

THE
HISTORY
OF
Jack and the Giants.

IN ALL ITS PARTS.

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PART FIRST.

*Of his Birth and Parentage, and what pass
between him and the Country Vicar.*

IN the reign of King Arthur, near the Land's
end of England, namely in the county of Corn-
wall, there lived a wealthy Farmer, who had one
only son, commonly known by the name of Jack.
He was brisk, and of a lively ready wit, so that
whatever he could not perform by strength, he com-
pleted by ingenious wit and policy. Never was any
person heard of that could worst him: nay, the
very learned many times he baffled, by his cunning,
sharp, and ready invention.

For instance, when he was no more than seven
years of age, his father, the farmer, sent him into
the field, to look after his oxen, which were then
feeding in a pleasant pasture. A country Vicar by
chance, one day, coming across the field, called
Jack, and asked him several questions, in particular,
How many commandments were there? Jack told
him There were nine. The parson replied, you are
out of that: it is true there were ten, but you broke
one of them with your own maid, Margery. The
Parson replied, thou art an arch wag, Jack. Well,
Master Parson, quoth Jack, you have asked me one
question, and I have answered it; I beseech you let

me ask you another. Who made these oxen? The Parson replied, God. You are out again, quoth Jack, for God made them bulls, but my father and his man Hobson made oxen of them. These were the witty exploits of Jack. The Parson, finding himself fool'd, cudged away, leaving Jack in a fit of laughter.

How a Giant inhabited the Mount of Cornwall, and spoiled the country there about.

IN those days, the moant of Cornwall was kept by a huge and monstrous Giant, of twenty-seven feet in height, and about three yards in compass, of a grim countenance, to the terror of all the neighbouring towns and villages. His habitation was a cave in the midst of the mount, neither would he suffer any living creature to inhabit near him: his feeding was upon other men's cattle, which often became his prey, for whensoever he had occasion for food, he would wade over to the main land, where he would furnish himself with whatever he could find. For the people, at his approach, would forsake their habitation: then he would take their cows and oxen, of which, he would make nothing to carry over on his back, half a dozen at a time: and as for the sheep and hogs, he would tie them round his waist like a bunch of bandeliers. This he had for many years practised in Cornwall, which was very much impoverished by him.

But one day coming to the town hall, when the Magistrates were sitting in consternation about the Giant, he asked what reward they would give to any person that would destroy him? They answered, he shall have all the Giant's treasure in recompence. Quoth Jack, then I myself will undertake the work.

How Jack slew this Giant, and got the name of Jack the Giant Killer.

JACK having undertaken this task, he furnished himself with a horn, a shovel, and a pick-axe, and over to the mount he goes in the beginning of a dark winter evening, where he fell to work, and before morning, had digged a pit two and twenty feet deep, and almost as broad, and covered the same over with long sticks and straw: then strewed a little of the mould upon it, so that it appeared like the plain ground.

This done, Jack places himself on the contrary side of the pit, just about the dawning of the day, when putting his horn to his mouth, he then blew *Tan twivie, tan twivie.* Which unexpected noise, roused the Giant, who came roaring towards Jack crying out, *You incorrigible villain, are you come hither to disturb my rest, you shall dearly pay for it: satisfaction I will have, and it shall be this; I will take you wholly, and broil you for my breakfast.—*Which words were no sooner out of his mouth, but he tumbled headlong into the deep pit, whose heavy fall made the very foundation of the Mount to shake.

Oh! Giant, where are you now? Faith, you are got into *Lob's pond*, where I shall plague you for your threatening words. What do you think now of broiling me for your breakfast? Will no other diet serve you, but poor Jack? Thus having tantalized the giant for a while, he gave him a most weighty knock on the crown of his head, with his pick-axe, so that he immediately tumbled down, gave a most dreadful groan and died. This done, Jack threw the earth in upon him, and so buried him: then going and searching the cave, he found a great quantity of treasure.

