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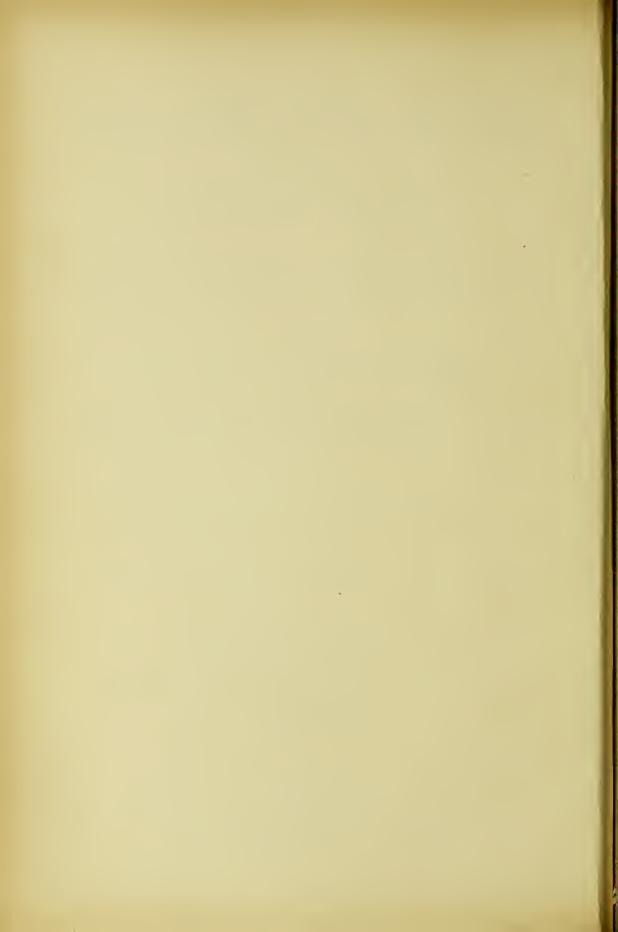
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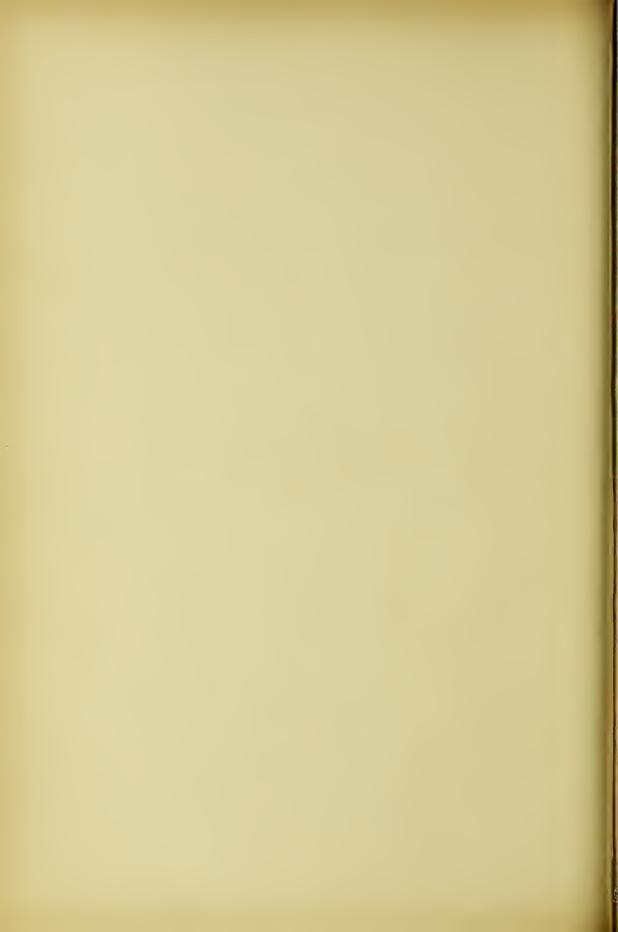
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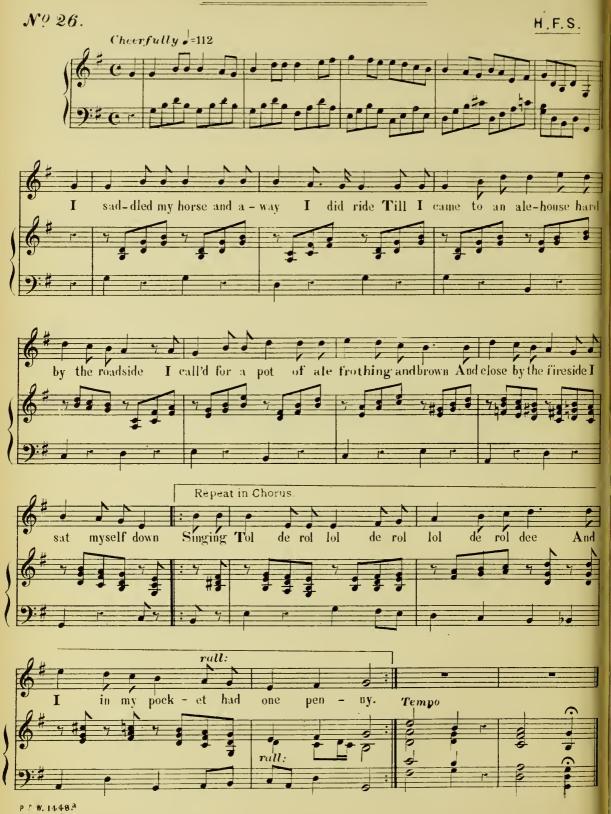
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I saddled my horse, and away I did ride

Till I came to an ale-house hard by the road-side,
I call'd for a pot of ale frothing and brown,
And close by the fireside I sat myself down,
Singing, Tol-de-rol-lol-de-rol-Tol-de-rol dee!
And I in my pocket had ONE PENNY.

CHORUS: Singing, Tol-de-rol &c:

2

I saw there two gentlemen playing at dice,
They took me to be some nobleman nice.
With my swagger, and rapier, and countenance bold,
They thought that my pockets were well lined with gold,
Singing, Tol-de-rol-lol-de-rol-Tol-de-rol dee!
And I in my pocket had ONE PENNY.
CHORUS: Singing, Tol-de-rol &c:

3

"A hearty good fellow," they said, "loveth play."

"That lies with the stakes, pretty sirs, that you lay."

Then one said "A guinea," but I said "Five Pound,"

The bet it was taken — no money laid down,

Singing, Tol-de-rol-lol-de-rol-Tol-de-rol dee!

And I in my pocket had ONE PENNY.

CHORUS: Singing, Tol-de-rol &c:

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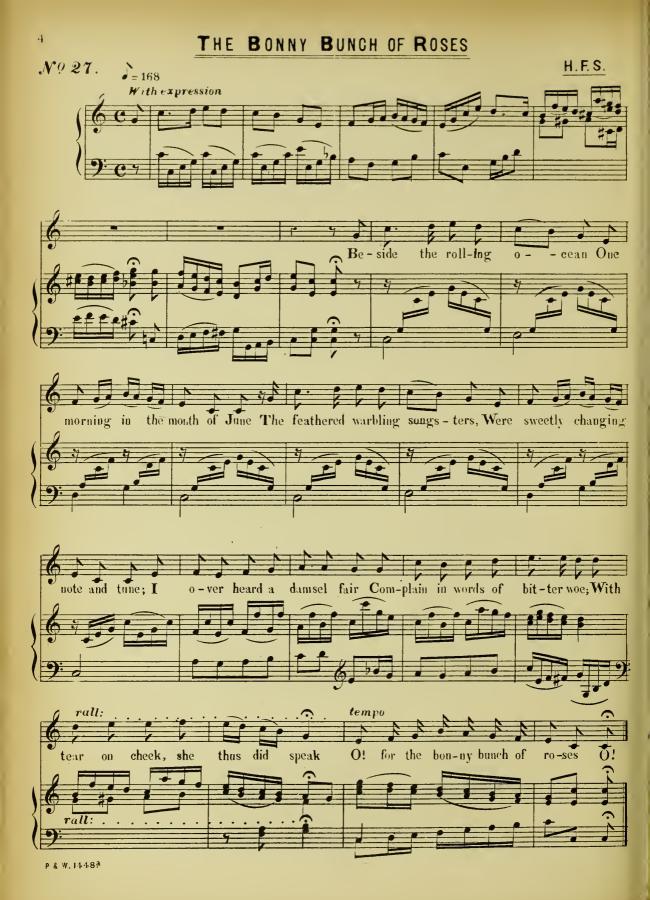
I took up the dice, and I threw them the main,
It was very good fortune, that evening; to gain;
If they had a won, sirs, there'd been alond curse
When I threw in naught save a moneyless purse
Singing Tol-de-rol-lol-de-rol-Tol-de-rol dee!
And I in my pocket had ONE PENNY.
CHORUS: Singing, Tol-de-rol &c:

5

Was ever a mortal a quarter as glad,
With the little of money at first that I had!
A hearty good fellow, as most men opine
I am; so my neighbours pray pour out the wine,
Singing Tol-de-rol-lol-de-rol-Tol-de-rol dee!
And I in my pocket had FIVE POUNDS, free.
CHORUS: Singing, Tol-de-rol &c:

6

I tarried all night, and I parted next day,
Thinks I to myself, I'll be jogging away!
I asked of the landlady what was my bill,
"O naught save a kiss of your lips, if you will."
Singing Tol de rol lol de rol Tol-de-rol dee!
And I in my pocket had FIVE POUNDS free.
CHORUS: Singing, Tol-de-rol-lol-de-rol Tol-de-rol-dee!
And I in my pocket had FIVE POUNDS, free.



1

Beside the rolling ocean

One morning in the month of June,

The feather'd warbling songsters

Were sweetly changing note and tune.

I overheard a damsel fair

Complain in words of bitter woe,

With tear on cheek, she thus did speak,

O for the bonny Banch of Roses, O!

2

Then up and spake her lover

And grasped the maiden by the hand,

Have patience, fairest, patience!

A legion I will soon command.

I'll raise ten thousand soldiers brave

Thro pain and peril I will go

A branch will break, for thy sweet sake,

A branch of the bonny Bunch of Roses, O!

