He faid, "the five daring Directors of France
- " Smuggl'd treafon in hornpipe and country-dance;"
- But he told not their Lordships, for decency fake,
- That Parifot's postures had made him a rake,

That his old 'piscopari up frifky and fresh,

A translation had had to the lust of the flesh.

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- But Parisot sets up a scriptural plea,
- For fhowing what B----s would willingly fee!
- She proves that King David-(libidinous fpark,)
- Danc'd naked to all forts of tunes 'fore the ark;
- And when Michal, Saul's daughter, faw Majefty's part,
- From her window, ('tis faid) it revolted her heart;
- Tho' fhe frown'd at the Monarch, fhe fmil'd at the farce,
- A King cutting capers, *fans* robes to his a-e.
- Nay, didn't King David, proud p----c, I pray,
- Spy Bathsheba's bum on a fun-shiny day ?
- And has Parifot, yet, to fo vile a pafs come,
- As to fhew our King, what! what! her uncover'd bum?

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- Has K----n, crim. con. 'em, (chaste man o'-the law,)
- Heard fhe cocks up one leg, and exhibits her flaw?
- Let her cock up one leg as fhe ftands, quoth old Q.,

When she's down to please me, she must cock up her two.

- T-----w growl'd, knit his brows, bit his lip in a rage,
- When he heard of the B----s reforming the ftage
- " Old D-----m," he cried, " poh! poh! flick to your fhop,
- "And mind not how foreigners jump, fkip, or hop;
- " I know ye all, d—n ye! not one of your Bench
- "Would privately turn from a plump naked wench,
- "You go to the play flyly, fee what you've *felt*,
- " If you like it not, b-ft ye! go home and be gelt!"

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Charge to the C-----y.

- Then practice, ye drivelling drones, as you've preach'd,
- Pray what's it to you—how a dancer is breech'd?
- On the fate of the Pope, paule, and awfully think,
- And your mitres will totter, your lawnfleeves will fhrink;
- For on beauty and fymmetry fancy will feaft,
- To vigour of body they give mental zeft,
- Let Parisot's petticoats beauties disclose,
- Ne'er take up fuch ticklish subjects as those.

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BANKING.

COME, I'm prompt for a fong on demand,

Of the BANKERS and BANKS of our nation;

I'll relate how they fall, how they fland, Their origin from the creation;

This Banking's no new-fashion'd trade, For Eve, that libidinous madam.

The moment she ceas'd to be maid.

Kept a running account with old ADAM.

So the first of all Bankers and Banks, In the garden of Eden began,

When Belzebub play'd his lewd pranks,

And effected the downfall of man; Difguis'd as a ferpent he flew,

To Eve's Bank, a large payment confign'd,

But, anfwering the draft when 'twas due, . She damn'd Adam, herfelf, and mankind. Pudenda-receiver, cashier, Always acts upon credit and honor, And keeps her accounts just and clear, Of the long and fhort dates drawn upon her: Now as Bills of Exchequer must go. To make paper currency stand, When her customer's credits run low, She takes their affairs in her hand. PETER PEGO's the entering clerk, In this house performs principal duty, He rifes as foon as the lark. And effeem'd is for vigour and beauty; His out-door affistant is cod. Who wakes him whenever he's drowfy, He wears his own hair, and, what's odd, Was never yet known to be loufy. These Banks, alike, pay and receive In metal, not bankrupt fign paper, And payment ne'er ftop'd, (I believe,) Tho' oft their finances run taper; They think flimfy paper a hum, So Pego and Company fcout it, But their neighbour, next door, Master Bum, Can't carry on bufiness without it.

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'Tis a wonder this Bank isn't crufh'd, From the numberlefs drafts it doth take in,

Yet oft as it hath been hard push'd,

It ne'er was in danger of breaking; Art and nature fupply fuch a ftore, Of refources for raifing the wind, That, whenever 'tis clofe prefs'd before, 'Tis fure of *relief* from *behind*.

Mother Bank has declar'd, fince her fall, That the Ministry forc'd her to stop, Still she's bullion enough for 'em all If they'll let her re-open her shop; No, they keep fast the key, we perceive, Of the padlock they've clap'd on her door,

So the lady can't pifs without leave, Nor fquat, nor get f----d as before.

