

THE KING OF YVETOT.

FROM THE FRENCH OF BERANGER.



The King of Yvetot.



Four goodly meals each day.

It was a king of Yvetot
Whom few historians name;
A sleeper fast a waker slow,
No dreams had he of fame.
By Betty's hand with nightcap crown'd,
He snored in state—the whole clock round—
Profound!
Ha! ha! ha! ha! Ho! ho! ho! ho!
A kingdom match with Yvetot!
Ho! ho!

Four goodly meals a day, within
His palace-walls of mud,
He stow'd beneath his royal skin;
And on an ass—his stud—
In triumph through his realm would jog.
His guard, with vigilance agog,
A dog!
Ha! ha! ha! ha! Ho! ho! ho! ho!
A kingdom match with Yvetot!
Ho! ho!

No costly regal tastes had he,
Save thirstiness alone;
But ere a people blest can be,
We must support the throne!
So from each cask new tapp'd he got,
(His own tax-gatherer) on the spot,
A pot!
Ha! ha! ha! ha! Ho! ho! ho! ho!
A kingdom match with Yvetot!
Ho! ho!

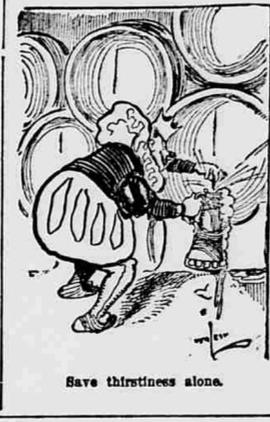


Snored in state the whole clock through.

So well he pleased the damsels all,
The folks could understand
A hundred reasons him to call
The Father of his Land.
His troops he levied in his park
But twice a year—to hit a mark,
And lark!
Ha! ha! ha! ha! Ho! ho! ho! ho!
A kingdom match with Yvetot!
Ho! ho!

To stretch his rule he never sought;
No neighbors' slumbers vexed;
To frame his laws (as good kings ought)
Took pleasure's code for text.
He never caused his subjects dear
To shed a drop of blood or tear!
Ha! ha! ha! ha! Ho! ho! ho! ho!
A kingdom match with Yvetot!
Ho! ho!

The portrait of this prince serene,
The greatest of his line,
In Yvetot may still be seen.
His favorite beer-shop's sign
On holidays the boozing crowd
Shout, pledging deep the relic proud,
Aloud,
Ha! ha! ha! ha! Ho! ho! ho! ho!
He was the King for Yvetot!
Ho! ho!



Save thirstiness alone.



In triumph through his realm would go.

Ichabod's Adventure.

BY WASHINGTON IRVING.

