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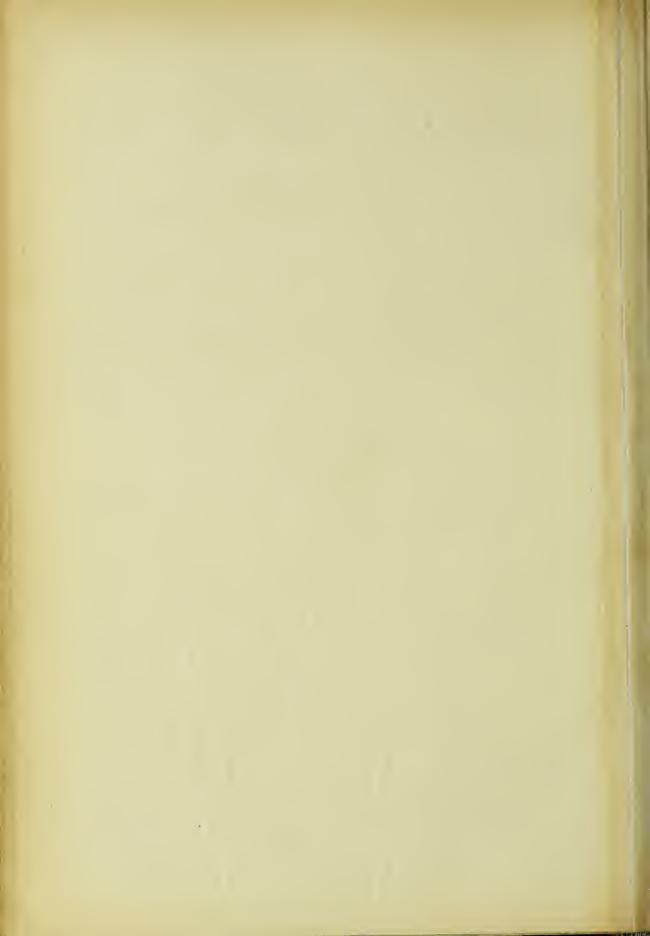
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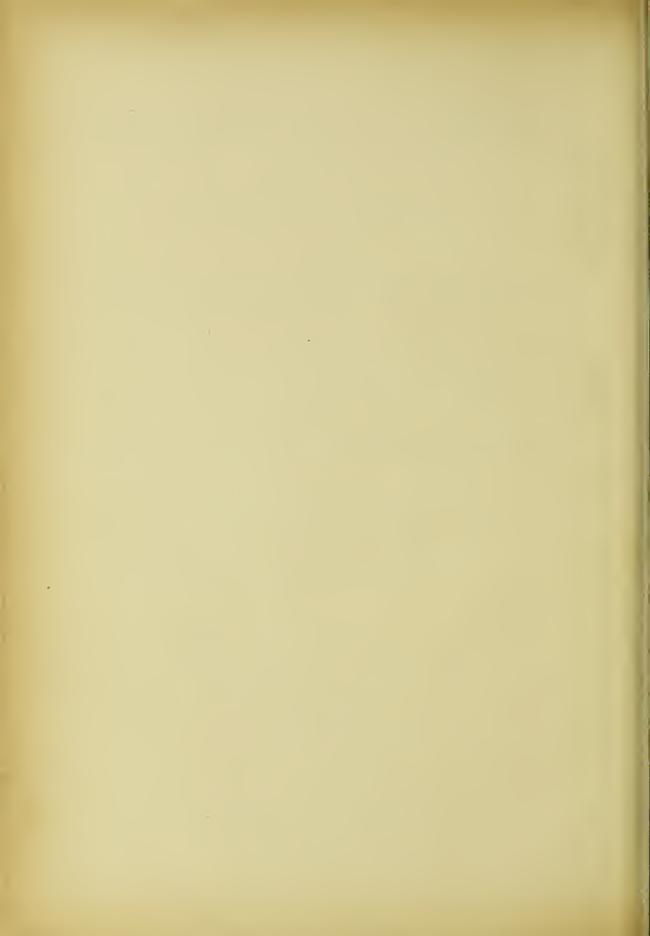
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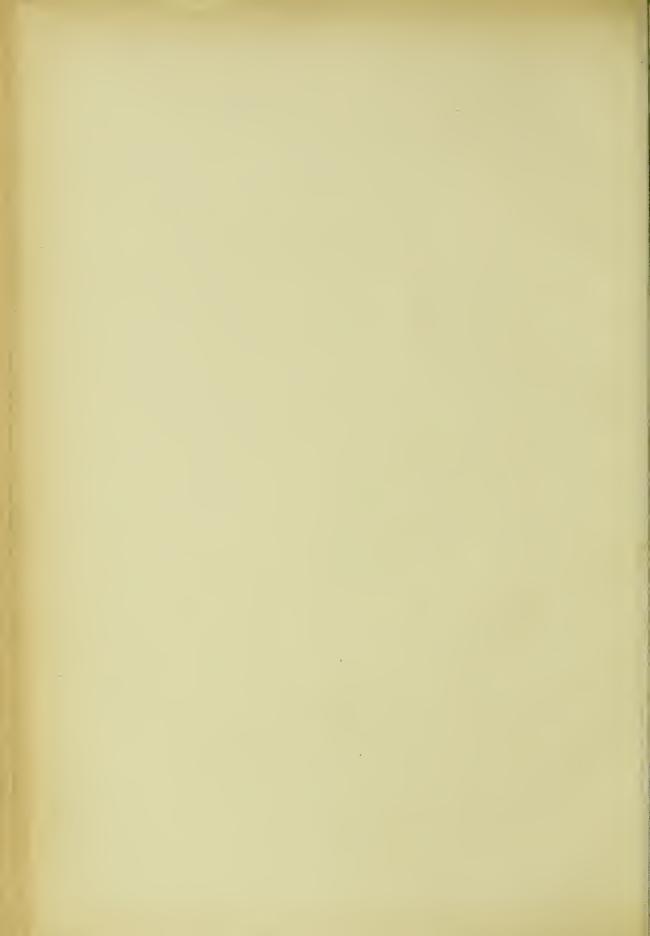
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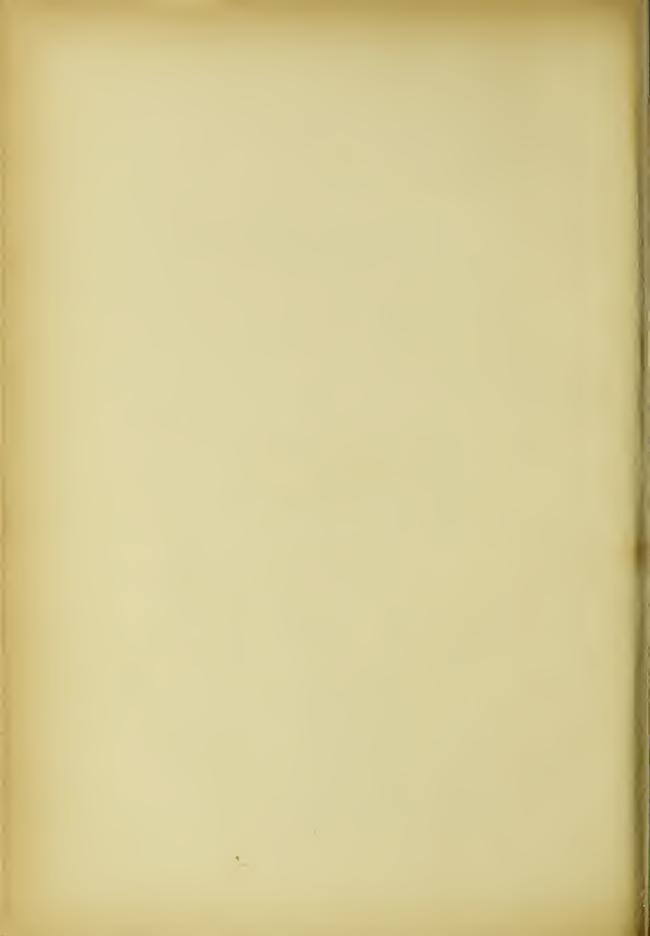
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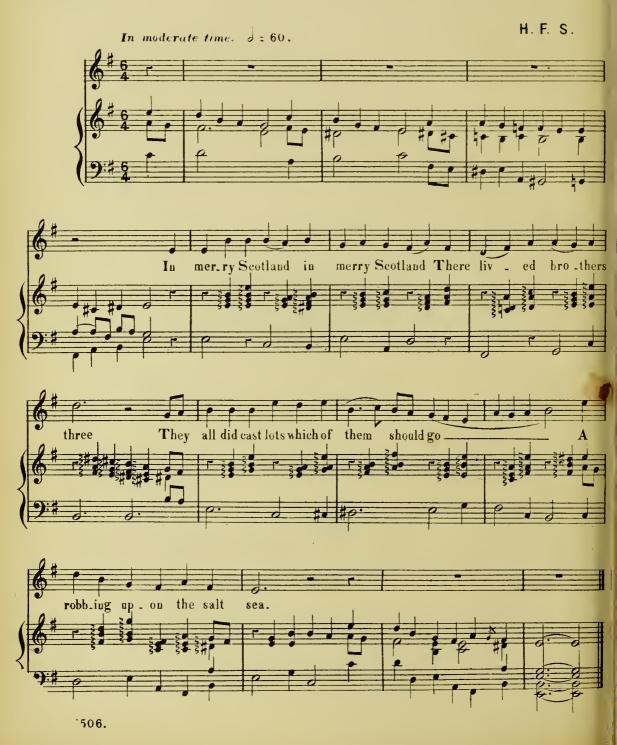
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### HENRY MARTYN.

Nº 53.



#### Nº 53. HENRY MARTYN.

1

In merry Scotland, in merry Scotland,
There lived brothers three,
They all did cast lots which of them should go,
A robbing upon the salt sea.

The lot it fell upon Henry Martyn,
The youngest of the three,
That he should go rob on the salt, salt sea,
To maintain his brothers and he,

He had not a sailed a long winter's night,
No yet a short winter's day,
Before he espied the King's gallant ship,
Come sailing along that way.

How far, how far, cried Henry Martyn, How far are you going? said he For I am a robber upon the salt seas, To maintain my brothers and me.

Stand off, stand off! the Captain he cried,
The lifeguards they are aboard.
My cannons are loaden with powder and shot;
And every man hath a sword.

For three long hours they merrily fought,
For hours they fought full three.
And many a blow it dealt many a wound,
As they fought on the salt, salt sea.

Twas broadside against a broadside then,
And at it, the which should win,
A shot in the gallant ship bored a hole,
And then did the water rush in.

Bad news! bad news, for old England
Bad news has come to the town,
The king his vessel is wrecked and lost,
And all his brave soldiers drown.

Bad news! bad news through the London street!