A bill drawn, prefented, accepted, And not paid when due, "as above," Is noted, protefted, rejected,

A dry bob in commerce and love;

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A fhort thing's-no affets in hand,

A long one's-an over-drawn note,

A discount's-a f-g at a stand,

An indorfer's-a b-g-r a-float.

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POLITICAL.

Tune, The Vicar of Bray.

W HEN liberty, ferenely bright, Her beams refplendent darted, O'er this fam'd land, the facred light, Its genial power imparted; Then thickeft clouds, that veil'd her rays, By liberty were driven, And Britons faw, in William blaze, The patriot flame from heav'n.

CHORUS.

Britons, revere! with hearts elate, The glorious revolution, That firmly fix'd in church and flate, Your heaven-born confliction.

Fair freedom's temple tyrant James, With fcepter'd fway invaded,And conficence with her honeft claims, He fcouted and degraded ;

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But freedom rous'd, her legions led, And William monarch feated, Then fuperfition hid her head, And faction was defeated.

CHORUS.

On Fame's unfading record fland, Immortal made by flory, Illuftrious worthies of our land, Proud martyrs to its glory; They bravely fought againft all laws, That dare fair freedom fetter, The conflitution was their caufe, The fpirit and the letter.

CHORUS.

Could Athens, Greece, or Rome, fo fam'd, Can one furviving nation,

A compact boaft, fo wifely fram'd, For freedom's prefervation ?

Ah, No! but Britons, brave as free, Wou'd all rejoice to find, fir,

Their own dear rights of liberty Secur'd to all mankind, fir.

CHORUS.

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The fystem of our club shall be,

To guard what we inherit, The facred dome of liberty,

With firmness, strength, and spirit; And let the plund'ring patriots know,

Who 'gainst our rights contend, fir, That he is freedom's fatal foe,

Who is not George's friend, fir.

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CHORUS.

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POLITICAL,

WRITTEN FOR A CLUB IN THE COUNTRY.

I'M a plain, homely, man, and now take up my pen, fir,

To counteract the tenets of " Paine's "Rights of Men," fir,

Free and happy I enjoy the harvest of my labours,

And never interfere, but to comfort needy neighbours.

chorus—Row, row, row, I'm for peace and quietnefs, Not row, row.

I cherifh and retain ftill each old-fashion'd notion,

Of order, freedom, property, fecurity, devotion; I'd rather have our king, than Tom Paine the lord protector,

And I'll combat, with my life, ev'ry plund'ring projector. chorus.

- Then attend, daring fchemers, involv'd in difputation,
- Each with plans in your pockets, to renovate the nation,
- I'll oppose to brilliant wit, art, cunning, and fagacity,
- Experience the flore of my humble mean capacity.
- Liberty we have, tho' fome fay it's farce and fiction,
- It's by law well fecur'd, and confirm'd in reftriction,
- Thus guarded, we are fafe from diforder and delution,
- The dogmas of demagogues, and fansculotte confusion.

.CHORUS.

Our property's defence is the law long enacted,

And facred to it, our obedience is exacted, Each focial gradation, by which we ftand or fall, fir,

Is wifely ordain'd for the welfare of all, fir.

CHORUS.

- Virtue, innocence, integrity, I know are protected,
- Audacity and crime are punish'd when detected,
- True freedom gave the pow'r, in hatred and averfion,
- To tyranny in all its forms, exceffes, and coercion.

CHORUS.

- My religion's purely chriftian, the law's eftablifh'd church, fir,
- And I never wifh to fee alma mater in the lurch, fir,
- I'd leave to all diffenters what wifdom left before, fir,

For, give them all they afk, reftlefs fouls, they'd ftill afk more, fir. CHORUS.

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- Our compact's a stranger to violent extremes, fir;
- 'Tis wifdom and temp'rance; with mildnefs it teems, fir:
- But as old father Time no edifice ere spared, fir,

In due feason, when it wants it, let the ftructure be repair'd, fir. CHORUS.

I worfhip no idol when I fay that I'm devoted,

To this fabric of Britons, admir'd, efteem'd, and noted;

- The blood in these young veins I'd spill in its defence, fir,
- And my wifh is, May it firmly ftand for centuries hence, fir.

CHORUS.

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POLITICAL,

Written in the Reign of Roberspierre,

Tune, The Roaft Beef of Old England.

WHEN the honor of Briton imperioufly calls

For her cannons' loud thunder, and deathdealing balls,

Hear Victory fhout from her fam'd wooden walls.

CHORUS.