3

Then sadly said his mother,

As tough as truest heart of oak,

That stem that bears the roses,

And is not easy bent or broke

Thy father he essayed it first

And now in France his head lies low;

For sharpest thorn, is ever borne O by the bonny Bunch of Roses, O!

4

He raised a mighty army

And many nobles joined his throng

With pipe and banner flying

To pluck the rose, he march'd along:

The stem he found was far too tough

And piercing sharp, the thorn, I trow

No blossom he rent from the tree

All of the bonny Bauch of Roses, O!

5

'O mother, dearest mother!

I lie upon my dying bed,

And like my gallant father

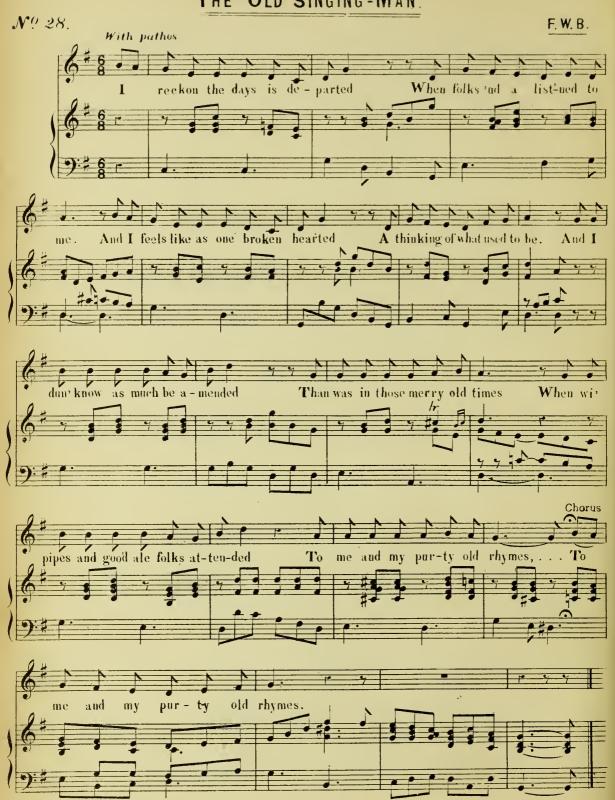
Must hide an uncrowned, humbled head.

Let none henceforth essay to touch

That rose so red, or full of woe,

With bleeding hand he'll fly the Land

The land of the bonny Bunch of Roses, O!



1

I reckon the days is departed,

When folks ud a listened to me.

And I feels like as one broken-hearted,

A-thinking o' what used to be.

And I don't know as much be amended,

Than was in them merry old Times,

When, wi' pipes and good ale, folks attended,

To me and my purty old rhymes,

CHORUS: To me and my purty old rhymes.

2

'Tis true, I be cruel asthmatic

I've lost every tooth i' my head;

And my limbs be that crim'd wir rheumatic

D'rsay I were better in bed.

Oh my! all the world be for reading

Newspapers, and books and what not;

Sure -'tis only conceitedness breeding,

And the old zinging man is forgot.

CHORUS: And the old singing man is forgot.

3

I reckon that wi' my brown fiddle

I'd go from this cottage to that;

All the youngsters 'ud dance in the middle,

Their pulses and feet, pit-a-pat.

I cu'd zing, if you'd stand me the liquor.

All the night, and 'ud never give o'er

My voice -I don't deny it getting thicker,

But never exhausting my store.

CHORUS: But never exhausting my store.

4

'Tis politics now is the fashion

As sets folks about by the ear.

And slops makes the poorest of lushing,

No zinging for me wi'out beer.

I reckon the days be departed

For such jolly gaffers as I,

Folks never will be so light-hearted

As they was in the days that's gone by.

CHORUS: As they was in the days that's gone by.

5

O Lor! what wi' their edication,

And me - neither cypher nor write;

But in zinging the best in the nation

And give the whole parish delight

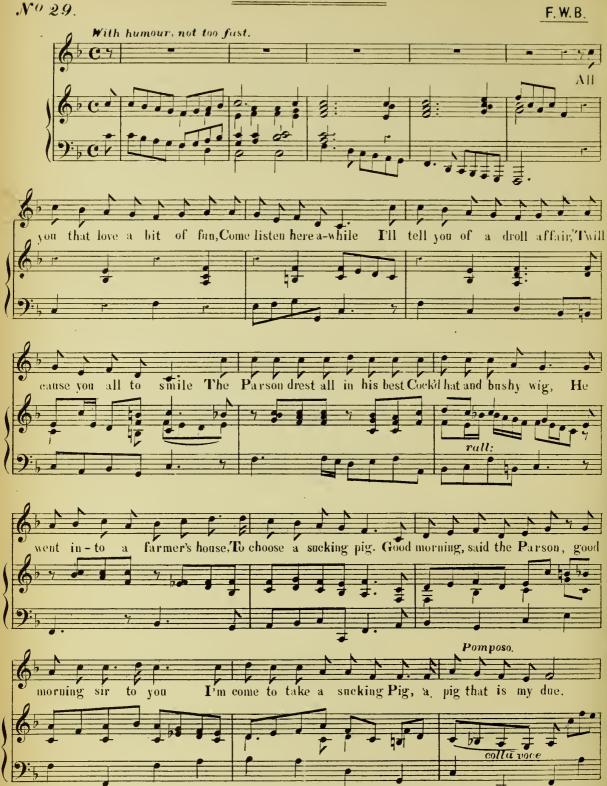
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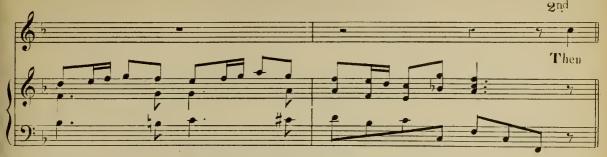
To lay in the Churchyard my head;

So say - God be wi' you, old fellow!

The last o' the Zingers is dead.

CHORUS: The last o' the Zingers is dead.





#### $\mathcal{N}$ 929. THE TYTHE-PIG.

1

All you that love a bit of fun, come listen here awhile,
Pil tell you of a droll affair, will cause you all to smile.
The Parson dress'd, all in his best,

Cock'd haf and bushy wig,

He went into a tarmer's house, to choose a sucking pig
Good morning said the Parson; good morning, sir, to you!
I'm come to take a sucking pig, a pig that is my due.

2

Then went the farmer to the stye, amongst the piglings small, He chose the very wee-est pig, the wee-est of them all;

But when the Parson saw the choice,

How he did stamp and roar!

He snorted loud, he shook his wig, he almost — cursed and swore Good morning &c:

3

O then out spake the Farmer, since my offer you refuse Pray step into the styeyourself, that you may pick and choose. So to the stye the Priest did hie, And there without ado,

The old sow ran with open mouth, and grunting at him flew. Good morning &c:

4

She caught him by the breeches black, that loudly he did cry O help me! help me from the sow!or surely I shall die.

The little pigs his waistcoat tore, His stockings and his shoes,

The Farmer said, with bow and smile, you're welcome, sir, to choose.

Good morning &c:

5

Away the Parson scamperd home, as fast as he could run, His wife was standing at the door, expecting his return, But when she saw him in such plight

She fainted clean away,

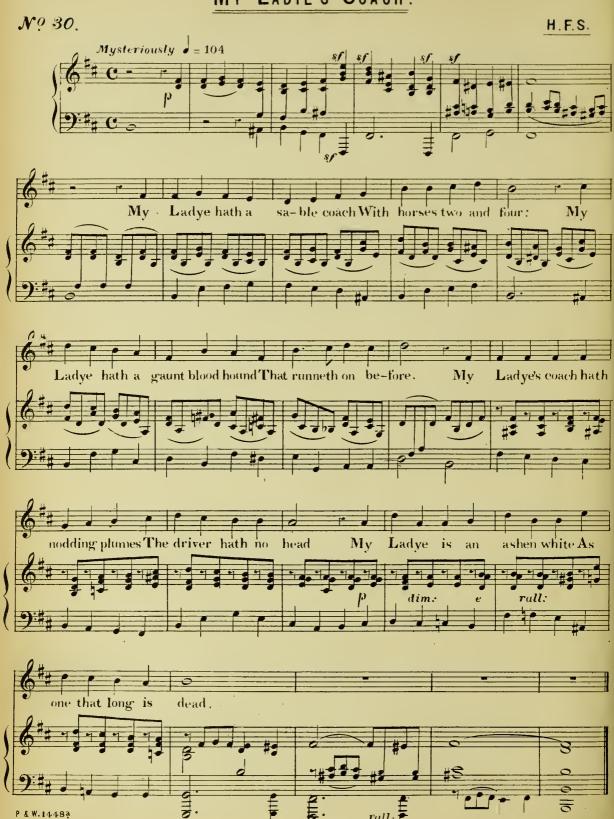
Alas! alas! the Parson said, I bitter rue this day.
Good morning, &c:

6

Go fetch me down a suit of clothes, a sponge and soap, I pray
And bring me, too, my greasy wig, and rub me down with hay
Another time, I won't be nice,
When gathering my dues

Another time in sucking pigs, I will not pick and choose.

Good morning, said the Parson, good morning, sirs, to you,
I will not pick a sucking pig — I leave the choice to you.



#### Nº 30. MY LADYE'S COACH.

1

My Ladye hath a sable coach,
And horses two and four,
My Ladye hath a gaunt blood-hound,
That runneth on before.
My Ladye's Coach hath nodding plumes,
The driver hath ho head,
My Ladye is an ashen white,
As one that long is dead.

Now pray step in! my Layde saith,
Now pray step in and ride.
I thank thee I had rather walk,
Than gather to thy side.
The wheels go round without a sound
Of tramp or turn of wheels.
As cloud at night, in pale moonlight,
Along the carriage steals.