Bad news has come to the King,

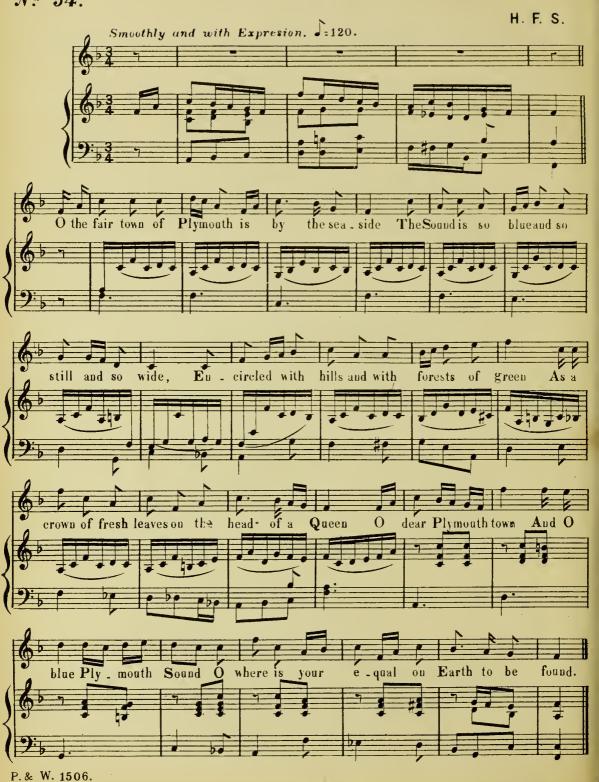
The lives of his guards they be all a lost,

O the tidings be sad that I bring.

O had I a twisted rope of hemp,
A bowstring strong though thin;
I'd soon hang him up to his middle yard arm,
And have done with Henry Martyn.

#### PLYMOUTH SOUND.

Nº 54.





#### Nº 54. PLYMOUTH SOUND.

1

O the fair town of Plymouth is by the sea-side,
The Sound is so blue, and so still and so wide,
Encircled with hills and with forests all green,
As a crown of fresh leaves on the head of a queen,
O dear Plymouth town, and O blue Plymouth Sound!

O dear Plymouth town, and O blue Plymouth Sound

O where is your equal on Earth to be found.

9

O the maidens of Plymouth are comely and sweet, So mirthful of eye and so nimble of feet, I love all the lasses of Plymouth so well, That the which I love bestnot a prophet can tell.

O dear Plymouth town, & c.

3

O the bells of old Plymouth float over the bay, My heart it does melt, as lin sailing away. O be they a ringing when I do return, With thoughts matrimonial my bosom will burn.

O dear Plymouth town, & c.

4

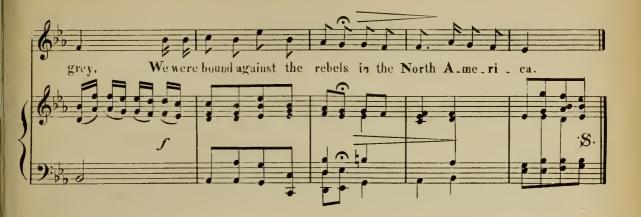
For the maidens of Plymouth my love is so hot, With a bushel of rings I would marry the lot. But as I can't marry them all well-a-day! Perhaps it's as well that I'm sailing away.

O dear Plymouth town, & c.

# FAREWELL TO KINGSBRIDGE.

Nº 55.





#### NO 55. FAREWELL TO KINGSBRIDGE.

1

Of the ninth day of November, at the dawning in the sky.

Ere we sailed away to New York, we at anchor here did lie,

O'er the meadows fair of Kingsbridge, then the mist was lying grey;

We were bound against the rebels, in the North America.

2

O so mournful was the parting of the soldiers and their wives,

For that none could say for certain, they'd return home with their lives.

Then the women they were weeping, and they curs'd the cruel day,

That we sailed against the rebels, in the North America.

3

O the little babes were stretching out their arms with saddest cries,
And the bitter tears were falling, from their pretty simple eyes,
That their scarlet coated daddies, must be hurrying away,
For to fight against the rebels, in the North America.

4

Now with God preserve our Monarch, I will finish up my strain,
Be his subjects ever loyal, and his honour all maintain.
May the Lord our voyage prosper, and our arms across the sea
And put down the wicked rebels in the North America.

### FURZE BLOOM.

Nº 56.





#### $\mathcal{N}_{\cdot}^{0}$ 56. FURZE BLOOM.

1

There's not a cloud a sailing by,

That does not hold a shower;

There's not a furze-bush on the moor,

That doth not put forth flower.

About the roots we need not delve,

The branches need not prune,

The yellow furze will ever flower,

And ever love's in tune!

Golden furze in bloom!

O Golden furze in bloom!

When the furze is out of flower,

Then love is out of tune.

2

There's not a season of the year,
Nor weather hot nor cold,
In windy spring, in watery fall,
But furze is clad in gold.
It blossoms in the falling snow,
It blazes bright in June,
And love, like it, is always here,
And ever opportune.

O golden furze & c.

\*There's not a saucy lad 1 wot,
With light and roguish eye,
That doth not love a pretty lass,
And kiss her on the sly,
There's not a maiden in the shire
From Hartland Point to Brent,
In velvet, or in cotton gown,
That will his love resent.

O golden furze & c.

4

Beside the fire with toasted crabs, We sit and love is there,

In merry spring, with apple flowers, It flutters in the air.

At harvest when we toss the sheaves, Then Love with them is toss't.

At fall when nipp'd and sere the leaves, Unnipp't is Love by frost.

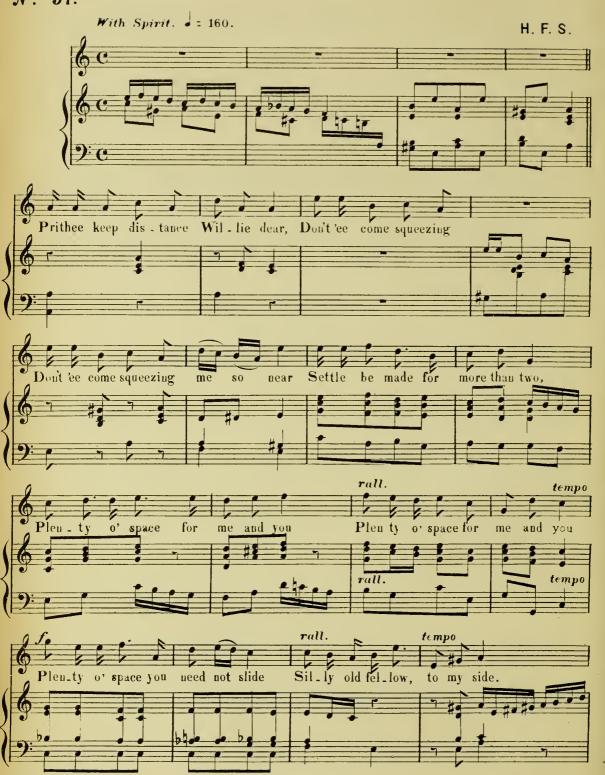
O golden furze, & c.

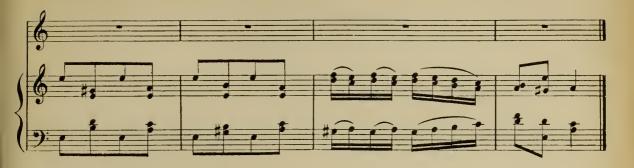
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#### ON THE SETTLE.

Nº 57.

P. & W. 1506.





#### N.957. ON THE SETTLE.

1

Prithee, keep distance, Willie, dear, Don't 'ee come squeezing me so near; Settle were made for more than two, Plenty o' space for me and you. Plenty o' space, you need not slide, Silly old fellow, to my side.

2

Prithee, keep distance. If you're chill, Let us exchange our places, Will. Get from the settle, take a stool, Don't ee behave so like a fool. Take t'other corner of the fire, If you the heat so much desire.

What be a-boiling in the pot?

Turnips and bacon, piping hot.

Do'ee now, leave my elbows free;

How can 1 mind the pot for thee?

You be a goose! keep where you are,

A yard betwixt us is not too far.

4

Settle, I reckon, be six foot six,

Space for two others us betwixt.

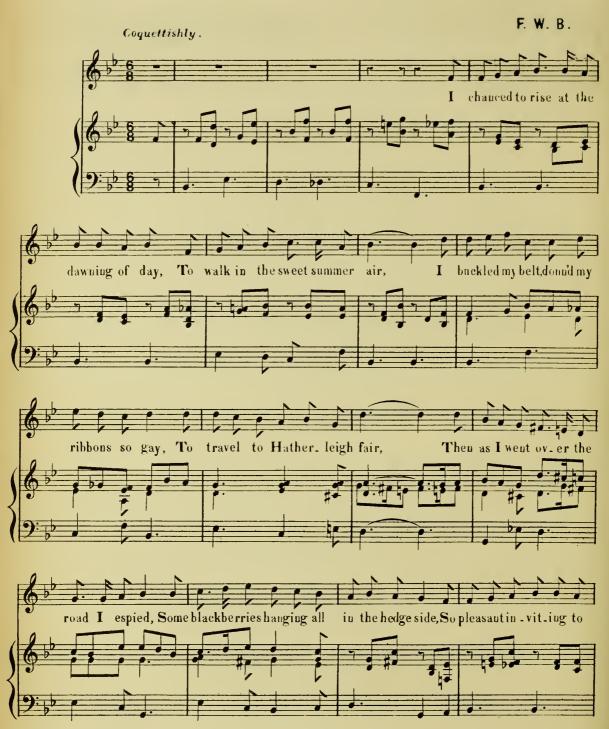
Mussy, O heaven! what things men be
Bothering o' females horribly.

Now! on my word, when I'm your wife,

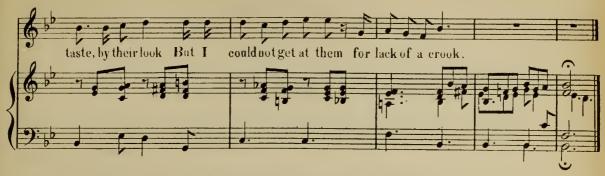
Will!-I will plague you all your life.

#### SOMETHING LACKING.

Nº 58.



P. & W. 1506.



#### Nº58. SOMETHING LACKING.

1

- I chanced to rise at the dawning of day,
  To walk in the sweet summer air.
- I buckled my belt, donned my ribbons so gay, To travel to Hatherleigh fair.

Then as I went over the road I espied Some blackberries hanging all in the hedge side, So pleasant, inviting to taste by their look, **But** I could not get at them for lack of a crook.

2

As I was a taking my way to the town,
Before that bright Phoebus did rise,
I saw some red roses, their heads hanging down,
Red roses to gladden girls' eyes.
I said, Pretty roses, I'll pluck you, I swear,
That's one for my hat, and two others to spare.
But, gloveless, alack! with my hands in the thorn,
No roses I got, though I got my hands torn.

\*As I was awalking along by the stream,
I saw a blue king fisher dart.
Your plumage I'll wear pretty bird, I declare,
Nolad at the fair'll be as smart.
With feathers arrayed, in my beaver displayed,
Admired I shall be, in request by each maid,
But, alack! without trap, without sling, without bow,
Ungarnished with feathers I was forced to go.

I went to the fair, and I heard the bells ring.
The maidens were many and gay.