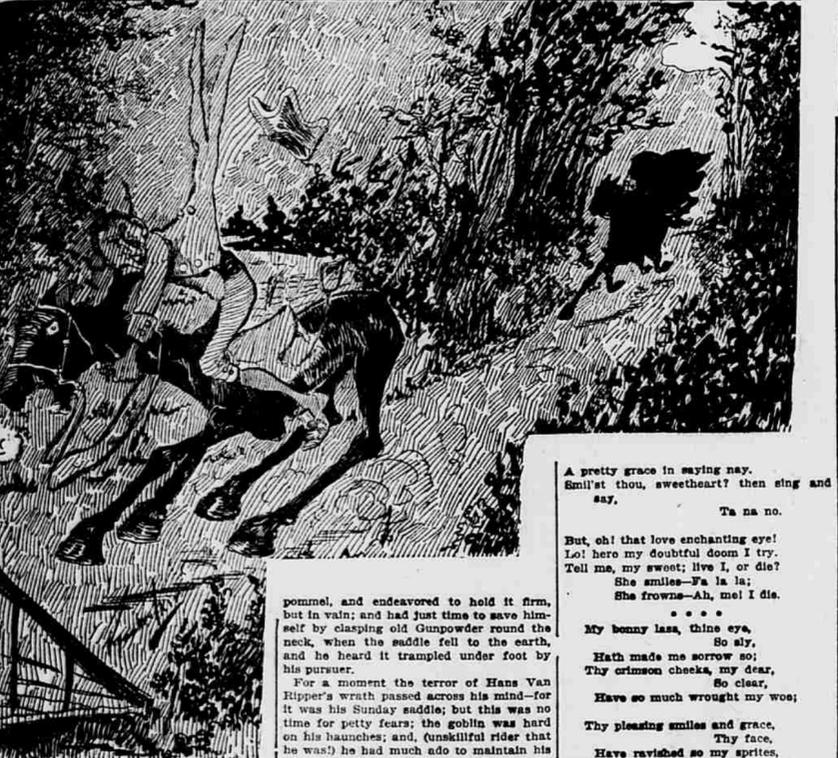
As he approached the stream, his heart began to thump; he summoned up, however, all his resolution, gave his horse half a score of kicks in the ribs, and attempted to dash briskly across the bridge; but instead of starting forward, the perverse old animal made a lateral movement, and ran broadside against the fence. Ichabod, whose fears increased with the delay, jerked the reins on the other side, and kicked lustily with the contrary foot; it was all in vain; his steed started, it is true, but it was only to plunge to the opposite side of the road into a thicket of brambles and alder-bushes. The school-master now bestowed both whip and heel upon the starveling ribs of old Gunpowder, who dashed forward, snuffing and snorting, but came to a stand just by the bridge, with a suddenness that had nearly sent his rider sprawling over his head. Just at this moment a plashy tramp by the side of the bridge caught the sensitive ear of Ichabod. In the dark shadow of the grove, on the margin of the brook, he beheld something huge, misshapen, black and towering. It stirred not, but seemed gathered up in the gloom, like some gigantic monster ready to spring upon the traveler.

was horror-struck on perceiving that he was headless! but his horror was still more increased, on observing that the head, which should have rested on his shoulders, was carried before him on the pommel of his saddle! His terror rose to desperation; he raised a shower of kicks and blows upon Gunpowder, hoping, by a sudden movement, to give his companion the slip—but the specter started full jump with him. Away, then, they dashed, through thick and thin; stones flying and sparks flashing at every bound. Ichabod's flimsy garments fluttered in the air, as he stretched his long, lank body away over his horse's head, in the eagerness of his flight.

They had now reached the road which turns off to Sleepy Hollow; but Gunpowder, who seemed possessed with a demon, instead of keeping up it, made an opposite turn, and plunged headlong down hill to the left. This road leads through a sandy hollow, shaded by trees for about a quarter of a mile, where it crosses the bridge famous in goblin story; and just beyond swells the green knoll on which stands the white-washed church.

As yet the panic of the steed had given his unskilful rider an apparent advantage in the chase; but just as he had got half-way through the hollow, the girths of the saddle gave way, and he felt it slipping from under him. He seized it by the

church, was found the saddle trampled in the dirt; the tracks of horses' hoofs deeply dented in the road, and evidently at furious speed, were traced to the bridge, beyond which, on the bank of a broad part of the brook, where the water ran deep and black, was found the hat of the unfortunate Ichabod, and close beside it a shattered pumpkin. . . .



AWAY THEY DASHED.

capling ghost or goblin, if such it was, which could ride upon the wings of the wind! Summoning up, therefore, a show of courage, he demanded in stammering accents—"Who are you?" He received no reply. He repeated his demand in a still more agitated voice. Still there was no answer. Once more he outdug the sides of the inflexible Gunpowder, and shutting his eyes, broke forth with involuntary fervor into a psalm tune. Just then the shadowy object of alarm put itself in motion, and with a scramble and a bound, stood at once in the middle of the road. Though the night was dark and dismal, yet the form of the unknown might in some degree be ascertained. He appeared to be a horseman of large dimensions, and mounted on a black horse of powerful frame. He made no offer of molestation or sociability, but kept aloof on one side of the road, jogging along on the blind side of old Gunpowder, who had now got over his fright and waywardness.