Now pray step in! my Ladye saith, Now prithee come to me. She takes the baby from the crib, She sets it on her knee; The wheels go round, &c:

4

Now pray step in! my Ladye saith, Now pray step in and ride. Then deadly pale, in waving veil, She takes to her the bride; The wheels go round, &c:

5

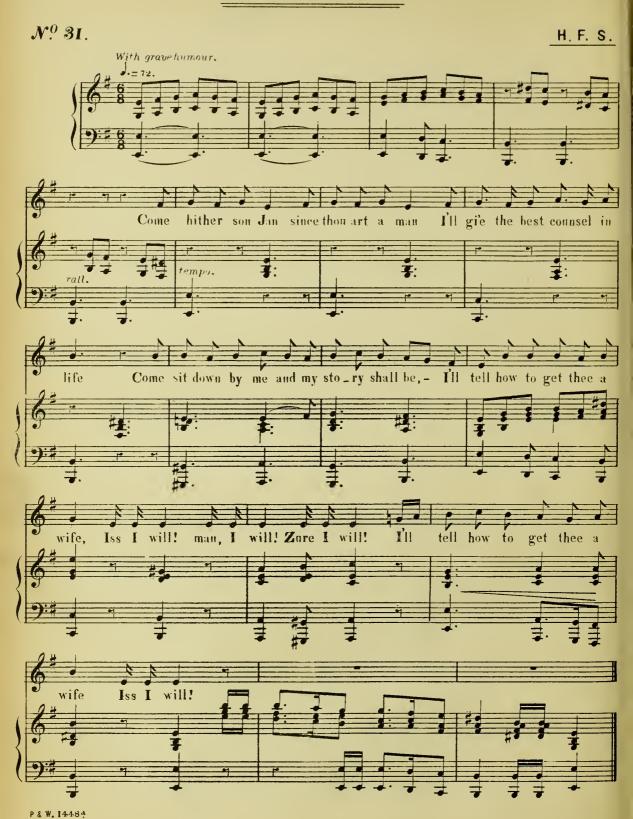
Now pray step in! my Ladye saith,
There's room I wot for you,
She wav'd her hand, the coach did stand,
The Squire within she drew.
The wheels go round &c:

6

Now pray step in! my Ladye saith,
Why should'st thou trudge afoot?
She took the gaffer in by her,
His crutches in the boot.
The wheels go round &c:

7

I'd rather walk a hundred miles
And run by night and day
Than have that carriage halt for me,
And hear my Ladye say —
Now pray step in and make no din,
Step in with me to ride;
There's room I trow, by me for you
And all the world beside.



#### Nº 31. JAN'S COURTSHIP.

1

Come hither, son Jan! since thou art a man,

I'll gie the best counsel in life,

Come, sit down by me, and my story shall be,

I'll tell how to get thee a wife.

1ss, I will! man, I will!

Zure I will!

I'll tell how to get thee a wife! Iss, I will!

2

Thy self thou must dress in thy Sunday-go-best;

They'll at first turn away and be shy.

But boldly, kiss each purty maid that thou see'st,

They'll call thee their Love, by-and-bye.

Iss, they will! man, they will!

Zure they will!

They'll call thee their love by-and-bye! Iss, they will!

3

So a courting Jan goes in his holiday clothes,

All trim, nothing ragged and torn,

From his hat to his hose; with a sweet yellow rose,

He looked like a gentleman born.

Iss he did! man he did!

Zure he did!

He looked like a gentleman born! Iss he did!

4

The first pretty lass that Jan did see pass

A farmer's fat daughter called Grace.

He'd scarce said 'How do!' and a kind word or two,

Her fetched him a slap in the face.

Iss, her did!man, her did!

Zure her did!

Her fetched him a slap in the face! Iss, her did!

5

As Jan, never fearing o'nothing at all,

Was walking adown by the locks.

He kiss'd the parson's wife, which stirred up a strife

And Jan was put into the stocks.

Iss, he was! man, he was!

Zure he was!

And Jan was put into the stocks! Iss, he was!

6

'If this be the way, how to get me a wife

Quoth Jan, I will never have none

I'd rather live single the whole of my life

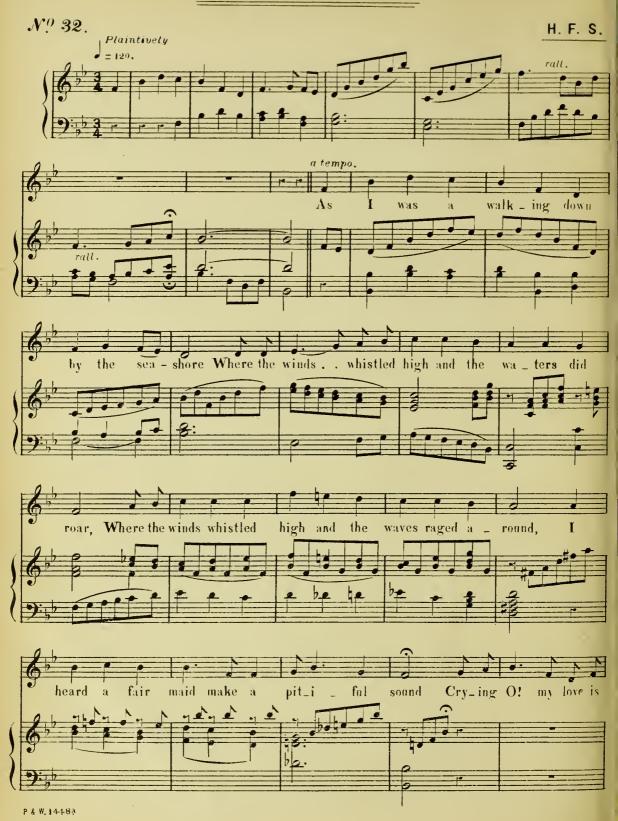
And home to my mammy 1'll run

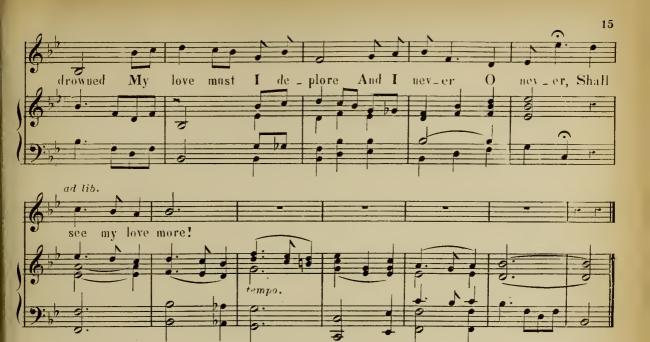
Iss, I will! man, I will

. Zure I will!

And home to my mammy I'll run! Iss, I will.

#### THE DROWNED LOVER.





#### NO 32. THE DROWNED LOVER.

1

As I was a-walking down by the sea-shore,
Where the winds whistled high, and the waters did roar,
Where the winds, whistled high, and the waves raged around,

I heard a fair maid make a pitiful sound,

Crying, O! my love is drowned!

My love must I deplore!

And I never, O! never

Shall see my love more!

2

I never a nobler, a truer did see A lion in courage, but gentle to me, An eye like an eagle, a heart like a dove, And the song that he sang me was ever of love

Now I cry, O! my love is drowned!

My love must I deplore!

And I never; O! never

Shall see my love more!

3

He is sunk in the waters, there lies he asleep,
I will plunge there as well, I will kiss his cold feet,
I will kiss the white lips, once coral-like red,
And die at his side, for my true love is dead.

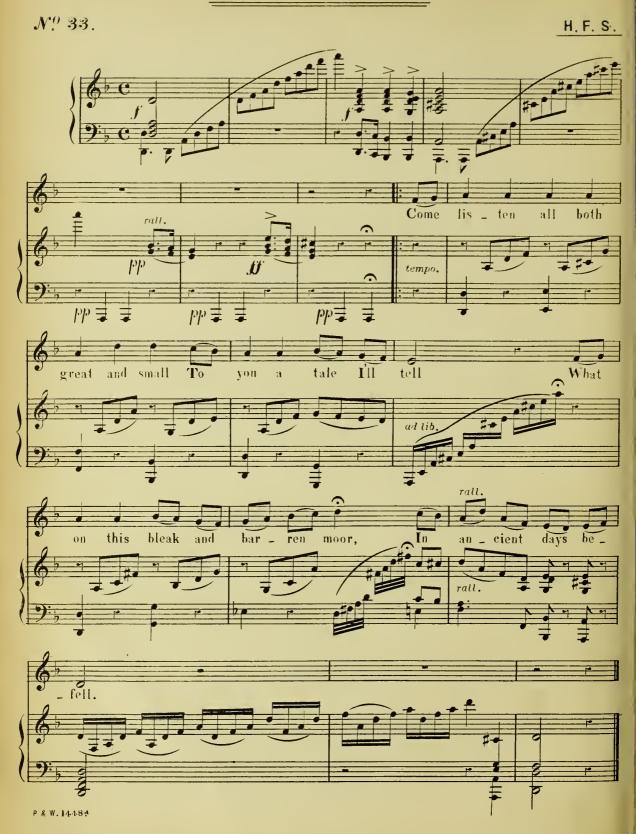
Now I ery, O! my love is drowned.

My love must I deplore

And I never; O! never

Shall see my love more!

## CHILDE THE HUNTER.



#### Nº 33. CHILDE THE HUNTER.

1

Come, listen all, both great and small To you a tale I'll tell, What on this bleak and barren moor, In ancient days befell.

2

It so befell, as I've heard tell,

There came the hunter Childe,
All day he chased on heath and waste,
On Dart-a-moor so wild.

3

The winds did blow, then fell the snow,
He chased on Fox-tor mire;
He lost his way, and saw the day,
And winter's sun expire.

4

Cold blew the blast, the snow fell fast,
And darker grew the night;
He wandered high, he wandered low,
And nowhere saw a light.

5

In darkness blind, he could not find Where he escape might gain, Long time he tried, no track espied, His labours all in vain.

6

His knife he drew, his horse he slew, As on the ground it lay; He cut full deep, therein to creep, And tarry till the day.

7

The winds did blow, fast fell the snow,
And darker grew the night,
Then well he wot, he hope might not
Again to see the light.

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So with his finger dipp'd in blood,

He scrabbled on the stones,—

"This is my will, God it fulfil,

And buried be my bones.