Now, when the Magistrates who employed him, heard the work was over, they sent for him, declaring, that he should henceforth be called, Jack the Giant Killer. And in honour thereof, they presented him with a sword, together with a fine rich embroidered belt, on which these words were wrought in letters of gold,

Here's the right valiant Cornish man,
Who slew the Giant Cormillan.

*How Jack, while asleep, was taken by a Giant,
and how he got his liberty again.*

THE news of Jack's victory was soon spread over all the western parts; when another huge Giant, named Blunderboar, hearing of it, vowed to be revenged on Jack, if ever it was his fortune to light upon him. This Giant kept an enchanted castle, situated in the midst of a lonesome wood; Now Jack, about four months after, walking near the borders of the said wood, on his journey towards Wales, grew very weary, and therefore sat himself down by the side of a pleasant fountain, where a deep sleep suddenly seized on him, at which time, the Giant coming thither for water, found him, and by the lines written on his belt, knew him to be he who killed his brother Giant, and therefore, without making any words, he threw him upon his shoulder, to carry him to his enchanted castle.

Now, as they passed through the thicket, the rustling of the boughs awaked Jack, who, finding himself in the clutches of the Giant, was strangely surprised, yet it was but the beginning of his terrors: for at the entering within the first walls of the castle, he beheld the ground all covered with bones, and skulls of dead men, the Giant telling Jack, that his bones would enlarge the number that he saw. This

said, he brought him into a large parlour, where he beheld the bloody quarter of some who were lately slain, and in the next room were many hearts and livers, which the Giant, to terrify Jack, told him, " That men's hearts and livers were the choicest of his diet. For he commonly, as he said, ate them with pepper and vinegar, adding, that he did not question but his heart would make him a dainty bit " This said, he locks up poor Jack in an upper room, leaving him there, while he went to fetch another Giant living in the same wood, that he might be partaker in the pleasure which they would have in the destruction of poor Jack.

Now, while he was gone, dreadful shrieks and cries affrighted Jack, especially a voice which continually cried,

Do what you can to get away,
Or you'll become the Giant's prey:
He's gone to fetch his brother, who
Will kill and likewise torture you.

This dreadful noise so amaz'd poor Jack, that he was ready to run distracted, then seeing from the window afar off, the two Giants coming thither, now, quoth Jack to himself, death or deliverance is at hand.

There were strong cords in the room by him, of which he takes two, at the end of which he makes a noose, and while the Giant was unlocking the iron-gate, he threw the ropes over each of their heads, and then drawing the other across the beam, where he pulled with all his main strength, until he had throttled them; and then fastening the rope to the beam, turning towards the window, where he beheld the two Giants to be black in their faces; then sliding down the rope, he came close to their heads, where the helpless Giants could not defend themselves; and drawing out his sword, slew them both, and delivered himself from their intended cru-

elty: Then taking the bunch of keys, he unlocked the rooms, where, upon a strict search, he found three fair ladies, tied by the hair of their heads, almost starved to death, who told Jack, that their husbands were slain by the Giant, and that they were kept many days without food, in order to force them to feed upon the flesh of their husbands; which they could not, though they should be starved to death.

Sweet ladies, quoth Jack, I have destroyed this monster and his brutish brother, by which I have obtained your liberties. This said, he presented them with the keys of the castle, and so proceeded on his journey to Wales.

How Jack travelled into Flintshire, and what happened.

JACK having but very little money, thought it prudent to make the best of his way by travelling as fast as he could, but losing his road, was benighted, and could not get a place of entertainment, until he came to a valley, placed between two hills, where stood a large house in a lonesome place, and by reason of his present condition, he took courage to knock at the gate, and to his surprise, there came forth a monstrous Giant, having two heads, yet he did not seem so fiery, as the others had been, for he was a Welch Giant, and what he did, was by private and secret malice, under the false shew of friendship: for Jack, telling his condition, he bid him welcome, shewing him a room with a bed in it, whereupon he might take his night's repose. Therefore Jack undressed himself, and as the Giant was walking to another apartment, Jack hears him mutter forth these words to himself,

Though here you lodge with me this night,
You shall not see the morning light,
My club shall dash your brains outright.

