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#### PREFACE.

IN the few words of introduction to our previous volume we ventured to intimate that should the public manifest a desire for a further instalment of bygone English lyrics, a wealth of material still lay untouched.

The rapid sale and the favourable notices, public and private, with which the book has been favoured give flattering and unmistakable proof that the public, like the melancholy Jacques, would cry:

"More, I Prithee, more, I do desire you to sing; Come, more; another stanza."

Our publishers have therefore asked us to fulfil the demand.

Dealing in the first volume with Songs from the reign of Elizabeth, and ending with those in vogue during the first years of the third George, we now follow on and finish our selection at about the date 1820, in some few cases overstepping our limits where a song of a slightly removed period has, by its merits, tempted us.

As before, the Songs have been taken from books and single sheet publications in the library of the writer of the historical notes, and it will probably be more apparent even than in our former volume that we have selected mainly those Lyrics which are practically unknown to modern singers.

With the exception of perhaps a dozen of the excellent old favourites, our contents have lain undisturbed in their original repositories, old Song-books and volumes of Sheet music, since the time when their original singers ceased to warble.

It will be noticed that much of our material was originally sung at Vauxhall and other public gardens. This may appear strange to those of the present generation who do not know that these places were the nursery of English Vocal Music, and that no higher stamp of merit could be given to a song than "sung at Vauxhall." Under the guidance of Dr. Arne and James Hook it is certainly not to be wondered at that this was the case, and that the Vauxhall music of their day is sufficiently good to be revived for the delight of audiences who come more than a century or a century and a half after the time of these composers.

Of James Hook's works we have taken very freely, for of all English musicians of his period, for excellent prolificness, we find him hard to beat; he has originality, beauty of melody, and good technical qualities.

Thomas Linley in such compositions as "Still the lark finds repose," reaches high merit indeed, and his musicianly qualities are good. Storace, Shield, Dibdin, and Reeve still hold position, and are well represented in our work. We have in it attempted to give a selection which shall comprise the best specimens of English Vocal Music from 1760 to 1820. In nearly every instance the Song has been directly arranged (with due regard to the composer's own bass) from the sheet on which it was first issued. Where this source has failed, we have turned to contemporary collections, and in each case made comparisons with all available copies. In some instances we have been obliged to abbreviate Songs to bring them into the space at our disposal.

In regard to the historical notes, the compiler of them has spared no pains to make each as full of facts respecting the song dealt with as possible.

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# Still the Lark finds Repose.



A brilliant composition by Thomas Linley the elder, used in a little musical farce written by Mark Lonsdale, named The Spanish Rivals. This was acted at Drury Lane on November 5th, 1784. The song was sung by Miss Phillips, afterwards Mrs. Crouch.

Thomas Linley was a musician of great thoroughness. He was born at Bath in 1755, and studied under Thomas Chiloct. In his native city he conducted concerts and oratorios, but his daughter having married Richard Brinsley Sheridan, Linley came to London, and with his son-in-law purchased, in 1776, the principal share in Drury Lane Theatre. He now entirely turned his attention to the composition of operas for his theatre, his compilation, The Duenna, having at Covent Garden, in the previous year, achieved a great success.

composition of operas for his theatre, his compilation, the Deerman, having at Deerman, having as success, Linley's operas, The Camp (1776), The Carnival of Fenice (1781), The Spanish Rivals (1784), with others, were performed at Drury Lane. We give songs from each of these pieces. The clever sons of Thomas Linley made their mark on English music. Thomas Linley, junior, his youngest son, had already written much, but he was drowned in Lincolnshire, in 1778, when he was but twenty-three. William Linley, the younger son, wrote some glees, and made a valuable collection of Shakeseariam music, published in two thin folio volumes. The daughters were all singers of some degree of talent. Thomas Linley, the father, died in 1795.







## Ti, tum, ti.



The song was sung by Liston, in the character of a quaker, in a little farce called Five Miles Off: or, The Finger Post, produced at the Haymarket Theatre on July 9th, 1805. Thomas Dibdin (son of the song writer, Charles Dibdin the elder), wrote the verses, and William Reeve the clever melody.

# By Dimpled Brook.



There are few 18th century composers whose work is so generally tuneful and pleasing, yet with more solid qualities, than Dr. Arne. At the present day there is happily a great tendency to search out and revive many of his excellent, though now forgotten numbers, "By Dimpled Brook" is from the Masque of "Gonus," one of Arne's very early works; 16th doed, the title to the first edition gives it as his "opera prima." The Masque, an adaptation from John Milton's "Comus," was performed in 1738. The adaptation was made by Dr. Dalton, who wrote additional songs and used passages from Milton's other works. At its first production the lyric was sung by Kitty Clive. Milton's original Masque was performed at Ludlow Castle in 1634.





#### Chit Chat.



A song that had a great deal of popularity about the dates 1815 to 1820. An early music sheet informs us that it was "sung by Mr. Jones with unbounded applause at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, and at the Theatre Royal, Crow Street, Dublin. The words by P. I. H., Esq., the music by F. W. Southwell." It will be found in many song collections of the period.



## Under the Greenwood Tree.



"Under the Greenwood Tree," Shakespeare's song in As you like it, has had several musical settings, but Dr. Arne's charming music still holds its own. Arne's air was composed for a revival of As you like it, the performance taking place in December, 1740. The composer himself published the music for this play and for Twelfth Night about 1741. Maria Hester Park, circa 1796, Stafford Smith, 1792, and Sir Henry R. Bishop have each essayed to supersed Arne's music.

The original melody to the song, or any prior to this one, is unknown, for the tune named "Under the Greenwood Tree," found in the Dancing Master, Pills, and the early ballad operas, does not appear to have ever been adapted to Shakespeare's words. In fact, "Under the Greenwood Tree" as a phrase, seems to have formed a chorus to some of the early songs and ballads reaching backward to the lefth century.







## The Forecastle Sailor.



The melody is by T. A. Geary, and the words are found on broadsides and in song books, in date about 1785 to 1800. One copy is in the Muses Banquet or Vocal Repository for the year 1791. Geary's music to the song was published in sheet form by John Bland about 1788. Another air to the same song is to be found in a small flute book, The Man of Feeling (Goulding Phipps and D'Almaine), circa 1803. This latter tune is by John Moulds, but it is not so good as the one here printed.

The words suggest that the song has been written upon some special incident connected with the wreck and abandonment of a frigate named the Gaardian, about the time the song appeared.



# I sailed in the good Ship, the "Kitty."



A bright little song by Charles Dibdin, and one of his earliest productions. It was first sung in an entertainment called Friendly Tars, acted at Sadlers' Wells Theatre about 1777-8.

#### Old Towler.



One of the best known English hunting songs. The words are by John O'Keeffe and the music by William Shield. Shield wished O'Keeffe to write a hunting bravum in order that he himself might write a composition to suit Mrs. Matyr's peculiar staccato style of singing. "Old Towler" (originally "Fleet Ringwood") was the result. Mrs. Matyr first sang the song in O'Keeffe's opera, The Car, acted at Covent Garden in 1750, but Incledon atterwards took over the song, and made it a great success. It was he who made the alternation from Ringwood to Towler. O'Keeffe, in some doggerel rhymes, alludes to this as follows:—

"And Shield, thou soul of harmony,
A hunting song composed for me.
The dawn proclaimed by chanticleer,
Who saw The Catr my song might hear;
But Incledon my song he sing would,
'Old Towler leads the cry'—not Ringwood."





## Jack at Greenwich.



"Jack at Greenwich," one of Charles Dibdin's songs, and sung by him in his entertainment, The Cake House, produced in 1800. The list of poor Jack's gradual disablements is both comical and pathetic.







"In every Ports Wife" is more frequently entitled "Jack in his Element." The song was written, composed, and sung by Charles Dibdin in his table entertainment, The Wags: or, the Camp of Pleasure, produced 18th October, 1790.

## Cherries and Plums.



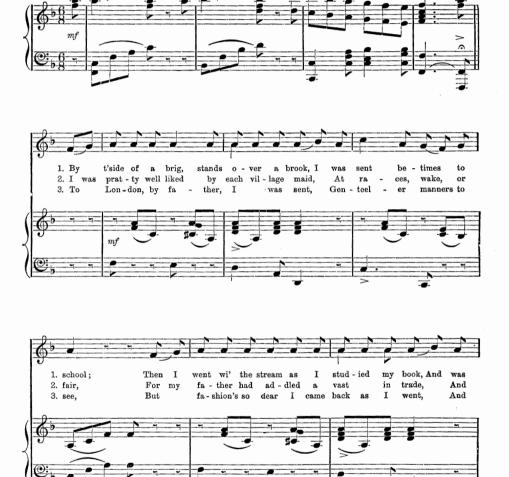
From Charles Dibdin's pleasing little opera, The Woterman; or, The First of August, produced in 1774 at the Haymarket Theatre. The piece has reference to the rowing for the coat and badge, the outcome of a bequest by Thomas Degget, an actor, who bequeathed money to purchase a coat and silver badge to be rowed for by six watermen on the Thames on the anniversary of the Hanoverian succession. Interwoven with this incident in the play there is, of course, a love story. The Waterman retained much of its popularity almost up to the present day, Sims Reeves taking the part of Tom Tug, the hero. The songs "Then farewell, my Trimbuilt Wherry" and "The Jolly Young Waterman" are the best known lyrics in the opera.

THOMAS DIBDIN.

Allegro.

## The Yorkshire Man.

WM. REEVE.



The song is from the opera, Family Quarrels, written by Thomas Dibdin, and composed by William Reeve. This was acted in December, 1802, at Covent Garden. The comedian Emery took the character "Mushroom," who acted the part of the Yorkshireman. The piece contained certain passages which gave great offence to the Jews, and had to be considerably modified on its second performance. Had Thomas Dibdin been a Yorkshireman he would have used the word "beck" for "brook" in the song we select; otherwise the dialect is not greatly at fault.

Thomas Dibdin, the second son of the more famous Charles Dibdin, wrote a vast number of theatrical pieces, and many hundred songs, but unlike his father, he left musical composition alone. He was born in London in 1771 and died in 1826.



# Ah! once when I was a very little Maid.



Taken from a little musical entertainment called Fast Asleep, written by Samuel Birch, with the music composed by Thomas Atwood. The piece was so unsuccessful that it was acted but one night; this was at Drury Lane in 1797. Mrs. Bland took the part of the heroine, and sang the song we print.

Thomas Attwood is now best remembered by his Church music. He was born in 1765 in London and died at Cheltenham in 1888. He composed for the theatres and was at a later period organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, and music-master to several of the Royal Family, as well as organist to George IV. at his private chapel at Brighton. Attwood was musical-arranger of a number of operas which were produced at the end of the 18th and at the beginning of the 19th centuries.





A song sung about 1608 by the clown, "Joey" Grimaldi, at Sadiers' Wells Theatre in a pantomime called *The Aquatic Harlequin*. The words are by Charles Dibdin, junior, and the air is by William Reeve. Some spoken "patter" is here omitted. Sadlers' Wells, from its proximity to the New River Head had some facilities for giving water spectacles, and in all plays where there was an excuse for it "real water on the stage" was advertised.



#### Fair Rosalie.



<sup>&</sup>quot;Fair Rosalie" is printed in Hyde's Miscellaneous Collection of Songs and Ballads, vol. ii., 1799, folio. It is there assigned to Charles Dignum, who himself claims it in the preface to his volume of Vocal Music, circa 1803. Comparing the above clever composition with any in the last-named work one feels to rather doubt the correctness of his claim, or at least to regret that Dignum's music had so much fallen off.

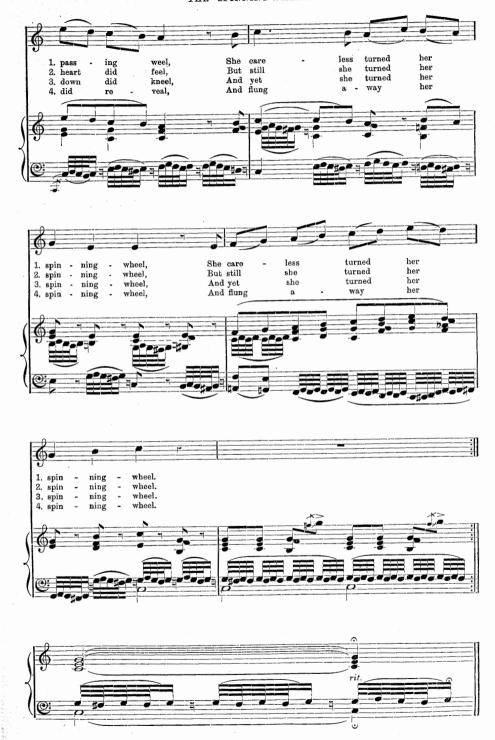
One early music sheet states that it was "sung by Mrs. Crouch at the Music Hall, Liverpool, and by Mrs. Dignum at the Anacreontic Society, the words by Mr. Richardson." The song must have been first put forth about 1788 or 1790. Cther copies are found on music sheets issued by Stewart, Edinburgh, in the Pianoforte Magazine, The Kiinburgh Musical Micellany, 1792, and elsewhere. It will be noticed that the verses, "Young Lubin is a shepherd boy," printed by us in the present volume, are much the same in theme as "Fair Rosalie."



# The Spinning-Wheel.



This pleasing little song with the air is printed in the July number of the Universal Magazine for 1762 as "a new song." It is somewhat curious to find the same words (turned into the first person), in all editions of Dr. Arne's Thomas and Sally (except the first), united to the "Societh air" in the overture. In these it is stated that the words were "sung by fir. Penducet at Ranelagh and Miss Brent at Vauxhall." The Societh air in question is that generally known as the "Cardin" ot." In the first edition of the opera dated 1761, the air is printed as part of the overture without any words attached. The melody we give above was no doubt the original one for the song, but it afterwards appears to have been superseded by the one Arne selected for it. It is doubtful if the words were ever sung in Thomas and Sally, as they can form no part of the piece.





The air is by Dr. William Boyce. The song appears in *The Universal Magazine* for December, 1749; *Muse's D.light*, Liverpool, 1754; *Clio and Enterpe*, vol. iii., 1752, and on engraved half sheets. In these it is headed, "The Non-pariel set by Mr. Boyce." It was sung at Ranelagh Gardens by John Beard. To Boyce we are indotted for his fine air, "Heart of Oak," and he was composer of many now forgotten lyrics of some merit. William Boyce was born in 1710, held many important posts as organist, and was composer to the Chapel Royal and to the King. He wrote much for Ranelagh Gardens, took his doctor's degree in 1749, and died in 1779. He was buried in St. Paul's Cathodral.



# What's sweeter than the new-blown Rose?



Taken from "Six Select Songs and One Cantata . . set to music by James Newton, M.A. London: printed for the author and sold by John Johnstone," folio, circa 1775. James Newton was a little known musician who came from, or resided in, the Eastern counties.



# When Phœbus begins just to Peep.

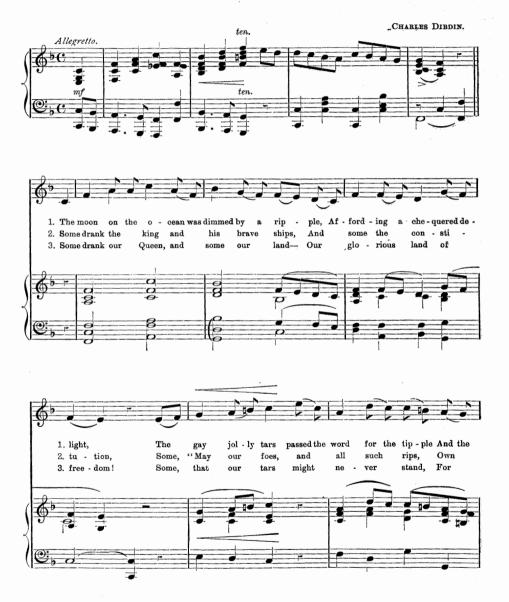
Bunting Song.



One of the 18th century hunting songs, of which there are many examples of considerable musical value, but with a compass so great that one wonders how the average singer executed them. The present one appears in Fielding's Vocal Enchantress, 1783.



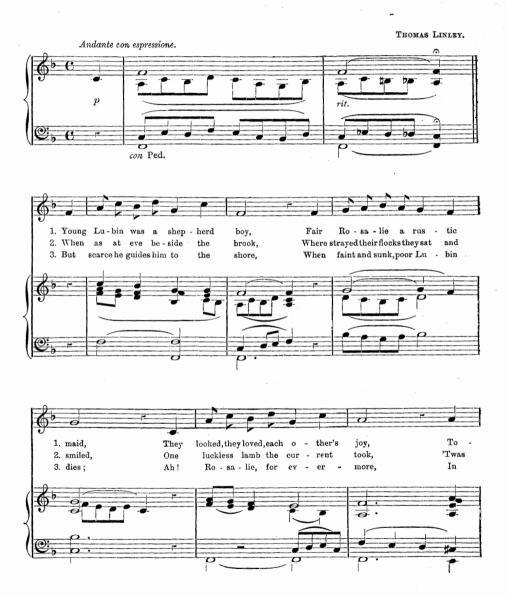
#### The Lass that loves a Sailor.



One of the prettiest of Charles Dibdin's songs, and one of his very late ones. The words and music were written by him when in broken health and spirits and in great financial difficulties. The song was sung in a little musical entertainment, his last, called, The Robin; this was produced in 1811.



## Young Lubin was a Shepherd Boy.



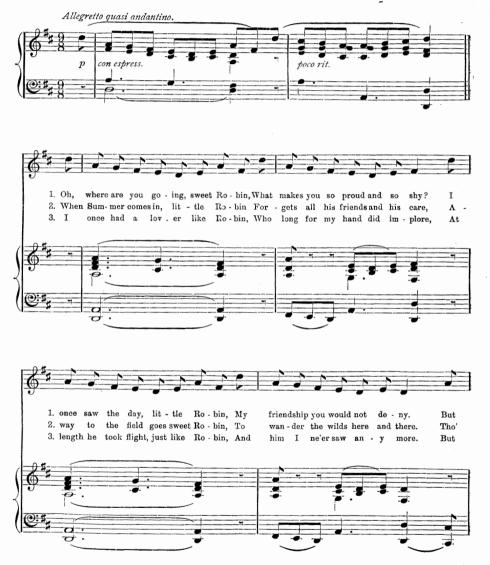
Compare the words with "Fair Rosalie" in the present work. "Young Lubin" was a song sung in the opera, The Carnival of Fenice, written by Richard Tickell, with the music by Thomas Linley, senior. It was produced at Drury Lane in 1781, and many songs from it were printed on sheet music and in collections. Mrs. Cargill sang the lyric on the stage.