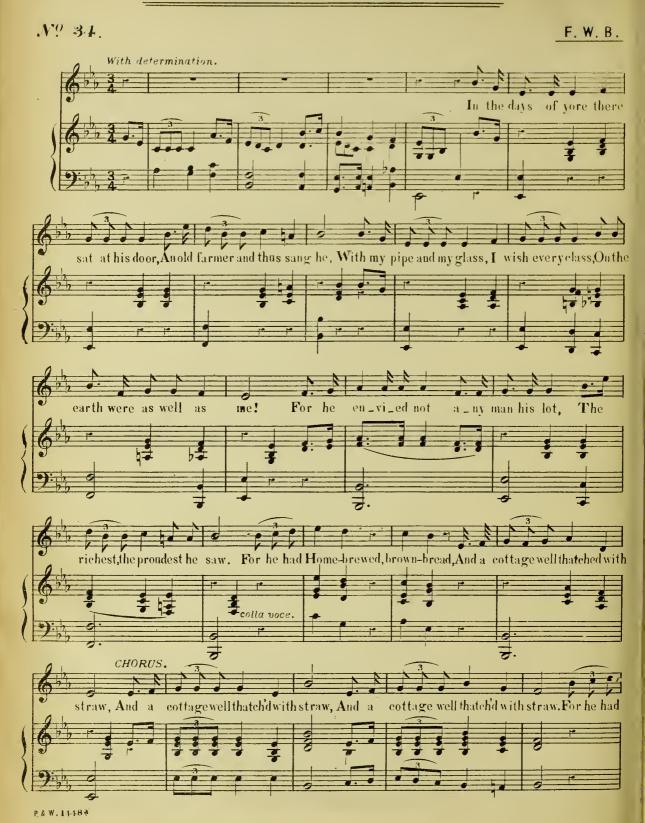
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"Whoe'er he be that findeth me
And brings to a grave,
The lands that now to me belong,
In Plymstock he shall have."

10

There was a cross erected then,
In memory of his name;
And there it stands, in wild waste lands,
To testify the same.

#### THE COTTAGE THATCHED WITH STRAW.





In the days of yore, there sat at his door,
An old farmer and thus sang he,
'With my pipe and my glass, I wish every class
On the earth were as well as me!'
For he en-vi-ed not any man his lot,
The richest, the proudest, he saw,
For he had home brew'd — brown bread,
And a cottage well thatch'd with straw,

A cottage well thatch'd with straw, A cottage well thatch'd with straw; For he had home-brew'd, brown bread, And a cottage well thatch'd with straw.

2

My dear old dad this snug cottage had,
And he got it, I'll tell you how.

He won it, I wot, with the best coin got,
With the sweat of an honest brow.

Then says my old dad, 'Be careful lad
To keep out of the lawyer's claw.

So you'll have home-brew'd — brown bread,
And a cottage well thatch'd with straw.

A cottage well thatch'd with straw, &c:

3

The ragged, the torn, from my door I don't turn,
But I give them a crust of brown;
And a drop of good ale, my lad, without fail,
For to wash the brown crust down.
Tho'rich I may be, it may chance to me,
That misfortune should spoil my store,
So—I'd lack home-brew'd—brown bread,
And a cottage well thatch'd with straw.

A cottage well thatch'd with straw, &c:

4

Then in frost and snow to the Church I go,

No matter the weather how.

And the service and prayer that I put up there,
Is to Him who speeds—the plough.

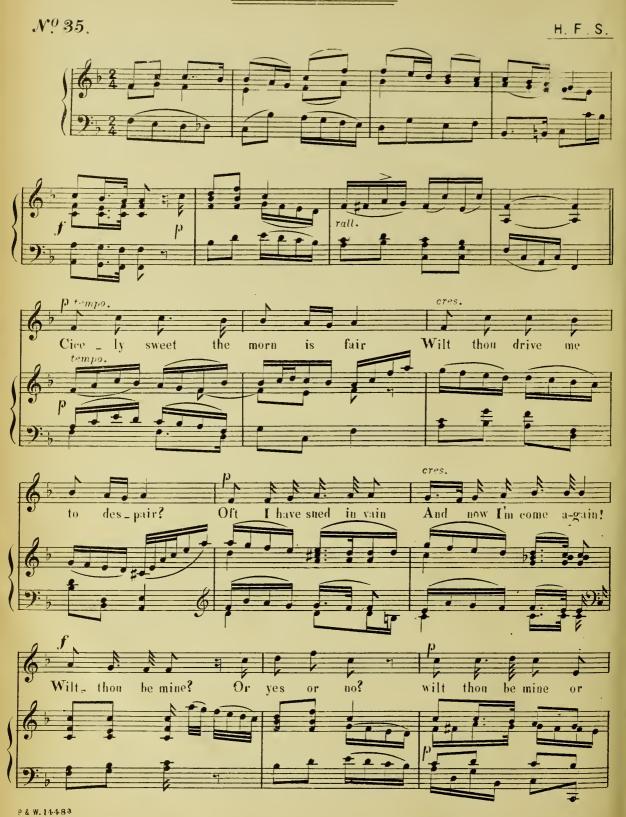
Sunday saints, i'feck, who cheat all the week,
With, a ranting and a canting jaw,

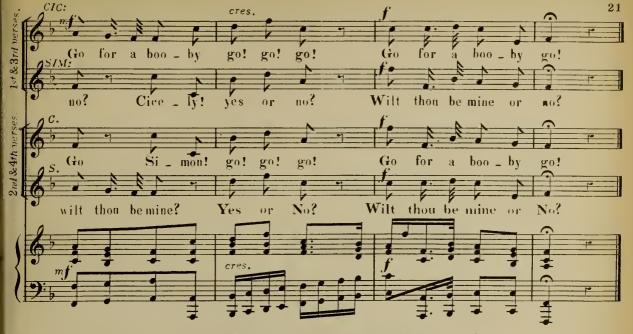
Not for them is my home-brew'd—brown bread,
And my cottage well thatch'd with straw.

My cottage well thatch'd with straw.

Not for them is my home-brew'd—brown bread,
And my cottage well thatch'd with straw.

Not for them is my home-brew'd—brown bread,
And my cottage well thatch'd with straw.





#### Nº 35. CICELY SWEET.

HE.

Cicely sweet, the morn is fair,
Wilt thou drive me to despair?
Oft have I sued in vain
And now I'm come again,
Wilt thou be mine, or Yes or No?
Wilt thou be mine, or No?

Cicely sweet, if thou'lt love me,
Mother'll do a deal for thee.
Her'd rather sell her cow,
Than I should die for thou.
Wilt thou be mine, or Yes, or No!
Wilt thou be mine, or No?

5

Cicely sweet, you do me wrong,

My legs be straight, my arms be strong

Pil carry thee about,

Thou'lt go no more afoot,

Wilt thou be mine, &c:

2 SHE.

Prithee, Simon quit thy suit,
All thy pains will yield no fruit;
Go booby, get a sack,
To stop thy ceaseless clack.
Go for a booby, go, go, go!
Go for a booby, go!

4

Mother thine had best by half,
Keep her cow and sell her calf;
No, never for a crown;
Will 1 marry with a clown;
Go for a booby, go, go, go!
Go for a booby go!

6

Keep thy arms to fight in fray,
Keep thy legs to run away;
Ne'er will I— as I'm a lass,
Care to ride upon an ass.
Go for a booby &c:

#### A SWEET PRETTY MAIDEN.

Nº 36. H. F. S. Artlessly. = 120. dad\_dy is so cross; That a has\_band I'm cer\_tain could ne ver be worse.

#### Nº 36. A SWEET PRETTY MAIDEN.

1

A sweet pretty maiden sat under a tree,

She sighed and said, Would that I married might be!

My mammy is so crabb'd, and my daddy is so cross

That a husband for certain could never be worse.

2

I'll drudge in the kitchen, I'll bake and I'll brew,
A cradle be rocking the weary night through.
A husband, he may scold, he is welcome, I agree,
If that only a husband be granted to me.

3

My hosband may beat me, I little will mind,
If only a hosband to beat me I find,
My fingers I will work, I will work them to the bone,
If I get but a hosband and home of my own.

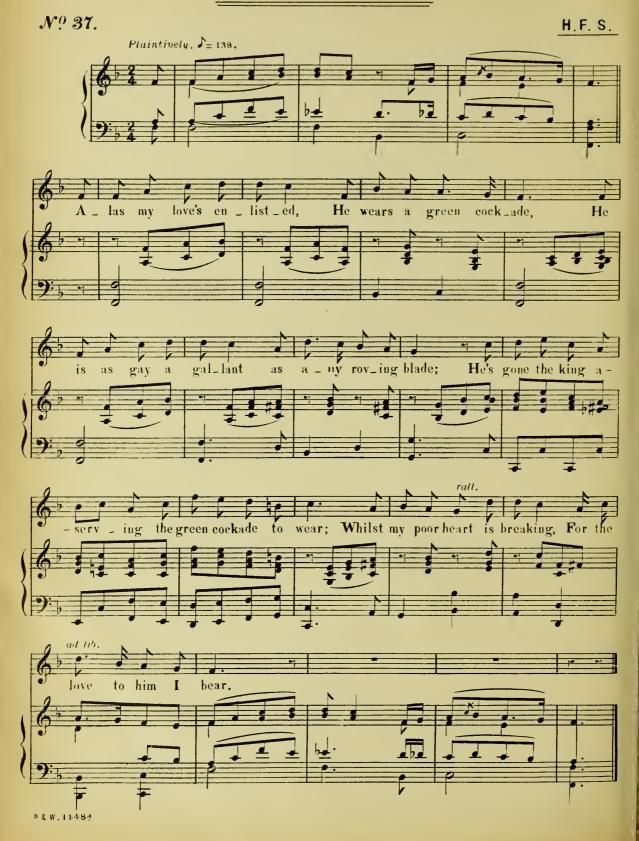
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A husband they tell me will make me his slave;
So be it if only a husband I have.

A sweet pretty maiden sat under a tree,
Singing, O come and marry, O, come! marry me!



#### THE GREEN COCKADE.



#### Nº 37. THE GREEN COCKADE.

1

Alas! my love's enlisted,

He wears a green cockade,

He is as gay a gallant

As any roving blade.

He's gone the king a serving,

The green cockade to wear,

Whilst my poor heart is breaking,

For the love to him I bear.

2

"Leave off your grief and sorrow,
And quit this doleful strain,
The green cockade adorns me
Whilst marching o'er the plain.
When I return I'll marry,
By this cockade I swear.
Your heart from grief must rally,
And my departure bear."