Ichabod, who had no relish for this strange midnight companion, and bethought himself of the adventure of From Bones, who he demanded in stammering accents—"Who are you?" He received no reply. He repeated his demand in a still more agitated voice. Still there was no answer. Once more he outdug the sides of the inflexible Gunpowder, and shutting his eyes, broke forth with involuntary fervor into a psalm tune. Just then the shadowy object of alarm put itself in motion, and with a scramble and a bound, stood at once in the middle of the road. Though the night was dark and dismal, yet the form of the unknown might in some degree be ascertained. He appeared to be a horseman of large dimensions, and mounted on a black horse of powerful frame. He made no offer of molestation or sociability, but kept aloof on one side of the road, jogging along on the blind side of old Gunpowder, who had now got over his fright and waywardness.



A pretty grace in saying nay.

Ichabod endeavored to hold it firm, but in vain; and had just time to save himself by clasping old Gunpowder round the neck, when the saddle fell to the earth, and he heard it trampled under foot by his pursuer.

For a moment the terror of Hans Ripper's wrath passed across his mind—for it was his Sunday saddle; but this was no time for petty fears; the goblin was hard on his haunches; and, (unskilful rider that he was!) he had much ado to maintain his seat; sometimes slipping on one side, sometimes on another, and sometimes jolting on the high ridge of his horse's backbone, with a violence that he verily feared would cleave him asunder.

An opening in the trees now cheered him with the hopes that the church bridge was at hand. The wavering reflection of a silver star in the bosom of the brook told him that he was not mistaken. He saw the walls of the church dimly glaring under the trees beyond. He recollected the place where From Bones's ghostly competitor had disappeared. "If I can but reach that bridge," thought Ichabod, "I am safe." Just then he heard the black steed panting and blowing close behind him; he even fancied that he felt his hot breath. Another convulsive kick in the ribs, and old Gunpowder sprang upon the bridge; he thundered over the resounding planks; he gained the opposite side, and now Ichabod cast a look behind to see if his pursuer should vanish, according to rule, in a flash of fire and brimstone.

Just then he saw the goblin rising in his stirrups, and in the very act of hurling his head at him. Ichabod endeavored to dodge the horrible missile, but too late. It encountered his cranium with a tremendous crash—he was tumbled headlong into the dust, and Gunpowder, the black steed, and the goblin rider passed by like a whirlwind.

The next morning the old horse was found without his saddle, and with the bridle under his feet, soberly cropping the grass at his master's gate. Ichabod did not make his appearance at breakfast—dinner-hour came, but no Ichabod. The boys assembled at the schoolhouse, and strolled idly about the banks of the brook; but no schoolmaster. Hans Van Ripper now began to feel some uneasiness about the fate of poor Ichabod, and his saddle. An inquiry was set on foot, and after diligent investigation they came upon his traces.

In one part of the road leading to the

church, was found the saddle trampled in the dirt; the tracks of horses' hoofs deeply dented in the road, and evidently at furious speed, were traced to the bridge, beyond which, on the bank of a broad part of the brook, where the water ran deep and black, was found the hat of the unfortunate Ichabod, and close beside it a shattered pumpkin. . . .

Come pledge me on this ground,
We care not for those martial men
That do our states defend;
But we care for the merchantmen.
Who do our states maintain.
To them we dance this round,
And he that is a bully boy,
Come pledge me on this ground.

Ballad.
By Hans Brettmann.
Der noble Ritter Hugo
Von Schwillensauferstein
Rode out mit sheper and helmet,
Und he com to de banks of de Rhine.
Und oop dere rose a mermaid,
Vot hadn't got nodings on;
Und she say, "Oh, Ritter Hugo,
Where you goes mit yourself alone?
And he says, "I rides in de greenwood,
Mit helmet und mit sheper,
Till I cooms into em Gasthaus,
Und dere I trincks some beer!"
Und den outspoke de maiden
Vot hadn't got nodings on;
"I ton't drink mooch of beuples
Dat goes mit demsels alone.
"You'd petter coom down in de wasser
Vere dere's heaps of dings to see;
Und hafe a shendlich trinck,
Und drafel along mit me.
"Dere you sees de fisch a-schwimmin'
Und you catches dem efery one";
So sang dis wasser maiden,
Vot hadn't got nodings on.

