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THE
HISTORY
OF
JACK and the GIANTS,
In all it's PARTS.



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The History of Jack and the Giants.

*Of his birth and Parentage, and what pass
between him and the Country Vicar, &c.*

IN the reign of King Arthur, near the Lands-
end of England, namely the country of Corn-
wall there lived a wealthy Farmer, who had one
only Son, commonly known by the name of Jack
the Giant Killer. He was brisk and of a ready
wit; so that whatever he could not perform by
strength he compleated 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 inventions.

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 coming across the field, call'd to Jack,
and ask'd him several questions; in particular,
How many commandments there were? Jack
told him there were nine. The parson reply'd
There are ten. Nay (quoth Jack.) Master par-
son, you are out of that, it is true there was ten,
but you broke one of them with your own maid
Margery. The parson reply'd thou art an arch
Wag, Jack. Well Master parson quoth Jack, you
have ask'd me one question, and I have answer'd
it; I beleech you let me ask you another. Who
made these Oxen? the parson reply'd, God made
them. ~~Child~~. 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 answers of Jack. The parson finding

himself fool'd, truged away leaving Jack in a fit of
aughter.

*How a Giant inhabited the Mount of Cornwall,
spoiled the Country thereabouts, &c.*

IN those days the mount of Cornwall was kept
by a Huge and Monstrous Giant, of 27 feet
in height, and about three yards in compass, of a
fierce and grim countenance, to the Terror of
all the neighbouring Towns and Villages. His
habitation was in a cave, in the midst of a
Mount, neither would he suffer any leaving crea-
ture to inhabit near him; His feeding was upon
other mens 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 peo-
ple at his approach would forsake their habi-
tations; then would seize upon 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 tye them round his waist
like a bunch of bandeliers. This he for many years
had practised in Cornwall, which was much impo-
verished by him.

But one day Jack coming to the Town-Hall,
when the Magistrates were sitting in consternation
about the Giant; he asked them what reward they
would give to any person that would destroy him?
They answered, He shall have all the treasure in
recompence. Quoth Jack, then I myself will un-
dertake 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 pick-ax,
and over to the Mount he goes, in the beginning

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of a dark winter evening, where he fell to work and before morning had digged a pit two and twenty foot deep, and almost as broad, and cover'd the same over with long sticks and straws: then strowing a little of the mould upon it, so 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 rous'd the Giant, who came roaring towards Jack, crying, thou incorigible villain! are you come here to disturb my rest? You shall dearly pay for it: Satisfaction I will have, and it shall be this; I will take thee wholly and broil you for my breakfast. Which word were no sooner out of his mouth, but he tumbled head-long 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 gotten into Lob's pond, where I will 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 tantaliz'd the Giant for a while he gave him a most weighty knuck upon the crown of his head, with his pick-ax, that he immediately tumbled down and giving a most dreadful groan and died. This done, Jack threw the earth in upon him, and so buried him; then going and learching 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 call'd, Jack the Giant Killer. And in honour thereof, they presented him with a Sword, together with a fine rich embroider'd Belt, on which these words were wrought in letters of gold.

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Here's the right valiant Cornish Man,
Who slew the Giant Cormilion.

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

THE News of Jack's victory was soon spread over all the western parts; so that another huge Giant Named Blunderboar, hearing of it, vow'd to be revenged on Jack, if ever it was in 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, he grew very weary and therefore sat himself down by the side of a pleasant fountain, where a deep sleep suddenly seiz'd on him; at which time the Giant coming there for water, found him, and by the Lines written upon his belt, knew him to be Jack that kill'd his brother Giant, and therefore without making any words, he throws him upon his shoulder, for to carry him to his enchanted castle.

Now as they passed through a thicket the rustling of the boughs awak'd poor Jack, who finding himself strangely surpris'd, yet it was but the beginning of his terrors; for he beheld the ground all cover'd 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 quarters of some that were lately slain, and in the next room were many hearts and livers: which the Giant to terrify Jack, told him, "that mens hearts and livers were the choicest of his diet, for he commonly (as he said) eat 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 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 torter you.

This dreadful noise so affrighted poor Jack, that he was ready to run distracted, then seeing from a window afar off, the two Giants coming together; now (quoth Jack to himself,) my death or deliverance is at hand.