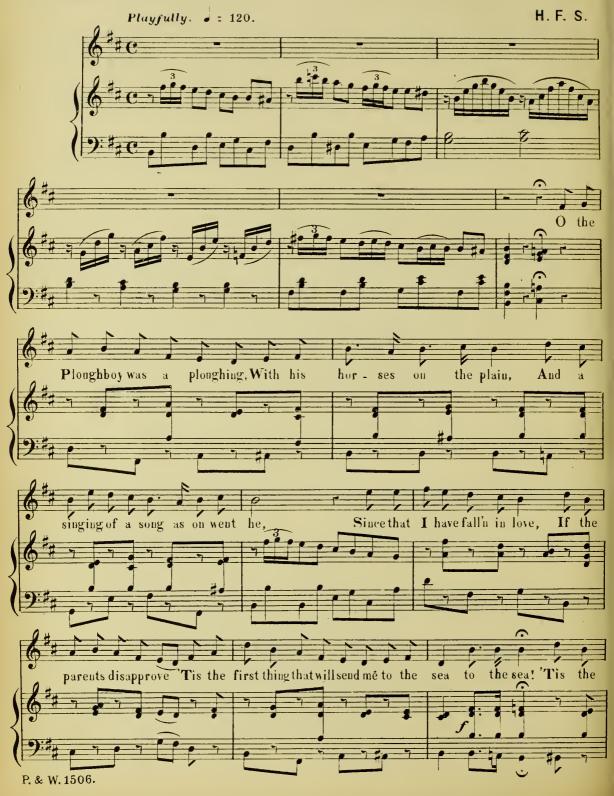
I said, with the lasses I'll frolic and fling,
But every one laughed and said Nay!

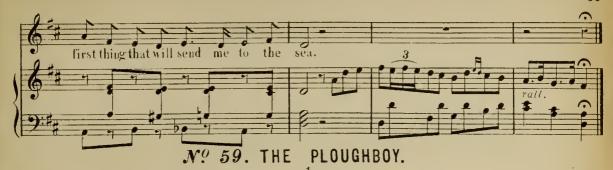
They'd have a bright ribbon, a kerchief, a toy,
And none would say aught to a penniless boy,
So, having no money, my journey in vain,
Alone, lacking sweet-heart, I trudged home again.

<sup>\*</sup> May be omitted in singing.

### THE PLOUGHBOY.

Nº 59.





O the Ploughboy was a ploughing With his horses on the plain.

And was singing of a song as on went he.

"Since that I have fall'n in love,
If the parents disapprove,

'Tis the first thing that will send me to the sea!'

2

When the parents came to know That their daughter loved him so,

Then they sent a gang, and pressed him for the sea.

And they made of him a tar, To be slain in cruel war:

Of the simple Ploughboy singing on the lea.

The maiden soredid grieve.

And without a word of leave,

From her father's house she fled secretile,

In male attire dress'd,

With a star upon her breast,

All to seek her simple Ploughboy on the sea.

Then she went o'er hill and plain, And she walked in wind and rain,

Till she came to the brink of the blue sea.

Saying, "1 am forced to rove. For the loss of my true love,

Who is but a simple Ploughboy from the lea,"

\* Now the first she did behold,
O it was a sailor bold.

"Have you seen my simple ploughboy?"then said she.

"They have press'd him to the fleet,

Sent him tossing on the deep,

Who is but a simple Ploughboy from the lea?'

Then she went to the Captain, And to him she made complain,

"O a silly Ploughboy's run away from me!"

Then the Captain smiled and said, "Why Sir! surely you're a maid!

So the Ploughboy I will render up to thee."

Then she pulled out a store, Of five hundred crowns and more,

And she strewed them on the deck, did she,

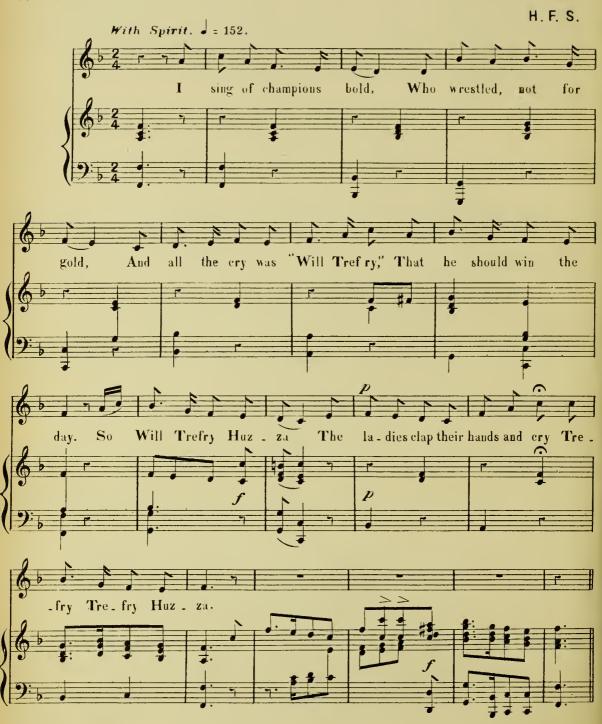
Then she took him by the hand, And she rowed him to the land.

Where she wed the simple Ploughboy back from sea.

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#### THE WRESTLING MATCH.

Nº 60.



P. & W. 1506.

#### Nº 60. THE WRESTLING MATCH.

1

1 sing of champions bold,
That wrestled not for gold.
And all the cry was Will Trefry!
That he should win the day.
So, Will Trefry Huzzah!
The ladies clap their hands and cry
Trefry! Trefry! Huzzah!

2

Then up sprang little Jan,
A lad scarce grown a man,
He said, Trefry! I wot, Ill try
A hitch with thee this day.
So, little Jan, Huzzah!
The ladies clap their hands and cry,
O little Jan, Huzzah!

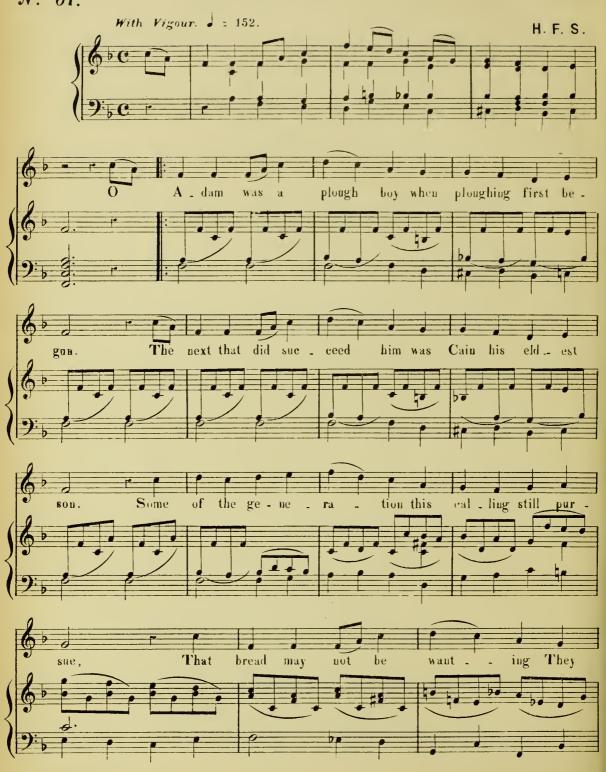
They wrestled on the ground
His match Trefry had found
And back he bore, in struggle sore,
He felt his force give way.
So little Jan, Huzzah!
So some did say—but others, Nay,
Trefry! Trefry! Huzzah!

Then with a desperate toss,
Will showed the flying hoss.
And little Jan fell on the tan,
And never more he spake.
O little Jan! alack!
The ladies say, O woe's the day,
O little Jan alack!

Now little Jan, 1 ween,
That day had married been;
Had he not died, a gentle bride,
That day he home had led.
The ladies sigh, the ladies cry
O little Jan is dead!

## THE PAINFUL PLOUGH.

Nº 61.





Nº 61. THE PAINFUL PLOUGH.

O Adam was a ploughboy, when ploughing first begun, The next that did succeed him was Cain, his eldest son; Some of the generation the calling still pursue, That bread may not be wanting, they labour at the plough.

Samson was the strongest man, and Solomon was wise,
And Alexander conquering, he made the world his prize,
King David was a valiant man, and many thousands slew,
Yet none of all these heroes bold could live without the plough.

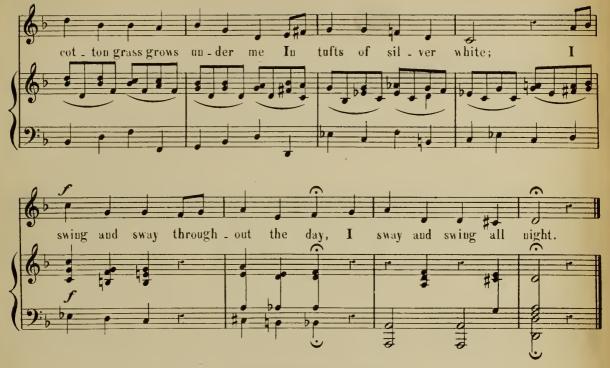
Behold the wealthy merchant, that trades on foreign seas, And brings home gold and treasure, for such as live at ease, With spices and with cinnamon, and oranges also. They're brought us from the Indies, by virtue of the plough.

I hope there's none offended at me for singing this, For never I intended to sing you ought amiss. And if you well consider, you'll find the saying true, That all mankind dependeth upon the painful plough.

# BROADBURY CIBBET.



P. & W. 1506.



#### Nº 62. BROADBURY GIBBET.

On Broadbury down the ravens croak,
The breezes shriek and groan,
Now low, now high, the white owls fly,
As snowflakes in the moon.
The cotton-grass grows under me,
In tufts of silver white.
I swing and sway throughout the day,
I sway and swing all night.

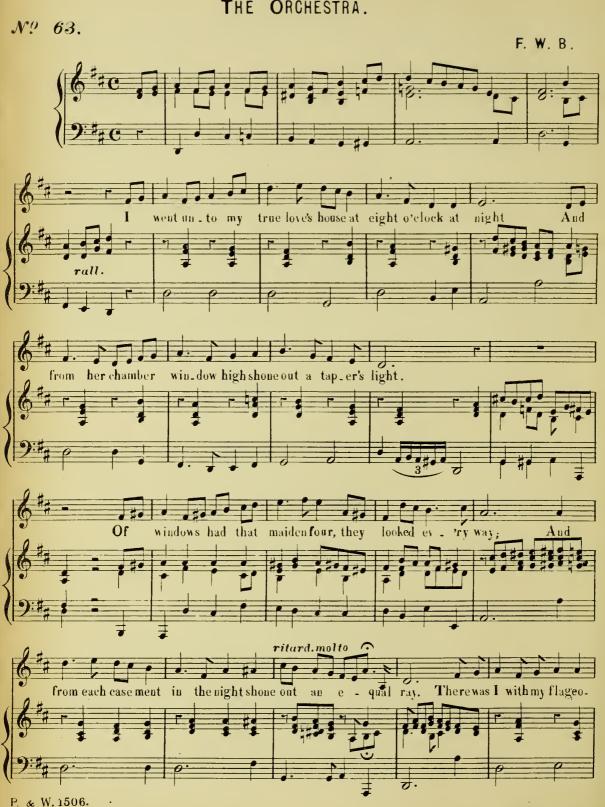
On Broadbury down my gibbet stands,
Just where the highways cross.

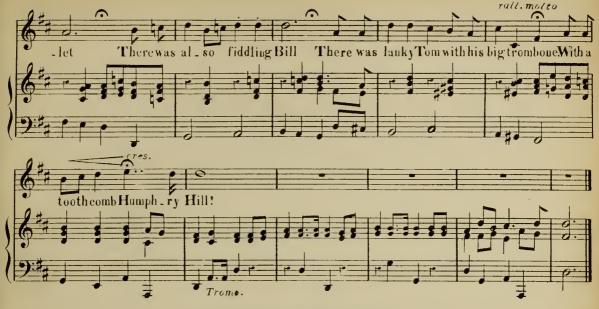
It tells the moments, marks the hours,
With shadow on the moss.