Sayest thou so, quoth Jack, this is like some of your Welch tricks, but I hope to be cunning enough for you. Then getting out of bed, he put a billet in his stead, and hid himself in a corner of the room, and in the dead time of the night, the Welch Giant came with his great knotty club, and struck several heavy blows upon the bed where Jack laid the billet, and then returned to his own chamber, supposing he had broke all the bones in his body.

In the morning, Jack gave him hearty thanks for his lodging. The Giant said to him, How have you rested? Did you not feel something in the night? Nothing, quoth Jack, but a rat which gave me two or three flaps with her tail. Soon after, the Giant rose and went to breakfast with a bowl of hasty pudding, containing near four gallons, giving Jack the like quantity; who, being loth to let the Giant know he could not eat with him, got a large leathern bag, putting it very artfully under his loose coat, into which he secretly conveyed his pudding, telling the Giant, he could shew him a trick; then taking a knife, he ripped open the bag, which the Giant supposed to be his belly, when out came the hasty pudding, at which the Giant cried out, Cots plut, hur can do dat trick hurself. Then taking his sharp knife, he ripped up his belly, from the bottom to the top, and out dropped the tripes and trolly bags, so that hur fell down dead. Thus Jack outwitted the Giant, and proceeded on his journey.

*How King Arthur's Son, going to seek his fortune,
met with Jack, &c.*

KING Arthur's Son only desired of his father to furnish him with a certain sum of money, that he might go and seek his fortune in the principality of Wales, where a beautiful Lady lived, whom he

heard, was possessed with seven evil spirits; but, the King, his father, advised him utterly against it, yet he would not be persuaded off it: so that he granted what he requested, which was one horse loaded with money, and another for himself to ride on. Thus he went forth without any attendants.

Now, after several days travel, he came to a market town in Wales, where he beheld a large concourse of people gathered together; the King's son demanded the reason of it, and was told, that they arrested a corpse for many large sums of money, which the deceased owed when he died. The King's son replied, "It is a pity that creditors should be so cruel, go bury the dead, said he, and let his creditors come to my lodging, and their debts shall be discharged." Accordingly they came, and in such great numbers, that before night, he had almost left himself moneyless.

Now, Jack the Giant Killer being there, and seeing the generosity of the King's son, he was taken with him, and desired to be his servant. It was agreed upon, and the next morning they set forward, when riding out at the town-end, an old woman called after him, crying out, "He has owed me two-pence these five years; pray, sir, pay me as well as the rest." He put his hand into his pocket, and gave it her, it being the last he had left. The King's son, turning to Jack, said, I cannot tell how I will subsist in my intended journey. For that, quoth Jack, take you no thought nor care, let me alone, I warrant you, we will not want.

Now Jack having a small spell in his pocket, which served at noon to give them a refreshment, when done, they had not one penny left betwixt them; the afternoon they spent in travel and familiar discourse, till the sun began to grow low, at which time the King's son said, Jack, since we have

no money, where can we think to lodge this night? Jack replied, Master, we'll do well enough, for I have an uncle lives within two little miles of this; he's a huge and monstrous Giant, with three heads: he'll fight five hundred men in armour, and make them to fly before him. Alas! quoth the king's son, what shall we do there? he'll certainly chop us both up at one mouthful! nay, we are scarce enough to fill one of his hollow teeth. It is no matter for that, quoth Jack, I myself will go before, and prepare the way for you, therefore tarry here and wait my return.

He waits, and Jack rides full speed, when coming to the gates of the castle, he knocked with such a force, that he made all the neighbouring hills to rebound. The Giant, with a voice like thunder, roared out, Who's there? He answered, none but your poor cousin Jack. He replied, dear uncle, heavy news, God wot Prithee, what heavy news can come to me? I am a Giant with three heads, and besides, thou knowest, I can fight five hundred men in armour, and make them fly like chaff before the wind. O! but, quoth Jack, here's the king's son coming with a thousand men in armour, to kill you, and so to destroy all that you have! Oh! cousin Jack, this is heavy news indeed: I have a large vault under the ground, where I will immediately hide myself, and thou shalt lock, bolt, and bar me in, and keep the keys till the king's son is gone.