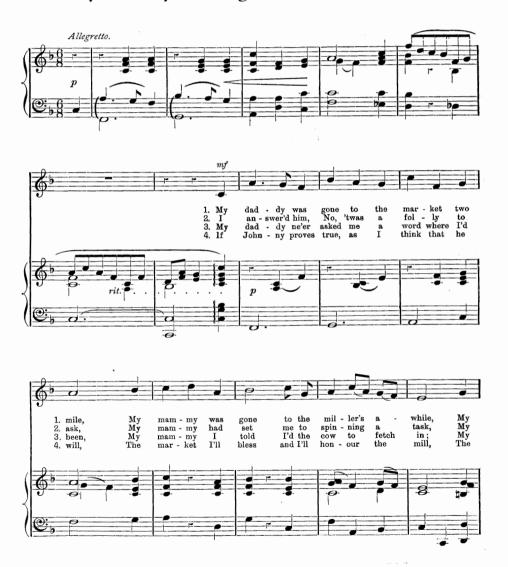
#### Sweet Robin.



A dainty little song much sung in the early years of the 19th century. It was rendered popular by Mrs. Cooke, wife of T. S. Cooke, the Irish musician, who as Miss Howells sang at Vauxhall. An early music sheet copy associates Cooke's name with its composition, but it is doubtful if the air was not an old one merely arranged by him for his wife's singing. Thomas Simpson Cooke was born in Dublin in 1782, and died in London in 1846. The song is published in R. A. Smith's Scottish Minstrel, vol. ii., with the present tune mistakenly named "Hallow Fair."



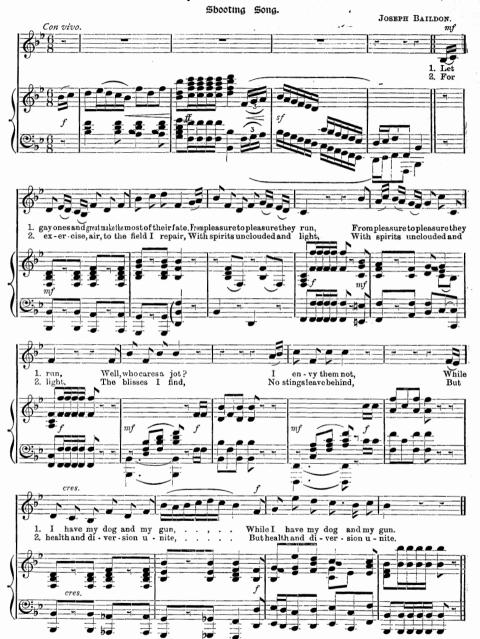
# My Daddy was gone to the Market.



Originally sung by a vocalist named Miss Brown at Sadler's Wells Theatre. It was published in the December number of the Universal Magazine for 1763. It is curious that a traditional version still survives (or did recontly) in the south of England.



### Let Gay Ones and Great.



This forms one of the songs in the once famous opera, Love in a Village. The air is by Joseph Baildon, and the words presumably by the author of the piece, Isaac Bickerstaffe. Love in a Village was performed in 1762; it was the first of the revival of the ballad opera which, originally commencing with the Beggurs' Opera in 1727-8, almost entirely occupied the theatres for nearly ten years afterwards. The prestry pastoral play called Love in a Village formed, for many years, one of the stock pieces of London and provincial theatres. The character of "Young Meadows" gave the first footing on the boards to several notable singers.

Joseph Baildon was at alented composer during the 18th century. One of his best known compositions is the glee, "Adieu to the Village Delights." He was born in 1727, and died in 1774.

### Phillis, Talk no more of Passion.



The air is by George Monro, and is set to the above pretty verses generally entitled, "The Repreach." The whole occurs in John Watt's Musical Miscellany, vol. vi., 1731. It is also in Walsh's British Musical Miscellany, vol. iv., 1734, and on half sheet music of an earlier date, engraved by T. Cross. Monro was an organist at two of the London churches, and harpstchord player at Goodman Field's thea're. He was the writer or arranger of the music to Henry Fielding's Temp's Beau. Many of his song compositions appear in the two works above mentioned. Messrs. Brown and Stratton's excellent Musical Biography gives the date of his death as about 17s1.

### The Captain with the Smart Cockade.



The composition of Jaines Hook. The song was originally sung by Mrs. Martyr at Vauxhall in the season of 1783-9. It became very popular, an 1 was first published with the nusic by John Presiin in Hook's Collection of Vauxhall Songs for the season above named; it also found on sheet music. In the song books of the period it is generally entitled "Now, Dow," or elso by the first line of the song.



### Come, come, my good Shepherds.

Sbeep-sbearing Ballad.



This was written by David Garrick for his revival of *The Winter's Tale*, which he produced at Drury Lane Theatre in 1756. Michael Arne wrote the melody. The song with the air was published in *The Universal Magazine* for March, 1755, and in other and later 18th century publications. English song affords several sheep-shearing songs; there is one by Charles Dibdin which became so popular that even now it is sung traditionally in the northern counties.



- 1. guile-less and free, And who are so guile-less and hap-py as we? Who are so hap-py and
- 2. paint-ed and dress'd, For ro ses will bloom when there's peace in the breast, Ro ses will bloom when there's
- 3. sport and we play, And leave to fine folks to de ceive and be tray, Harmless and sim ple we





- 1. guile less we? The hap - piest of folks are the guile - less and as free,
- $\mathbf{For}$ ses will bloom when there's peace 2. peace the breast, in breast,
- And leave fine folks de - ceive play, and be - tray,





- 1. Guileless and free,
  - guile · less and free, And who are so hap - py and guile-less as we?
- 2. Ro ses will bloom. ro - ses will bloom, For ro - ses will bloom when there's peace in the breast.
- 3. Leave to fine folks, leave to fine folks, And leave to fine folks to de - ceive and be - tray.



### While Phillis refuses my Love to Requite.

(Easy and Gay.)



Under the title "Easy and Gay," this song, with the air, is published in the December supplement of the Universal Magazine for 1772, and again in Vocal Music, 1775.



### The Army and Navy of Britain.



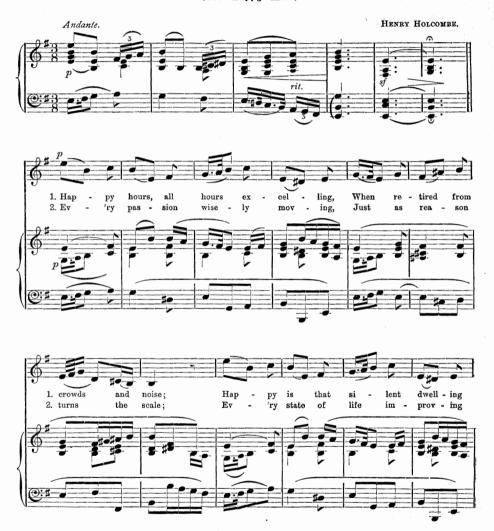
So far as can be ascertained, this song first appeared in Dr. Kitchiner's Loyal and National Songs of England, London, 1823. No anthor's name is attached to the piece, and it is more than probable that words and music are by some of the doctor's own personal friends,—perhaps he himself may have written the verses. William Shield was one of Kitchiner's intimate friends, and as he in a great measure edited the book, the chances are that this musician may have had a hand in the composition of the melody we give above.

Dr. William Kitchiner, physician and writer, dabbled in a great number of things besides medicine, cookery, and music. He edited a collection of the songs of Charles Dibdin, and formed an extensive musical library. It was in this library that the Dr. John Bull manuscript was found, wherein is said to be written the air "God Save the King."



### Happy Hours, all Hours excelling.

(The Thappy Man.)



The air is by Henry Holcombe, a musician who composed much vocal music in the early years of the eighteenth century. Under the heading, "The Happy Man," the song was published on single music sheets about 1729-30, and in the latter year was included in Watt's Musical Miscellany, vol. iv. It also appears in Walsh's British Musical Miscellany, vol. i., 1733; Calliope: or, English Harmony, vol. i., 1759, etc.

Holcombe was a singer employed at Drury Lane Theatre. He was born at Salisbury in 1690, and died in London, 1750. His song, "Arno's Vale," was very well known and much sung about the middle of the eighteenth century. He also composed a set of Sonatas for a Violin, with a figured bass, which has considerable merit.



#### The Flitch of Bacon.



A witty song on the famous Dunmow c.remony. The words are by that elever versifier, Captain Morris, and in a manuscript book of songs dated 1797 in the possession of the writer, they are directed to be sung to the tune, "The girl I left behind me." In Tegg's Linnet, 1831, the above air by Hook is used. It is of course quite needless to say that the song forms no part of Shield's opera, The Flitch of Bacon, acted in 1778. A country dance also bearing the title was in vogue about 1780.





One of Hook's Vauxhall Songs sung at the Gardens by Miss Sims in the season of 1800. The words were written by a Dr. Houlton, author of several other songs which Hook used for his Vauxhall compositions.



#### The Lass of Richmond Hill.



A ballad which from its first production has become immensely popular. It seems to have been originally sung by Charles Incledon at Yauxhall Gardens in the season of 1789, and the song is printed in the Morning Herald of August 1st of that year, and shortly after that date appeared in a number of song books. James Hook composed the melody, and Leonard McNally, an Irish barrister, is the reputed author of the verses, which are said to have been written in honour of a young lady named Mery l'Anson who lived at Hill House, Richmond, in Yorkshire, and whom McNally afterwards married. McNally's authorship of the song has been disputed, and the Yorkshire Richmond transferred to Surrey. From the line, "I'd crowns resign to call her mine," the words have been attributed to George IV. when Prince of Wales. This, however, is such an absurdity as to need no comment.





For note to this song see Appendix.



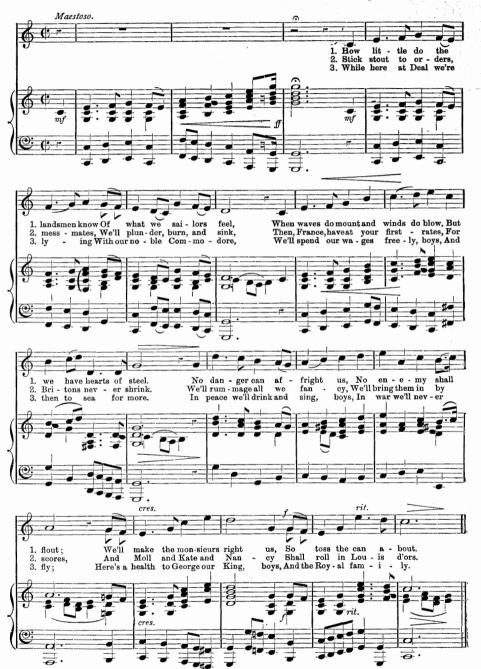
# Lack-a-day, O!



One of James Hook's Vauxhall compositions; the words by a writer named Haylock. The song was sung by Mrs. Martyr at the Gardens in the season of 1788-9, and the whole was published by Preston in Hook's Vauxhall Songs for that year, and in single sheet form.



#### How Little do the Landsmen Know.



The words are said to be by David Garrick, but there does not seem to be any record as to the composer of the melody. The song was sung by the celebrated tenor vocalist, John Beard, in a revival of The Fair Quaker of Deal, about 1756. The play was originally acted in 1710, and several songs in it attained popularity. The present one is found in The Universal Magazine for June, 1756. (Supplement), and on engraved half sheets of about the same date.

#### Labour in Vain.



Printed in The Universal Magazine for August, 1766, as "a new song." The same words are set to another tune in the Yorkshire Musical Miscellany, published at Halifax, 1800. In neither case is the composer's name given.

#### Never till now knew I Love's smart.



One of the public garden songs which appeared about 1790.3. It is in The Edinburgh Musical Miscellany, vol. ii., 1793; The Songster's Favourite Companion, Glasgow, circa 1810, etc., etc.

# Sure Sally is the Loveliest Lass.



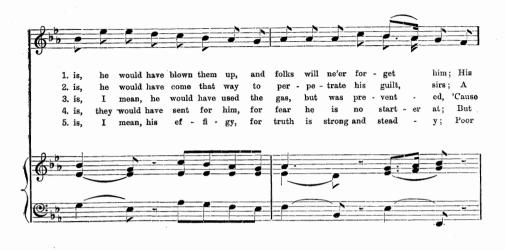
Another of Dr. Arne's Vauxhall songs produced about 1750-60. It was reprinted in Hyde's Collection, 1798. The words are found in several editions of The Bullfinch, 1780, etc.

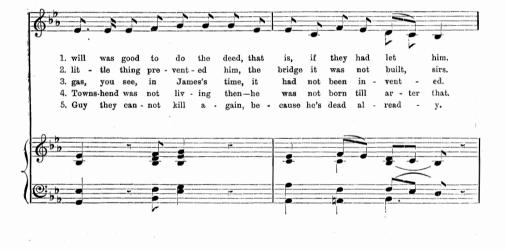
#### Guy Fawkes;

Or, 3t might bave been.



A witty song which at once became a favourite on its first introduction to the public about 1825. The verses were written by a clever comic song writer named Thomas Hudson, who used them to an air (the one we give), that had previously carried many a worse lyric into popularity. This melody probably first appeared about 1760-170 to a song called "Bow, wow, wow," in which all classes of society were likened to dogs of different kinds and dispositions. Then followed "Mew, mew, mew," a copy where cats were the conceit. After that came a lyric which enjoyed a considerable vogue, "Date Obolum Belsario," written about 1790 by Collins, an actor. Then in 180-23 Charles Dibdin, junior, made fun of the bones of the Mammoth just then discovered, using the tune for his song, "The Mammoth and Bonaparte." In 180-6 Tom Dibdin, his brother, employed the melody for "The Negotiation; or, John Bull versus Bonaparte," and many other ditties were written to it. As will be perceived, the melody is an excellent one, and even so late as the sixties it was brought out as a fresh composition and adapted to a song the burden of which was, "By studying economy I live like a lord."







# The Marriage Day.



Sung about 1700 at Astley's Amphitheatre by Miss Gray. The melody is by James Sanderson, a prolific composer for pantomimes which were acted at the Amphitheatre and at the Surrey Theatre. These were written in collaboration with a writer named Crosse, and several tuneful lyries from them survived the ephemeral librotic. Sanderson was born in Cumberland in 1769, and having skill as a violinist, he got engagements at the theatres at Sunderland, South Shields, and Newcastle-on-Tyne, before he came to London. He was, on coming south, employed at Astley's, the Surrey Theatre, and Yauxhall, as performer and composer. He died in 1841. His music is eminently bright and pleasing.



### Sweet Poll of Plymouth.



A sea song which had a considerable degree of vogue during the latter years of the 18th century. It even produced a little chap book, The Entertaining History of that amiable and lowing couple, William Radling and Sweet Poll of Plymouth, with the humours of his friend, Jack 'Oakam, . . to which are added a variety of sea songs, 1789. The song formed part of he musical farce, The Positive Man, written by John O'Keeffe, the music being by Michael Arne, acted at Covent Garden in 1782. O'Keeffe tells us in his Recollections that he wrote the piece at Margate and founded it upon one of his first dramatic attempts called The Gallant, to which he added songs, and having made many alterations, called it The Positive Man. He says: 'Not knowing what to do with Mrs. Kennedy, and yet wishing to have her voice in an opera I made a sailor of her and wrote 'Poll of Plymouth' for her to sing at a table round which were assembled many j'lly tars. . . . Moody once told me that 'Poll of Plymouth' was the best song ever written in favour of the poor English sailor. Mr. Colman thought so too.''—Recollections of John O'Keeffe, vol. ii., 1826.



#### Tom Starboard.



Another song from the opera, The Turnpike Gate, first acted in 1799. The music of the piece was composed by Joseph Mazzinghi and William Reeve, Mazzinghi being the composer of the present air. He was a prollic musician about the end of the 1 th century and beginning of the 19th, and was born of Corsican parents in London in 1765. His oversa ser numerous, and include The Exite, Paul and Virgmia, The Blind Girl, and others. Mazzinghi worked much in these productions with William Reeve, and his music is thoroughly English, despite his Corsican descent. He was musical director to the King's theatre, music teacher to the Princess of Walos, and author of a vast quantity of pianoforte music. He died at Bath in 1844.

#### Free from the Bustle, Care, and Strife.



Under the title, "The Young Man's Wish," the song came into vegue about 1766. It was published in December of that year in the Universal Manazine, and in February, 1767, in the London Magazine. Some years later it found a place in Robert Horsfield's Vocal Music. It was sung at Marylebone Gardens by Thomas Lowe, and an early half sheet copy gives the composer's name as "Mr. Collett." John Collett was a musician of the period who wrote Siz Solos for the Violin, and other instrumental pieces.

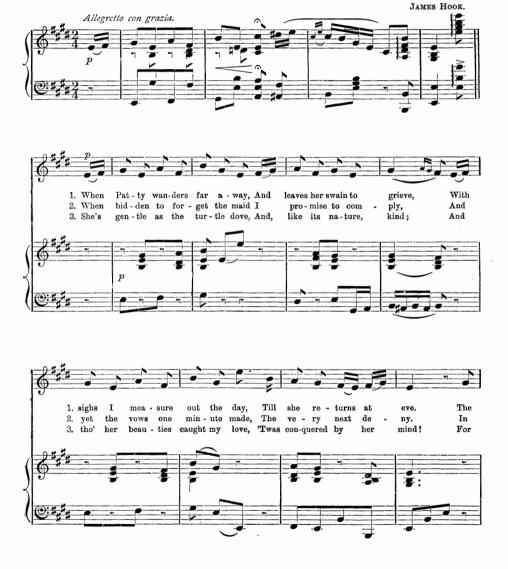
### I'd Wed if I were not too Young.



Mrs. Bland sang this little ditty at Vauxhall Gardens about the season of 1806, and it attained some degree of favour. Her singing of this type of simple lyric was inimitable and charming. The melody is by a clover musician named George Wicks, who according to Messrs. Brown and Stratton's valuable British Maxical Biopraphy, was a viola player and composer born about 1775. He played at the Italian Opera and at Covent Garden, and was for a number of years manager of concerts at Oxford. He died in London in 1841. His name is attached to songs ranging from 1797 to 1825. The words are abbreviated from a song by John Cunningham, and must have had an earlier setting than that by Wicks. Cunningham was a poet and actor who is best remembered by the song, "May Fee; or, Kate of Aberdeen." He wrote many Vauxhall lyrics, and died in great poverty in Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1773; he was born in Dublin in 1729. Thomas Bewick, the wood engraver, sketched a portrait of Cunningham carrying home a herring for his dinner. It is reproduced in Cromek's Sectiois Songs, 1810.