The King and Old England for ever, True liberty, order, and law.

Shall we who for ages have freedom defended,

With jacobin ruffians and cut-throats be blended;

Kifs, embrace, and shake hands with the devil's intended ?

CHORUS.

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- See Gallia polluted with crimes past all counting,
- Of mercy and justice dried up is the fountain,
- Therę Virtue's a mole-hill, and Vice is a mountain.

CHORUS.

Religion abandon'd, morality dead, Worth, honor, and honesty, from the land fled,

- And eternity term'd only going to bed. CHORUS.
- Shall we follow France in each focial bandbreaking,
- Eat bread bad and black of old Belzebub's baking,
- And fleep on French litter all quiv'ring and fhaking? CHORUS.
- No, we've bread white and good, and fam'd English roast-beef,
- On the beds we repose, Nature finds found relief,
- Such comforts deferve not each jacobin thief.

CHORUS.

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- 'Tis French Anarchy's plan all the world to fubdue,
- O'er each fair peaceful land blood and bodies to ftrew,
- If you don't conquer them, John, by G-d they will you. CHORUS.
- May the fharp fword of justice then fatally strike,
- And each jacobin's head be transferr'd to his pike,
- Such Gallic equality John Bull would like. chorus.

To our brothers in arms for fair freedom's caufe fighting,

- And each hero of honour and fpirit uniting,
- True to their King, in their Country delighting.

CHORUS.

The Glory and Laurels of War.

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CONSTITUTIONAL SONG

OF THE

"VIVE LE ROI CLUB!"

WHEN the radiant rob'd Goddefs of liberty fhed

Her influence divine o'er our ifle, From her power omnipotent—tyrannyfled, And Britannia, *long griev'd*, wore a fmile.

CHORUS.

Vive le Roi, Huzza, Huzza, Vive le Roi!

The foldier, the failor, the people, impell'd By freedom's celeftial flame,

King William enthron'd, in whofe worth was beheld

Each virtue true freedom cou'd claim: Vive le Roi, &c. The vet'ran high foaring on Victory's wing,

Whofe motto is " Conquer or Die !"

To meet the reward of his country and king,

On Hope's full-plum'd pinion shall fly. Vive le Roi, &c.

Ne'er shall lawless ambition maintain its career,

Nor fhall faction with freedom contend; For the rights of the Crown we, as FREE-MEN, revere,

And as BRITONS are bound to defend. Vive le Roi, &c.

Tho' foes to the Crown, our mild Monarch's fair fame

May with envy envenom'd decry; Yet, fuch poilonous darts of detraction's foul aim,

Both his courage and virtue defy. Vive le Roi, &c.

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Each heart then, enliven'd by loyalty's caufe,

Pufh the foul-ftirring wine fwiftly round;

Exclaim in a volley of joy and applaufe, For the nation re-echoes the found. Vive le Roi, &c.

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LADY H----- TO Mrs. P-----.

SAID old Lady H-----, once a blooming young wench,

- But whofe head's now adorn'd with gray hairs,
- I admire the great comfort and tafte which the French

Combine in their fashion of chairs;

- For English, our frames are both fimple and neat;
 - Yet the French in past times were fo puff'd,
- That our *bottoms* were never confider'd complete,

Until fent o'er to France to be stuff'd."

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LINES

Written at BEAUMARIS, NORTH WALES, on a JAILOR'S DAUGHTER, diftinguished for ber Beauty.

CUPID, thou gay and mighty God, SUMMON all thy magic pow'r, And in the arms of KITTY QUOD,

LOCK me for one happy hour. FETTER'D is my VAGRANT heart,

By her CAPTIVATING face; Hafte, thou God of am'rous dart,

Fix her in my fond embrace. Cupid's decree was thus reported : Kitty and you shall be TRANSPORTED.

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BOBBY BIRCH's EPIGRAM,

On the Westminster Boys damning "The Westminster Boy," a Farce, by Edward Topham, Esq. Author of "The Fool," and several other Things, produced for the Benefit of Mrs. Wells.

SHRINK from fatire, O fhame! what, fhall Westminster school

- Stand in awe of that pen which gave birth to " The Fool ?"
- Is't liberal, rude boys, thus by anticipation,
- Untry'd, to confign any piece to damnation ?
- Oh! had BUSBY been living, for damning of farces,
- I'll be damn'd if he wou'd not have tickl'd your -----.

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