And I am as a pendulum,
That swing and never stay,

The Death Clock of a bad old world
That cankereth away.

#### THE ORCHESTRA.





#### Nº 63. THE ORCHESTRA.

1

I went unto my true love's house
At eight o'clock at night,
And in her chamber-window high
There burnt a taper's light.
Of windows had that maiden four,
They looked every way,
And from each window, in the night,
Shone forth an equal ray.

There was I with my flageolet,
There was also fiddling Bill.
There was lanky Tom, with his big trombone,
With a tooth-comb, Humphry Hill.

2

Each lover deemed himself alone
Her chosen swain to prove,
And she looked out on every one
With equal words of love.
So I began on my flageolet,
And Bill his Violin.

And Tom-Bimbom! \_ on his Trombone, And Hill his tooth-comb thin.

There was I, &c.

3

Why what a marvel! then said 1,
Such echoes be most rare!
And round the corner ran to spy,
And found the fiddler there.
The fiddler round the corner ran,
On lanky Tom he lit;
And Tom he hushed his bom bom bom,
And next on Humphry hit.
There was 1, &c.

\* May be omitted in singing. P. & W. 1506.

4

My pipe ! split on Willy's head

His violin broke Will,

And Tom struck home with his Trombone,

Upon the head of Hill.

And Humphry round the corner ran,

And Humphry round the corner ran,
And when he did me spy;

He up with his tooth-comb like a man, And hit me in the eye.

There was I, &c.

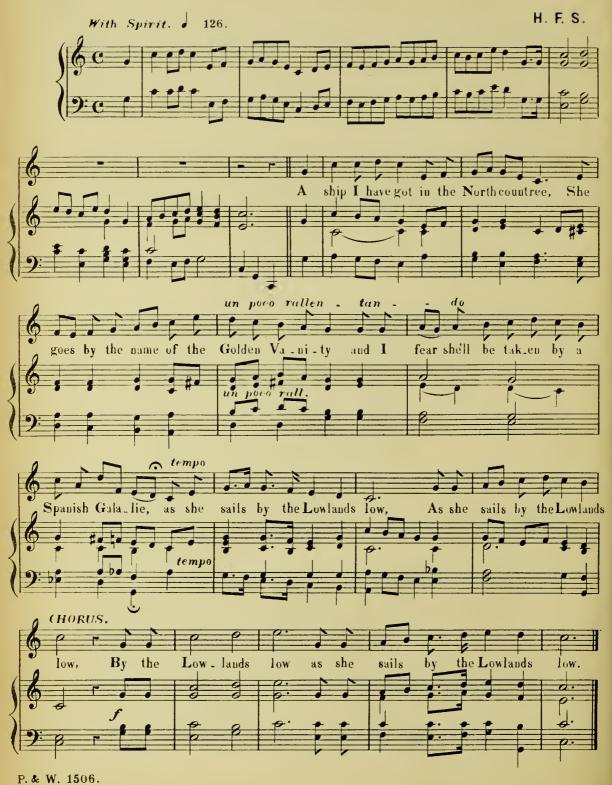
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Now Brothers, peace! I said, Be calm,
Tom Humphry and Willie,
Let's walk away, all arm in arm,
And leave her solitary.
Our broken instruments well let
Upon her doorstep lie.
Well love abjure, we'll court no more,
Not Hill, Tom, Bill, nor I.

There was I, &c.

### THE GOLDEN VANITY.

Nº 64.



#### Nº 64. THE GOLDEN VANITY.

1

A ship I have got in the North Country

And she goes by the name of the Golden Vanity,

O I fear she'll be taken by a Spanish Gal-al-ie,

As she sails by the Low-lands low.

2

To the Captain then upspake the little Cabin-boy,
He said, What is my fee, if the galley I destroy?
The Spanish Gal-al-ie, if no more it shall anoy,
As you sail by the Low-lands low.

3

Of silver and of gold 1 will give to you a store; And my pretty little daughter that dwelleth on the shore, Of treasure and of fee as well, I'll give to thee galore, As we sail by the Low-lands low.

4

Then the boy bared his breast, and straightway leaped in,
And he held all in his hand, an augur sharp and thin,
And he swam until he came to the Spanish galleon,
As she lay by the Low-lands low.

5

He bore'd with the augur, he bored once and twice,
And some were playing cards, and some were playing dice,
When the water flowed in it dazzled their eyes,
And she sank by the Low-lands low.

6

\*So the Cabin-boy did swim all to the larboardside,
Saying Captain! take me in, I am drifting with the tide!
I will shoot you! I will kill you! the cruel Captain cried,
You may sink by the Low-lands low.

7

Then the Cabin-boy did swim all to the starboard side Saying, Messmates take me in, I am drifting with the tide!

Then they laid him on the deck, and he closed his eyes and died,

As they sailed by the Low-lands low.

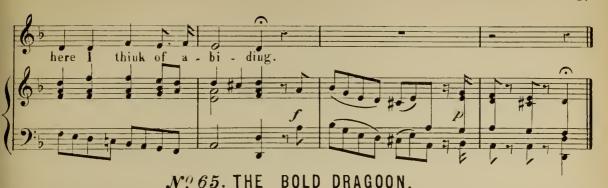
\*They sewed his body up, all in an old cow's hide,
And they cast the gallant cabin-boy, over the ship's side,
And left him without more ado adrifting with the tide,
And to sink by the Low-lands low.

<sup>\*</sup>May be omitted in singing P & W. 1506.

#### THE BOLD DRAGOON.

Nº 65.





A bold dragoon from out of the North,
To a lady's house came riding;
With clank of steel, and spur at his heel,
His consequence noways hiding.
"Bring forth good cheer, tap claret and beer,
For here I think of abiding,
Abiding, Abiding.

The chamber best with arras be dress'd
I intend to be comfortable.

Such troopers as we always make ourselves free,
Heigh!... lead my horse to the stable!

Give him corn and hay, but for me Tockay,
We'll eat and drink whilst able,
Able, aye!Able.

The daintiest meat upon silver plate,
And wine that sparkles and fizzes.

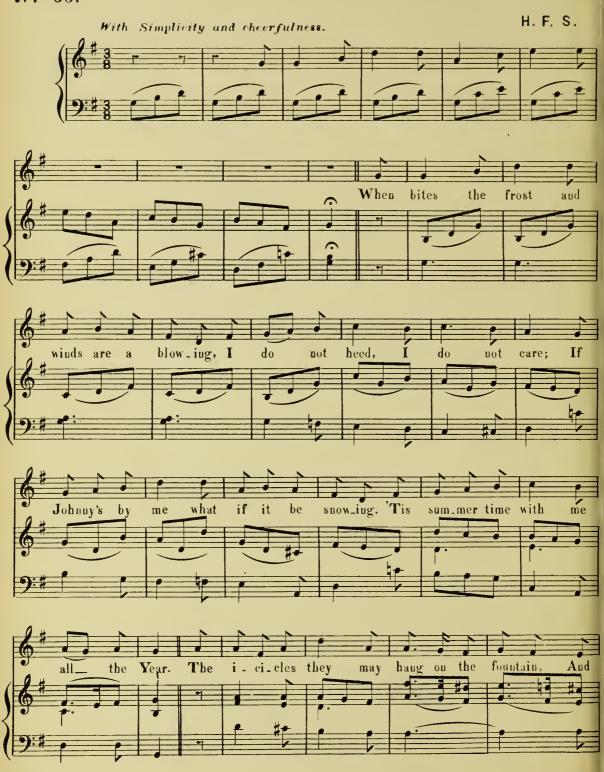
Wax candles light, make the chamber bright,
And—as soldiers love sweet Misses,
My moustache I curl with an extra twirl,
The better to give you kisses,
Kisses, aye! Kisses.

There's cake and wine," said the lady fine,
There's oats for the horse, and litter.
There's silver plate, there are servants to wait,
And drinks, sweet, spark'ling, bitter.
Tho, bacon and pease, aye! and mouldy cheese,
For such as you were fitter,
Fitter aye! Fitter.

"Your distance keep, I esteem you cheap
Tho' your wishes I've granted, partly.
But no kisses for me from a Chimpanzee,"
The lady responded tartly.
"Why! a rude dragoon is a mere Baboon."
And she boxed his ears full smartly,
Smartly, aye! smartly.

#### TRINITY SUNDAY.

Nº 66.



P. & W. 1506.



#### Nº 66. TRINITY SUNDAY.

When bites the frost and winds are a blowing,
I do not heed I do not care;
If Johnny's by me, what if it be snowing.
'Tis summer time with me all the year.
The icicles they may hang on the fountain,
And frozen over the farm yard pool.
The bleak wind whistle across the mountain,
No wintry blast our love can cool.

O what to me the wind and the weather?
O what to me the wind and the rain?

My Johnny loves me, and being together,
Why let it bluster\_it blows in vain.
I never tire, I never am weary,
I drudge and think it is only play;
As Johnny loves me, and I am his deary,
Why\_all the year it is holiday.

I shall be wed upon Trinity Sunday,
And then adieu to my holiday.
Come frost and frown the following Monday.
Why then beginneth my workaday.
If drudge and smudge begins on the Monday,
If scold and grumble—I do not care,
My winter follow Trinity Sunday.
I can't have summertime all the year.

## THE BLUE FLAME.

Nº 67.





#### $\mathcal{N}$ 967. THE BLUE FLAME.

1

All under the stars, and beneath the green tree, All over the sward, and along the cold lea,

A little blue flame

A fluttering came,

It came from the churchyard for you or for me.

2

I sit by the cradle, my baby's asleep.

And rocking the cradle, I wonder and weep.

O little blue light,

In the dead of the night,

O prithee, O prithee no nearer to creep.

3

Why follow the church path, why steal you this way?

Why halt in your journey, on threshold why stay?

With flicker and flare,

Why dance up my stair!

O I would, O I would, it were dawning of day.

4

All under the stars, and along the green lane,

Unslaked by the dew, and unquenched by the rain,

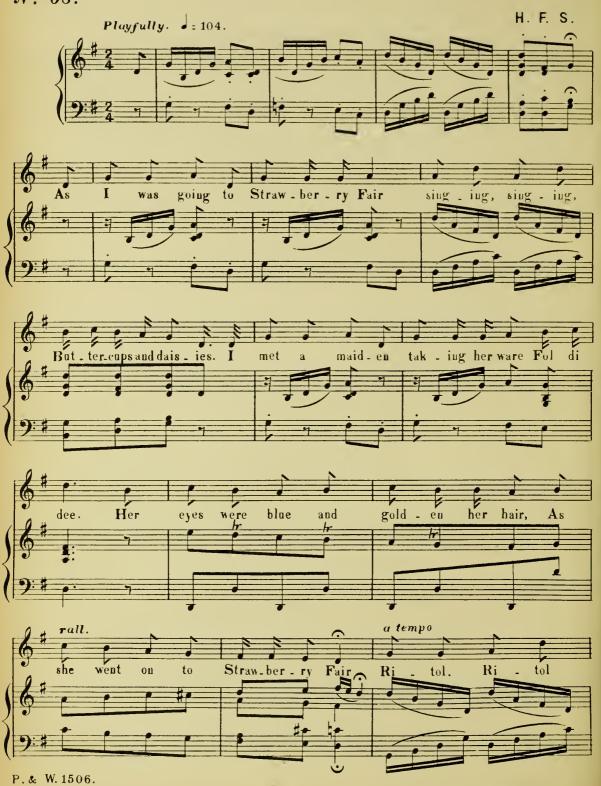
Of little flames blue

To the churchyard steal two,

The soul of my baby! now from me is ta'en.