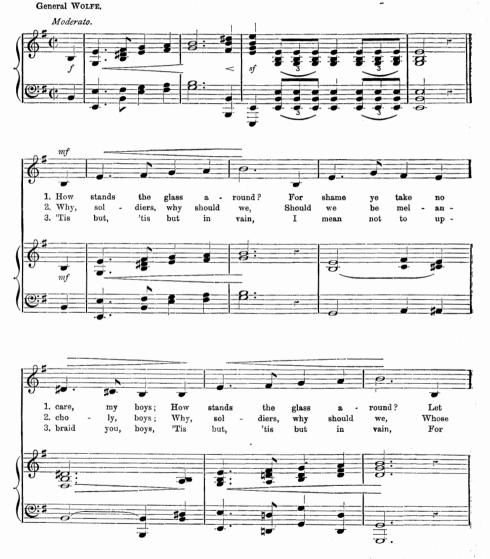
## Sweet Patty.



One of James Hook's Vauxhall songs sung by a singer named Clifford in the season of 1793. It is published in Hook's Vauxhall Collection for that year, Book First (Bland & Weller).



#### How stands the Glass around?



Popularly known as General Wolfe's song. There is a tradition that he was the author of it, and sang it the night before his death at the attack on Quebec in 1759. This is quite doubtful, for the air under the title, "Why, soldiers, why?" (the first line of the second verse), according to Chappell, appears in a ballad opera called, The Patron; or, The Stateman's Opera, 1759. The song without the music is printed in A Collection of Songs, Edinburgh, 1762 (collected by Young, a clergyman), and with the tune in one of the volumes of Vocal Music, 1775, The Convival Songster, 1782, and many other places.





The air is by Wm. Reeve; it was one of the favourite sea songs well-known during the French war, and seems to have been first sung in public by a singer named Townsend. The words are printed in The Naval Songster; or, Jack Tar's Chest of Convivality for 1802. With the tune they are in The New Musical and Vocal Cabinet, 1820, The Linnet, 1839, etc. The song was also sung by Incledon.



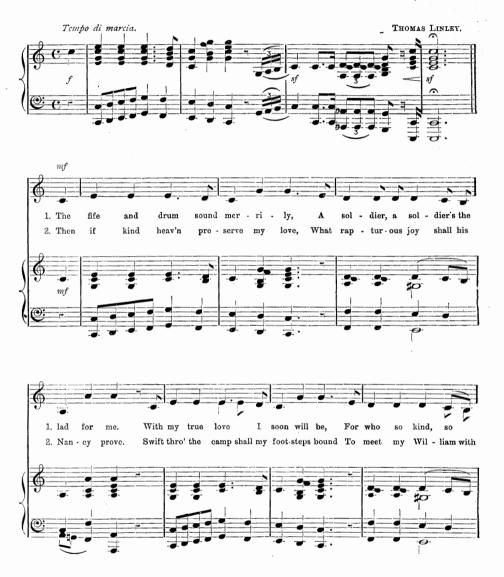
# A Smile from the Girl of my Heart.



Taken from the opera The Woodman, composed by William Shield, and written by Bate Dudley. The song was sung by Blanchard in the character of Medley. The Woodman left one or two songs which remained favourites after the rest of the piece had died. It was acted at Covent Garden in 1791.



### The Fife and Drum sound Merrily.



From Thomas Linley's opera, The Camp, acted at Drury Lane in 1778. In this year a camp had been formed at Coxheath, near Maidstone, to repel a threatened French invasion, and the encampment formed a great attraction for sightseers from London. The authorship of the opera The Camp, so far as the libretto is concerned, was claimed by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, but Tate Wilkinson, the York manager, in his book, The Wandering Patentee, stoutly denies that Sheridan had any hand in it. The song was sung by Miss Walpole, and a note in the original edition intimates that many of the songs in the opera are taken from The Royal Merchant, a piece acted in 1768, and founded on The Beggan's Wedding of Beaumont and Fletcher.



# Why Tarries my Love?



Sometimes called "The Pigeon." It is a pretty sentimental song of about the end of the 18th century. Composer and writer of verses are alike unknown, there being no indications as to them on the old engraved copies. The song was sung by Mrs. Kennedy at Vauxhall.



Another song illustrating Old London street cries. Of these ditties we have included in our work, "The Girl of the Scasons," "Two bunches a penny primroses," "Come, who'll buy primroses?" and "Little Sally's wooden ware." The present lyric is found on sheet music published about 1790 as "composed by J. Moulds." It is entirely different, both in words and music from one bearing the same title which was "sung by Miss Leak at the Academy of Ancient Music at Freemasons' Hall, composed by Dr. Arnold, the words by S. J. Arnold, for the Gardens about the end of the 18th century.

### All ye who would wish to Succeed with a Lass.



For note to this song see Appendix.

### Peaceful Slumb'ring on the Ocean.



The song is taken from the opera, The Pivates, written by James Cobb, with the music provided by Stephen Storace. It was acted at Drury Lane in 1792, and at once rose to great favour. Several of Storace's lyrics in it long survived their first production, and "Peaceful Slimb'ring on the Ocean" is likely to still keep the popularity it at first enjoyed. At the first representation of the opera the song was sunge by Anne Storace, sister of the composer. She was a sweet singer with a soprano voice, and her good qualities as a woman are spoken of in the highest manner by her contemporaries.

#### All who of Britons bear the Name.



This song was a prototype of the "Absent-Minded Beggar" of our day. At a time when France threatened an invasion (in 1798) the song was written, composed, and sung by Charles Dibdin as a stimulus towards a patriotic collection in defence of the nation. He included it among the songs in his entertainment, The Sphinz. The fund was commenced by a merchant named Edward Kemble after an ineffectual attempt had been made with Napoleon towards a treaty of peace. Kemble convened a meeting at the Royal Exchange on February 9, 1798, and daily attended for the purpose of receiving the sums of money offered. The entire amount raised by the people of Britain and the Colonies amounted to three millions sterling.



#### Water Parted from the Sea.



This is one of Dr. Arne's most famous pieces. We all remember the bear leader's remark in She Stoops to Conquer, that his bear "dances to the genteelest of tunes, such as 'Water Parted,' and the 'Minuer' from Ariaine." 'Water Parted 'was written for Arne's opers, Ariazerze, produced in 1762. Arne himself wrote both words and music, and the opera was an immediate success in spite of what the critics then called the libretto—"a wretched, mangled translation of that excellent piece. Ariaserse, in which Dr. Arne has at least shown that however close an alliance poetry and music may have with each other they are far from being constant companions, since in this performance the former is as contemptible as the latter is inimitable." The opera was written mainly to bring out Arne's pupil, Miss Brent. "Water Parted" was also sung by the Italian singer, Tenducci.





An English sea song of much merit which had its fair share of popularity during the war with France in the 18th and 19th centuries. The song with the air above printed appears in the opera, *The Cherokee*, first acted at Drury Lane on December 20, 1794. The libretto of this work was written by James Cobb, author of other similar productions, and the music is by Stephen Storace. It is rather singular that in a later opera entitled *Paul and Virginia*, acted in 1800, the same song is taken and set to music by William Reeve. The air by Storace is however much finer than that by Reeve.



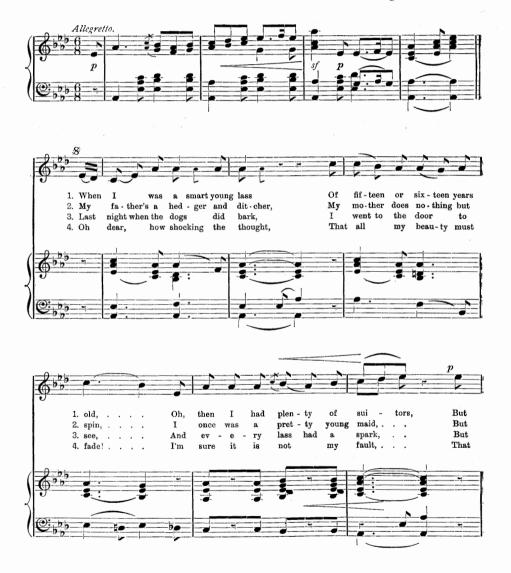
### The Girl I left Behind Me.





One of a type of songs very much in favour with Vauxhall and Ranelagh audiences. "Kitty Fell," "Nancy Gay," and the above are examples which will be found in the present volume. "Peggy Wynne" is given in The Universal Magazine for May, 1703, without author's or composer's name. It was most likely sung at some of the public gardens in that year.

## Nobody Coming to Marry Me.



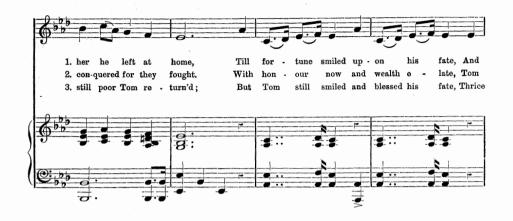
An English song which became popular about 1800 or 1803. It was sung by Miss Tyrer at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, about that date. There seems to be no trace left of the composer's name, and in all probability a folk tune has been the basis of the air. The words are founded on an early Scottish song, "My daddy's a delver of dykes" (see Orpheus Caledonius, 1725, etc.).



### Tom Steady.



The song is in the little opera, Up all night; or, The Sanggler's Core, the words of which were by S. J. Arnold (son of Dr. Samuel Arnold, the musical composer), and the music by M. P. King. This was first performed at the Lyceum in 1809. Matthew Peter King was born in London in 1773, and died 1823. He wrote a great number of scores for the musical entertainments then so common, several being in collaboration with H. R. Bishop.







### O Good Ale, thou art my Darling.



A fine specimen of an early English air bearing the stamp of a traditional melody. The song, "O Good Ale, thou art my Darling" was sung by the clown, Joseph Grimaldi, about the end of the 18th century. The melody, with one of the verses, is given in Cakusac's Pecket Companion for the German Flute, vol. xi., circa 1892, and the words are to be found in a song book named The Banquet of Thalia, printed at York in 1792. The origin of the tune is probably the same as that of "O Rare Turpin," printed in our previous volume.

#### Ah, Well-a-day, my Poor Heart!

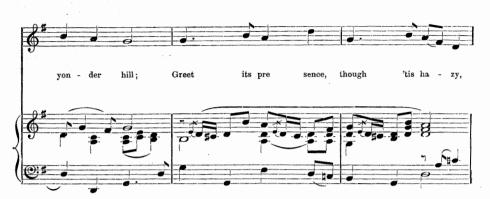


The air is by William Shield, and the song by Thomas Holcroft. It was sung in the character of a page by Mrs. Martyr in Holcroft's play, The Follies of a Day: or, the Marriage of Figure, acted at Covent Garden in 1784, the play being of course a translation or an adaptation. The music was published in sheet form, and the song is to be seen in several contemporary song books.

## January.

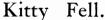


The song with the air appears in a scarce folio publication issued by Joseph Dale about 1805. This is entitled, L'Année; consisting of Twelve Ariettes appropriate to each month, . . . written by Mr. Collings, and composed by Mr. Hook.











For note to this song see Appendix.

# Old England's a Lion.



A fine spirited song written by John O'Keeffe, with the air by William Shield. It first appeared in the opera, The Farmer, acted at Covent Garden in 1787. The lyric was then sung by "Mr. Darley." The Farmer, with the exception perhaps of Rosina, was the most popular of Shield's operas; in it occur the songs, "A Flaxenhead Cow-boy," and "Ere around the huge oak."





## Once, Twice, Thrice.



A Vauxhall song composed by James Hook, and sung at the Gardens by Mrs. Bland in 1803. It was published by Joseph Dale in Hook's Vauxhall Collection for that year, and in sheet form. Mrs. Bland, who sang so many of Hook's simple ballads, was unequalled in her particular line. She succeeded Mrs. Wrighten in this type of song at Vauxhall. Maria Theresa Bland was, before her marriage, a Miss Romanzini, a Jewess and of Italian parentage. She was born in 1766, and after having sung for Charles Dibdin at his Royal Circus, made her dibut on the legitimate stage on October 24th, 1786, when the opera Richard Cavu de Lion was produced; in this she took the character of the page. She married Mr. Bland, who was brother to the famous Mrs. Jordan.



### While high the Foaming Surges rise.



A sea song in the style of Dibdin, but not his composition. I have not been able to identify either writer of words or music. The song is found in several books early in the 19th century: in The Saylark, 1803, The Focal Library, 1818, etc. With the music it is in:

The Navai and Convivial Focal Immovist, circle 1860-10, and in a MS, collection of the same priod. It was sungly a singer named Darley.

#### The Convivials.



## Well-a-day! Lack-a-day!



Sung in the character of a fop called "Vapour" in the operatic farce, My Grandmother. This, written by Prince Hoare with the music composed by Stephen Storace, was acted at Drury Lane in 1796. "Mr. Bannister, junior," is marked as singing the song on its original representation. It is, of course, a burlesque on the sentimental ballad of the day, with a very charming melody.

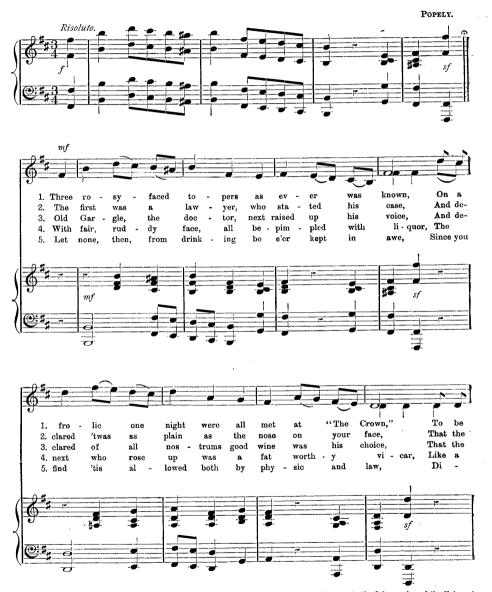




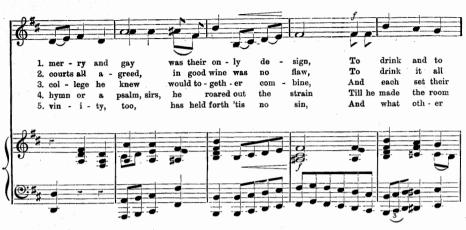


### Three Rosy-faced Topers.

Law, Physic, and Divinity.



The song with the air under the heading, "Law, Physic, and Divinity, a new song," occurs in the July number of the Universal Magazins for 1772. The air is that of a once well-known drinking song, "Had Noptune when first he took charge of the sea." This song as "The Bacchanalian's Wish, set by Mr. Popely," is in Bickham's Musical Entertainer, vol. ii., circa 1738, and again as by "Mr. Powell," in another early work. The latter version of the composer's name is evidently a mistake, for Popely's name is attached to the air on early sheet copies.





### Was ever Nymph like Rosamond?



By Dr. Arne, one of whose earliest efforts was the composing of music to Joseph Addison's opera, Rosamond, from whence this song is taken. Rosamond had previously (in 1707) been put to music by Thomas Clayton, but so badly that the piece, after a three nights' run, was condemned. Arne's version was acted at Lincoln's Inn Theatre on March 7th, 1733, and immediately became a success doing much to make the reputation of the young musician. It is curious to notice how snatches of the as yet unformed melody, "Rule, Britannia" come into "Was ever nymph?" Arne's sister, Susanna Maria, who had just achieved a triumph during the previous year in Lampe's opera, Amelia, took the title rôle in Rosamond, the above song falling to her part. Miss Arne was three or four years younger than her brother, laving been baptised, 28th February, 1713-14, at St. Paul's, Covent Garden. Her brother gave her efficient instruction in music, and having a particularly sweet soprano voice, she soon became famous. In April, 1734, she married Theophilus Cibber, son of Colley Cibber, but the marriage proved an unhappy one, and on one occasion her brother, with a mob at his heels, had to rescue her by breaking into a house in which she was confined. She died 30th January, 1766.







# We Soldiers Drink, we Soldiers Sing.



A companion to "Let's Drink and Sing," another soldiers' drinking song, given in our work. The above song is from *The Convivial Songster*, 1782.

## Come, who'll buy Primroses?



A song from an opera called *The Sultan*, acted in 1766; it was sung by Mrs. Bland, famous for the exquisite singing of simple ballads of this type. The melody is by John Moulds, a composer of some degree of merit; he wrote for Ranelagh Gardens and the theatres. The version given above is from a music sheet, but another, with some differences in the tune and words, appears in *Sibbelds' Vocal Magazine*, vol. i. Edinburgh, 1797, and also on music sheets as "sung by Mrs. Bland." It is probable that the second copy was replaced by the one we print.

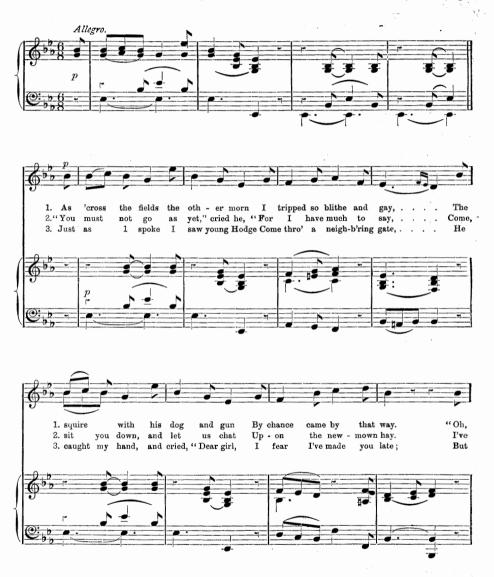
#### Great Britain is the Noblest Land.



From an opera called *The Picture of Paris*, which was produced at Covent Garden Theatre, December 20th, 1790. It was adapted from a musical work called *Amphion*, by the Gorman composer, Johann Gottleib Naumann, with some fresh music by William Shield. Charles Incledon sang the song, and it is believed that Shield wrote the music.



### Be Quick, for I'm in Haste.



A Vauxhall song which was probably first sung at the Gardens about the season 1791.2, and is in all likelihood one of Hook's compositions. The air, used for a country dance, is in Bland's Twenty-four Country Dances for 1792, and again, later, in the Gentleman's Vade Meeum, with some of the words. A number of ballad sheet copies of the verses exist, and Mr. Baring-Gould picked up in Devonshire a traditional version of words and tune which must have been passed from mouth to mouth for a hundred years. See his Garland of Country Song, 1895.