There was strong cords in the room by him, of which he takes two, at the end of which he made 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 end across the beam, where he pulled with all his main strength untill he had throatled them; and then fastening the rope to the beam, turn'd towards the window, where he beheld the two Giants to be black in in their faces; Then sliding down by 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 cruelty: He then taking the bunch of keys, he unlock'd the rooms, where upon a strict search, he found three fair Ladie's ty'd by the hair, of their heads, almost starved to death, who told

Jack, That their husbands was 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, if they were 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 into 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; untill 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 surprize 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 show of friendship; for Jack telling his condition he bid him welcome inewing him a room with a bed in it, whereupon he might take his night's repose: Therefore Jack undresses himself, and as the Giant was walking away to another apartment, Jack heard him mutter these words to himself.

Tho' here you lodge with me this night,
 You shall not see the morning light,
 My club shall dash your brains out right.

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Say'st thou so, quoth Jack, that is like one of your Welsh tricks, yet 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 Welsh Giant came with his great knotty club, and struck several blows upon the bed where Jack had laid the billet, and then returned to his own chamber supposing he had broken 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 three or four flaps with her tail. Soon after the Giant arose, and went to breakfast with a bowl of hasty pudding, containing near four gallons, giving Jack the like quantity; who, being loath to let the Giant know he could not eat with him, got a large leather-bag putting it artfully under his loose coat, into which he secretly conveyed his pudding, telling the Giant, he could show him a trick; Then taking a large knife, he ripped open the bag, which the Giant supposed to be his belly, when out came the hasty pudding; At which the Welsh Giant, cried out, Cuts plut, hur can do dat trick hurself. Then taking his sharp knife, he ripped up his own belly, from the bottom to the top, and out dropped his tripes and troy bags, so that hur fell down for dead: thus Jack outwitted the Giant, and proceeded forward on his journey.

How King Arthur's Son 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 from 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 attendance.

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 had arrested a corpse for many large sums of money, which the deceased owed when he dy'd. The King's Son reply'd 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 the next morning they set forward, when at the town end, an old woman called after him, crying out, he was ow'n me two pence these five years: pray Sir, pay me as well as the rest? He puts his hand into his pocket, and gave it her, it being the last he had left; then the King's Son turning to Jack, said, I cannot tell how I shall 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 friendly 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 reply'd, Master, we'll do well enough. For I have an uncle lives within two little miles of this place, he's a hudge 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 knock'd with such a force, that he made all the neighbouring hills resound. The Giant with a voice like thunder, roared out; who's there? He answered, none but your poor cousin Jack quoth he, what news with my 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 knows I can fight five hundred men in Armour and make them fly like chaff before the wind. Oh! 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, and were both heartily merry with the wine, and other dain-

ties 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 then was 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 should give him in reward his castle was not demolish'd. Why (quoth Jack) I desire nothing but the old coat and cap together with the old coat 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 in sunder 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 Spirit 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 once 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 her 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 it, and brought it to his master, who shewed 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! (reply'd he) if you kiss none but mine, I will, 'tis neither here nor there (said she) if you do not, death's your portion. At midnight she went as before, and was angry with Lucifer for letting the handkerchief 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, 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 enchantment broke, and the evil spirit 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 received with the greatest Joy, and loud acclamation by the whole court. Jack for his many and great exploits 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

History which now leads us to the second part, wherein you have a more full account of the many valiant and wonderful exploits which was done by the bold adventures of this great and valiant HERO, Jack the Giant Killer.

The SECOND Part.

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

JACK having been successful in all his undertakings, and 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 remote parts of the kingdom, and the dominions of Wales, to the unspeakable damage of your Majesty's leige subjects; wherefore may it please your Majesty to give me encouragement, and I doubt not but in a short time to cut them of root and branch, and to rid the realm of those 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 leave, not only of King Arthur, but likewise of all the trusty and hardy Knights belonging to the round Table, who after much salutation and friendly greeting they parted, the King and his nobles to their courtly 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 swiftness, and likewise the in-

visible 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 travelling 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 observe what it might be, beheld with wonder, a Giant rushing along with a worthy knight and his fair lady, which 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 off from 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, tho' it wounded his thighs in several places: but at length giving him a swinging stroke, he cut off both his legs, just below the knees, 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 his lady escaped his rage, then had Jack time to talk with him, setting his foot upon his neck said, thou 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 con-

queror; Jack the Giant killer, while the noble Knight and virtuous lady were both joyful spectators of his sudden downfall, and their 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 monsters habitation. The Knight hearing this, waxed right sorrowful and reply'd, 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 then himself; and therefore if you should go hither and perish in the attempt, it would be the heart breaking of both me and my lady, here let me persuade you to go with us and desist from any farther pursuit: Nay, quoth Jack, if there be another; nay, if there were twenty I would shed the last drop of my blood in my body, before one of them shall 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 Giants brother.