#### STRAWBERRY FAIR.

Nº 68.





#### Nº 68. STRAWBERRY FAIR.

As I was going to Strawberry Fair, Singing singing, Butter-cups and Daisies I met a maiden taking her ware, Fol-de-dee!

Her eyes were blue and golden her hair, As she went on to Strawberry Fair, Ri-foi, Ri-fol, Tol-de-riddle-li-do, Ri-fol, Ri-fol, Tol-de-riddle-dee.

"Kind Sir, pray pick of my basket!"she said Singing, &c.

"My cherries ripe, or my roses red, Fol\_de\_dee!

My strawberries sweet, I can of them spare, As I go on to Strawberry Fair." Ri-fol &c.

Your cherries soon will be wasted away, Singing, &c.

Your roses wither and never stay, Tol-de-de.

I am not asking such perishing ware, That I am tramping to Strawberry Fair Ri-fol &c.

I want to purchase a generous heart, Singing, & C.

A tongue that neither is nimble nor tart Tol - de - dee!

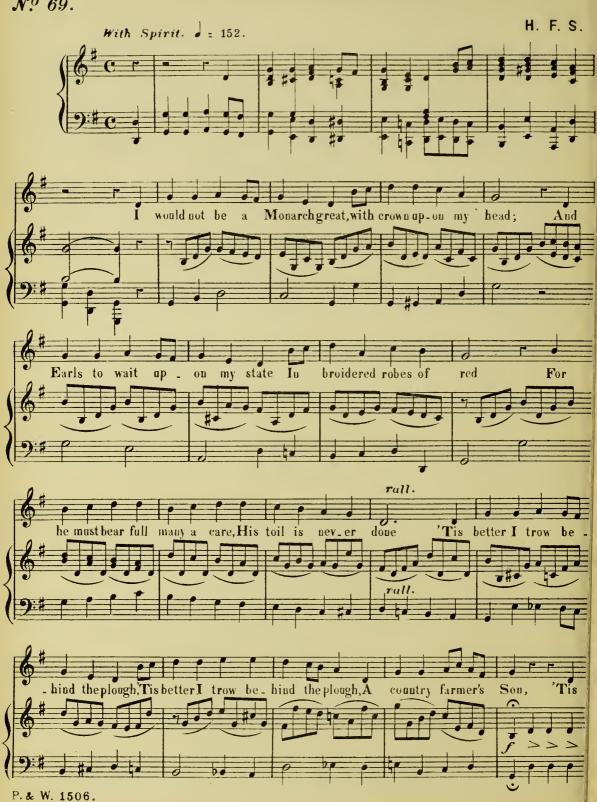
An honest mind, but such trifles are rare I doubt if they're found at Strawberry Fair: Ri-fol &c.

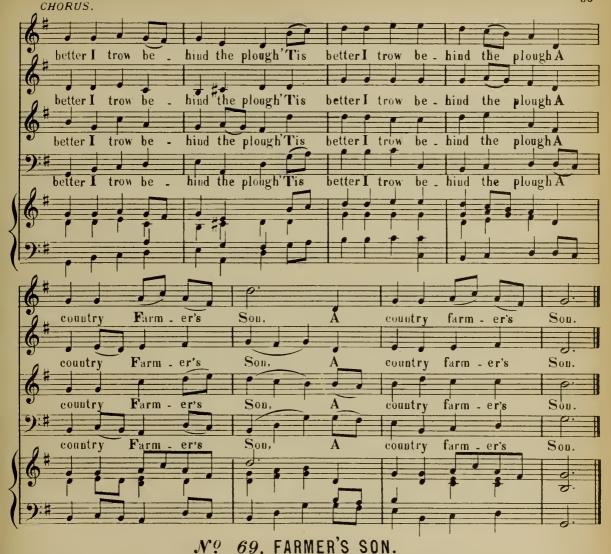
The price I offer, my sweet pretty maid Singing, &c.

A ring of gold on your finger displayed, Tol-de -dee!

So come make over to me your ware, In church today at Strawberry Fair. Ri-fol &c.

Nº 69.





I would not be a monarch great: With crown upon my head, And Earls to wait upon my state, In broidered robes of red. For he must bear full many a care, His toil is never done, Tis better I trow behind the plough, A Country Farmer's Son.

I would not be the Pope of Rome, And sit in Peter's chair; With priests to bow and kiss my toe, No wife my throne to share. And never know what 'tis to go, With beagles for a run; Tis better for me at liberty A Country Farmer's Son.

I would not be a merchant rich, And eat offsilver plate. And ever dread, when laid abed Some freakish turn of fate. Oneday on high, then ruin nigh, Now wealthy, now undone, 'Tis better for me at ease to be A Country Farmer's Son.

I trudge about the farm, all day, To know that all things thrive A maid I see that pleaseth me, Why then I'm fain to wive. Not over rich, I do not itch, For wealth, but what is won, By honest toil, from out the soil, A Country Farmer's Son.

May be omitted in singing. P. & W. 1506

## THE HOSTESS' DAUGHTER.





# NO TO. THE HOSTESS' DAUGHTER.

1

The Hostess of the Ring of Bells

A daughter bath with anburn bair;

Go where I will, o'er plain and bill,

I do not find a maid more fair;

She welcomes me with dimpled smiles,

And e'en a kiss will not deny.

O! would for us the bells did ring!

And we were wed\_that maid and I!

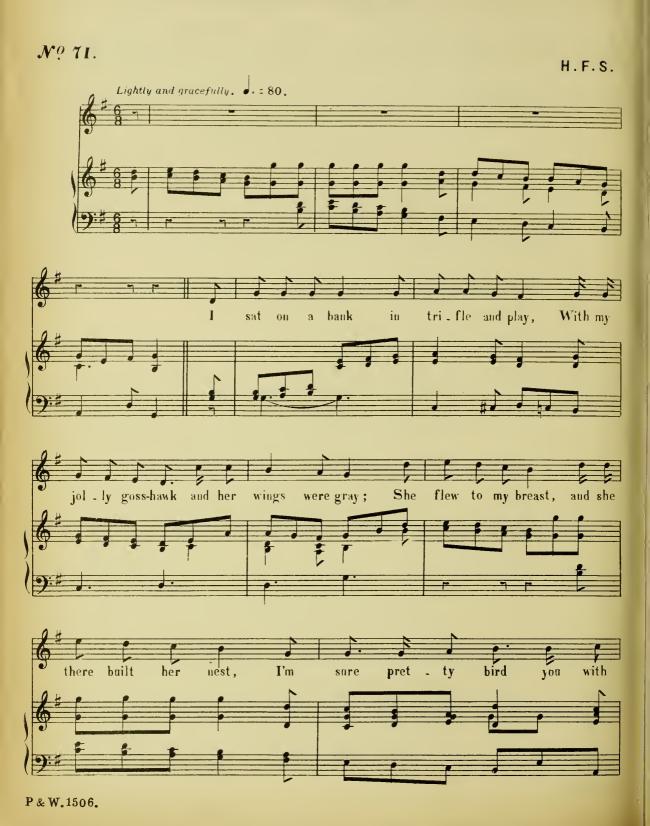
2

But as I travelled down the road,
There went by me a packer-train;
Twas Roger Rawle and Sandy Panl,
And Hunchback Joe, and Philip Mayne.
Says Roger, I have had a kiss,
From that sly maiden at the Bell,
And I, said Joe, and Panl said so,
And so did Philip Mayne as well.

3

Till weather-beaten as the sign
That doth before the tavern swing,
That maid will stay, and none essay,
To make her his with bell and ring.
Methinks I'll take another road,
Where hap some modest maiden dwells,
No sancy miss, with ready kiss,
And then for us shall ring the Bells.

# THE JOLLY COSS-HAWK.





NO 71. THE JOLLY GOSS-HAWK.

1

 ${f I}$  sation a bank in trifle and play,

With my jolly goss-hawk, and her wings were grey; She flew to my breast, And she there built her nest, I am sure pretty bird you with me will stay.

2

She builded within, and she builded without,

My jolly goss-hawk and her wings were grey;

She fluttered her wings, And she jingled her rings,

So merry was she, and so fond of play.

3

I got me a bell, to tie to her foot,

My jolly goss-hawk, and her wings were grey;

She mounted in flight, And she flew out of sight,

My bell and my rings she carried away.

4

I ran up the street, with nimblest feet,
My jolly goss-hawk, and her wings were grey;
I whooped and hallo'd, But never she shewed,
And I lost my pretty goss-hawk that day.

5

In a meadow so green, the hedges between,
My jolly goss-hawk and her wings were grey;
Upon a man's hand, She perch'd did stand,
In sport, and trifle, and full array.

6

Who's got her may keep her as best he can,
My jolly goss-hawk and her wings were grey;
To every man she is frolic and free,
I'll cast her off if she come my way.

# FAIR GIRL, MIND THIS!

Nº 72. F. W.B. wo man, her hus band a dore, Then poor; We live like two bumble and · mind this when you girl! mind

P & W. 1506.



1

A woman that hath a bad husband, I find,
By scolding won't make him the better.
So let her be easy, contented in mind,
Nor suffer his foibles to fret her.
Let every good woman her husband adore,
Then happy her lot, though't be humble and poor,
We live like two turtles, no sorrows we know,

And, fair girl! Mind this when you marry! Fair girl! Mind this when you marry!

2

My wife has been wedded full many a year,
And blesses the day she was married,
She never fell out in her life with her dear,
Tho' he at the ale-house has tarried.
She kindles the candle, and goes to her bed,
No word of contention and chiding is said,
We live like two Turtles, &c,

3

At morning full early my wife's on the trot,

Is laying and lighting the fire;

She gets me a pot of brown coffee, and hot;

Or anything else I desire.

She's under subjection, is dapper and fair,

She greeteth me always with Darling, and Dear!

We live like two Turtles, &c.

4

Should Saturday come and the money run short.

Why then \_ there is less for the Sunday.

She says she's contented, \_ no angry retort;

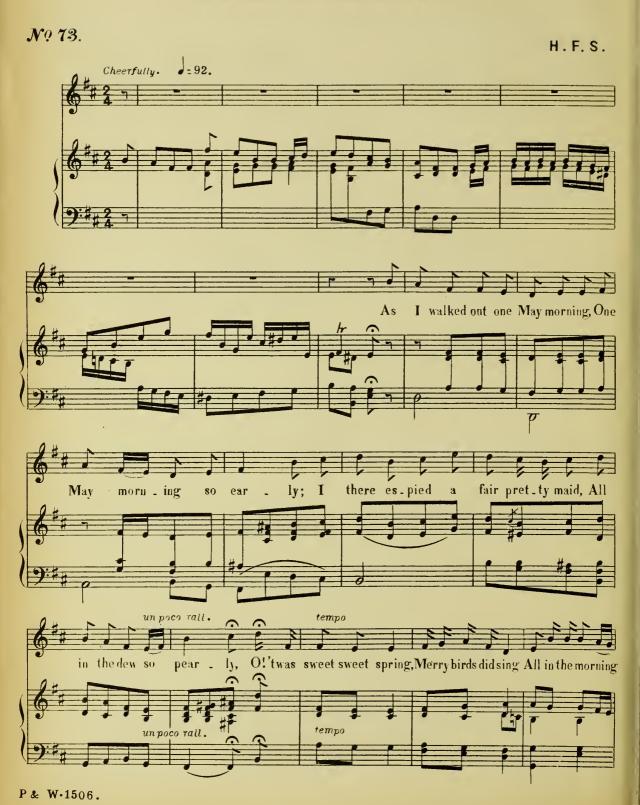
Only \_ work all the harder on Monday!