Introduced by Mrs. Dorothy Jordan on the stage in 1786, in the musical entertainment, The Virgin Unmasked, an adaptation from an early work by Henry Fielding. The song is a parody of a country folk ditty.

# I am a Brisk and Sprightly Lad.



A song sung by Mrs. Dorothy Jordan in a once popular farce named The Spoil'd Child, which was first produced at her benefit at Drury Lane Theatre on March 22, 1790. She sang the song dressed as a sailor in the character of "Little Pickle," a mischievous scapegrace. Her other song in the same piece was, "Since then I'm doomed." These songs, printed on a single music sheet, were frequently desued during the latter part of the 18th century. There seems to be no record as to the composer. The song given above was also sung about 1793 by a singer named Mrs. Davis. It is printed in The British Songster; or, Dibdin's Delight, 1798.

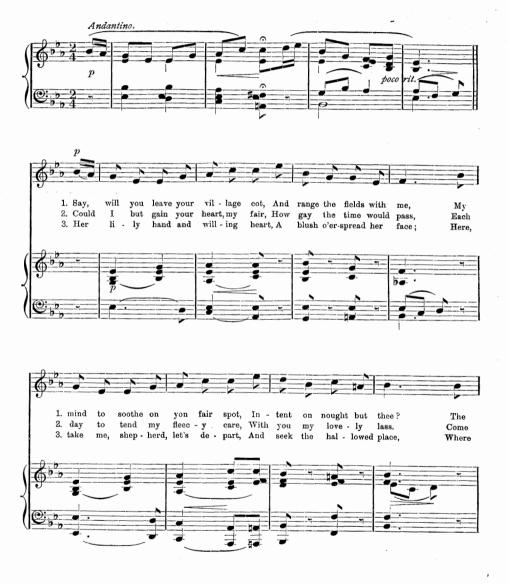
# All will Hail the Joyous Day.



This was sung by Mrs. Bland in the opera, The Siege of Belgrade, the music of which was composed and compiled by Stephen Storace. The words were by James Cobb, and it was acted at Drury Lane in 1791. The opera was well received, and for many years afterwards songs taken from it were sung by public singers at the theatres and gardens.



## Nan of Gloster Green.



First sung about 1795 or 1800. I have been unable so far to trace the composer of melody or writer of the words. With the music the song appears in an American book of English songs called *The Nightingale*, printed at Portsmouth, U.S.A., in 1804. It is also in *The Songster's Favourite Companion*, Glasgow, circa 1807, Crosby's English Musical Repository, 1808, etc., and is referred to in a "Medley," consisting of song titles worked into a song sung at the theatres by Fawcett in 1802.



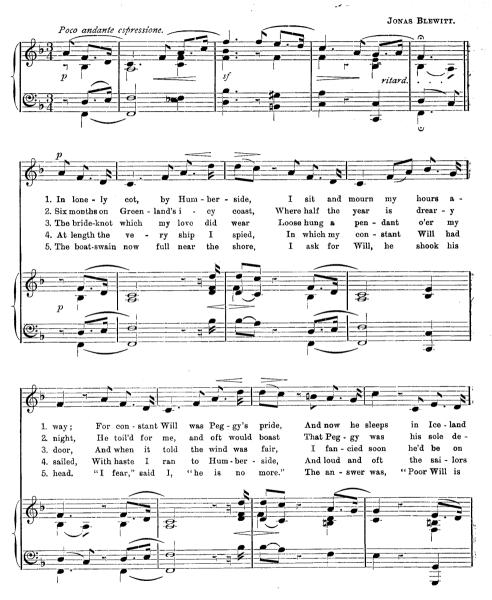




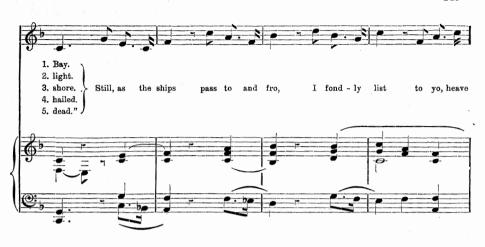
The lyric obtained a great degree of favour during the early years of the 19th century, and deservedly, for the melody is musical and singable. It was composed by Miss Margaret Casson, a lady who was herself a vocalist, and who also produced other songs, which, however, never held the place "The Cuckoo" did. The piece was first published about 1795 by George Goulding in sheet form; it soon found its way into the song collections of the period.



#### The Lass of Humberside.



An unusual song of great sweetness. It is printed in the first volume of The Edinburgh Musical Miscellany, 1792. In Gow's Fifth Collection of Strathspey Reals (1809), the tune is revived, and under its own title is called, "An old Highland air communicated by Miss Jane Boswell." From these two works the air got into one or two later Scottish collections as a Scotch song. The conclusion is erroneous, for there is nothing of that type in either words or air. A chance reference in J. T. Smith's Book for a Rainy Day, 1816, identifies the tune as being composed by Jonas Blewitt (father of the better known Jonathan Blewitt), for Bermondsey Spa, a very mild rival to Vauxhall Gardens. Smith in speaking of Bermondsey Spa, says: "Blewitt, the scholar of Jonathan Battishill, was the composer for the Spa entertainment. The following verse is perhaps the first of his most admired compositions, 'In lonely cot by Humber side.'" Jonas Blewitt was said to be author of the first treatise on the organ published in England.







#### Ramchoondra.



A comic song from the opera, Ramah Droog: or, Wine does Wonders. This was composed by Wm. Reeve and Joseph Mazzinghi, Reeve being the writer of the air we give, and James Cobb, who wrote the libretto, the author of the words. Munden, the comedian, sang the song in the character of Chellings on the stage. Ramah Droog was first acted at Covent Garden in 1798, and was very successful. The theme was the capture of British soldiers in India, and their victorious release. Indian matters just then occupied the British army. In 1805 the opera was cut down to two acts for performance as an after piece.





Written for Vauxhall audiences. The music is by James Hook, and it was sung at the Gardens by Charles Dignum in the season of 1798. The words were written by a versifier named Upton, who supplied a great number of songs which were used by Hook for musical settings. We are indebted to Mr. E. T. Wedmore, of Bristol, for kindly forwarding a copy of the song.



# Cheerly, my Hearts of Courage True.



A sea song, "sung by Mr. Incledon," about 1800. It appears in Songeter's Favourite Componion, Glasgow, circa 1809, and in Cahusac's Pocket Componion for the German Flute, vol. 19, circa 1804.5. It will be noticed that the composer cleverly introduces the opening phrase of Furcells" "Britons, Strike Home!" The melody, "Cheerly, my hearts," has been ascribed to Thomas Linley.



# My Betsy is the Blithest Maid.



The words of this song are by Thomas Chapman, and the air the composition of George Kirshaw, a musician of whom little is now known. He arranged the air, "Lovely Nancy," with variations, and did other similar work about 1760-70. The song we print is, with the music, included in *Vocal Music*; or, the Songster's Companion, vol. 1, printed by Robert Horefield about 1770.





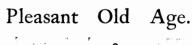
The song was written and sung by Edward Knight, a comedian who took Yorkshire characters in the early years of the 19th century. The melody was by his son, E. Knight. The song was sung at the theatres about 1820. Oxberry in his Dramatic Biography, 1825, is rather severe on young Knight the composer, and tells us that the "Lad with the Carroty Poll" is a palpable plagiarism from Whitaker's Nightingale Club. Knight the composer edited a collection of Canadian sirs gathered by Lieut. Back in his Arctic expedition, 1823.



#### Ned that Died at Sea.



For note to this song see Appendix.







One of our most charming sea songs. It was first sung in public about 1788-9, probably at Yauxhall or some other of the public gardens. The words are by a clever writer of sea songs, Captain Thompson, who penned also "Farewell to Old England," and "The Topsails Shiver in the Wind," all, including "Homeward Bound," with the airs composed by Michael Arne. Micael Arne, the natural son of Dr. Arne, early developed musical talents of a high order; his excellent composition, "The Highland Laddie," became famous while he was, still "Master Arne." He was born in London in 1741, and married Miss Wright, a soprano singer, in 1766. He went to Dublin as musical director of the theatre there in 1779, but soon returned to London and devoted himself to musical composition, and it is said to alchemy! His lengthy musical compositions include Almena (with Batthall), 1764; The Positive Man, 1764; and Cymon, 1767. He died 14th January, 1786, having in some of his songs reached almost as high a standard as his father.





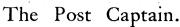


### Lashed to the Helm.



One of James Hook's sea songs sung at the Gardens by Charles Incledon about 1787 or 1788. The words are printed in The New Vocal Enchantress, a new edition for 1789, printed for C. Stalker, and the music is in sheet form and in most of the song books of the period. The song had considerable vogue in its day.







A fine sea song sung by Charles Incledon, the famous tenor vocalist. He sang it in a little entertainment, or monologue, which he gave for the purpose of introducing the songs written for him; this he called, \*Variety\*. The molody is by William Shield. Incledon had been a sailor, and his singing of the "Storm" and other similar ditties was long a memory to the old playgoers of the first half of the last century. "The Post Captain" probably made its first appearance about 1803.



# "When the Heart is at Ease."



One of Dr. Arne's compositions. It was first sung in a little musical entertainment, named *The Sacrifice of Iphigenia*, performed in 1750 at a small'Spa Gardens called "The New Wells," in Clerkenwell. Besides appearing on sheet music it was included, with a pictorial heading, in *The New Universal Magazine* for 1753.





## My Phillida, Adieu! Love.



The words give the impression of having been written early in the 17th century, but it is quite possible that they are merely an imitation. The song with the above air came into favour about 1780-5. In Longman and Broderip's list of music for 1786, it is catalogued with the name of Miss Mellish as composer, and this name is repeated in Dale's English Songs, book 19th, where the piece is given. Other copies are to be seen in Hyde's Miscellaneous Collection of Songs and Ballads; Edward Light's Collection of Songs, Airs, and Marches for the harp-tate, circa 1809; Tegg's Nightingsle, etc.

# Let's Seek the Bower of Robin Hood.



From William Shield's opera, Robin Hood; or, Sherwood Forest, written by Leonard MacNally, an Irish barrister, author of the song, "The Lass of Richmond Hill." The opera was acted with great success at Covent Garden Theatre in 1784. As so frequently the case in operas of this kind, Shield in part composed, and in part selected his melodies. "Let's seek the bower of Robin Hood," however, appears to be entirely his own composition. Shield was born on Tyneside at Whickham, Durham, in 1748, and after having been apprenticed to a boat builder, became a professional musician in Newcastle.on-Tyne. He came to London in 1772, and played the violin at the opera. He was appointed composer to Covent Garden Theatre a few years afterwards, and ultimately became one of our leading English musical writers. His songs and compositions are very numerous. He died in London in 1829.

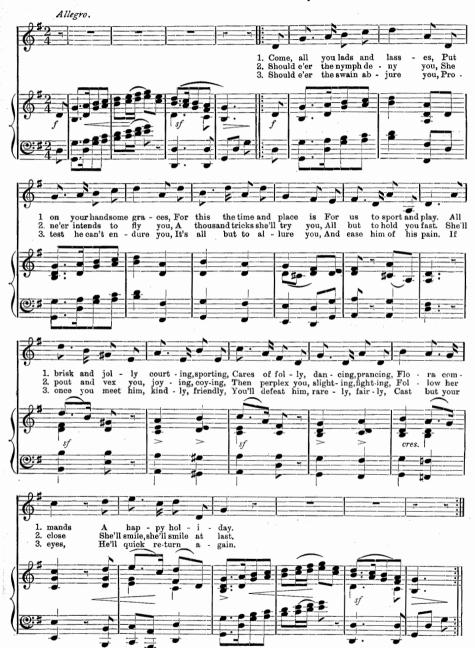


#### 'Twas near a Thicket's calm Retreat.



At the time this song was written, "Maria" in Sterne's Sentimental Journey was a character in great favour with that class of people to whom the "sentimental" part of the journey so strongly appealed. The song is suggested by the passage describing the finding of Maria by the roadside with her little dog, bemoaning the loss of her faithless lover, near Moulines. "When we had got within halt elaque of Moulines at a little opening in the road leading to a thicket, I discovered Maria sitting under a poplar—she was sitting with her elbow in her lap, and her head leaning on one side within her hand—a small brook ran at the foot of the tree," etc., on sheet music, published about 1785, the song is called "Moulines Maria," composed by Mr. Moulds. This was John Moulds, whose song, "Ground Ivy," is included in the present volume.

## Flora's Holiday.



A pleasing melody strongly suggestive of some old country dance tune. The song with the air is on a half sheet engraved by Johnson, circa 1735, and it is also included in Walsh's British Musical Miscellany, vol. iii., circa 1734. No clue is given as to author or composer; it is possible that the song may have been sung in the little bellad opera, Flora and Hob in the Well; or, The Country Wake, acted in 1730.

# Sweet Passion of Love.



Another song from Michael Arne's opera, Comon, written by David Garrick, and performed at Drury Lane in 1767. It is sung by the character Sylvia.



### Sweet Willy, O.



This song, with the bulk of the music for the occasion, was composed by Charles Dibdin for the Stratford Jubilee of 1769, and was then performed in the great booth at Stratford-on-Avon. Dibdin, who had achieved a great success by his opera, The Paddock, was then a young man, and had risen into the favour of David Garrick, who organised the jubilee. Dibdin's music for the event at Stratford-on-Avon was published by John Johnston in two thin folios entitled, The Shakespear Garland. For a history of the extraordinary festival held in honour of Shakespeare, and of its curious incidents, we must refer the reader elsewhere. The jubilee was certainly an event of great historic interest.

## Young Jockey he Courted Sweet Moggy.



As "Love in Low Life" the song with the music is engraved in a scarce quarto publication issued about 1761-4, entitled, The Musical Magazine, by Mr. Oswald and other celebrated masters—London: printed for J. Coote. As ""Jockey and Moggy," a new song," the same appears in The Universal Magazine for June, 1764, and the words alone in various editions of The Bullfinch. Sweet Mog the Brunette," included in this volume, is an adaptation of "Young Jockey" (see note).

### On the Banks of Allan Water.



# The Ploughman's Ditty.



A rustic song given in The Universal Magazine for April, 1757, but without author's or composer's name. It is also to be found in Clio and Euterpe, vol. 1, 1758. It is now almost impossible to find out the names of many of the musicians who supplied the 18th century magazines with their musical selections. Many of these were amateur compositions remitted from the country, some of real excellence; others of course were the songs sing at the theatres and public gardens. When these had attained some degree of popularity, they were generally printed with the singer's and composer's names attached.

### Never say No when you wish to say Yes.



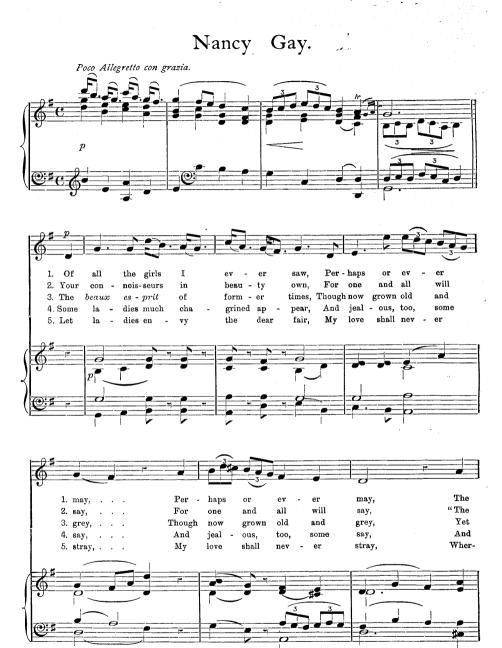
Another Vauxhall production written by James Hook, and sung by Mrs. Franklin at the Gardens in 1798. Published in Hook's collection for that year.





Words by Thomas Dibdin, and the air by John Whitaker. The clever verses might have suggested to Thackeray his Chronicle of the Drum. John Whitaker was a musician of merit and versatility; with Bishop he arranged and composed the once famous opera, Guy Mannering, performed soon after the publication of the novel. He wrote a number of excellent melodies in all styles of composition, including that one so frequently classed as Irish, "Paddy Carey." He was partner in the great firm of Button and Whitaker, music publishers, of St. Paul's Churchyard, and arranged and edited a great many of the collections issued by them. Born 1776, died 1847.

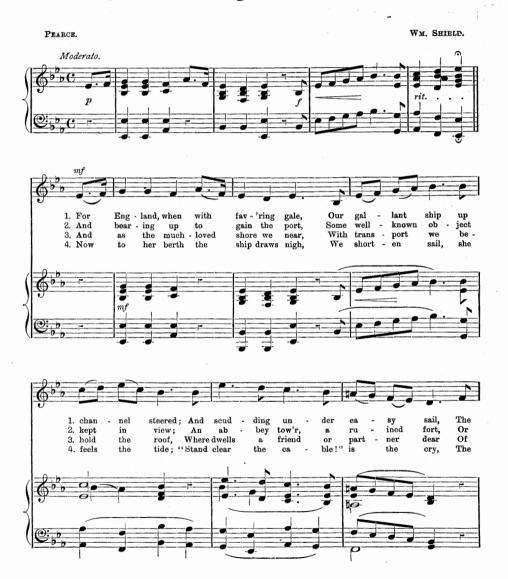




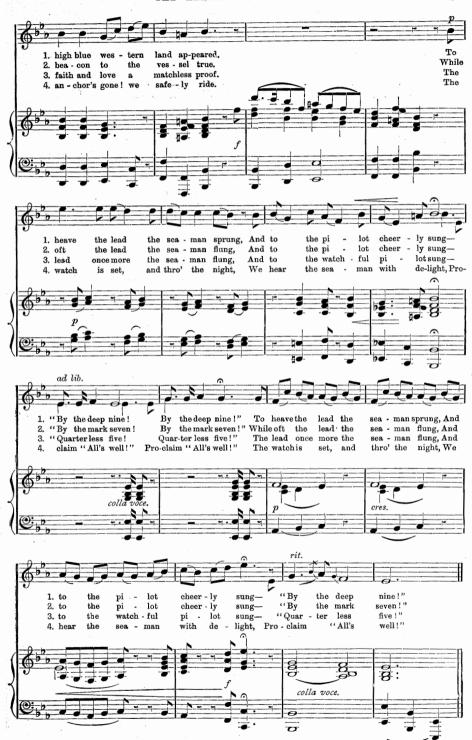
Like "Kitty Fell" in the present volume, "Nancy Gay" is a song in honour of some forgotten beauty. As "A New Song," but without composer's or author's name, it appears in The Universal Magazine at the end of the year 1767. It is also printed in Robert Horsfield's Vocal Music, 1775. The words have merit, and the air is particularly pretty, the composition of one of those clever but nameless musicians who followed in the steps of Dr. Arne.