SOME EARLY ENGLISH MADRIGALS.
Thus start my lady's humour
Name ye some galants to her,
Why straight forsooth I woo her,
Then burst (s) she forth in passion,
"You men love but for fashion;"
Yet sure I am that no man
Ever so loved woman.
Then alas, Love, be wary,
For women be contrary.
April is in my mistress' face,
And July in her eyes hath place;
Within her bosom is September,
But in her heart a cold December.
As fair as morn, as fresh as May,

Rich and Poor; or, Saint and Sinner
The poor man's sins are glaring;
In the face of ghostly warning,
He is caught in the fact
Of an overt act—
Buying greens on Sunday morning.
The rich man's sins are hidden
In the pomp of wealth and station;
And escape the sight
Of the children of light,
Who are wise in their generation.
The rich man has a kitchen,
And cooks to dress his dinner;
The poor who would roast
To the baker's must post,
And thus becomes a sinner.
The rich man has a cellar,
And a ready butter by him;
The poor must steer
For his pint of beer
Where the saint can't choose but spy him.

I Must Be Married a Sunday.
I must be married a Sunday;
I must be married a Sunday;
Whosoever shall come that way,
I must be married a Sunday.
Rolster Dolster is my name;
Rolster Dolster is my name;
A lusty brute I am the same;
I must be married a Sunday.
Christian Custance have I found;
Christian Custance have I found;
A widow worth a thousand pound;
I must be married a Sunday.
Custance is as sweet as honey;
Custance is as sweet as honey;
I her lamb, and she my coney;
I must be married a Sunday.
When we shall make our wedding feast,
When we shall make our wedding feast,
There shall be cheer for man and beast,
I must be married a Sunday.
I must be married a Sunday.
I must be married a Sunday.
—Old Song.

To Minerva.
(From the Greek.)
My temples throb, my pulses boil;
I'm sick of song and odes and ballad;
So, Thyrsis, take the midnight oil
And pour it on a lobster-sold.
My brain is dull, my sight is fogg;
I cannot write a verse or read—
Then, Pallas, take away thine owl,
And let us have a lark instead.
—Thomas Hood.

Pineville Stories.

SAM ODUM, THE TAILOR.

Sam Odum was the father of all the tailors in Pineville; or, in other words, he was the first man that ever set up in the tailor business in our town. He was a monstrous good workman, and used to give his customers fits whenever he made any thing for 'em. He was a very industrious man, and one of the cleverest little fellows that ever lived. Every body liked him first-rate; and even after Mr. Shears, the "fashionable tailor from New York," set up his emporium on the opposite side of the street, Sam got as much to do as he could attend to. But Sam Odum did have one fault. He had fits himself sometimes—drunken fits—when he wasn't fit for nothing for weeks together. He didn't have no wife; and used to keep a sort of bachelor's hall, as he called it, in the back room of his shop, whar he al-times had a bottle of good licker, and a half dozen split-bottom chairs, for the accommodation of his friends, and a soft-plank floor for them to sleep on if they happened to be overcome with his hospitality.

he listened for a minute. The noise grew louder, and a voice said, "We must have him along this instant, and the next minute there was a loud blast from about five hundred horns, and more'n a thousand dogs set up a most unearthly howl all round the house.

The thought flashed on Sam's mind that the devil was after him with his hounds. Quicker lightning he sprung from his bed with eyes starting from their sockets, and every hair on end—he rushed to the door and away he went. His friends, aroused by the noise, waked up feet in time to see him clear the garden fence.

"Odum! Stop, Odum!" shouted one. "Ketch him!" hollered the other, both of them given chase with all their might. The street and yard was full of men and horses and dogs, and in a minute all hands was in hot pursuit of the flyin' Odum, who, with his night-shirt streamin' in the wind, was makin' for the woods over fences and ditches, brush and briars, with the speed of a race-horse.