She gives me a kiss, and away I do go,

She never says, Husband, why worry me so?

We live like two Turtles, &c.

# ON A MAY MORNING SO EARLY.





As I walked out one May morning,

One May morning so early;

I there espied a fair pretty maid,

All in the dew so pearly.

O!'twas sweet, sweet spring,

Merry birds did sing,

All in the morning early.

Stay, fair one, stay! Thus did I say,

On a May morning so early;

My tale of love, your heart will move,

All in the dew so pearly.

O!'tis sweet, sweet spring, Merry birds do sing, All in the morning early.

No tales for me, Kind sir, said she

On a May morning so early;

My swain is true, I dont want two

All in the dew so pearly.

O! twas sweet sweet spring, Merry birds did sing,

All in the morning early.

With lightsome tread, Away she sped,

This May morning so early;

To meet her lad, And left me sad,

All in the dew so pearly.

O!'twas sweet, sweet spring, Merry birds did sing,

All in the morning early.

## THE SPOTTED COW.





# NO 74. THE SPOTTED COW.

One morning so gay, in the glad month of May,

When I from my cottage strayed: As broke the ray of awakening day,

I met a pretty maid.

A neat little lass on the twink'ling grass, To see, my foot I stayed.

"My fair pretty maid, why wander?" I said "So early, tell me now?"

The maid replied, "Pretty Sir!" and sighed. "I've lost my Spotted Cow.

She's stolen," she said, many tears she shed, "Or lost, I can't tell how."

No further complain in dolorous strain, I've tidings will you cheer.

I know she's strayed, in yonder green glade, Come, love! Ill shew you where.

So dry up your tears and banish fears, And bid begone despair."

"I truly confess in my bitter distress, You are most good, said she

"With help so kind, I am certain to find, My cow, so I'll with thee. Four eyes, it is true are better than two,

And four eyes shall have we."

Through meadow and grove, we together did rove, We crossed the flow'ry dale,

Both morn and noon, we strayed till the moon Above our heads did sail.

The old Spotted Cow, clean forgotten was now, For love was all our tale.

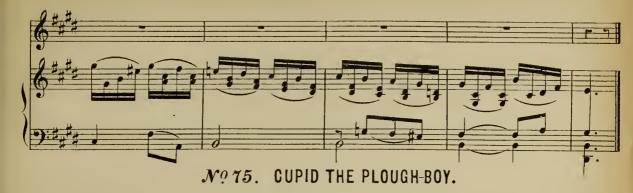
Now never a day, do I go my way, To handle flail or plough.

She comes again, and whispers, "Sweet swain I've lost mySpotted Cow."

I pretend not to hear, she shouts "My dear, I've lost my Spotted Cow?'

## CUPID THE PLOUGH BOY.





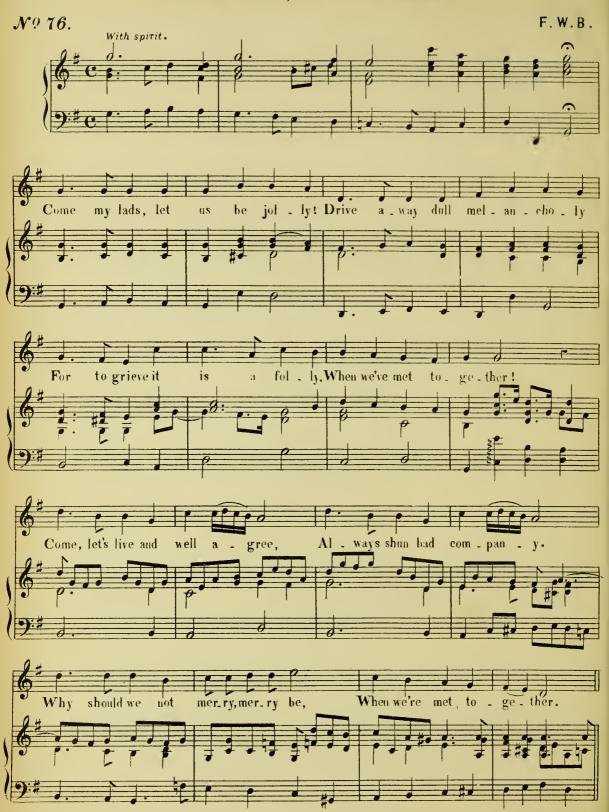
As I one day walked out in May, When May was white in bloom, I bent my path across the swath, And breathed the sweet perfume. I wandered near a tillage field, And leaning on a stile I saw go by a plonghing boy, With lips and eye asmile.

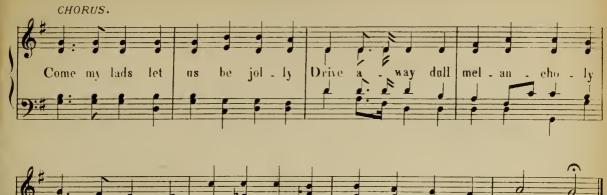
O Copid was that sancy boy Who furrows deeply drew, He broke soil, destroyed the spoil Of wild thyme wet with dew. Before his feet the field was sweet With flowers and grasses green, Behind turn'd down, and bare and brown, By Capid's coulter keen.

O crnel, crael ploughing boy! With sharp and cutting share! O why thy plough turn on me now, And leave me rent and hare? I would, I wot, that I had not, Awended down this way, Nanght did I gain save rack and pain And dolonr night and day.

"Thy heart I trow full deep I plough, My seed therein to sow, A crop will soon apspring and bloom, And make a pretty show. There'll come this way a gallant, gay, He'll view this flowery field, Then straight to him, unquestioning, The crop of Love you'll yield."

# COME IMY LADS, LET US BE JOLLY.





For to grieve it is a fol - ly, When we've met to - geth - er.

NO. 76. COME MY LADS, LET US BE JOLLY.

Come my lads let us be jolly!
Drive away dull melancholy
For to grieve it is a folly,

When we're met together.
Come, let's live and well agree,
Always shun bad company,
Why should we not merry merry be,

When we're met together? Chorus-Come my lads let us be jolly &c.

2

Here's the bottle, as it passes, Do not fail to fill your glasses, Water-drinkers are dull asses,

Whom there are dull asses,

When they're met together.
Milk is meet for infancy,
Ladies like to sip Bohea,

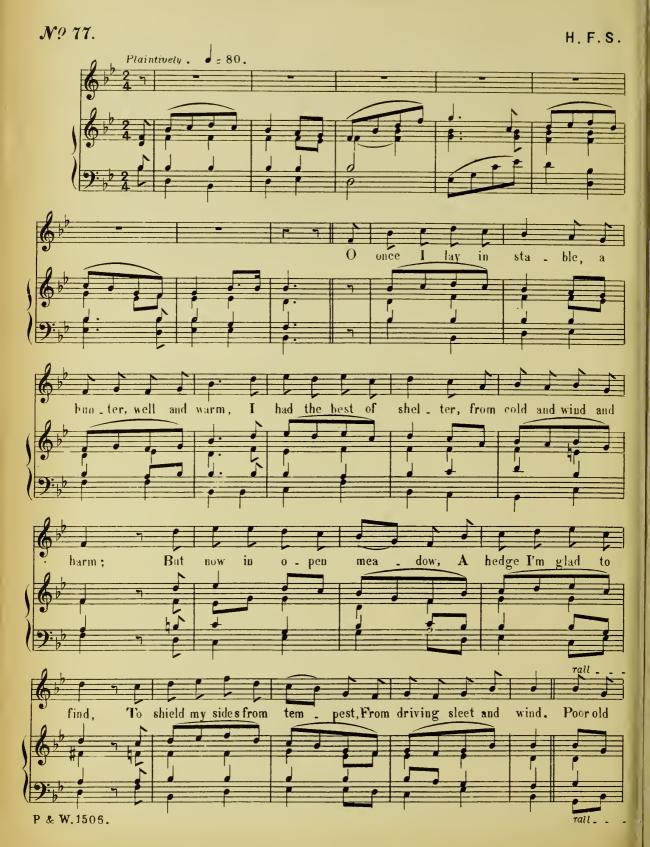
Not such stuff for you and me

When we're met together.
Chorus. Come my lads, let us be jolly, &c.

Solomon a wise man hoary
Told us quite another story.
In our drink we'll chirp and glory,

When we're met together.
Come my lads let's sing in chorus,
Merrily, but yet decorous,
Praising all good drinks before us,
When we're met together.
Chorus. Come my lads, let us be jolly &c.

## POOR OLD HORSE.





## NOTY. POOR OLD HORSE.

1

O once I lay in stable, a hunter, well and warm,
I had the best of shelter, from cold and rain and harm;
But now in open meadow, a hedge I'm glad to find,
To shield my sides from tempest, from driving sleet and wind.

Poor old horse, let him die!

2

My shoulders once were sturdy, were glossy, smooth and round, But now, alas! they're rotten, I'm not accounted sound.

As I have grown so aged, my teeth gone to decay,

My master frowns upon me; I often hear him say,

Poor old horse, let him die!

\*:

A groom upon me waited, on straw I sungly lay,
When fields were full of flowers, the air was sweet with hay;
But now there's no good feeding prepared for me atall,
I'm forced to munch the nettles upon the kennel wall.

Poor old horse, let him die!

4

My shoes and skin, the hontsman, that covets them shall have, My flesh and bones the honnds, Sir! I very freely give, I've followed them full often, aye! many a score of miles, O'er hedges, walls and ditches, nor blinked at gates and stiles.

Poor old horse, let him die!

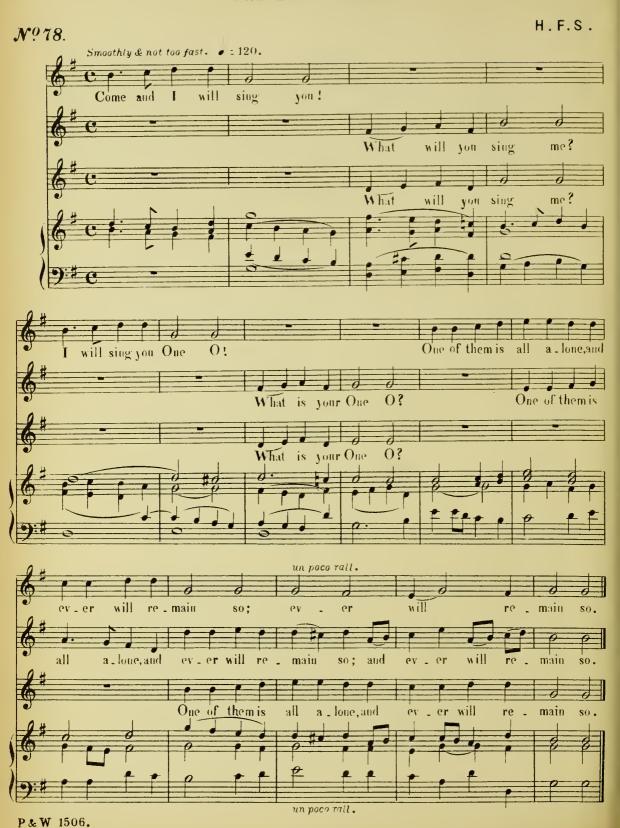
5

Ye gentlemen of England, ye sportsmen good and bold, All you that love a hunter, remember him when old, O put him in your stable, and make the old boy warm, And visit him and pat him, and keep him out of harm,

Poor old horse, till he die!