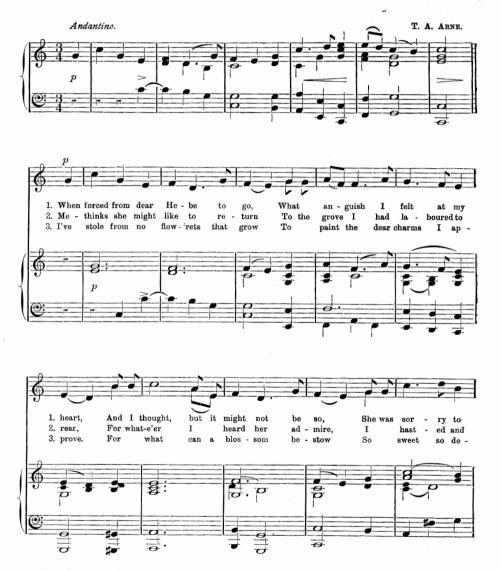
# The Heaving of the Lead.



One of our most favourite sea songs. It formed part of a little opera called, Hartford Bridge; or, The Skirts of a Camp, acted at Covent Garden Theatre in 1792. The music was "selected and composed" by William Shield, and it is generally considered that this musician wrote the air in question. The words are by the author of the libretto, William Pearce, and the song was sung by Charles Incledon. Shortly after its first production an additional verse (the last) was added.



## When forced from dear Hebe to go.



The words are considerably "adapted" from three poems by Shenstone. The melody is by Dr. Arne, written about 1750. The song was no doubt sung at Vauxhall near this date, and is included in Arne's Agreeable Musical Choice, fifth number, Walsh, circa 1752. It is unfortunate that there are so many modern copies of this song carelessly or wilfully altered in those little subtle points which give so much charm to the original. Our present copy is taken from what is evidently the first published, and this agrees with others issued during Arne's lifetime.



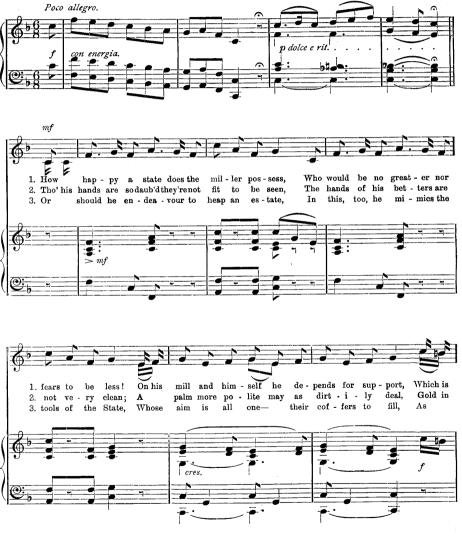
## On every Tree, in every Plain.



By Thomas Linley, junior, taken from Linley's Posthumous Works, circa 1796-8. We need scarcely draw attention to the fine musicianly qualities displayed in this composition of the younger Linley. We have before mentioned his untimely death by the upsetting of a pleasure boat in Lincolnshire. It may be added that he was a firm, personal friend of Mozart whom he met in Florence, both being about the same age.



# How Happy a State does the Miller Possess.



Appears in Robert Dodsley's play, The King and the Miller of Mansfield, acted in 1737. In Bickham's Musical Entertainer, vol. 1., circa 1737; and in Calliope; or, English Harmony, vol. 1., 1739, the music is said to be by Mr. Arne. On contemporary half sheet music no name is attached. While Bickham is strong evidence (for the Calliope's ascription may be merely a copy from it), yet we venture strongly to doubt that Arne had any hand in its composition. It is utterly out of his style, and far more in that of Carey. Ritson in his English Sangs, 1783, places the name, "Highmore," to the air, apparently as composer of it. Who this musician was we have been unable to discover.



#### False Phillis.



One of those pretty, dainty, and quaint songs, of which the 18th century was so productive. No doubt it has had its share of appliance at some of the public gardens, but it does not appear to have gained the popularity it deserves. Our copy is taken direct from The New Amsicial and Universal Maquzine, vol. ii., 1776, where the song is said to be "set by B. F.," who was a frequent contributor of song melodies to that magazine. He was in all likelihood a clever amateur who was content that his fame should rest on those vague initials. A copy of the song has been recently put forth; it differs considerably from the one we print, but we claim to give the authentic version



#### To Heal the Wound a Bee had Made.



A specimen of the vocal compositions by Thomas Linley, junior, taken from The Posthumous Vocal Works of Mr. Linley and T. Linley, junior, circa 1796-8. The words are well known. Thomas Linley, junior, had a bright and promising career cut short at the age of twenty-two by his being accidentally drowned.



# Sweet Tally-Ho.



The present copy of this song is from an engraved half music sheet in date about 1770. A traditional version of the song is published in Kidson's Traditional Tunes, 1890, and another version forms one of the late Randolph Caldecott's illustrated nursery books. A chapbook songster published by T. Evans, called The Royal Sportsman's Delight, circa 1800, and a second by another publisher bearing the same title has a variant of the words under the heading, "Bucks a hunting go."



### Two Bunches a Penny Primroses.



A Vauxhall song written by Upton, composed by James Hook, and sung by Mrs. Franklin in the season of 1793.



#### The Token.



A very favourite song, words and music by Charles Dibdin; it was sung by him in his entertainment, Castles in the Air, first performed on 12th October, 1793. Nancy's couplet must have been quite a popular "posy" for similar lovers. Collectors of old pottery find many such rhymes printed on these articles, often given by and to sailors as tokens of remembrance.





A Ranelagh song which held much public favour during the 18th century. It was composed by Dr. Samuel Howard, and copies are to be found in Cito and Euterpe, vol. iii., 1762; Fielding's Vocal Enchantress, 1783, etc. Arranged as a glee it can be seen in Hale's Social Harmony, vol. i., 1769, etc. Howard was born in London in 1710, studied under Croft and Pepusch, became Mus. Doc. of Cambridge in 1769, and died in 1782.

### Weel may the Keel Row.



# Hark! when the Trumpet now calls you to Arms.



Taken from a little pantomime entitled, The Genius of Nonsense, written by George Colman the younger, with the music provided by Dr. Samuel Arnold. It was produced at the Haymarket in 1780, and the score was published by Harrison & Co. in 1784. On the stage the song was sung by an actor named Wood. The air is a fine specimen of sturdy English melody, and it is unlikely that Arnold wrote it, more probably in this case doing as he did with others in the same piece, "selecting" instead of composing. The tune bears some degree of resemblance to "Lovely Nancy," much in favour at the middle of the 18th century, to which it was the fashion to adapt variations.





- 1. heart and with hand will ap-pear, one and all, And when Bri tain calls them will an swer her call.
- 2. heart and with hand then ap-pear, one and all, And when Bri-tain calls let us an swerher call.



#### Amo, Amas, I Love a Lass.



Sung by the comedian, John Edwin, in the character of "Lingo," a pedant, in John O'Keeffe's opera, The Agreeable Surprise, acted at the Haymarket in 1781. It was a musical farce concected and composed by Dr. Samuel Arnold. The air used by Arnold for "Amo, Amas," is a traditional one to which the old nursery rhyme, "The Frog and Mouse," was sung in the 18th century.





For note to this song see Appendix.

## 'Tis Love that makes all Nature gay.

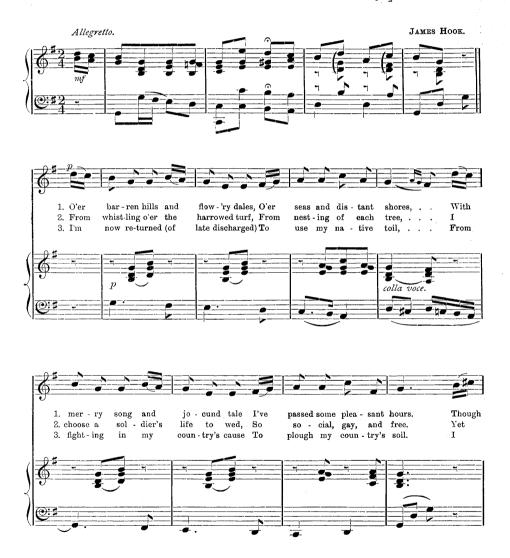
Love and Music.



This song is contained in John Wynne's Ten English Songs, 1754; the words are given there as "written extempore by a gentleman." Wynne was a Cambridge man who kept a music shop in that city. His music is vigorous, and stands well with contemporary work. Nothing appears to be known biographically of him.



## Sweet Lilies of the Valley.



Sung by a boy singer named Master Shepherd at Vauxhall Gardens about 1790. The melody is by James Hook, and the words by a song writer named Richardson, in all probability the same who wrote the song, "Fair Rosalle," included in the present volume. The song and air are included among the contents of an American publication called The Nightingale, printed at Portsmouth, U.S.A., in 1804, and are also found in English song books prior to that date.



# Oh! Dear, what can the Matter be?



This old favourite song has a capital tune. The melody, no doubt, is a traditional English one. With different sets of verses, it appeared on sheet-music about 1780, and was shortly after this date used for a pseudo-Irish song, beginning:—

and was snortly atter this date used for a pseudo-Irish song,
'At sixteen years old you could get little good of me,
Till I saw Norsh who soon understood of me;
I was in love, but myself for the blood of me,
Couldn't fell what I did ail.
"Iwas dear, dear, what can the matter be?
Och, tare-and-ouns, what can the matter be?
Och, granachree, what can the matter be?
I'm botherel from head to tail."

#### The Modern Beau.



For note to this song see Appendix.

### The Fairy.



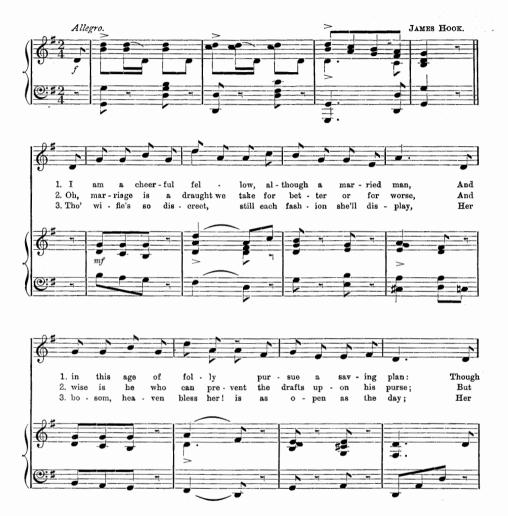
From The Ellinburgh Musical Miscellany, vol. ii., 1793; it appears also in one or two other song books near this date. The same song, "set by Mr. Thomas Smart, the words by a lady," under the heading, "The Fairy in Love," is printed in The New Musical and Universal Magazine, vol. ii., 1776. There is no indication as to the composer of the nelody we use, which is different from that by Smart. The song must not be confused with "Fairest of the virgin throng," in Dr. Boyce's Solomon.

# Ye Fair, possest of ev'ry Charm.



Another of Dr. Arne's beautiful melodies. It first appeared in a folio publication, entitled, The Monthly Melody, or, Polite Amusement for Gentlemen and Ladies, London, printed by G. Kearsley, vol. i., 1760. The song was written no doubt for the comedy named, The Way to Kep Him, by Arthur Murphy, produced in 1769, and again as altered in 1761. Dr. Arne wrote another melody and a song (similar, but not the same), which was sung by his sister, Mrs. Cibber, in one of the versions of the comedy; this commences, "Ye fair, married dames," and it is printed at the end of Arne's edition of his opera, Thomas and Sally, dated 1761.

#### The Little Waste.



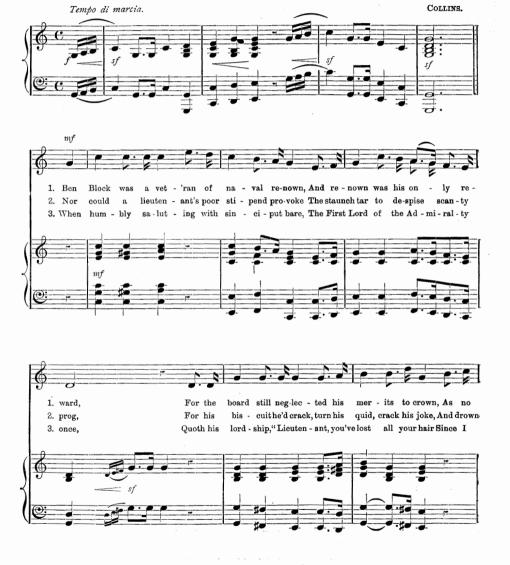
A punning song written partly in ridicule of the fashion which ladies adopted at the end of the 18th century, of having their waists almost under their armpits. It was sung by Charles Dignum at Vauxhall Gardens about 1797, and the melody is by James Hook. The song produced another composition called, "The Little Waist Defended," which was sung by Mrs. Mountain at Vauxhall, another air being composed for it by Hook. This latter ditty was written by Upton, and begins:—

"In defence of her sex sure a woman may speak,
Pray what is it now that you men would be at?
Do you think that we mind each occasion you seek
To laugh at our dress—little waste—and all that?
No doubt, sirs, believe it, such noneense must fall,
When we look but a moment about us,
That whether were all waist or no waist at all,
You cant for the life of you, men, do without us!

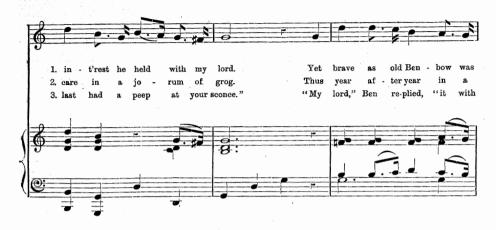
Then, prithee, dear sirs, leave our short waists alone.
Tis the whim of the day and well have it, don't doubt us,
So give o'er your jesting and candidly own
You can't for the life of you, men, do without us!"



#### Ben Block the Veteran.



Written, composed, and sung by an actor named Collins, who produced a table entertainment, called, *The Evening Bush.* "Bon Block" was published in sheet form by W. Sibley about 1816.







### How Blest are we Seamen.



A fine composition which is printed in Dr. Kitchiner's Sea Songs of England, 1923. It is there published as an anonymous piece, and search has, so far, failed to reveal the composer's name. The melody suggests that it is in date about 1740 or 1750.



#### Yo, Heave Ho!



Frequently entitled "Tom Tough." It is one of Dibdin's later productions, and was one of the songs he gave in his table-entertainment, A Tour to the Land's End, first performed at his theatre, "Sans Souci," on 6th October, 1798. This entertainment was the result of a tour in Cornwall and the West of England which Dibdin took for pleasure, and for the purpose of singing his songs in the provinces.



# When the Morning Peeps Forth.



One of James Hook's hunting-songs. Of this class he wrote many, the greater proportion of which, judged by the type of hunting song then common, were tuneful and good. The present is an early composition sung by a singer named Reinhold at Marylebone Gardens about the season of 1769. It is centained in a collection of Hook's songs issued by Welcker about 1769 or 1760.







## The Smuggler.



This song is frequently known as "Will Watch, the bold Smuggler." It was in great favour during the thirties and forties. The air is by John Davy, composer (or adapter) of "The Bay of Biscay," The words are by Thomas Cory, and the whole appears to have been introduced in one of Davy's numerous operas. The song was in such great favour that Staffordshire potters made an ornament for cottage firesides depicting Will Watch in all the glories of pistols, belt, and sea boots. Davy was born in 1768, and died in 1824.





1. looked, as all lov - ers do, won-der-ful wise. Then he 2. Jock - ey, you're al - tered most strange-ly of late!" "Come on, fool!" he cried, "For thou now art my 3. now live as man and wife us-u-al-ly do. As their hum-ours ex-cite, they kiss and the kiss and they This is a version of the song, "Young Jockey," given in the present work. "Mog the Brunette" was sung by Diboin at Ranelagh about 1769. The air, it will be perceived, is distinct from "Young Jockey," though the words are to the same purport. The chances are that Dibdin himself may have set the later song to music. Among other song-books, "Mog the Brunette" appears in the first volume of Vocat Music, circa 1772.







The writer of the words and the composer of the music have not been discovered. The song with the air appears in a scarce quarto publication issued by J. Coote at the King's Arms, Paternoster Row, about 1761-2, which bears the title, The Musical Magazine, by Mr. Ourada and other celebrated masters. The Oswald in question was of course James Oswald, chamber-composer to George III., who came from Scotland in 1742, and died in 1769.

#### The Willow.



An early setting of Shakespeare's "Willow Song" from Othello is included in our first volume. The present setting is by James Hook and was sung at Drury Lane Theatre by Mrs. Jordan who accompanied herself on the lute. The song has always been a favourite for musical setting. Besides the earlier copies referred to in our previous volume, and the present setting by Hook, Giordani put music to the lyric, as did William Linley and Henry R. Bishop, and in 1865 Sir Arthur Sullivan added still another to the list of compositions

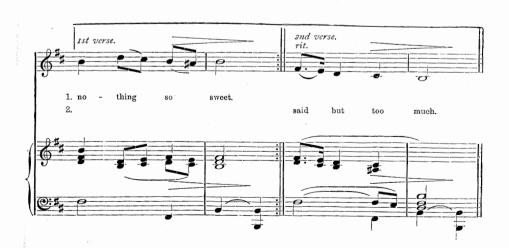
# Ah! could You Possibly Know.



By Thomas Linley, senior, taken from his Posthumous Vocal Works, issued about 1796-8. Thomas Linley was a musician of great soundness, and his family were equally notable in the same art. Living at Bath in his earlier cureer, he had already made a name by his works, but his best opportunity came in 1776, when with Sheridan, his son-in-law, and Dr. Ford, he bought Garrick's share in Drury Lane for £37,000. For this theatre he wrote the music of many dramatic pieces.







# He Piped so Sweet.



A Vauxhall song sung by a singer named Mrs. Hiff about the season of 1788. The melody is by James Hook, and his pretty little passage for the pipe towards the end of the song has been retained. Preston published the music in one of Hook's collections, and on sheet music, and the verses are in several song books of the period, including The New Vocal Enchantress for 1789.