3

"Fair maid, I bring bad tidings,"
So did the Sergeant say;
"Your love was slain in battle,
He sends you this to-day,
The green cockade he flourished
Now dabbled in his gore.
With his last kiss he sends it,
The green cockade he wore."

4

She spoke no word — her tears,

They fell a salten flood;

And from the draggled ribbons

Washed out the stains of blood.

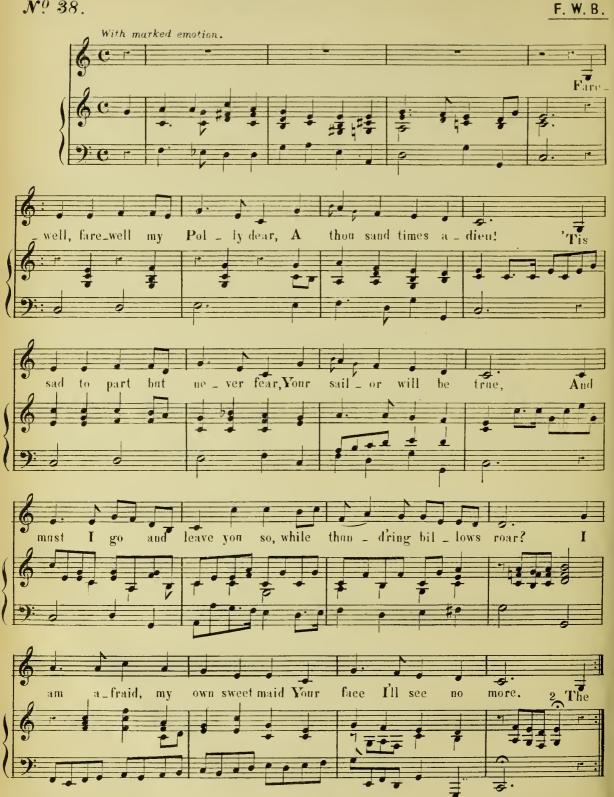
"O mother I am dying!

And when in grave I'm laid,

Upon my bosom mother!

Then pin the green cockade."

Nº 38.



P&W.1448? The harmonies of the last two lines may be varied as in the introduction.

#### №9 38. THE SAILORS' FAREWELL.

1

Farewell! farewell, my Polly dear!

A thousand times adien!

'Tis sad to part; but never fear,
Your sailor will be true.

And must I go, and leave you so,—
While thund'ring billows roar?

I am afraid, my own sweet maid,
Your face I'll see no more.

2

The weavers and the tailors
Are snoring fast asteep,
While we poor jolly sailors'
Are tossing on the deep:
Are tossing on the deep, dear girl,
In tempest, rage and foam;
When seas run high, and dark the sky,
We think on those at home.

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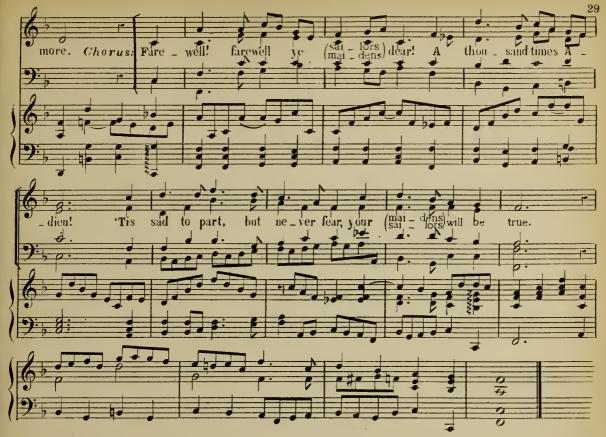
When Jack's ashore, safe home once more,
We lead a merry life;
With pipe and glass, and boxom lass,
A sweetheart or a wife;
We call for liquor merrily,
We spend our money free,
And when our mon-ey's spent and gone,
Again we go to sea.

4

You'll not know where I am, dear girl,
But when I'm on the sea,
My secret thoughts I will unfurl
In letters home to thee.
The secrets, aye! of heart, I say,
And best of my good will.
My body may lay just where it may
My heart is with you still.

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Nº 38. (SCENA, Duet & Chorus.) F.W.B. T'ENOR rall poco dieu! sad to part; SOPRANO sai lor will be so, while thand'ring bil \_lows true. And must you go and leave us L .... sweet maid, your face am... a \_ fraid that



## Nº 38 THE SAILOR'S FAREWELL.

2nd VERSION AS DUET AND CHORUS.

Tenor. Farewell! farewell, my Polly dear! A thousand times adieu! 'Tis sad to part; but never fear, Your sailor will be true. Sopr. And must you go and leave us so, While thund'ring billows roar. I am afraid that I, sweet maid, Will see your face no more. Chorus. Farewell! farewellye (sailors maidens) dear!

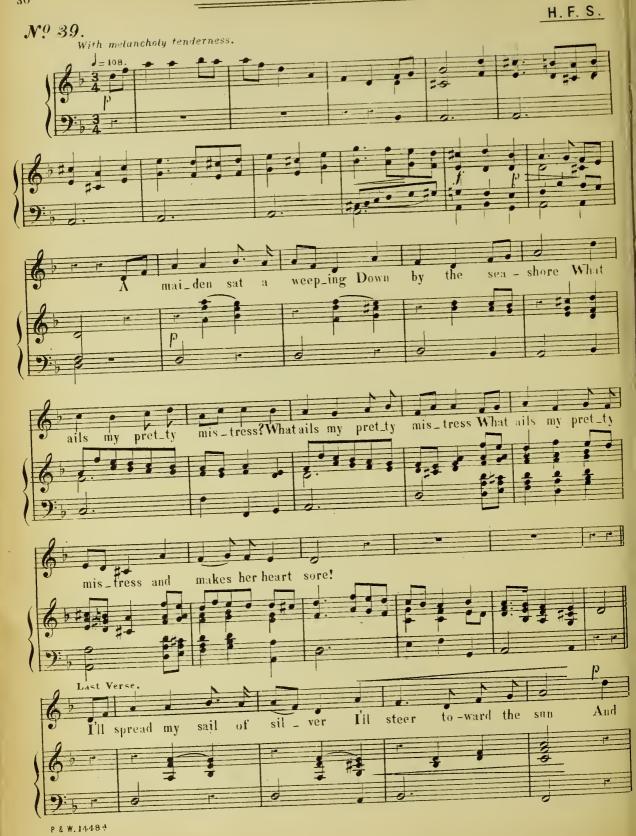
> A thousand times adieu! Tis sad to part, but never fear, Your (maidens) will be true.

Sopr. The weavers and the tailors Are snoring fast asleep, Whilst you poor sailor boys Are tossing on the deep. Ten. Are tossing on the deep, dear girls, In tempest, rage and foam; When seas run high, and dash to sky, We think of those at home.

Chorus. Farewell! farewell! &c.

Ten. When Jack's ashore, safehome once more, We lead a merry life. With pipe and glass, and buxom lass, A sweetheart or a wife.

Sopr. You call for liquor merrily, You spend your money free, And when your money's spent and gone, Again you go to sea. Chorus. Farewell! farewell! &c.







#### $\mathcal{N}^{g}$ 39. The forsaken maiden.

1

A maiden sat a weeping
Down by the sea shore,
What ails my pretty mistress?
What ails my pretty mistress?
And makes her heart sore!

2

Because I am a-weary,
A weary in mind,
No comfort, and no pleasure, love,
No comfort, and no pleasure, love
Henceforth can I find.

3

I'll spread my sail of silver,
I'll loose my rope of silk,
My mast is of the cypress-tree,
My mast is of the cypress-tree,
My track is as milk.

4

I'll spread my sail of silver
I'll steer toward the sun
And thou, false love wilt weep for me,
And thou, false love wilt weep for me,
For me — when I am gone.

## THE BLUE KERCHIEF.

Nº 40. F. W. B. Cheerfully. Cn \_ pid .

#### NO 40. THE BLUE KERCHIEF.

1

I saw a sweet maiden trip over the lea Her eyes were as loadstones attracting of me. Her cheeks were the roses, that Cupid larks in. With a bonny blue kerchief tied under her chin.

2

O where are you going, my fair pretty maid?
O whither so swift through the dew drops? I said,
I go to my mother, kind sir, for to spin.
O the bonny blue kerchief tied under her chin.

\* 3

Why wear you that kerchief tied over your head? This the country girls fashion, kind sir, then she said. And the fashion young maidens will always be in So I wear a blue kerchief tied under my chin.

4

To kiss her sweet lips then I sought to begin, O may Sir! she said, 'ere a kiss you would win, Pray show me a ring, tho' of gold the most thin. O styest blue kerchief tied under the chin!

5

Why wear a blue kerchief, sweet maiden, I said, Because the blue colour is one not to fade,

As a sailor's blue jacket who fights for the king,

So's my bonny blue kerchief tied under the chin.

6

The love that I value is certain to last,
Not fading and changing, but ever set fast,
That only the colour, my love sir to win,
So goodbye from the kerchief tied under the chin.

 $<sup>^</sup>lpha$  May be omitted in singing.

Nº 41.

F. W. B.



#### NO 41. AN EVENING SO CLEAR.

1

An evening so clear,
O I would that I were,
To kiss thy soft cheek
With the faintest of air.
The star that is twinkling
So brightly above,
I would that I might be,
To en-lighten my love!

2

If I were the seas
That about the world run,
I'd give thee my pearls
Not retaining of one.
If I were the Summer,
With flowers and green,
I'd garnish thy temples
And would crown thee my queen!

3

If I were a kiln

All in fervour and flame
I'd catch thee, and thou'd be
Consumed in the same.

But because I am nothing
Save love-totald Bill,

Pray take of me, make
Of me just what you will.

<sup>\*</sup> Totaled is foolish, crazed.



## Nº 42. THE WARSON HUNT.

1

Come all you jolly hunters bold,
I'll sing you something new,
'Twas in the springing of the year
In eighteen hundred two.
A pack of hounds from Kelly came,
And cobs from far and nigh,
The huntsman swore of oaths a score,
This day a Hare shalldie.

The Squire was on his silver tail

The Parson on his bay,
And Surgeon Stone bestrode a roan,
The huntsman rode a grey;
And some on horses from the plough,
And such as coaches drew,
But some were there on shanks's mare,
And one on crutches too.