<sup>\*</sup>May be omitted in singing. P&W,1506.

## THE DILLY SONG.



#### NO 78. THE DILLY SONG.

1

Come, and I will sing you.

What will you sing me?

I will sing you One O!

What is your One O?

One of them is all all alone, and ever will remain so.

Come, and I will sing you.

What will you sing me?

I will sing you Two, O!

What is your Two, O?

Two of them are lily-white babes, and dress'd all in green, O.

3

Come, &c.

I will sing you Three, O!

What is your Three, O?

Three of them are strangers, over the wide world they are rangers.

4

Come, &c.

I will sing you Four, O

What is your Four, O?

Four it is the Dilly Hour, when blooms the gilly flower.

5

Come, &c.

I will sing you Five, O!

What is your Five, O?

Five it is the Dilly Bird, that's never seen, but heard, O!

6

Come, &c.

I will sing you Six, O!

What is your Six, 0?

Six the Ferryman in the Boat, that doth on the river float, O!

Come, &c.

I will sing you Seven, O!

What is your Seven, O?

Seven it is the crown of Heaven, the shining stars be seven, O!

8

Come, &c.

I will sing you Eight, O!

What is your Eight, O?

Eight it is the morning break, when all the world's awake, O!

Come, &c.

I will sing you Nine, O!

What is your Nine, O?

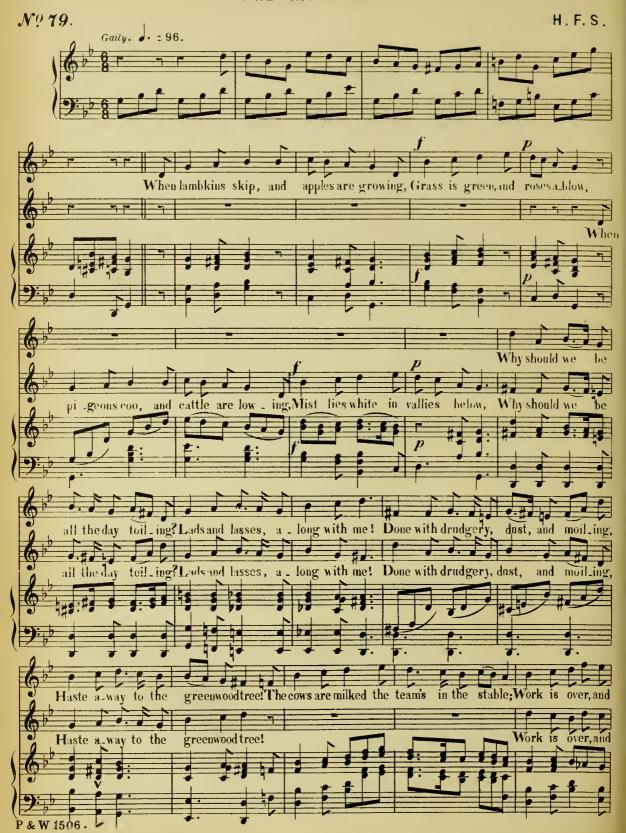
Nine it is the pale moonshine, the pale moonlight is nine, O!

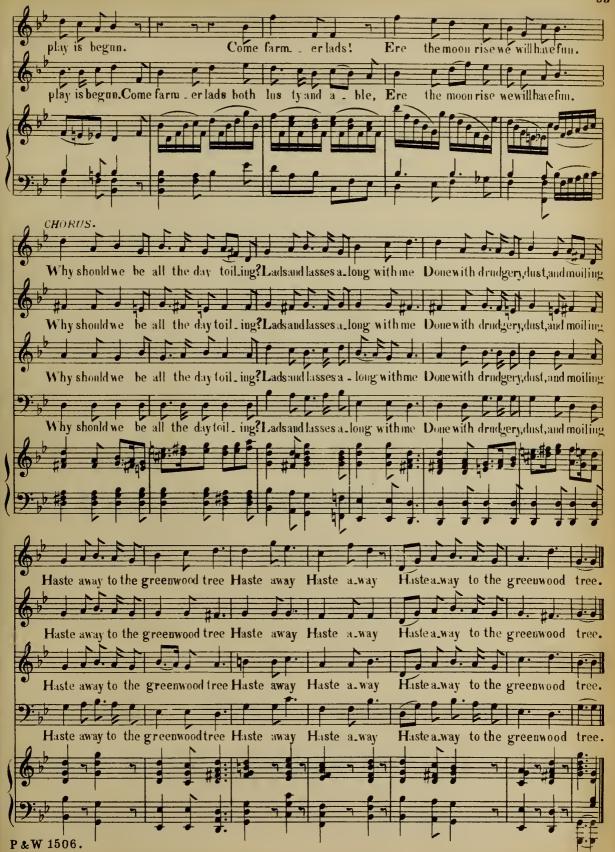
Come, &c.

I will sing you Ten, O!

What is your Ten, O?

Ten forbids all kind of sin, and ten again begin, O!





## NO79. THE MALLARD.

#### (A COUNTRY DANCE)

1

She: When lambkin's skip, and apples are growing, Grass is green, and roses ablow,

He: When pigeous coo, and cattle are lowing, Mist lies white invalles below,

Together: Why should we be all the day toiling?

Lads and lasses, along with me!

Done with drudgery, dust and moiling

Hasteaway to the greenwood tree

She: The cows are milked, the team's in the stable,
Work is over, and play begun,

He: Ye farmer lads all Insty and able

Ere the moon rises, we'll have our fun,

Chorus: Why should we, &c. \*2

She: The glow-worm lights, as day is afailing, Dew is falling over the field,

He: The meadow-sweet its scent is exhaling, Honeysuckles their fragrance yield.

Together: Why should we, &c.

There's Jack o'lantern Instily dancing In the marsh with flickering flame,

He: And Daddy-long-legs, spinning and prancing,
Moth and midge are doing the same,

Chorus: Why should we, &c.

3

She: So Bet and Prine, and Dolly and Celie,
With milking pail 'tis time to have done.

He: And Ralph and Phil, and Robin and Willie,
The threshing flail must sleep with the sun.

Together: Why should we, &c.

Whilst we dance we merrily sing.

He: A country dance, a jig, and a measure, Hand in hand we go in a ring.

Chorus: Why should we, &c.

4

She: O sweet it is to foot on the clover, Ended work and revel begin.

He: Aloft the planets never give over, Dancing, circling round of the sun.

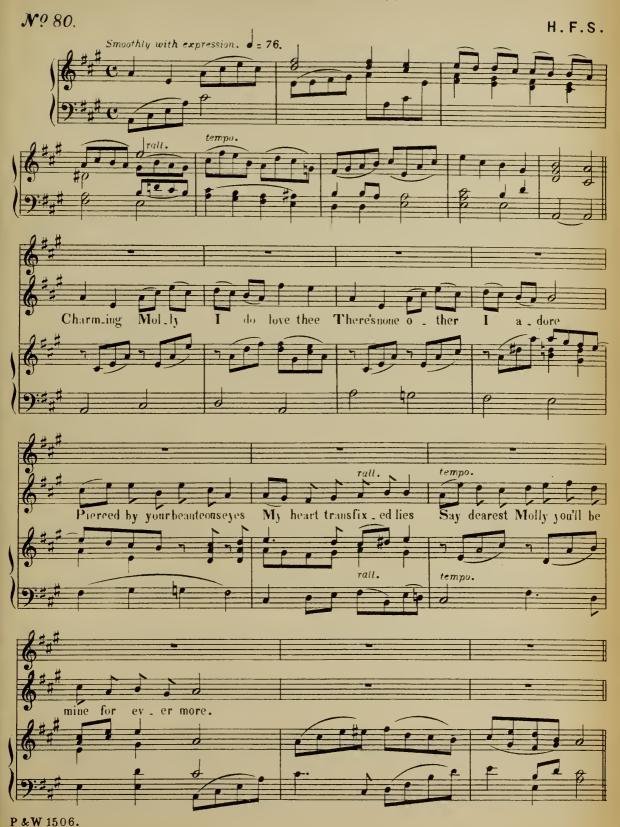
Together: Why should, we, &c.

She: So Ralph and Phil, and Robin and Willie, Take your partners each of you now.

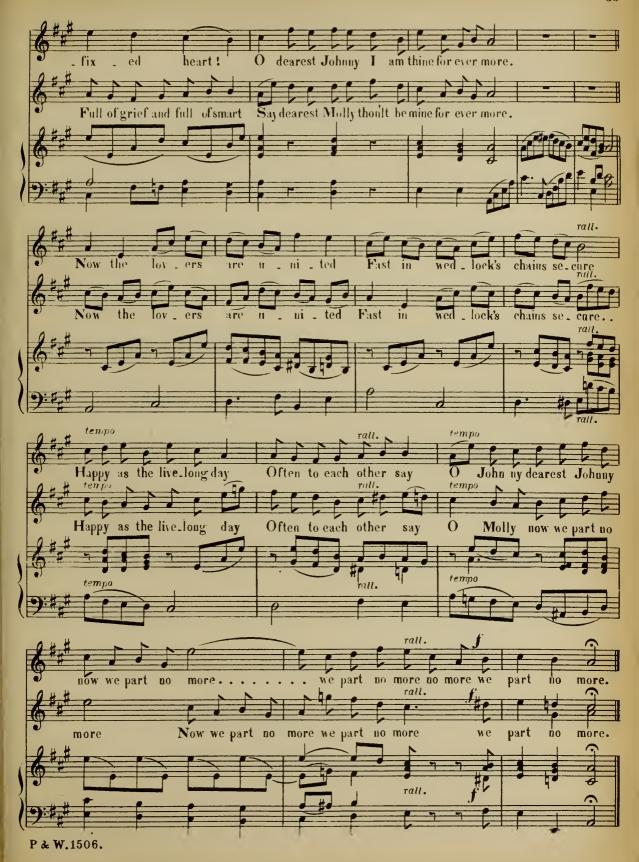
He; And Bet and Prue, and Dolly and Celie,
Make a curtsey; lads! make a bow.

Chorus: Why should, we.