# Sweet Bird, whose Heav'nly Native Strain.



An early composition of Dr. John Worgan, published about 1750. On the original half-sheet from whence we take the song, it is stated to be "by Mr. Worgan, junr." John Worgan was one of a musical family, his elder brother James giving him instructions in the resigned this work Worgan (born in 1715, died 1753), was a sound, practical musical who for many years was organist at Vauxhall Gardens. He resigned this post to his more talented brother John about 1751. John Worgan was born in 1724, dying 24th August, 1794. He became Mus. Bac. at Cambridge in 1748, and took his Doctor's degree in 1775. Though a composer of sacred music, and an organist both in the Church and at Vauxhall of great excellence, he is best known by his Vauxhall compositions. These were published in small yearly collections, and on music half-sheets.

# If you would, so would not I.



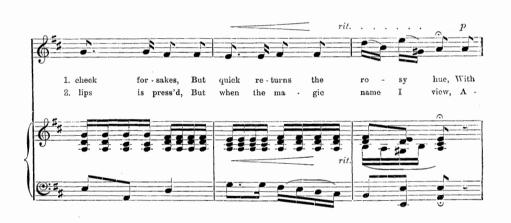
Mrs. Dorothy Jordan sang this song with a lute accompaniment on the stage at Drury Lane about the beginning of the 19th century I do not know whether she claimed any part in the composition of the air, as, for instance, she did in "The Blue Bell of Scotland," but music sheet copies do not give any clue as to the author or composer.

#### The Billet-Doux.



The air is by William Shield, and the words by John O'Keeffe. It is in all probability taken from one of their joint operas prior to 1788, at which date it was published by Harrison & Co. in The Lady's Musical Magazine, a folio collection of then popular songs. In another work of a somewhat later date, the melody is erroneously attributed to Arne.







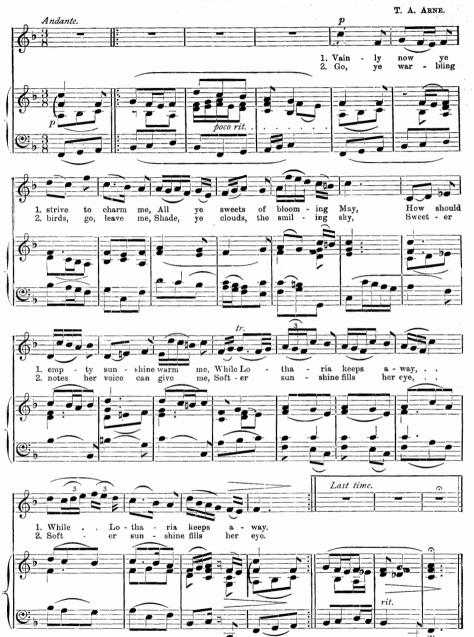
## Care Flies from the Lad that is Merry.



A lyric from the musical romance, Cymon, written by David Garrick, with the music by Michael Arne. The plot was taken from Dryden, and it was acted at Drury Lane in 1767. Michael Arne's music made the piece, for we learn that it was "a wretched production, equally devoid of wit, humour, and poetry. To the scene painter and vocal performers the was indebted for its success, which to the shame of taste and common sense, was considerable." The song we print was sung by the character Linco.



#### Lotharia.



These words by Aaron Hill have been set to music at least twice, the first air I can trace to them being by "Mr. Dieupart," published in 1781, in the fifth volume of John Watt's Musical Miscellany. This melody, however, was soon supplanted by the above musical setting which came from the pen of Thomas Augustine Arne about 1749. In that year it is included in The Universal Magazine for November, and in the following June a parody of the words by Samuel Foote is given. They run:—

"Vainly now ye strive to charm me, While the breakfast is away; How should empty tea cups warm me? Bring the water, Betty, pray! Go. ye toasted cakes, go leave me, Take away these butter'd rolls; Softer transports muffins give me, Don't you think so, Mistress Bowls?"

### The Hounds are all Out,



A hunting-song first printed on an engraved half sheet of music as "The Huntsman's Song to the Country Bumpkins, sung by Mr. Ellis Roberts at the Theatre Royal in Drury Lane; the words and music by Mr. Carey." The date of the sheet is probably 1730, and shortly after this date the song with the music is given in Walsh's British Musical Miscelluny, 1733-4, and H. Carey's Musical Century, 1740, etc. About the middle of the 18th century the tune sustained several alterations and became more elaborated, greatly, it must be said, to its benefit. The newer version, which we here use, appears in Fielding's Vocal Enchantress, 1788, The Musical Miscellany, Porth, 1786, etc. In this latter work the melody is used also for the song, "The Contented Fellow," given in another portion of the present work.

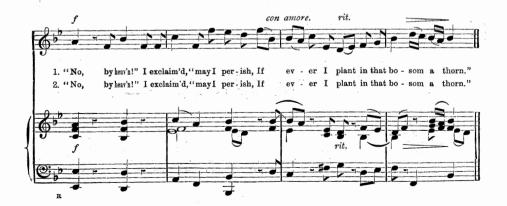
#### The Thorn.



A very musical and charming song, the composition of William Shield. It has always been a favourite with old-fashioned singers, and very popular from the time of its production to within the last twenty years. The original engraved music sheets (bearing Shield's autograph), give the information that the words are by Robert Burns, and that the song was sung by Mr. Incledon in an entertainment called Variety. This, by the way, was a little vocal mélange given by Incledon of songs written for his singing. "The Thorn" made its first appearance about 1800; whether the words are by Robert Burns is an open question—they are not included in any authoritative edition of the poet's works.







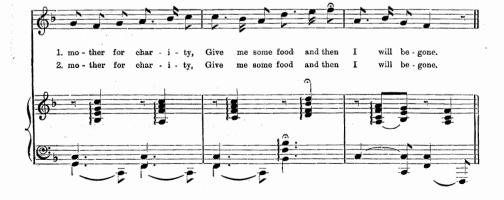
## The Beggar Girl.



This plaintive little song was one of Mrs. Bland's successes at Vauxhall. It is invariably printed on sheet-music and elsewhere with no author's or composer's name attached, but a clue to these is given by a sheet-song with an air written by John Westbrook Chandler. On this an advertisement runs, "where may be had, written and composed by the same author, the favourite ballad, 'The Beggar Girl; Over the mountain and over the moor." In Cahusac's Pocket Companion for the German Flute, the air and words are printed as, "The Beggar Girl, sung in Love and Magic, an old French air." I doubt this latter statement. Love and Magic; or, Harlequin's Holiday, was a pantomime acted at Drury Lane in 1802, in which popular airs were introduced. "The Beggar Girl" appears in English song books before this date.







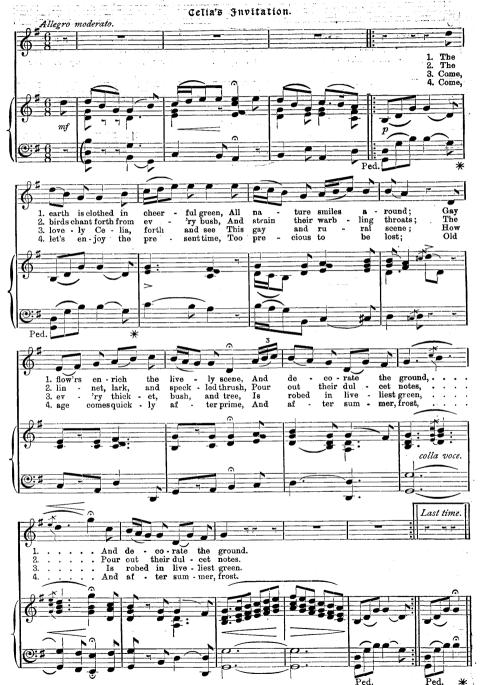
## She Lives in the Valley below.



A Vauxhall Garden song, composed by James Hook, and sung by a boy singer named Gray. It was somewhat of a favourite about 1795, and for a few years later. It will be found in many of the song collections of the period, and was printed on sheet music. Mr. Baring Gould and Miss Broadwood noted down and published a traditional song named "The Sweet Nightingale; or, She lives in the valley below." This latter I fancy must have been originally a published piece, and was probably written as a companion to, or as a rival of the present.



# The Earth is Clothed in Cheerful Green.

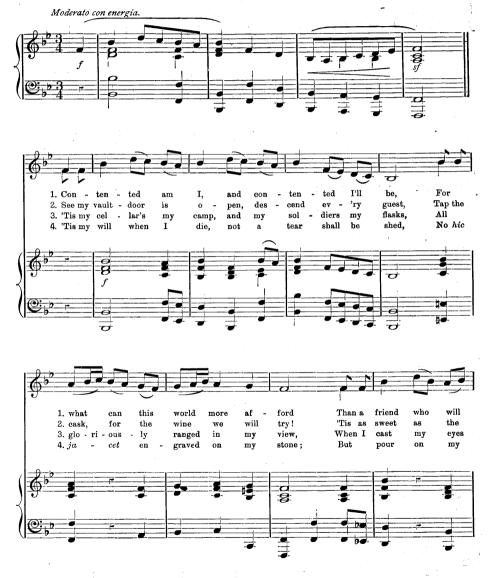


As "Celia's Invitation," the song and air are inserted in The Universal Magazine for January, 1760. Another musical setting of the same words by a "Mr. Hudson," is given in The Lady's Magazine for 1778.

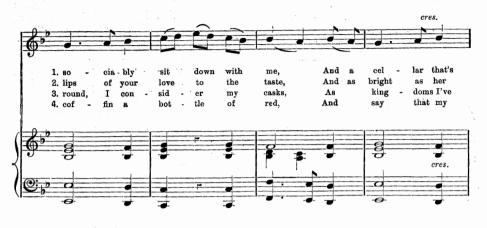
## Hunting the Hare.

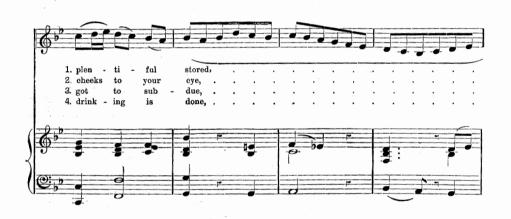


#### The Contented Fellow.



This is engraved on music sheets of about 1765, without author's name or other reference. In the Universal Magazine for August, 1767, the words and air are given as "The Contented Fellow: a new song." It is also in Horsfield's Vocal Music, 1775, and several other similar collections. In The Edinburgh Musical Miscellany, vol. 1., 1792, the air used for the song is the Irish one, "Since Love is the plan," a Scottish version of which is, "O, Whistle and I'll come to you, my Lad!"









A song in the Dibdin style, the words written by Matthew Gregory Lewis and the air composed by Charles Dignum, (b. 1765, d. 1827). It appeared about 1801-2, and the verses are printed in Fairburn's Naval Songster; or, Jack Tar's Chest of Convivality for 1802. Lewis wrote several songs for Dignum; he was then a young and brilliant writer who had become famous by his two romances, The Mysteries of Udolphe and The Monk, as well as by his two volumes of verse, Tatles of Wonder and Tales of Terror. Lewis was the first to encourage, by publication, the genius of Sir Walter Scott. "The Disabled Seaman" was originally sung by Dignum. He was a singer and an actor, who, taking a certain range of characters in the operas then popular, became a great favourite; his entry on the stage was in 1784. His musical instructors had been Samuel Webbe and Thomas Linley.



# Down in a Valley.



For note to this song see Appendix.



For note to this song see Appendix.

# The Fight off Camperdown.



The song commemorates Admiral Duncan's victory over the French and Dutch Fleets on 11th October, 1797. The air was composed, and probably first sung, by Charles Dignum. The song and air are printed in *The Vocal Magazine*, vol. i., Edinburgh, 1797; *The Musical Repository*, Glasgow, 1799, etc. Charles Dignum was a tenor vocalist who made his debut in 1781 in the opera of *Love in a Village*, in which piece so many other famous singers and actors have first trod the boards. He was engaged also at Vauxhall and the London theatres. He published about 1803 a collection, *Vocal Music*, with his portrait prefixed; this shows him as a stout, good-humoured man. He alludes in the preface to this work to the song "The Fight off Camperdown," as his own composition.

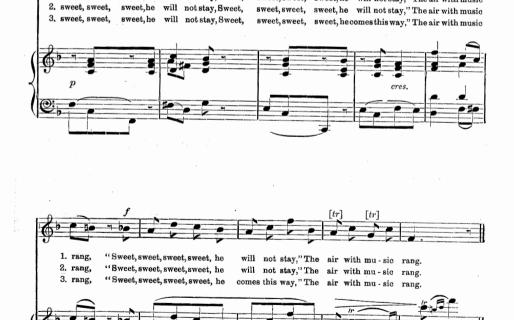


## The Blackbird.



These dainty verses are by a song writer named Upton who supplied (about 1800-1810), a number of lyrics which James Hook set to music for Vauxhall, this being one of them. A traditional version to a pretty tune, but different from Hook's, was formerly sung in the East Riding of Yorkshire. James Hook was probably the most prolific of English musicians of his period, and there came little from his pen that had not sterling merit. His lengthy engagement as composer for Vauxhall gave ample scope for his gift of clever melody. He was a very fit successor to Dr. Arne in this type of lyrical composition.





sweet, sweet, he will not stay," The air with music

1. sweet, sweet,

sweet, he will not stay, Sweet,

# My Heart with Love is Beating.







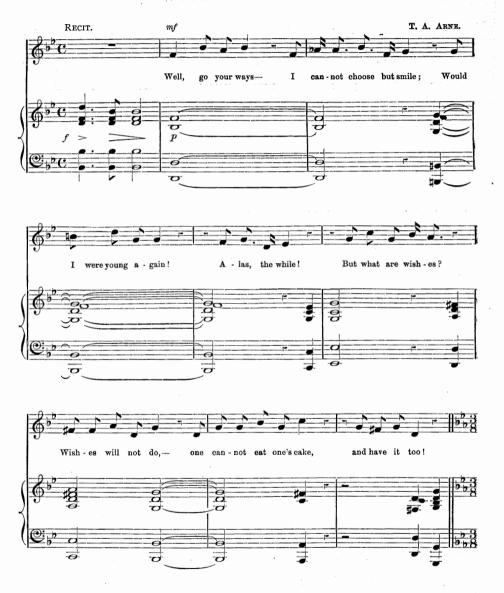
Authorities differ as to the origin of the melody. It has been in turn ascribed to William H. Ware, a composer or musical arranger of pantomimes at the beginning of the 19th century, and to William Shield. The air is that of a once popular song called "The Maid of Lodi." Early sheet copies of this bear the statement: "The music collected by Mr. Shield when in Italy." There is certainly nothing particularly suggestive of Italian music in the melody, and the chances are that Shield himself composed it. The song "My heart with love is beating" was sung by John Braham in a revival of the Siege of Belgrade, about 1810-12.







## When I was a Young One.



Another song by Dr. Arne taken from his opera, Thomas and Sally: or, the Sailor's Return, produced at Covent Garden in 1760. In some standard works of reference this opera is erroneously given as first acted in Dublin in 1743. Thomas and Sally was so bright a little pastoral and so adapted to the popular taste that it remained a stock piece for the stage for fifty or sixty years. It served as the model for that type of drama wherein is depicted a wicked squire, a virtuous country maid, and a sallor who returns from fighting the enemies of old England at an opportune moment. In the opera the above song is sung by Dorcas, an old woman.



### Sweet Robinette.



One of James Hook's Vauxhall songs sung by Charles Incledon about 1785 or 1786. The words are found in *The New Vocal Enchantress for 1789*. With the music they were published in sheet form by S. A. & P. Thompson.

# With a Cheerful Old Friend.

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From The Convivial Songster, 1782. This is different in melody from the song by Henry Carey beginning with a similar first line, with an honost old friend, etc., although the words are practically the same.

# Blow, blow, thou Winter Wind.



Dr. Arne's noble setting of Amiens' song in As you like it, was first sung on the stage on 20th December, 1740, by Thomas Lowe the tener singer, at a great revival of this and some other of Shakespeare's comedies. It is somewhat strange that Arne has omitted to use the burden—

"Heigh ho! sing heigh ho! unto the green holly!"

William Linley, however, has supplied the deficiency in his Collection of Shakespeare's Dramatic Songs, vol. ii., circa 1816. The list of composers who have (without success) attempted to supersede Arne's music include—R. J. Stevens, Samuel Webbe, junior, Hon. Mrs. Dyce Sombre, Agnez Simmerman, and others. J. Danby and H. R. Bishop have arranged Arne's music in glee form.





Another of Mrs. Bland's artiess little Vauxhall ditties sung in the later period of her singing—about 1815. The words and music are by John Parry, a very prolific composer of popular song melodies in the twenties of the last century. He was born at Denbigh in Wales in 1776, and died in London in 1851. Parry edited collections of Welsh and Scottish airs, and did a great deal of composing and editing for Goulding and D'Almaine. He was the composer of the once favourite "Jenny Jones."



#### The Old Commodore.



This original and vigorous song of a disabled and bellicose old sea dog anxious to have yet another cut at the enemy was a great favourite for nearly half a century after its first production. The words are by Mark Lonsdale, a native of Carlisle (born 1758, died 1815), author of several dramatic entertainments which were acted at Sadler's Wells Theatre from 1792 to 1795. He was also machinist and arranger of the pantomimes and spectacles at that theatre. The song was first sung in one of these entertainments, which under the title, The Naval Triumph; or, the Tars of Old England, commemorated Lord Howe's victory over the French on the first of June, 1794. It was sung by Mr. Dighton, at this period the principal male vocalist at Sadler's Wells, and the words were first printed in a small song-book, The Whim of the Day for 1795. The air is by William Reeve (born 1757, died 1815), a prolific writer of pantomime music and of similar work. Reeve was composer to Astley's Circus and to Covent Garden Theatre, bestdes being an organist. He was also at one time part-proprietor of Sadler's Wells. "The Old Commodore" gave the suggestion for and title of a novel written on the Marryat lines by Lieut. Edward Howard, and published in 1837. In the song as printed above some of the expletives of the fiery old gentleman have had to be slightly toned down.



## The North Country Lass.





- 1. There was a fair maid-en,her name it was Gil-ian, Her manners were sage, tho'her carriage was free, You
- 2. Rich lords and fine gen tle-men crowded to woo her, Each begging her most humble ser-vant to be, Some
- 3. But go ing one day to the wood with young Roger, To gather sweet ros es for he and for she, Sly





- 1. scarce-ly would meet such a girl in a mill-ion, Her charms were the pride of the North Country. 2. show'd coach and hors-es, some proferr'd gold to her, Some, clothes and fine jew-els most gorgeous to see.
- 3. Cu pid observed them (a com i cal cod-ger), And hid himself snug in a sy ca-more tree.