Now Jack, having secured the Giant, he soon returned and fetched his master. They were both heartily merry with the wine and other dainties which were in the house: so that night they rested in very pleasant lodgings, whilst the poor uncle, the Giant, lay trembling in the vault under ground.

Early in the morning, Jack furnished his master with a fresh supply of gold and silver, and then set

him three miles forward on his journey, concluding, he was then pretty well out of the smell of the Giant, and then returned to let his uncle out of the hole, who asked Jack what he would give him in reward, his castle was not demolished. Why, quoth Jack, I desire nothing but the old coat and cap, together with the old rusty sword and slippers, which are at your bed-head? Quoth the Giant, thou shalt have them, and pray, keep them for my sake, for they are things of excellent use. The coat will keep you invisible, the cap will furnish you with knowledge, the sword cuts asunder whatever you strike, and the shoes are of extraordinary swiftness, these may be serviceable to you, and therefore, pray take them with all my heart; Jack takes them, thanking his uncle, and follows his master.

How Jack saved his Master's Life, and drove the evil Spirits out of a Lady, &c.

JACK having overtaken his master, they soon after, arrived at the Lady's house, who, finding the King's son to be a suitor, she prepared a banquet for him, which being ended, she wiped his mouth with her handkerchief, saying, You must shew me this one to-morrow morning, or else lose your head, and with that she put it into her own bosom.

The King's son went to bed very sorrowful, but Jack's cap of knowledge instructed him how to obtain it. In the middle of the night, she called upon her familiar spirit to carry it to her friend Lucifer. Jack soon put on his coat of darkness, with his shoes of swiftness, and was there as soon as her; by reason of his coat, they could not see him. When she entered the place, she gave the handkerchief to old Lucifer, who laid it upon a shelf; from whence

Jack took, and brought it to his master, who shew-
ed it to the lady the next day, and so saved his life.

The next night she saluted the King's son, telling
him he must shew her to-morrow morning, the
lips that she kissed last this night, or lose his head.
Ah! said he, if you kiss none but mine, I will; 'tis
neither here nor there, said she, if you do not, death
is your portion. At midnight, she went as before,
and was angry with Lucifer for letting the hand-
kerchief go. But now, said she, I will be too hard
for the King's son, for I will kiss thee, and he's to
shew thy lips, which she did. Jack standing near
him with his sword of sharpness, cut off the devil's
head, and brought it under his invisible coat to his
master, who was in bed, and laid it at the end of his
bolster. In the morning when the lady came up,
he pulled it out by the horns, and shewed her the
devil's lips which she kissed last.

Thus, having answered her twice, the enchant-
ment broke, and the evil spirits left her; at which
time, she appeared in all her beauty, a beautiful and
virtuous creature. They were married the next
morning, in great pomp and solemnity, and soon
after, they returned with a numerous company to
the court of King Arthur, where they were receiv-
ed with the greatest joy, and loud acclamations by
the whole court. Jack, for the many and great ex-
ploits he had done for the good of his country, was
made one of the Knights of the Round Table.

Thus we have finished the first part of this his-
tory, which now leads us to the second, wherein
you have a more full account of the many valiant
adventures of this great and valiant Hero, Jack the
Giant Killer.

END OF THE FIRST PART.

THE SECOND PART.

How Jack, by King Arthur's leave, went in pursuit of Giants yet alive.

JACK having been successful in all his undertakings, resolved not to be idle for the future, but to perform what service he could, for the honour of his King and country, he humbly requested of the King, his royal master, to fit him with a horse and money, to travel in search of strange and new adventures: For, said he, there are many Giants yet alive in the remotest part of the kingdom, and the dominion of Wales, to the unspeakable damage of your Majesty's liege subjects; wherefore, may it please your Majesty, to give me encouragement, I doubt not, but in a short time, to cut them off root and branch; and to rid the realm of these cruel Giants and devouring monsters of nature.