They tried the down by Warson town,
At last they start the hare,
And full in view the hounds pursue,
With tiff and taif, and tare.
The MASTER said, "I stake my head,
A golden guinea lay,
We'll kill that hare, by George, I swear
Before the turn of day?"

Long time they toil'd, with sweat were soiled,
That Puss was not overtook,
Away she wore to Sandry moon
She leap'd full many a brook.
The Squire he rode with whip and spur
His gallant silver tail;
And they on foot were hard put to't,
And some began to fail.

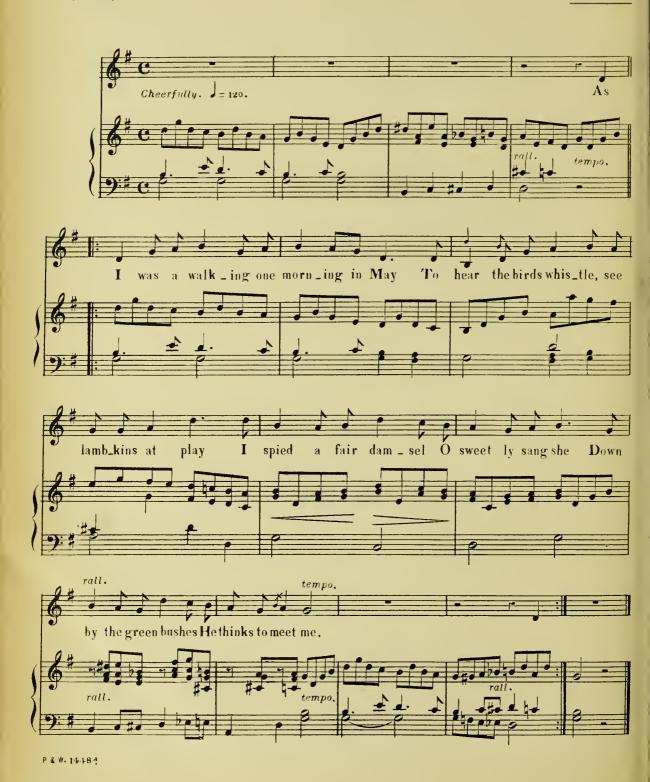
Then said the hunters drawing rein
That Puss us all has beat,
A mighty run, and we well done
Acknowledge our defeat,
And some went east, and some went west
And some returned south,
But not a few went into Lew
To fill the hungry mouth.

The Squire he opened wide his door
The hunt to entertain,
With beef and beer and such good cheer
As hunters ne'er disdain.
Then it is said, he who staked his head,
That he would kill, that day,
He lost his head, all night as dead,
Beneath the table lay.

Then, Hey! down derry! let's be merry!
And drink a hunter's toast
And never swear to kill a hare,
Lest we should rue the boast.
Yet — should we fail; — on flowing ale
And punch, a royal brew,
We do not care — let's miss our hare,
And lose our heads-at Lew!

Nº 43.

H. F. S.



## Nº 43. THE GREEN BUSHES.

1

As I was a walking one morning in May,

To hear the birds whistle, see lambkins at play,

I spied a fair damsel, O sweetly sang she—

'Down by the green bushes he thinks to meet me?

2

'O where are you going, my sweet pretty maid?'
'My lover I'm seeking, kind sir; she said
'Shall I be your lover, and will you agree,
To forsake the old love, and forgather with me?

3

'I'll buy you fine beavers, a gay silken gown,
With fur belowed petticoats flounced to the ground,
If you'll leave your old love, and following me,
Forsake the green bushes, where he waits for thee?'

4

'Qnick, let us be moving, from under the trees,
Quick, let us be moving, kind sir, if you please;
For youder my true love is coming, I see,
Down by the green bushes He thinks to meet me'.

5

The old love arrived, the maiden was gone He sighed very deeply, he sighed all alone, 'She is on with another, before off with me, So, adien, ye green bashes for ever!' said he.

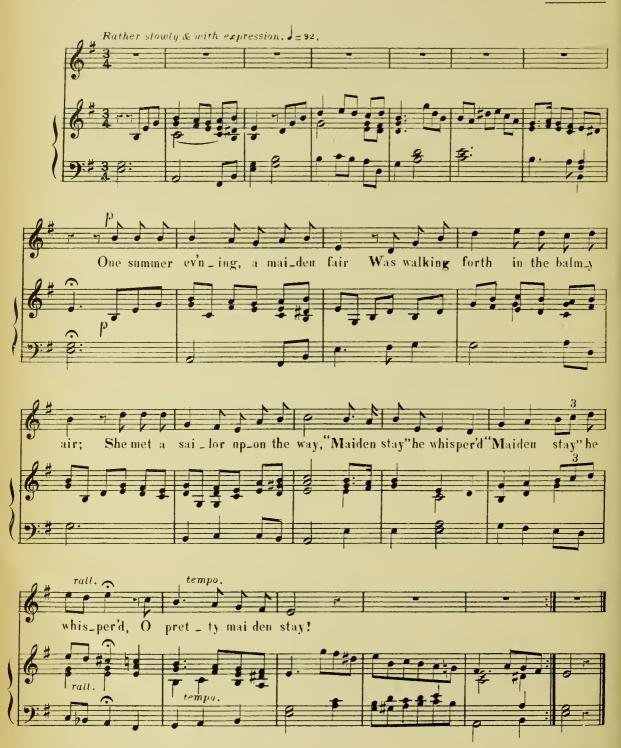
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'I'll be as a schoolboy, I'll frolic and play,
No false hearted maiden shall trouble my day,
Untroubled at night, I will slumber and snore
So, adien, ye green bushes! I'll fool it no more.

## THE BROKEN TOKEN.

Nº 44.

H. F. S.



#### Nº 44. THE BROKEN TOKEN.

1

One summer evening, a maiden fair Was walking forth in the balmy air, She met a sailor upon the way;

'Maiden stay' he whispered,
'Maiden stay' he whispered
'O pretty maiden, stay!'

2

'Why art thou walking abroad alone!

The stars are shining, the day is done?

O then her tears they began to flow

For a dark eyed sailor,

For a dark eyed sailor

Had filled her heart with woe.

3

'Three years are pass'd since he left this land,
A ring of gold he took off my hand,
He broke the token, a half to keep,
Half he bade me treasure,
Half he bade me treasure,
Then crossed the briny deep!

4

'O drive him damsel from out your mind,
For men are changeful as is the wind,
And love inconstant will quickly grow
Cold as winter morning
Cold as winter morning
When lands are white with snow.

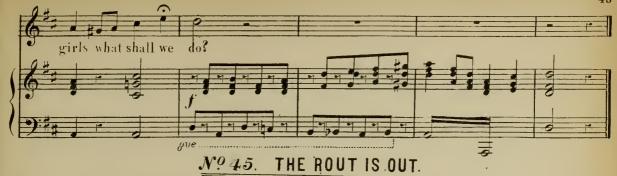
5

'Above the snow is the holly seen,
In bitter blast it abideth green,
And blood-red drops it as berries bears
So my aching bosom,
So my aching bosom,
Its truth and sorrow wears:

6

Then half the ring did the sailor show,
Away with weeping and sorrow now!
In bands of marriage united we
Like the broken Token
Like the broken Token
In one shall welded be.





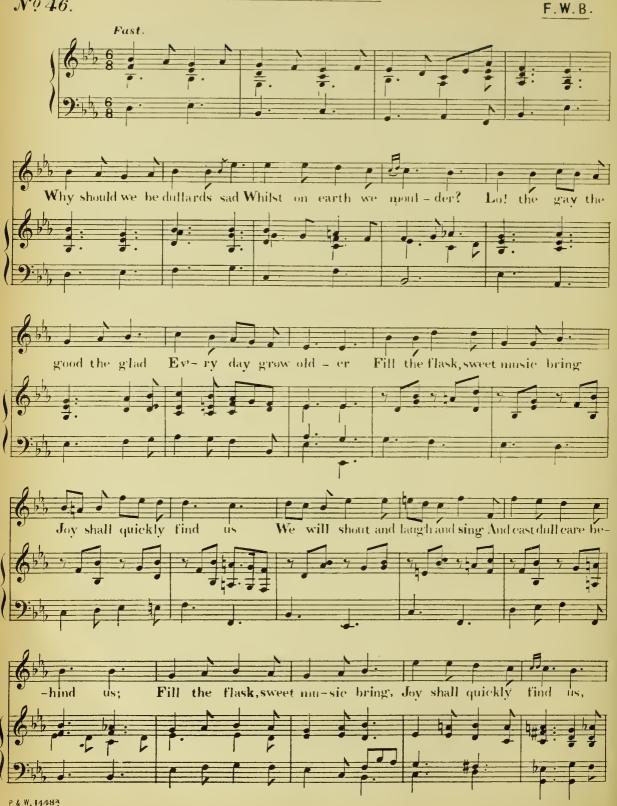
A midsummer morning fresh and bright, And all the world is gay, The Rout it is out, we must all turn out, The lads they march away. The pretty maids are left, in town, They look from the windows high, They stand in the street, they crowd in the door, With many a tear and sigh, Singing, Adieu, my boys, Adieu! my boys! Adieu, my boys, adieu!

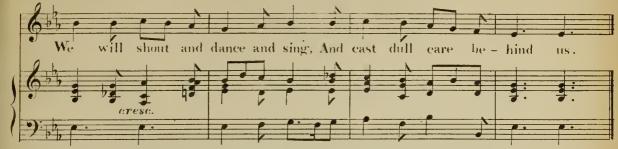
Alack the day, they be going away! Pray girls what shall we do?