The horses couldn't follow, and the men couldn't keep up, and the dogs wasn't allowed to give chase. Men and horses went tearn about in every direction. The horsemen tuck the road to the woods, to try to head him, and them on foot was climbin' the fences and racin' over the cornfields, and through the brush and briars all hollerin' to

heard, lookin' round all the time as wild as a buck rabbit, but without movin' to come down. "Till bring him, boys," see John Hendricks and with that he sent a nigger to town to bring him a bottle of whiskey.

As soon as the whiskey coma, Hendricks tuck a drink himself, and then went to the tree and axed Sam if he wouldn't have some.

"Come, Samy," see he, "I'll do you good this cold mornin'. Come down, old feller, and try some."

"Ow!—ow!—ow!—ow!" was all that Sam could say.

After tryin' in vain to convince him that there wasn't no devil about, Hendricks tuck another drink, and set the bottle on a stump a little ways from the tree, so Samy could see it, and then went and hid himself again, to watch.

By this time the sun was up several hours and the frost was off the ground. Sam began to crawl down. He gradually got over his sneer. Lookin' round to satisfy himself that the devil and his hounds was all gone, he spled the bottle of whiskey wath Hendricks left.

"Now you watch him," see Hendricks, "he's beginnin' to come too, and he's monstrous dry by this time, and if that bottle don't bring him, then he ain't Sam Odum no more."

Short enough, the first thing they know'd, Sam coma slidin' down the old sweet gum, and gwine straight to the street, tuck a good long swig. Before he tuck the bottle from his head his friends had him surrounded. The whiskey had the effect to bring him to his senses, and after puttin' on some clothes, whar they had brought for him, he went along quietly enough with 'em to his home, whar every thing was explained to his satisfaction.

The whole circumstance grow'd out of a fox-hunt what the boys was gwine to have that mornin'. They had come after Bob Moreland, who lived next door to Odum. Not knowin' that Sam was jest gettin' over one of his blow-outs, they blow'd their horns to wake Bob, which set the hounds to howlin', and made poor Odum think the devil was come for him shore enough.

The doctor was sent for, and Odum was put to bed agin. He was scratched and bruised considerable, and wasn't able to be about agin for some time. But that was his last blow-out. The dreadful bad cold he got liked to kill him, and aseeded him so bad that he swore off drinkin' any more whiskey as long as he lived, and joined the temperance society the first thing when he got well—Major Joseph Jones.



Couldn't persuade him out of the notion the old gentleman wasn't after him.

never disturbed anybody; but sometimes he used to keep it up so long, and drink so much licker, that his head-works would get out of order, and then he used to have the devilish notions that ever entered the brain of any hum as white man. Sometimes he would get so bad off that he would have to have the doctor to him for several days; and when he would get over his crazy spell, it would be a week before he could do any thing, and before he would look natural out of his eyes. After drinkin' to a certain notch he seemed to have a idea that the devil was gwine to carry him off; and sometimes, when he got in one of these tantrums, he used to see all sorts of sights, and it tuck three or four of his friends to hold him in his bed, and all they could do they couldn't persuade him out of the notion that the old gentleman with the horns and the cow's feet, was after him with a three-pronged pitchfork.

One time, jest after the October election, when Sam's candidate for Governor got beat (he has a great politician, and used to bet strong sometimes), he tuck one of his regular blow-outs. He had been full as a tick for mornin' a week, and had got to that pint when it was necessary for him to taper off. That was always a difficult matter with Sam, and had to be managed with a great deal of caution. His friends had been settin' up with him, and watchin' him for a couple of nights, and he was jest beginnin' to come to his senses, and had got to that pint when it was necessary for him to taper off. That was always a difficult matter with Sam, and had to be managed with a great deal of caution. His friends had been settin' up with him, and watchin' him for a couple of nights, and he was jest beginnin' to come to his senses, and had got to that pint when it was necessary for him to taper off. That was always a difficult matter with Sam, and had to be managed with a great deal of caution. 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