Now when the King had heard these noble propositions; and had duly considered the mischievous practices of those blood-thirsty Giants, he immediately granted what honest Jack requested, and on the first day of March, being thoroughly furnished with all necessaries for his progress, he took his leave, not only of King Arthur, but likewise of all the trusty and hardy Knights belonging to the Round Table, when, after much salutation and friendly greeting, they parted, the King and his nobles to their country palaces, and Jack the Giant Killer, to the eager pursuit of fortune's favours, taking with him the Cap of Knowledge, Sword of Sharpness, Shoes of Swiftmess, and likewise the Invisible Coat, the better to perfect and complete the dangerous enterprizes that lay before him.

*How Jack slew a Giant, and delivered a Knight
and his Lady from death.*

JACK travelled over vast hills and wonderful mountains, when at the end of three days, he came to a large and spacious wood, through which he must needs pass, where, on a sudden, to his great amazement, he heard dreadful shrieks and cries, whereupon, casting his eyes around, to behold what it might be, he beheld, with wonder, a Giant rushing along with a worthy Knight and his fair Lady, whom he held by the hair of their heads in his hands, with as much ease as if they had been but a pair of gloves, the sight of which, melted poor Jack into tears of pity and compassion. Wherefore he alighted from off his horse, which he left tied to an oak tree, and then putting on his invisible coat, under which he carried his sword of sharpness, he came up to the Giant, and though he made several passes at him, yet nevertheless, it could not reach the trunk of his body, by reason of his height, though it wounded his thighs in several places, but at length giving him a swinging stroke, he cut off both his legs, just below the knee, so that the trunk of his body made not only the ground to shake, but likewise the trees to tremble, with the force of his fall, at which, by mere fortune, the Knight and the Lady escaped his rage, then had Jack time to talk with him, and setting his foot upon his neck, said, You savage and barbarous wretch, I am come to execute upon you the just reward of your villany. And with that, running him through and through, the monster sent forth a hideous groan, and yielded up his life into the hands of the valiant conqueror, Jack the Giant Killer; while the noble Knight and virtuous Lady were both joyful spectators of his sudden downfall, and their own deliverance.

This being done, the courteous Knight and his fair Lady not only returned him hearty thanks for their deliverance, but also invited him home, there to refresh himself after the dreadful encounter, as likewise to receive some ample reward, by way of gratitude for his good service. No, quoth Jack, I cannot be at ease till I find out the den, which was this monster's habitation, the Knight hearing this, waxed right sorrowful, and replied, noble stranger, it is too much to run a second risk, for this noted monster lived in a den under yon mountain, with a brother of his, more fierce and fiery than himself, and therefore, if you should go thither and perish in the attempt, it would be the heart-breaking of both me and my lady, let me persuade you to go with us, and desist from any further pursuit: Nay, quoth Jack, if there be another, nay, were there twenty, I would shed the last drop of blood in my body, before one of them should escape my fury, and when I have finished this task, I will come and pay my respects to you. So taking directions to their habitation, he mounted his horse, leaving them to return home, while he went in pursuit of the deceased Giant's brother.

How Jack slew the other Giant, and sent both their heads to King Arthur.

JACK had not ridden past a mile and a half, before he came in sight of the cave's mouth, near to the entrance of which, he beheld the other Giant sitting upon a huge block of timber, with a knotty iron club lying by his side, waiting, as he supposed, for his brother's return with his cruel prey. His goggle eyes appeared like terrible flames of fire, his countenance grim and ugly, and his cheeks appeared like a couple of large fat slices of bacon,

moreover, the bristles of his head seemed to resemble rods of iron wire; his locks hung down upon his broad shoulders, like curled snakes, or hissing adders.