One of Charles Dibdin's very early songs, composed shortly after he came to London. It won some degree of favour, and he himself sang it at Ranelagh Gardens about 1768-9. It was published in several of the Magazines of that day, including The Universal Museum for April, 1769, and The Universal Magazine for July same year. It appears in Youl Music, vol. i., circa 1770, and in Thompson's Dancts for 1770 it is given as a country dance tune. The melody was introduced some years later into the opera, The Waterman (acted 1774), put to words beginning, "And did you not hear of a Jolly Young Waterman?" and with this song attached it had a renewed lease of popularity.



#### Absence.



The melody is by James Hook, one of the most prolific writers of vocal music England has produced. In this branch he out-distanced Charles Dibdin, whose compositions are certainly numerous; but Dibdin performed a threfold task, for he not only composed the music, but wrote the words, and in nearly every instance, sange the song. "Absence" "Absence" "Absence "above, is taken from a small selection of Hook's songs called The Monthly Banquet of Apollo, published by Harrison & Co. in 1796. The words are by Eliza Le Strange.

## Humming all the Trade is.



From the opera, The Turnpike Gate, composed by William Reeve and Joseph Mazzinghi. This was a production far in advance of many operas contemporary with it, for it contains a number of elever and witty songs. The air is by William Reeve, and the words by the author of the libretto, Edward Knight, the comedian. It need scarcely be explained that "hum" was the old form of "humbug."





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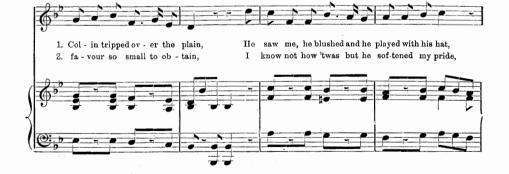
### Gaffer Gray.



#### Colin's Success.

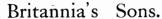






Evidently an early Mary-le-bone or Vauxhall song. It is printed in *The Universal Magazine* for August, 1764, and four years later it is included in *Clio and Euterpe*, vol. i. In this collection it is given as sung by Miss Chambers, a now forgotten songstress, who about this time sung at Mary-le-bone and Vauxhall Gardens. There is no indication as to composer of the air or writer of the verses.







From the opera of The Turnpile Gate, by Mazzinghi and Reeve, acted 1799. The air is by Reeve, and the song had, apart from the opera, a certain amount of deserved popularity; it was sung by Fawcett.

#### The Girl of the Seasons.



One of the musical illustrations of the old-fashioned London street cries. Of these we have already included several. The words and music (with a pictorial illustration), are on sheet music issued by Purday & Button about 1806. The melody is by James Sanderson, a composer whose song, "The Marriage Day" we also print. The verses of "The Girl of the Seasons" are by E. Button, a relative to a partner in the firm, and were sung by Mrs. Bland at Vauxhall Gardens about the date quoted.

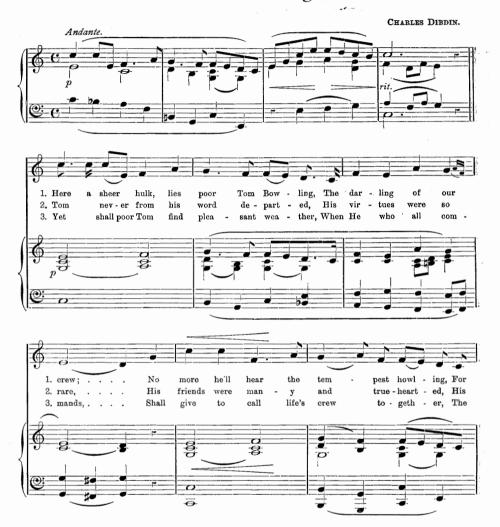
# Little Sally's Wooden Ware.



A song from the opera, The Shipuerck, acted at Drury Lane in 1796. The words are by S. J. Arnold, author of the popular song, "The Death of Nelson," and the melody is by Dr. Samuel Arnold, his father. It was the fashion at this time to illustrate in music and song the popular street cries, and many pretty lyrics by Hook and others were the result. Of these, several were sung by Mrs. Bland. We give some examples of this class of song in "Little Bess the ballad singer," and "Come, who'll buy primrores?" Dr. Arnold was a musician of considerable degree of merit, but he lacked the grace of Hook and some of his contemporaries. He wrote and compiled a great number of the then popular ballad operas. He was born in 1740, and died in 1802.



#### Tom Bowling.



There are few more popular old English songs than "Tom Bowling." Of all Dibdin's lyrics it is the one which has most truly struck home. Dibdin himself speaks of its great popularity and of the great sale of copies. It was originally sung by the author-composer in the first of his table entertainments, The Odditics, given 7th December, 1789. Published on sheet music and in song-books, it invariably bore the title, "Poor Tom; or, the Sailor's Epitaph." An absurd statement has been made that the original of "Tom Bowling" was a man bearing the same name "who used to sit drinking with Dibdin and Shield." The song was really written in memory of the author's brother, Thomas Dibdin, who was a captain in the merchant service. If proof were wanted to confute the ridiculous story quoted above it could be found in the following lines which are part of a song Dibdin wrote on his late friend Charles Bannister, an actor and singer. They appear in The Frolic:—

"'Poor Charles!'

My lyre, once again the sad note,

My tribute of gratitude lend; 'Poor Tom!' on my brother I wrote,

'Poor Charles!' I now write on my friend."

It may be mentioned incidentally that a "sheer hulk" was the hulk of a vessel which, unfit for the sea, was moored in a harbour with only the lower masts left standing. Fixed to the foot of these were long beams of wood, the whole serving as a crane for hoisting masts, stores, etc., into vessels brought alongside for the purpose.



#### The Bee.



These words have had several musical settings; besides the above, we give one by Thomas Linley, junior, in the present volume. The latter is taken from an engraved music sheet in date about 1750. It was sung by Thomas Lowe, in all probability at Mary-le-bone Gardens about that period. Another setting of the words appears in the Gentleman's Magazine for January, 1743; it is entitled, "On a young lady stung by a bee, set by Mr. Flackton."



# Then Farewell! my Trim-built Wherry.



Sung by the character Tom Tug, the Thames waterman, in Charles Dibdin's little opera, The Waterman: or, The First of August, acted in 1774, words and music by Dibdin. For an account of the opera see under "Cherries and Plums." "Then farewell! my trim-built wherry," and the song, "And did you not hear of a jolly young waterman?" survived to recent years principally by reason of the singing of them by Sims Reeves who took the part of Tom Tug in revivals of the opera.







#### The Silent Lover.



The words are by William Congreve and the melody is by Dr. William Boyce. The song was published in one of the numbers of Lyra Britannica, published by John Walsh about 1745. To Boyce we are indebted for the fine sturdy national air, "Heart of Oak." He was born in London in 1710, took his doctor's degree at Cambridge in 1749, and died 7th February, 1779. He wrote several oratorios, and composed and compised collections of sacred music; these in addition to much secular musical work in the shape of songs and dramatic pieces.



## The Bonny Sailor.



Composed by James Hook and sung by Miss Thornton at Vauxhall in the season of 1780. It is included in Hook's Collection of Yauxhall Songs of that season, and is faced by "Twas within a mile of Edinburgh town," which was originally sung at the Gardens in the same season.



### Little Bess the Ballad-Singer.



A pretty little ditty so much a favourite that several versions of it are to be found scattered through old song books and on music sheets. The present copy is taken from The English Musical Repository, Edinburgh, Wm. Hunter, 1808, and repeated in other editions of the same work published at a later date by B. Crosby in London. Another copy differing in words and music was published in one of Cultusea's Pocket Companions for the German Flute, circa 1802, and yet another called "Poor Little Bess," with music by James Hook, was sung by Mrs. Bland in the pantomime, Love and Magic, acted at Drury Lane in 1802. It has not been found possible to fix upon the composer of the air we print.

#### Once Tired of Life.

The Wife in Masquerade.



Sung by Joseph Munden in Mazzinghi's opera, The Exile, the libretto and songs of which were written by Frederick Reynolds. The Exile was acted at the King's Theatre on 10th November, 1808. It is founded on the once well-known French story, Elizabeth; or, the Exile of Siberia. Joseph Mazzinghi was born of Corsican parents in London, and his music had little foreign influence. We have selected another song from the above opera—"Young Lobski's Fishing Tale."





### The Echoing Horn.



A hunting song from Dr. Arne's opera, Thomas and Sally; or, the Satior's Return, produced in 1760. One of the very few hunting songs which Arne wrote. Hunting songs of very extended compass, accompanied by violins, horns, and other instruments were quite the fashion in the 18th century. Many of these are good compositions, but their wide range makes them unfit for the general singer, and we have not therefore included many specimens of this type of song.



## I'll be the Squire's Bride.



One of the usual type of Vauxhall songs sung there in the season of 1790, by Miss Leary, who for a short time delighted the audiences at the Gardens with similar productions. The words are printed in The New Whim of the Day; or, Musical Olio, 1760, and in The New Vocal Enchantress for 1791. Preston issued sheet copies of the music.

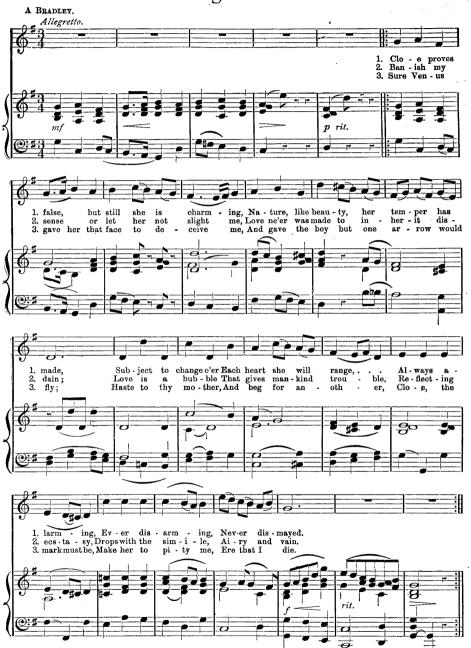




Taken from a scarce publication: Ten English Songs set to Musick by Mr. John Wynne, London, printed for the author, and sold by him at his house in the Regent Walk, Cambridge, by John Johnson at the Harp and Crown in Chapmide, and at all the musick shops, 1754, follo. Wynne was a Cambridge musician who kept a music shop. He appears to have also published another set of Twelve English Songs. "Lay that sullen garland by" has been used several times for musical settings. In Playford's Musica Companion, 1872, it is arranged for two voices by John Taylor, and was composed as a glee by L. Atterbury about the year 1770 or 1775.



## The Slighted Swain.



Taken, words and melody, from John Watt's Musical Miscellany, vol. iii., 1730. The words are stated to be "by Mr. A. Bradly," but there is no clue given as to the author of the music. In Walsh's British Musical Miscellany, vol. iii., circa 1734, it is repeated with heading, "set by Mr. Handel." It is extremely doubtful if this ascription is correct. The music certainly seems too English in character, and it must be remembered that it was the practice of publishers of that day to append Handel's name to many doubtful compositions for trade purposes. Handel's was then the greatest name in musical England.

#### The Retort.

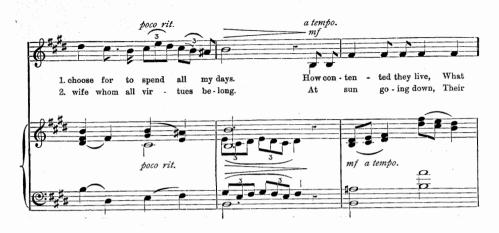


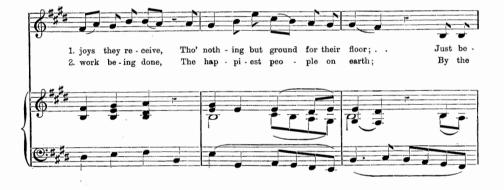
An early Vauxhall song sung at the Gardens by Thomas Lowe, a tenor singer of great repute. Lowe made his debut at Drury Lane Theatre in the autumn of 1748, and soon after that was the principal male singer at Vauxhall. He became manager or part proprietor of the rival Gardens at Maryle-bone, and died in 1783 after a very extended period of public singing. The pricty melody is by Dr. Arne (Defore he obtained his degree), and the whole is here reprinted from a music-sheet published about 1750-5.

#### Rural Life.



Appears as "a New Song" in the Universal Magazine for October, 1770. The same sentiments are expressed in a much earlier production published in the sixth volume of Watt's Musical Miscellany. It is distinctly like the composition of Michael Arre, and there are passages in it which remind one very much of his "Lass with the delicate air."







## My Banks they are Furnished with Bees.



This is a portion of Shenstone's Pastoral Ballad in four parts, selections from which have furnished words for several musical settings, such as "When forced from dear Hebe to go," "I have found out a gift for my fair," etc. "My banks they are furnished with bees," with several other songs from the same pastoral, was set to music by Dr. Arne and published in the second volume of Clio and Buterpe, 1759.



### Mounseer Nong Tong Paw.



The words and air are by Charles Dibdin, and were first sung by him in one of his entertainments called *The General Election*, produced on the 9th of October, 1796. These entertainments were monologues, Dibdin speaking the "patter," and singing the song.



#### Young Lobski's Fishing Tale.



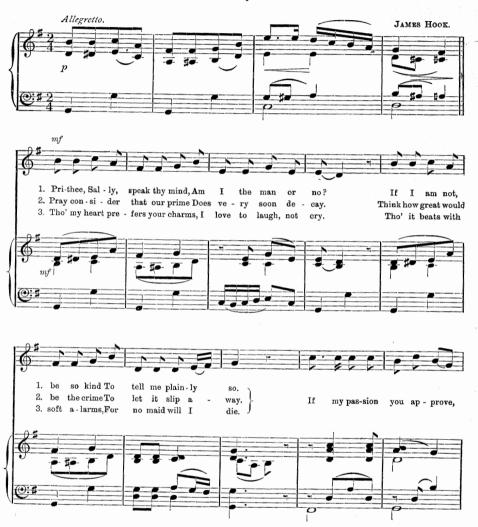
Sung by John Fawcett in Mazzinghi's opera, *The Exite*, acted in 1808. The sorg, "Young Lobski," long survived the opera. So far as I know it is one of the earliest recorded associations of fibbing with fishing. "The Wife in Masquerade" has been also selected for our work from *The Exite*.

## Amanda's Fair, by all Confessed.



As "The Phoenix: a new song," this is contained in *The Universal Magazine* for 1763. No author's or composer's name is mentioned, and it is either by Dr. Arne or some musician who has closely copied his style,

## I must Try Another.



The air is by James Hook, and the song was sung at Vauxhall Gardens in the season of 1799 by Charles Dignum. It was published, with the music, in Hook's Vauxhall Songs for 1799. Although the song and air have merit, they do not appear to have survived their first season at the Gardens. James Hook was born at Norwich in 1745, and coming to London in 1769 became organist at Mary-le-bone Gardens, composing for that place of amusement as well as for Vauxhall. In this year (1769) Weler issued Hook's first published work, a volume of Vauxhall songs bearing the above date, and a concerto with variations on a then popular air, "Lovely Nancy." These were the first of a range of publications so numerous that they must, if it were possible to number them, have run into over a thousand. Hook made an immediate success in London, and his genius was never at a loss in spite of the constant calls on it. Hook was composer and nusical director to Vauxhall Gardens from 1772 to 1820, and supplied countless songs for the singers there. He wrote the music for several entertainments and a great deal of other work, concertos, harpsichord pieces, glees, etc., etc. He was author also of an instruction book, Gauida di Musica, which ran through several editions. At the present day his "Lass of Richmond Hill" and "Twas within a mile of Edinburgh town," the latter first sung at Vauxhall in 1780, have no signs of waning in public favour as standard English songs. Hook died at Boulogne in 1827. Theodore Hook the novelist was his younger son; the older son and his descendants filled high offices in the Church.



### I've Sailed Round the World.



A song of Charles Dibdin's, and one but little known. It was sung by Dibdin himself in one of his monologue entertainments, called Private Theatricals; or, Nature in Nabibus. This was given in 1791 in a room opposite Beaufort Buildings in the Strand, which he named "Sans Souci." He gave other succeeding entertainments there, but in 1799 was enabled by the profits he had realised to build a small theatre in Leicester Place. The song, besides being published in sheet form with Dibdin's own imprint and signature, is also printed in contemporary song books.

# True Happiness.



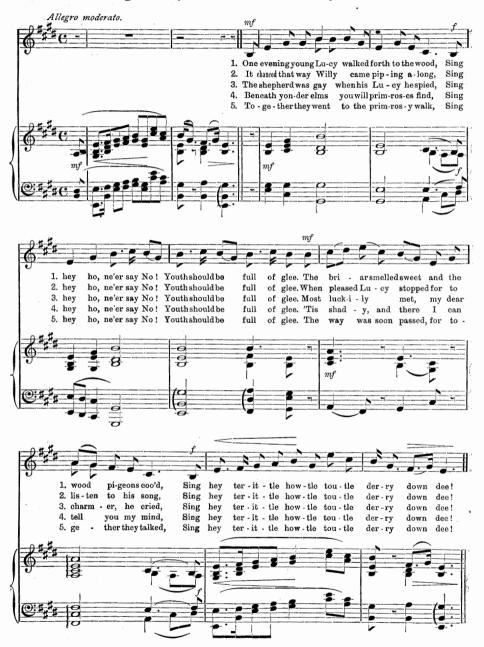
Appears in The Convivial Songster, 1782. In another place the composition of the air is attributed to a musician named Dieupart. How far this is correct we are unable to say. The words are by a W. Bedingfield, a forgotten writer of verse.

### Little Thinks the Townsman's Wife.



More frequently entitled "Lira, Lira, La." It is from Dr. Samuel Arnold's opera. The Surrender of Calais, performed at the Haymarket in 1791. The song was written by George Coleman the younger, and sung by Mrs. Bland. The Surrender of Calais was notable for the singing and acting of Johnstone the Irish comedian, who, in the character of O'Carroll first sang on the stage the beautiful Irish traditional air, "Savourneen Deelish," and other Irish melodies which Arnold employed in this piece.

## Sing Hey ho, Ne'er say No!



Under the title, "The Bird's Nest," this appears in The Universal Magazine for April, 1773. The last verse has been omitted. The song does not appear to have been commonly known even at that day, as search has failed to find other copies in contemporary song collections.

# Let's Drink and Sing, my Brother Soldiers Bold.





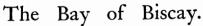


A soldier's drinking song with a fine, spirited melody. It appears in *The Convivial Songster*, 1782, and in one passage the melody gives a remembrance of Handel.