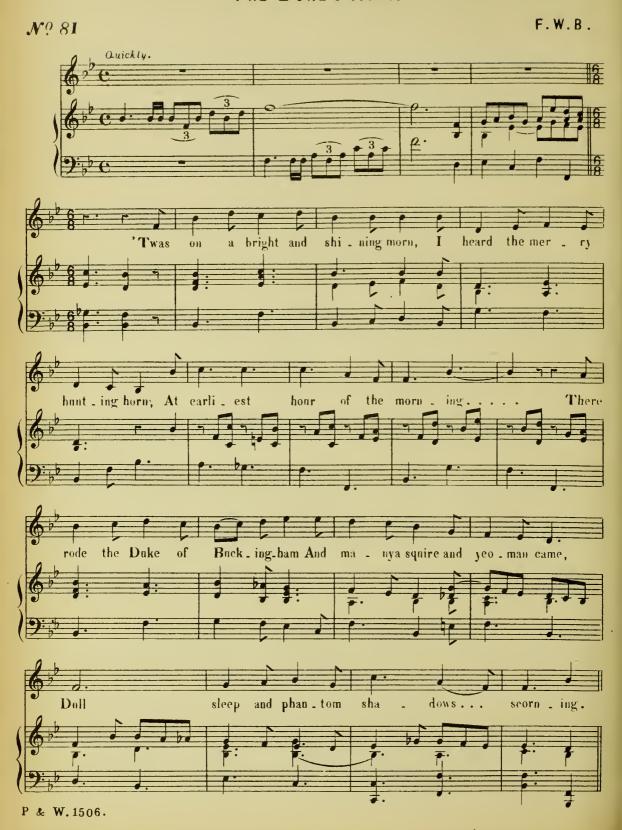
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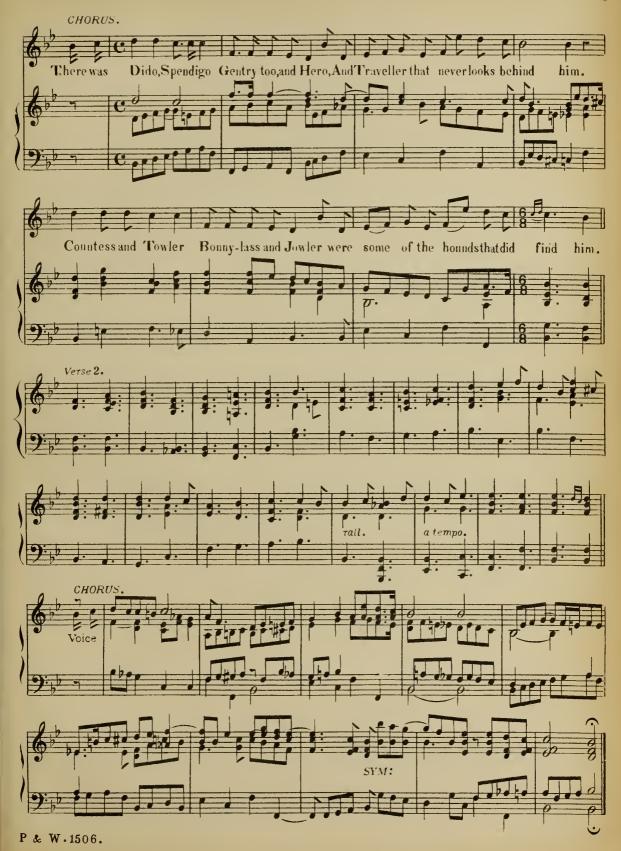






## THE DUKES HUNT.





## NO 81. THE DUKE'S HUNT.

1

Twa on a bright and shining morn I heard the merry hunting horn,

At earliest hour of the morning.

There rode the Duke of Buckingham, And many a squire and yeoman came,

Dull sleep and phantom shadows scorning

There was Dido, Spendigo

Gentry too, and Hero,

And Traveller that never looks behind him

Countess and Towler,

Bonny-lass and Jowler.

These were some of the hounds that did find him.

2

Old Jack he courses oe'r the plain,

Unwearied tries it back again,

His horse and his hounds fail never.

Our hearty huntsman he will say,

For ever and for ee'r a day,

Hark! Forward! gallant hounds together.

There was Dido, &c.

3

The fox we followed, being young,

Our sport today is scarce begun,

Ere out of the cover breaking,

Away he runs o'er hill and dale, Away we followed without fail

Hark! Forward! sleeping echoes awaking!

There was Dido, &c.

4

Shy Reynard being well nigh spent,

His way he to the water bent,

And speedily crossed the river.

To save his life he sought to swim,

But Dido sharp went after him,

Heigh! Traveller destroyed his life for ever.

There was Dido, &c.

5

So, whoo-too-hoo! we did proclaim

God bless the Duke of Buckingham,

Our hounds they have gained great glory.

This maketh now the twentieth fox,

We've killed in river, dale and rocks,

So here's an end to my story.

There was Dido, &c.





1.

One day in October, Neither drunken nor sober, O'er Broadbury Down I was wending my way. When I heard of some ringing, Some dancing and singing,

I ought to remember that Jubilee Day.

REFRAIN.

Twas in Ashwater Town, The bells they did soun' They rang for a belt and a hat laced with gold. But the men of North Lew Rang so steady and true, That never were better in Devon, I hold.

Twas misunderstood, For the men of Broadwood,

Gave a blow on the tenor should never have been. But the men of North Lew, Rang so faultlessly true,

A difficult matter to beat them I ween Twas in Ashwater Town &c:

3.

They of Broadwood being naughty Then said to our party,

We'll ring you a challenge again in a round, We'll give you the chance, At St Stephens or Launce -

\_ston the prize to the winner's a note of five pound. That no better then they in the West can be found.

'Twas in Callington Town The bells next did soun' They rang, &c: P&W. 1506.

When the match it came on, At good Callington, The bells they rang out o'er the valleys below. Then old and young people, The hale and the feeble, They came out to hear the sweet bell music flow.

'Twas at Callington town The bells then did soun'

They rang, &c:

Those of Broadwood once more, Were obliged to give o'er,

They were beaten completely and done in a round.

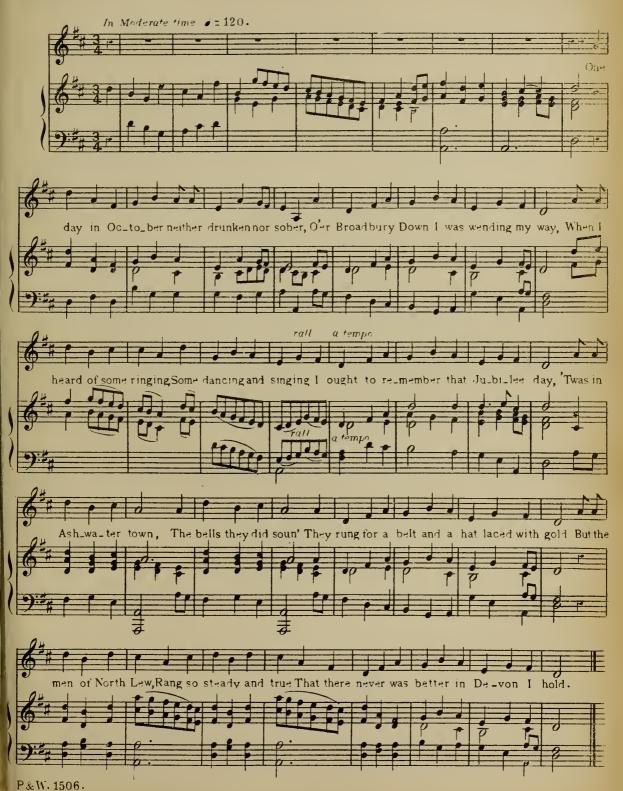
For the men of North Lew

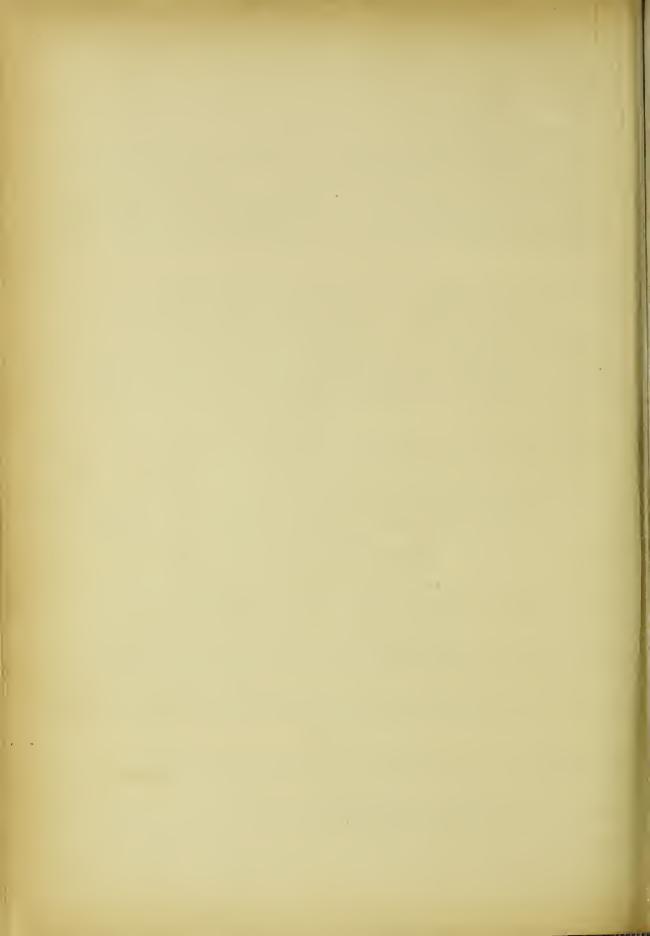
Pull so steady and true,

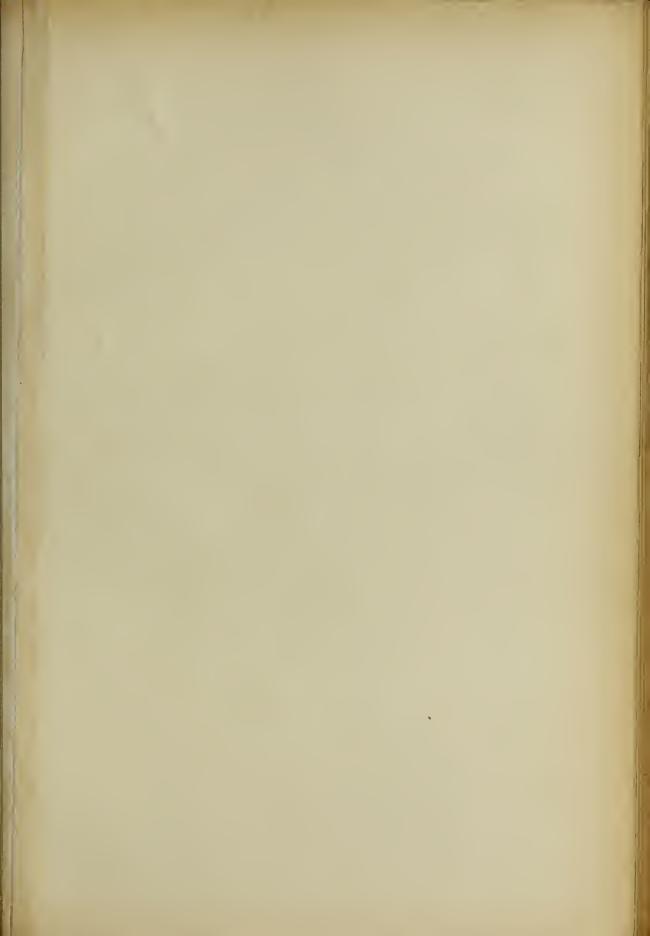
'Twas at Ashwater town Then at Callington town They rang, &c:

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