O bind them posies of pleasant flowers, Of Marjoram, mint, and rue. And blow them kisses, to take away, As favours to wear - of you. And wave the kerchiefs from off your necks, And ribbons about them bind: And bid them never, O ne'er forget The pretty maids left behind Singing, Adieu &c:

My Johnny, a bonnet, he swore would buy The bravest in all the town, But now my Johnny must march away, I know not whither bound. He'd dress me, he said, in velvet red, He'd wrangle my hair in blue, And now he is gone from me along I doubt if he will prove true Singing, Adieu &c:

O, why are you looking so sad, my child! O why does your colour change! I'm thinking of Johnny, who's march'd away I know not where to range. My lover he was a gallant blade, He warbled a merry lay, And now am I sad, for my pretty lad So far, O! so far away! Singing, Adieu &c:





#### Nº 46. WHY SHOULD WE BE DULLARDS SAD.

Why should we be dullards sad,
Whilst on earth we moulder!
See the gay the good the glad,
Every day grow older.
Fill the flask sweet music bring,
Joy shall quickly find us,
We will shout and laugh and sing,
And cast dull care behind us.
Chorus: Fill the flask, &c:

2

Hail good comrades every one,
Round the polished table,
Pass the bottle with the sun,
Drink, sirs, whilst ye're able.
Life is but a little span,
Full of painful thinking,
Let us live as fits a man,
All good liquors drinking.
Chorus: Fill the flask, &c:

When at [Uncle Tom's]\* we meet,
A glass to take together,.
Hand in hand, in union sweet,
Friendship we'll keep ever.
We're no moles throughout the night
Blind in darkness groping,
But are crickets, sons of light
Singing, chirping, toping!
Chorus: Fill the flask, &c:

4

Uncle brim the flowing bowl,
Here's to each good liver
Harmony pervade the soul,
Discord enter never!
Fill the flask, sweet music bring
Joy shall quickly find us.
We will shout and laugh, and sing,
And cast dull care behind us.

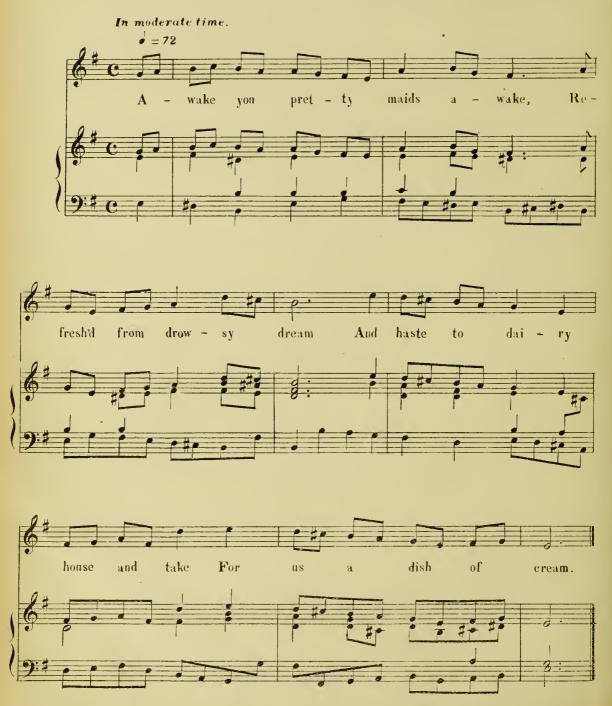
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## MAY-DAY CAROL.

Nº 47.

H.F.S.



#### Nº 47. MAY-DAY CAROL.

1

Awake, ye pretty maids, awake, Refreshed from drowsy dream, And haste to dairy house, and take For us a dish of cream.

2

If not a dish of yellow cream,

Then give us kisses three

The woodland bower is white with flower,

And green is every tree.

3

A branch of May we bear about Before the door it stands; There's not a sprout unbudded out, The work of God's own hands.

4

Awake, awake ye pretty maids,
And take the May-bush in,
Or'twill be gone ere tomorrow morn,
And you'll have none within.

.

Through-out the night, before the light,
There fell the dew or rain,
It twinkles bright on May bush white,
It sparkles on the plain.

6

The heavenly gates are open wide
To let escape the dew,
And heavenly grace falls on each place
It drops on us and you.

7

The life of man is but a span,
He blossoms as a flower,
He makes no stay, is here to day,
And vanish'd in an hour.

8

My song is done, I must be gone,

Nor make a longer stay.

God bless you all, both great and small,

And send you gladsome May.

<sup>\*</sup> Verses 6 & 7, and there have been others of like moralising nature were added when the character of the May-Day visit was altered from one of lovers to their sweeth arts into one of children seeking May-Gifts. Then the 'Kisses three' were changed to "Pennies one or three!"

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1

My own pretty Nancy
My love and delight;
This is the kind letter
To you I indite.
It is to inform you,
Wherever I go,
In tempest, in battle
I'm faithful to you.

2

When blust'ring and roaring
We're tossed about
Five hundred bright sailors,
All sturdy and stout,
One moment deep plunged,
Then high in the air,
To see my sweet Nancy
I almost despair.

3

We fought with a Spaniard,
A galleon of pride,
With cutlass and pike, love,
We climbed up her side
We fought as sea lions,
The deck ran with blood
But soon all was over,
And victors we stood.

4

Storm, battle, all ended,

If God spares our lives,

We'll come to our sweethearts,

Our children and wives.

A health to sweet Nancy!

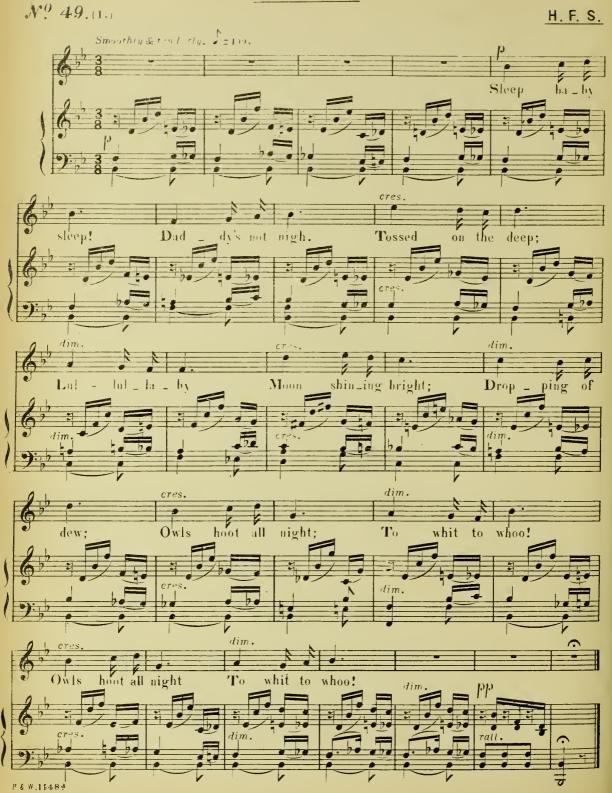
I drink on the main,

God send me to Nancy,

And England again.

## LULLABY.

1st Version.



## Nº 49. LULLABYE.

1

Sleep baby sleep!
Dad is not nigh,
Tossed on the deep,
Lul-lul-a-by!
Moon shining bright,
Dropping of dew.
Owls hoot all night
To-whit! to-whoo!

2

Steep, baby, steep!
Dad is away,
Tossed on the deep,
Looking for day.
In the hedge row
Glow-worms alight,
Rivulets flow,
All through the night.

3

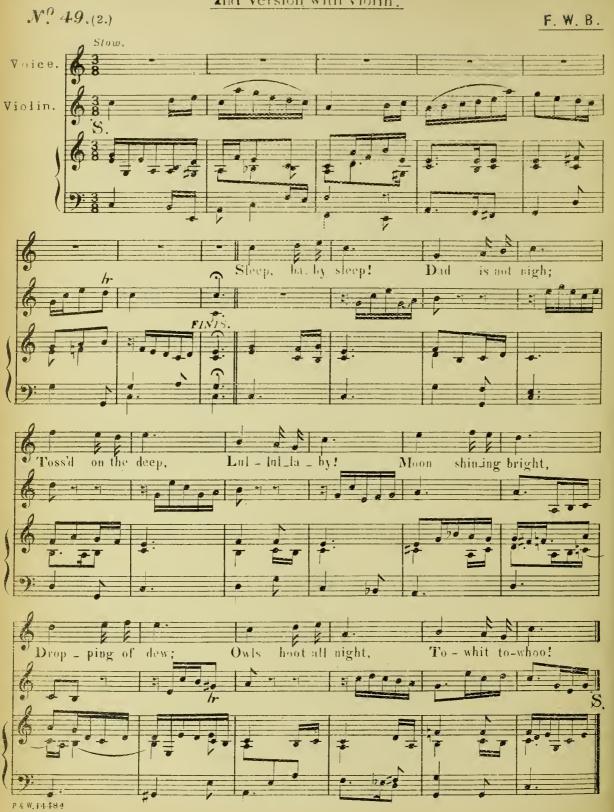
Sleep baby sleep!
Dad is afar,
Tossed on the deep,
Watching a star.
Clock going-tick,
Tack,-in the dark.
On the hearth-click!Dies the last spark.

4

Sleep, baby, sleep!
What! not a wink!
Dad on the deep,
What will he think?
Baby dear, soon
Daddy will come,
Bringing red shoon
For baby at home.

## LULLABY.

2nd Version with Violin.



## Nº 49. LULLABYE.

Sleep baby sleep! Dad is not nigh, Tossed on the deep, Lul-lul-a-by! Moon shining bright, Dropping of dew. Owls hoot all night To-whit! to-whoo!

Sleep, baby, sleep! Dad is away, Tossed on the deep, Looking for day. In the hedge row Glow-worms alight, Rivalets flow, All through the night.

Sleep baby sleep! Dad is afar, Tossed on the deep, Watching a star. Clock going-tick, Tack,-in the dark. On the hearth-click! Dies the last spark.

Sleep, baby, sleep! What! not a wink! Dad on the deep, What will be think? Baby dear, soon Daddy will come, Bringing red shoon For baby at home.

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## THE CIPSY COUNTESS.

Part I.



PART. 1.

1.

There came an Earl a riding by,
A gipsy maid espyed he;
"O nut-brown maid, from green wood glade,
O prithee come along with me?
"In greenwood glade, fair Sir!" she said,
I am so blythe, as bird so gay.
In thy castle tall, in bower and hall,
I fear for grief I'd pine away."

2

"Thou shalt no more be set in stocks,
And tramp about from town to town,
But thou shalt ride in pomp and pride
In velvet red and broidered gown?"
"My brothers three no more I'd see,
If that I went with thee, I trow.
They sing me to sleep, with songs so sweet,
They sing as on our way we go."

3

"Thou shalt not be torn by thistle and thorn,
With thy bare feet all in the dew.
But shoes shall wear of Spanish leather
And silken stockings all of blue?"
"I will not go to thy castle high,
For thou wilt weary soon, I know,
Of the gipsy maid, from green-wood glade,
And drive her forth in rain and snow."