Jack alighted from his horse, and put him into a thicket, then with his coat of darkness, he came somewhat near to behold his figure, and said softly, Oh! are you there? It will not be long before I take you by the beard. The Giant, all this time, could not see him, by reason of his invisible coat, so coming up close to him, valiant Jack fetching a blow at his head with his sword, and missing somewhat of his aim, cut off the Giant's nose, whose nostrils were wider than a pair of jack-boots, the pain was terrible, and so he put his hand to feel for his nose, and when he could not find it, he raved and roared louder than claps of thunder, and though he turned up his large eyes, he could not see from whence the blow came, which had done him that great disaster; nevertheless, he took up his iron-headed club, and began to lay about him like one stark mad. Nay, quoth Jack, if you be for that sport, I will dispatch you quickly, for fear of any accidental blow falling out. Then as the Giant arose from his block, Jack makes no more to do, but runs his sword up to the kilt in the Giant's fundament, where he left it sticking for a while, and stood himself laughing with his hands a-kimbo, to see the Giant caper and dance the canaries, with the sword in his arse, crying out, he should die, he should die with the griping of his guts. Thus did the Giant continue raving for an hour or more, and at length fell down dead, whose dreadful fall had like to have crushed poor Jack, had he not been nimble enough to avoid it.

This being done, Jack cut off both the Giant's heads, and sent them both to King Arthur, by a

waggoner, whom he hired for the purpose, together with an account of his prosperous success, in all his undertakings.

How Jack searched their Cave, and delivered many out of Captivity.

JACK having thus dispatched these two monsters, resolved with himself to enter the cave, in search of these Giants' treasure: he passed along through many turnings and windings, which led him at length to a room paved with free-stone, at the upper end of which, was a boiling caldron; then on the right hand, stood a large table, whereat he supposed the Giants used to dine, then he came to the iron gate, where was a window secured with bars of iron, through which he looked, and there beheld a vast many miserable captives, who seeing Jack at a distance, cried out with a loud voice, Alas! young man, art thou come to be one among us in this miserable den? Ay, quoth Jack, I hope I shall not be long here; but pray, tell me what is the meaning of your captivity? Why, said one of them, I'll tell you, we are persons that have been taken by the Giants that keep this cave, and here we are kept till such time as they've occasion for a good feast, and then the fattest among us is slaughtered, and prepared for their devouring jaws; it is not long since they took three of us for the same purpose: Nay, many are the times they've dined on murdered men. Say you so, quoth Jack, well I have given them both such a dinner, that it will be long enough ere they'll have occasion for any more. The miserable captives were amazed at these words. You may believe me, quoth Jack, for I have slain them both with the point of my sword, and as for their monstrous heads, I sent them in a waggon to the

court of King Arthur, as trophies of my unparalleled victory. And in testimony of the truth of what he had said, he unlocked the iron gate, setting the miserable captives at liberty, who all rejoiced like condemned malefactors, at the sight of a reprieve: Then leading them together to the aforesaid room, he placed them round the table, and set before them two quarters of beef, as also, bread and wine, so that he feasted them very plentifully; supper being ended, they searched the Giant's coffers, where, finding a vast store of gold and silver, Jack equally divided it amongst them; they all returned him hearty thanks for their treasure and miraculous deliverance. That night they went to their rest, and in the morning they arose and departed, the captives to their respective towns, and places of abode, and Jack, to the Knight's house, whom he had formerly delivered from the hand of the Giant.

How Jack came to the Knight's House, and his noble entertainment there, &c.

IT was about sun-rising, when Jack mounted his horse to proceed on his journey, and by the help of his directions, he came to the Knight's home some time before noon, where he was received with all demonstrations of joy imaginable, by the Knight and his Lady, who in an honourable respect to Jack, prepared a feast, which lasted for many days, inviting all the gentry in the adjacent parts, to whom the worthy Knight was pleased to relate the manner of his former danger, and the happy deliverance by the undaunted courage of Jack the Giant Killer, and by way of gratitude, he presented him with a ring of gold, on which was engraven, by curious art, the picture of the Giant dragging a distressed Knight and his fair Lady by the hair of the head, with this motto

We were in sad distress you see,
Under a Giant's fierce command,
But gain'd our lives and liberty,
By valiant Jack's victorious hand.

Now amongst the vast assembly there present, were five aged gentlemen, who were fathers to some of these miserable captives, whom Jack had lately set at liberty; who, understanding that he was the person who performed these great wonders, immediately paid him their venerable respects: After which, their mirth increased, and the smiling bowl went freely round to the prosperous success of the victorious conqueror. But in the midst of all their mirth, a dark cloud appeared, which daunted all the hearts of this assembly.