Appears in Vocal Music; or, The Songster's Companion, 1775, without author's or composer's name. It is evidently a composition of the period.





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## By and By.



Another of James Hook's Vauxhall songs sung at the Gardens in the season of 1803 by Mrs. Franklin. The words are by Upton, and the song was published by Joseph Dale in Hook's Collection of Yauxhall Songs for 1803.



### The Mid-Watch.



The words are by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, and the air is by Thomas Linley, his father-in-law. Mr. Baring-Gould in English Minstrelist, vol. iii., gives this account of it:—"It was introduced into his pantomime of Robinson Crusse, 1800. Sheridan happened to call in at the theatre one day and found the stage manager at his wits' end what to do, as there was no time between the conclusion of one scene for the setting of another. It was suggested to Sheridan that a song if introduced there might afford the stage carpenters the requisite time for scene shifting. He at once sat down at the prompter's table on the stage, and wrote on the back of the play-bill the ballad of 'The Midnight Watch,' which Linley thereupon set to music." The above account may be quite correct, with the exception of the date. Robinson Crusse, with the music by Linley, was first acted in 1781. "The Mid-Watch" as "sung by Mr. Bannister" is in a song book, St. Cecilia: or, The British Songster, Edinburgh, 1782. About 1790 it was sung by Mr. Arrowsmith at Vauxhall, and in 1794 it was introduced into a musical entertainment named The Glorious First of June. This was a piece-rapidly put together by several gentlemen, including Sheridan, for the purpose of relieving the widows and orphans of the sailors killed in Lord Howe's action on the first of June, 1794. Stephen Storace arranged the music. It was acted at Drury Lane on 2nd July, and was repeated several times with success. The song was here sung by Master Walsh.



## Nanny of the Hill.



By Dr. John Worgan, and published in his collection of Vauxhall songs called *The Agreeable Choice*, issued by Walsh about 1750. The sensong is contained in *The Muses Delight*, Liverpool, 1754, and in *Apoilo's Cabinet*, 1757. At Vauxhall the lyric was sung by Thomas-Lowe, a tenor singer of great reputation during the second half of the 18th century.

# The Gentry to "The King's Head" Go.



A quaint song with a play upon the names of the old inn signs. I know of no other early copy than the one which appears in Walsh's British Musical Miscellany, vol. iv., 1734. It is there said to be "set by Mr. Young," really Anthony Young, a musician of good standing whose daughter, Isabella, became famous as a vocalist, and who married Dr. Arne.

## From Aloft the Sailor Looks Around.



This beautiful composition is by Stephen Storace, and is from his opera, No Song, No Supper, acted in 1790; the words are by Prince Hoare. In the opera it was sung by an actor named Sedgwick, who took the character of "William." Storace, though partly of Italian parentage, may be well claimed as among our English musicians. He was born in London in 1763, of an Italian father and an English mother. Though but short-lived (he died in 1796), he enriched English music with much excellent work, and is mostly remembered by the pleces from his operas. The most famous of these are: Haunted Tower, 1789, No Song, No Supper, 1790, Siege of Belgrade, 1791, The Prince, 1793, The Cherokee, 1794, Iron Chest, 1796, etc. His sister, Anna Selina Storace, was a soprano singer of great ability and fame.



# The Live-long Day Forlorn I go.



From The Posthumous Vocal Works of Mr. Linley and Mr. T. Linley, two large folio volumes issued by the widow of Thomas Linley, senior, about 1796-8, dedicated to the Prince of Wales. From this work, which probably consists in a great measure of scattered compositions and sketches of an early date up to then unpublished, we have selected several songs.



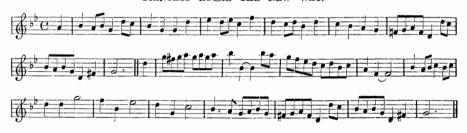
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#### THE ARETHUSA (see page 66).

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The composition of this fine air is even yet persistently, in modern collections, attributed to William Shield, in spite of the many accounts that have appeared regarding its history. Shield never claimed the melody, but used it in an opera named The Lock and Key, composed and selected by himself. The words of the song were written by Frince Hoare, author of the libretto and a popular writer of such-like pieces. It was produced in 1706, and the song was sung by Charles Incledon. Hoare words to the libration of such-like pieces, and which he fairly accurately describes in the verse. The following, being Admiral Keppel's and the song was sung by Charles Incledon. Hoare words the produced in 1706, and the song was sung by Charles Incledon. However, the following, being Admiral Keppel's and the song personal and the sund and t

#### PRINCESS ROYAL THE NEW WAY.



#### BY CAROLAN.

IRISH. From O'Farrell's Pocket Companion, vol. iv., circa 1810.

#### ALL YE WHO WOULD WISH TO SUCCEED WITH A LASS (See page 96).

The copy of the song which we adopt is printed in *The Lady's Magazine*, January 1761, with the statement that the composition was "sung by Mrs. Vernon in the new entertainment," *Thomas and Sally*. It is curious to note that in all copies of *Thomas and Sally*, including the first edition issued by Dr. Arne, and dated 1761, the verses are set to a different air. Probably the *Lady's Magazine* setting was used at the first representation of the opera, but, for some reason, was discarded before the publication of the work. Mrs. Vernon took the part of Dorcas, who sings the song, "All ye who would wish"; she was succeeded in this character by Miss Potiter. Dr. Arne's dramatic pastoral, *Thomas and Sally or*, the Sailor's Return, was first acted in London at Covent Garden in 1760, and not, as so frequently stated, in Dublin in 1742. The piece was written by Isaac Bickerstaffe, the writer of several other successful and similar operas. The following is a copy of the melody from the printed opera. It may be mentioned that another 18th century song bears the title, "As sure as a gun."



#### THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME (See page 104).

Original printed copies of the air appeax under the title, "Brighton Carsp," and these not before the early years of the 10th contury. One occurs in The Gentleman's Amusement, Book iii., an oblong volume for the flute, published by J. Balls, London, about 1810. In a manuscript, circa 1816, in the writer's library, the air without words bears its better known name. The earliest copy of the words known to the writer is in a manuscript collection of songs bearing the date 1797, and apparently written down about that year. These songs are from different sources; this volume is also in his possession. The late William Chappell speaks of a manuscript then in Rimbault's hands about the date 1709, but the whereabouts of this is now not known. Chappell fixes the date of the song as 1758. In 1812 an altered version of the words appears in Bell's Rhymes of Northern Bards. Thomas Moore uses the tune in Book vii. of his Irvish Michael 1818, to words beginning, "As slow our ship," and this is the first printed attribution of it as an Irish tune. Edward Bunting in 1840 includes it in his Anteint Music of Ireland, and tells us that he got it "from A. O'Neil, harper, A.D. 1800, author and date unknown." Since this time it has been printed in many Irish collections. So far definite facts. Chappell in his Popular Music stoutly denies that the air is Irish, and quotes opinions in his favour from Bunting himself, from J. A. Wade, and from other Irish authorities. Mr. Alfred Mofist, collaborator in the present work, considers the melody to be Irish, as finds much in its construction to favour that view. A correspondent points out a similarly in the opening bars to "Jock o' Hazeldean," but falls to see Irish characteristics. The present writer certainly does not think that the Irish characteristics are too plainly manifested, and that they are by no means conclusive. Whatever its origin the air has evidently been a traditional one with rude verses adapted to it, probably more about the year 1776 than 1786, for at the former data a ca

#### BRIGHTON CAMP.



THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME.



KITTY FELL (See page 114).

One of the numerous songs which chant the beauties of some famous toast. We give two other examples of the kind, "Peggy Wynne" and "Nancy Gay." Many additional ones might be named. Kitty Fell, the lady, must have been a beauty of no ordinary kind, for there are at least two songs which sing her charms. One by John Cunningham commences:—

"The courtly bard in verse sublime,
May praise the toasted belle;
A country maid (in careless rhyme),
I sing my Kitty Fell." Etc.,

and the other we give in the body of the work. The latter is taken from A Favourite Collection of English Songs sung by Mr. Beard, Miss Young, etc., at Ranelagh Gardens, 1767. All the pieces in the book are marked as by Dr. Arne, except "Kitty Fell," which is anonymous. The air is also found in other collections, and the words alone are in The Nightingale, 1776, The Eullfanch, 1780, and other song books.

#### NED THAT DIED AT SEA (See page 156).

A song written and composed by Charles Dibdin, who sang it in a short table entertainment called, Christmas Gambols, performed on the 28th December, 1795. It was in these table entertainments that Dibdin first produced some of his most famous sea songs. Poor Dibdin had resolved to seek better fortune in India, and accordingly in 1788, embarked and set sail. Fortunately for himself, and certainly for the cause of English song, the vessel by stress of a gale put into Torbay, and Dibdin, repenting of his rash resolve, left the ship, and abandoned his intention. He commenced a series of musical lectures at the town of lading, continued in different country towns, until drifting back to London, he thought of the happy ides of a monologue entertainment, the dialogue, songs, and music to be written, composed, spoken, and sung by himself. The Oddities, in 1789, was the first venture, and here, "Tom Bowling," "The Greenwich Pensioner," and some other songs, made his plan a great success.

#### PLEASANT OLD AGE (See page 157).

The words are translated from Anacreon's Odes, and the melody is by John Wynne of Cambridge. The song and air are taken from Wynne's Ten English Songs, 1754. It may be of interest to compare Fawkes' translation of the same ode:—

#### ODE XLVII.

"Yes! yes! I own I love to see
Old men facetious, blithe and free;
I love the youth that light can bound,
Or graceful swim th' harmonious round.
But when old age, jecose, though grey,
Can dance and frolic with the gay,
"Is plain to all the jovial throng,"
Though hoar the head, the heart is young."

#### ON THE BANKS OF ALLAN WATER (See page 176).

The Allan Water commemorated in the song is probably the stream which flows under the Bridge of Allan, near Stirling, and in close proximity to the bridge stands or stood a water mill which those interested may conjecture to have been the home of the unfortunate miller's daughter. The words are from the pen of Matthew Gregory Lewis, the friend of Sir Water Scott. The air in all probability is by a lady amateur, put into musical form by C. E. Horn. The tune with the song was first published by James Power about the year 1815, on a music sheet which bears the following statement:—"The words by M. G. Lewis, Eaq., composed by Lady——." In one of Power's collections for the flute, the lady's name is more fully hinted at as "Lady C. S." Who this mysterious lady of title was it is now difficult to guess. She or Horn has succeeded in producing an excellent piece of pathetic melody, and one which from its vocal qualities has always been a favourite. The Song was sung in Lewis's play, Rich and Poor, acted in 1812.

#### WEEL MAY THE KEEL ROW (See page 203).

To Tynesiders, "The Keel Row" is of as much importance as "Auld Lang Syne" is to Scotsmen. There have been hot disputes as to its nationality, for it has been claimed by the Scots and by the Tyneside dwellers, each as their own special property. Without entering into the maze of this discussion, the following facts may be pointed out:—The Keel Row," under the title, is said to appear in a manuscript book of airs which bears the date 1752. Whether the tune was entered into the book at this date is of course uncertain. As "Well may the Keel Row" the tune is for the first time found in print in A Collection of Jacourite Scots Tenas with variations.

— by the late Charles M Lean and other eminent musters, printed by N. Stewart, Edinburgh, about 1770-72. Previous to this date the first strains of the tune had become popular by being used in country dances in varied forms and under many different titles. The carliest appears to be "The Orckshire Lad," published in vol. iv. of John Johnson's 200 Country Dances, 1748. Tunes mearly identical with the "Keel Row" bear the following titles (and others somewhat similar might be named): "The Dumb Glutton," "The Dumb Waiter," "La Doubbe Entendre" (1759) "Charlie is at Edinburgh," "Shamboy Breeches," "Smiling Polly" (1763), etc. The old verses generally associated with the "Keel Row," are:—

"As I went up Sandgate,
Up Sandgate, up Sandgate,
As I went up Sandgate,
I heard a lassie sing—
'Weel may the keel row,
Weel may the keel row,
Weel may the keel row,
That my lad is in."

"He wears a blue bonnet,
Blue bonnet, blue bonnet,
He wears a blue bonnet,
A dimple in his chin—
And "Weel may the keel row,
The keel row, the keel row,
Weel may the keel row,
That my lad is in."

These were first printed by Joseph Ritson in the Northumbrian Garland, 1793. The present song was written by a Newcastle verse maker named Thompson, and was published about 1830. The following is "The Yorkshire Lad," from Johnson's Dances, 1748:—



WELL MAY THE KEEL ROW.

From M'Lean's Collection.

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#### AH, WELL-A-DAY! (See page 207.)

The above song is from an engraved half-sheet in date about 1740-5; there is no indication given as to composer of the air. The same words were also, about the middle of the 18th century, sung to a setting by Dr. Maurice Greene, which was included in the Muse's Detight, Liverpool, 1754, Apollo's Cabinet, Liverpool, 1754, and Cite and Butterpe, vol. i, 1756, Greene's setting was sung by Thomas Lowe at Hanelagh. In some editions of The Bullianch, a song book which ran through many editions (1:61 to 1780, etc.), the verses are printed without the music, headed, "set by Mr. Howard." Samuel Howard (1710-1782) who composed much vocal music, may or may not be the author of the above melody.

#### THE MODERN BEAU (See page 213).

The words and music are by Henry Carey, and they occur in his little ballad-farce, The Honest Yorkshireman, acted with success at Drury Lane Theatre in 1735. At the original representation the song was sung by an actor named Kelly. It is published in Carey's Musical Zendrury, 1740, etc. Henry Carey was one of the cleverest and most versatile men of his kind. Though his musical education was picked up in a very haphasard and unconventional manner, yet his talents in this direction were of a high order, and a great number of his songa (himself author and composer), have enriched English music. As to his lyrical muse, who does not regard "Sally in our Alley" as among the sweetest of our ballads? Carey was born late in the 17th century, and died (some say by his own hand), in 1743. The claim which has been made for him as composer of the air, "God save the King," is fully dealt with in our previous volume.

#### DOWN IN A VALLEY (See page 258).

A pretty little song which probably suggested one which appeared in Storace's opera, Mahmound, acted in 1796. The present lyric was printed in a great number of song collections at the beginning of the 19th century: The Gentleman's Focket Companion for the German Flute, circa 1799; Gentleman's Focket Companion for the German words from the one we give. It was sung by Storace's sister in the character of Zelica, and the air used is much like a version of the Irish air, "Savouran Beelish." The opera words run:—

Zelica—Don't you remember a carpet weaver,
Whose daughter lov'd a youth so true?
He promised one day he never would leave her,
Ah! down in the vale where violets grow.
He flattered and vow'd where she sat beside him,
Soft tales telling of love's long ago,
He vow'd to her but can you tell if she her love denied him,
Ah! down in the vale where violets grow.

Never, he told her, he wou'd be a rover. She fondly thought he told her true, But how shall the maid her truth discover? Ah! will be plight his vows anew?

If never, never, her voice deceiv'd him,
Now while telling of love's long ago;
Can he forget the girl who believ'd him
Down in the vale where violets grow

#### THE DISCONSOLATE SAILOR (See page 259).

This once popular ballad was written by George Saville Carey (the posthumous son of Henry Carey), and set to music by James Hook. It was probably first sung in public at Vauxhall about 1788-9, and was published at that period by John Preston in sheet form with a rude pictorial heading. The words are included in The New Whim of the Day for 1790, and other similar song books. George Saville Carey, the author, wrote songs for Vauxhall, etc., and appears to have been somewhat of a ne'er-do-weel who traded on the reputation of a clever father. He had the extraordinary efforniery to allow to be published a music sheet (by Matien, Edinburgh) with the title, "Sally in our Alley; a favourite song composed and sung by George Saville Carey." The words are his father's, and the air the traditional tune to which they are now always sung; both words and music had been in print twenty or thirty years before G. S. Carey was born. The value of his claim for a pension on the ground that his father composed "God save the King," may be thus estimated.

#### GAFFER GRAY (See page 281).

The old song, "Gaffer Gray," though bitter and democratic in spirit, is a clever production. It was written by Thomas Holcroft, and is given in his novel, Hugh Trevor, a work depicting the vices of the rich and the virtues of the poor. "Gaffer Gray" soon became popular, and in 1797 it is found in The Vocal Magasine, a work published in Edinburgh, whose editor disapproving of the sentiments expressed in the song, by a few ingenious touches, made "Gaffer Gray" brought to poverty by disolute and reckless conduct, after having been helped by the squire, parson, and lawyer. The editor gives as his acknowledgment of the author, "Words, with a few alterations, by Holcroft." The air we print is good and pleasing, but the song has had other musical settings, one being by a composer named Pitman, printed on sheet music) by J. Dale. The present melody is always given without composer's name. It is included in The Yorkshire Musical Miscellony, Halifax, 1809, and on sheet music lasted by George Goulding and by Cabusca about the same date. As Holcroft was somewhat of a musician it is quite possible that he was author of the tune as well as of the words. His career was a varied one. He was born in 1744 of very poor parents, his father being a shoemaker. Getting employment after many wanderings as a stable boy at Nowmarket, he ultimately came to Liverpool, where in 1765 he opened a school. Then having a good voice for singing he joined a company of strolling players. In 1777 his literary life began, and he produced a musical farce called The Criss. Many other dramatic productions rapidly followed, among which was The Road to Rum. At the French Revolution in 1792 his sympathies with the cause of liberty led him into very dangerous ground, and he was arrested for high treason, but was dismissed without trial. He died in 1809. Some verses of the song have been omitted for want of space.

#### THE BAY OF BISCAY (See page 327).

One of our finest specimens of national sea songs. The melody is strong, manly, and full of "body." The song with the air was first sung in a little piece called Spanish Dollars; or, the Prists of the Parish, written by Andrew Cherry, with the runsic by John Davy. It was acted at Covent Garden on 9th May, 1805, for the benefit of Charles incledon. Incledon frequently afterwards samp the song, which was eminently in his style. There is a tradition that Davy, passing along one night, ran against some drunken negro sailors now were singing an air which he afterwards turned into that for the "Bay of Biscay." How far this true it would be of course now impossible to tell, but the fact remains that there are several old traditional airs, mostly sea songs, which bear a distinct likeness to the "Bay of Biscay." John Davy was a Devonshire man, born near Exeter in 1768. He studied under Jackson of that city, and became viclinist at Covent Garden Theatre. He died in poverty in 1824. Andrew Cherry was author of several operas of the period.