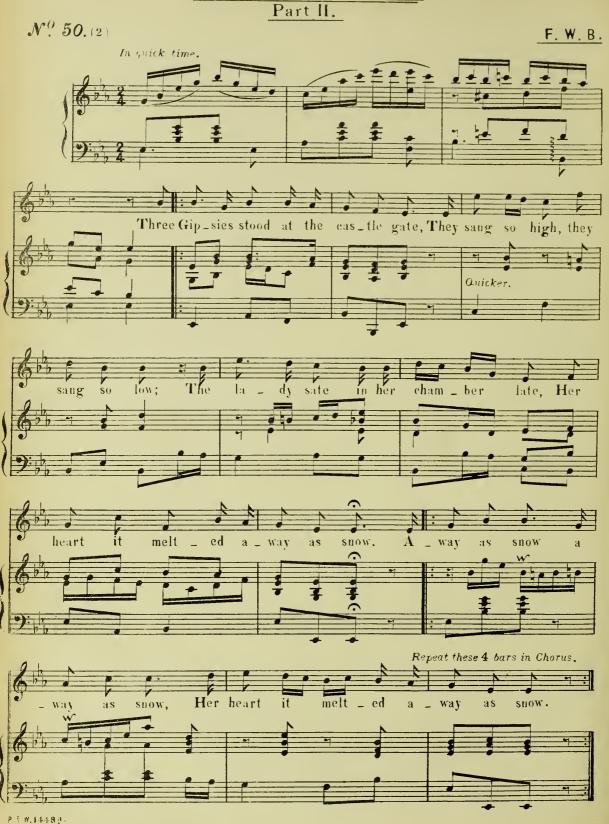
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"All night you lie neath the starry sky
In rain and snow you trudge all day,
But thy brown head, in a feather bed,
When left the gipsies, thou shalt lay."
"I love to lie neath the starry sky,
I do not heed the snow and rain,
But fickle as wind, I fear to find
The man who now my heart would gain?"

5

"I will thee wed, sweet maid," he said,
"I will thee wed with a golden ring,
Thy days shall be spent in merriment;
For us the marriage bells shall swing."
The dog did howl, and screech'd the owl,
The raven croaked, the night-wind sighed;
The wedding bell from the steeple fell,
As home the Earl did bear his bride.

# THE CIPSY COUNTESS.



PART 2.

Three Gipsies stood at the Castle gate, They sang so high, they sang so low. The lady sate in her chamber late, Her heart it melted away as snow, Away as snow,

Her heart it melted away as snow.

They sang so sweet; they sang so shrill, That fast her tears began to flow. And she laid down her silken gown, Her golden rings, and all her show, All her show &c:

\* 3

She plucked off her high-heeled shoes, A-made of Spanish leather, O.

She would in the street; with her bare, bare feet; All out in the wind and weather, O.

Weather, O!&c:

4

She took in hand but a one posie, The wildest flowers that do grow. And down the stair went the lady fair, To go away with the gipsies, O! The gipsies O! &c:

At past midnight her lord came home, And where his lady was would know; The servants replied on every side, She's gone away with the gipsies, O! The gipsies, O! &c:

Then he rode high, and he rode low, And over hill and vale, 1 trow. Until he espied his fair young bride, Who'd gone away with the gipsies, O! The gipsies, O! &c:

O will you leave your house and lands, Your golden treasures for to go, Away from your lord that weareth a sword, To follow along with the gipsies, O!

The gipsies O! &c:

O I will leave my house and lands, My golden treasures for to go, I love not my lord that weareth a sword, I'll follow along with the gipsies, O!

The gipsies O! &c:

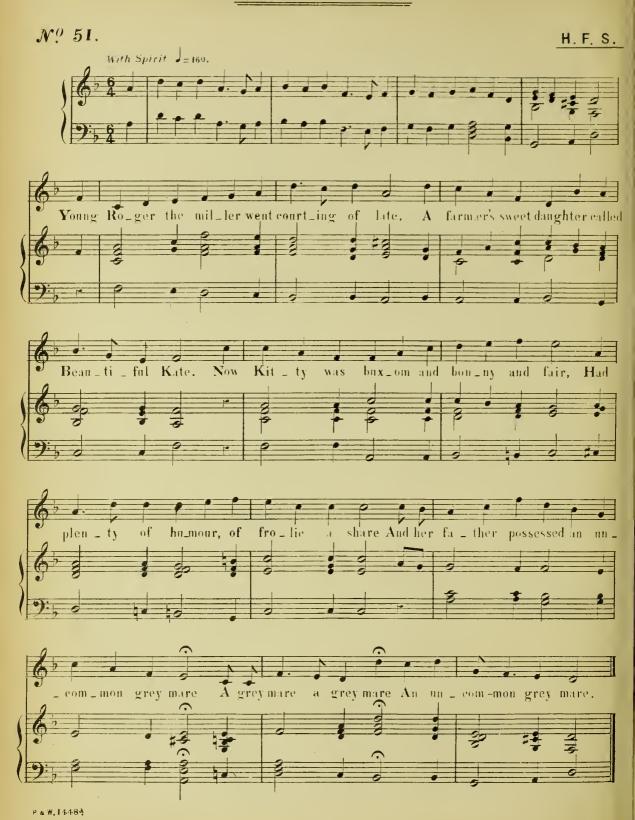
'Nay, thou shalt not!' then he drew, I wot, The sword that hung at his saddle bow, And once he smote on her lily-white throat, And there her red blood down did flow

Down did flow, &c:

10

Then dipp'd in blood was the posie good, That was of the wildest flowers that blow. She sank on her side, and so she died, For she would away with the gipsies O!

The gipsies O! For she would away with the gipsies O!



#### Nº 51. THE GREY MARE.

1

Young Roger, the Miller, went courting of late A farmer's sweet daughter called Beautiful Kate; Now Kitty was buxom, and bonny and fair, Had plenty of humour, of frolic a share, And her father possessed an uncommon grey mare,

A grey mare, a grey mare An uncommon grey mare.

2

So Roger he dressed himself up as a beau, He combid down his locks, and in collars of snow, He went to the firmer, and said, "How dy do? I love pretty Kitty to her I'll prove true; Will you give me the grey mare and Katherine too,

The grey mare, the grey mare &c:

3

"She's a very nice maiden, a courting I'm come.

Lawks! how I would like the grey mare to ride home!

I love your sweet daughter so much I declare,
I'm ready my mill — and my stable — to share,
With Kitty the charming, and with the grey mare.

The grey mare, the grey mare &c:

4

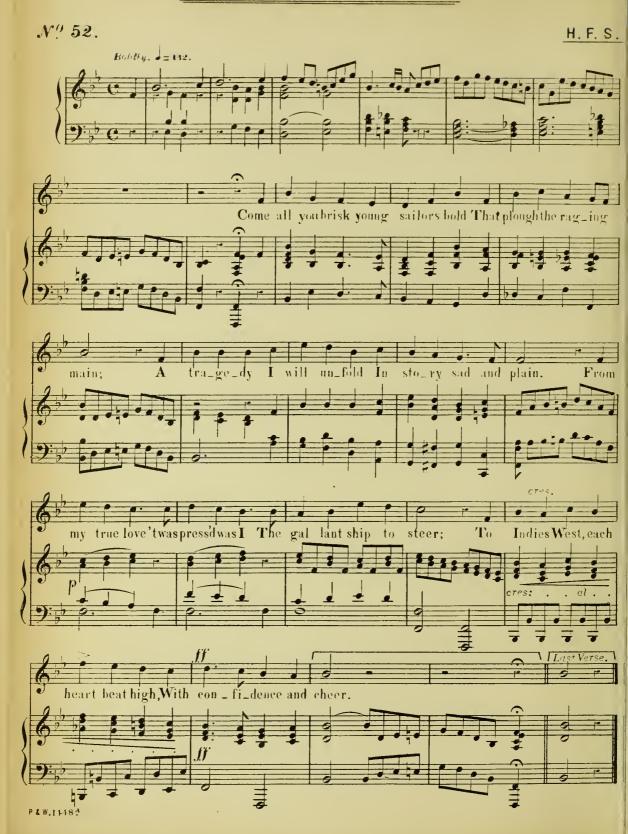
"You're welcome to her, to her hand and her heart, But from the grey mare, man, I never will part?" So said the old farmer, — then Roger, "I swear, It is up with my courting, for Kate I don't care, Unless I be given as well the grey mare.

The grey mare, the grey mare &c:

5

The years had pass'd swiftly, when withered and grey, Old Roger, the Miller, met Katherine one day. Said he, "I remember you, buxom and fair, As roses your cheeks and as broom was your hair, And I came a courting! — Ah, Kate! the grey mare, The grey mare, the grey mare &c:

"I remember your coming to court the grey mare
Very well, M? Roger, when golden my hair,
And cheeks were as roses that bloom on the wall.
But, lawks! M? Roger, —— I can not recall
That e'er you came sweet-hearting me, man, at all,
But the mare, the grey mare
That uncommon grey mare."



#### Nº 52. THE WRECK OFF SCILLY.

1

Come all you brisk young sailors bold That plough the raging main,

A tragedy I will unfold In story sad and plain.

From my true love twas pressed was I The gallant ship to steer

To Indies west, — each heart beat high With confidence and cheer.

2

A year was gone, and home at las. We turn'd with swelling sail,

When — 'ere the Scilly over-passed There broke on us a gate.

The boatswain up aloft did go, He went aloft so high.

More angry did the ocean grow, More menacing the sky.

3

To make the stripe in vain we tried The Scilly rocks to clear,

The thunder of the furious tide Was filling every ear.

There came a sharp and sudden shock, — Each thought of wife and home!

The gallant ship was on a rock, And swept with wave and foam.

4

Of eighty seamen 'prised the crew, But one did reach the shore,

The gallant-vessel, good and true, Was shattered aft and fore.

The news to Plymouth swift did fly, That our good ship was gone;

And wet with tears was many an eye,
And many a widow lone.

.5

And when I came to Plymouth sound Alive, of eighty dead,

My pretty love, then false I found And to a landsman wed.

O gentles all that live on land Be-think the boys at sea,

Lo! here I stand with cap in hand, And crave your charity.