Thus it was, a messenger brought the dismal tidings of the approach of one Thunderful, a huge Giant with two heads; who, having heard of the death of his kinsman, the above-named Giant, was come from the northern pole in search of Jack, to be revenged on him for their most terrible downfall, and was within a mile of the Knight's seat, the country people flying before him, from their houses and habitations, like chaff before the wind. When they had related this, Jack, not with a tool to pick his teeth, and you gentlemen and ladies, walk but forth into the garden, and you shall be the joyful spectators of this monstrous Giant's death and destruction. To which they all consented, every one wishing him good fortune, in that great and dangerous enterprize.

How Jack overthrew the Giant on the Moat, and cut off both his heads, &c.

THE situation of the Knight's house, take as follows: It was placed in the midst of a

small island, encompassed round with a vast moat thirty feet deep, and twenty feet wide, over which lay a draw bridge. Wherefore Jack employed two men to cut it on both sides, almost to the middle, and then dressing himself in his coat of darkness, likewise putting on his shoes of swiftness, he marched forth against the Giant, with his sword of sharpness ready drawn, yet when he came close up to him, the Giant could not see him, by reason of his invisible coat, which he had on, nevertheless he was sensible of some approaching danger, which made him cry out,

Fe Fi Fo Fum,

I smell the blood of an Englishman,

Be he living, or be he dead,

I'll grind his bones to mix my bread.

Say'st thou so, quoth Jack, then thou art a monstrous miller indeed; But how, if I should serve thee, as I did the two Giants of late, in my conscience I should spoil your practice for the future. At which time the Giant spoke with a voice as loud as thunder; Art thou that villain which destroyed my two kinsmen? Then I will tear thee with my teeth, suck thy blood, and what is more, I will grind thy bones to powder. You must catch me first, quoth Jack, and with that he threw off his coat of darkness that the Giant might see him clearly, and then ran from him as through fear. The Giant, with foaming mouth and glaring eyes, following after like a walking castle, making the foundation of the earth as it were to shake at every step, Jack led him a dance three or four times round the Moat, that belonged to the Knight's house, that the Ladies and Gentlemen might take a full view of this huge monster of nature, who followed Jack with all his might, but could not overtake him, by reason of his shoes of swiftness,

which carried him faster than the Giant could follow. At length Jack, to finish the work, took over the bridge, the Giant with full speed pursuing after him with his iron club upon his shoulder, but coming to the middle of the draw-bridge, when, with the weight of his body, and the most dreadful steps he took, it broke down, and he tumbled into the water, where he roll'd and wallow'd like a whale. Jack, standing at the side of the moat, laugh'd at the Giant, and said, you told me you would grind my bones to powder, here you have water enough, pray where is your mill? The Giant fretted and foamed to hear him scoff at that rate, and though he plunged from place to place in the moat, yet he could not get out to be revenged on his adversary. Jack at length got a cart rope, and cast it over the Giant's two heads with a slip knot, and by the help of horses dragged him out again, with which he was near strangled, and before he would let him loose, he cut off both his heads with his sword of sharpness, in the full view of all the worthy assembly of Knights, Gentlemen, and Ladies, who gave a joyful shout when they saw the Giant fairly dispatched. Then, before he would either eat or drink, he sent these heads also to King Arthur, which being done, Jack, with the Knights and Ladies, returned to their mirth and pastime, which lasted many days.

*How Jack came to the house of an old Hermit,
and what discourse happened between them.*

AFTER some time spent in triumphant mirth and pastime, Jack grew weary of riotous living, wherefore, taking leave of the noble Knights and Ladies, he set forward in search of new adventures, through many woods and groves he pas-

fed meeting with nothing remarkable, till at the
 length, coming to the foot of a high mountain, late
 at night, he knocked at the door of a lonesome
 house, at which time, an ancient man with a head
 as white as snow, arose and let him in. Father
 said Jack, have you any entertainment for a be-
 nighted traveller that has lost his way? Yes, said
 the old man, if thou wilt accept of such accommo-
 dation as my poor cottage will afford, thou shalt
 be right welcome. Jack returned him many thanks
 for his great civility, wherefore down they sat to-
 gether, and the old man began to discourse him as
 follows: " Son, said he, I am sensible thou art the
 great conqueror of Giants, and it is in thy power
 to free this place of the country from an intoler-
 able burden which we groan under: For behold, my
 son, on the top of this mountain, there is an en-
 charmed castle kept by a huge monstrous Giant
 named Galligantus, who, by the help of an old con-
 juror, betrays many Knights and Ladies into the
 strong castle, where, by Magic Art, they are trans-
 formed into sundry shapes and forms, but above
 all, I lament the sad misfortune of a Duke's daugh-
 ter, whom they fetched from her father's garden
 by art, carrying her through the air in a mourning
 chariot, drawn, as it were, by two fiery dragons
 and being secured within the walls of the castle,
 she was immediately transformed into the real shape
 of a White Hind; though many worthy Knights
 have endeavoured to break the enchantment, and
 work her deliverance, yet none of them could ac-
 complish this great work, by reason of two dread-
 ful Griffins, who were fixed by Magic Art, at the
 entrance of the castle gate, who destroys any,
 soon as they see them, but you, my Son, being
 furnished with an Invisible Coat, may pass by them
 undiscovered, where on the brazen gates of the

castle, you will find engraven, in large characters, the means by which the enchantment may be broken."

This old man having ended his discourse, Jack gave him his hand, with a faithful promise, that in the morning he would venture his life to break the enchantment, and free the Lady, together with the rest that were miserable partners in her calamity.

How Jack got into the Enchanted Castle; broke the Enchantment; killed the Giant; put the Conjuror to flight; set free the Knights and Ladies: Likewise the Duke's Daughter, whom he afterwards married.

HAVING refreshed themselves with a small morsel of meat, they laid them down to rest, and in the morning, Jack arose and put on his Invisible Coat, his Cap of Knowledge, and Shoes of Swiftnes, and so prepared himself for the dangerous enterprise.

Now, when he had ascended to the top of the mountain, he soon discovered the two fiery Griffins. He passed on between them without fear, for they could not see him by reason of his Invisible Coat: Now when he had got beyond them, he cast his eyes around him, where he found, upon the gate, a golden trumpet hung in a chain of fine silver, under which, those lines were engraven:

Whoever shall this trumpet blow,
Shall soon the Giant overthrow;
And break the blaek enchantment straight,
So all shall be in happy state:

Jack had no sooner read the inscription, but he blew the trumpet, at which time the vast foundation of the castle trembled, and the Giant, together with the Conjuror, were in horrid confusion, biting their thumbs, and tearing their hair, knowing their wicked reign was at an end. At which

time standing at the Giant's elbow, as he was stooping to take up his club, he at one blow, with his Sword of Sharpness, cut off his head. The Conjuror seeing this, immediately mounted into the air and was carried away in a whirlwind. Thus was the whole enchantment broken, and every Knight and Lady, who had been for a long time transformed into birds and beasts, returned to their proper shapes again; and as for the castle, though it seemed at first to be of a vast strength and bigness, it vanished away like a cloud of smoke; whereupon an universal joy appeared among the released Knights and Ladies. This being done, the head of Galligantus was likewise, (according to Jack's accustomed manner) conveyed to the court of King Arthur, as a present to his Majesty. The very next day, after having refreshed the Knights and Ladies, at the old man's habitation, who lived at the foot of the mountain, he set forward to the court of King Arthur, with those Knights and Ladies whom he delivered.

When coming to His Majesty, and relating all the passages of his encounters; his fame rung through the court; and as a reward of his service, the king prevailed with the aforesaid duke to bestow his daughter in marriage to Jack; to which the duke honourably consented: So married they were, and the whole kingdom was filled with joy at the wedding. After which the king bestowed upon him a noble habitation, with a very plentiful estate belonging thereunto, where he and his Lady lived the remainder of their days in great joy and happiness.

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