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

JACK had not rode 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 knotted 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 fitches of bacon: moreover the bristles of his head seem'd 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 e'er 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 of sharpness, 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 up his hand to his nose, and when he could not find it, he rav'd and roar'd louder than claps of thunder: and tho' he turn'd 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 knotted club, and began to lay about him like one stark mad: Nay, quoth Jack, if you be for that sport, then will I dispatch you quickly, for fear of an accidental blow falling out. Then as the Giant rose from his block, Jack makes no more to do, but runs his sword up to the hilt in the Giant's fundament, where he left it sticking for a while and stood laughing with his hands a kin bow to see the Giant caper and dance the canaries with his sword in his arse, crying out, he should die, he should die, with the gripping 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 crush'd poor Jack, had he not been nimble to avoid the same.

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This being done, Jack cut off both the Giants heads and sent them both to King Arthur by a waggoner, whom he hired for the same purpose, together with an account of his prosperous success in all his undertakings.

How Jack searched their cave, and delivered many men out of captivity.

JACK having thus dispatch'd these two monsters, resolved with himself to enter the cave in search of these Giants treasure; he pass'd 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; where (as he supposed) the Giants used to dine, then he came to an 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 amongst us in this miserable den? Ay, quoth Jack, I hope I shall not tarry long here: but pray tell me what is the meaning of your captivity? why, said one, young man, 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 have occasion for a particular feast; and then the fattest amongst 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 have dined on murdered men. Say you so quoth Jack, well, I have given them both such a dinner, that it will be long enough e'er they'll have occasion for any. The miserable captives were amazed at his 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 unparallel'd victory. And for testimony of the truth he had said, he unlock'd the iron gate setting the miserable captivity at liberty, who all rejoiced like condemned malefactors at the sight of a reprieve: then leading them all 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 house some time before noon: where he was received with all demonstrations of joy imaginable by the Knight and his lady, who in 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 are 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 those miserable captives, which Jack had
lately set at liberty; who understanding that he
was the person that performed those great won-
ders, they immediately paid their venerable re-
spects: After which their mirth encreased, and
the smiling bowls went freely round to the pro-
sperous success to the victorious conqueror. But
in the midst of all mirth, a dark cloud appeared,
which daunted all the hearts of this assembly.
Thus it was, a messenger brought the dismal tid-
ings of the approach of one Thunderel, a huge
Giant with two heads; who having heard of the
death, of his kinsmen, the above named Giants;
was come from the Northern poles in search af-
ter Jack, to be revenged of him for their most
miserable 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 a whit daunted, said, let him come, I am
prepared with a tool to pick his tooth, and you
gentlemen and ladies, walk about 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 in the Moat.

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 marches forth against the Giant, with his sword of sharpness ready drawn; yet when he came close up to him, the Giant could not see Jack by reason of his invisible coat which he had on, yet nevertheless he was sensible of some approaching danger, which made him cry out in these words.

Fe, Fi, Fo, Fum,

I smell the blood of an English man;

Be he living or be he dead,

I'll grind his bones to mix my bread.

Says 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 villian which destroyed my two kinsmen? Then will I 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 run from him as through fear. The Giant with a 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 gentlemen and ladies might take a full
 view of this huge monster of nature, who follow-
 ed Jack with all his might, but could not over-
 take 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, when with the weight of his
 body and the most dreadful steps that 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
 foam'd to hear him scoff at that rate; and tho'
 he plunged from place to place in the Moat, yet
 he could not get out to be revenged on his ad-
 versary. Jack at length got a cart rope, and cast
 it over the Giants two heads with a ship-knot,
 and by the help of a team 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 joy-
 ful shout when they saw the Giant fairly dis-
 patched. Then before he would either eat or
 drink, he sent these heads also after the other to
 the court of King Arthur: Which being done,
 then Jack, with the knights and ladies, return-
 ed to their mirth and pastime, which lasted for
 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. Thro' many woods and groves he passed, meeting with nothing remarkable till at length coming to the foot of an 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 benighted traveller, that has lost his way? Yes, said the man, if thou wilt accept of such accommodation as my poor cottage will afford, thou shalt be right welcome. Jack returned him many thanks, for his great civility, wherefore down they sat together, 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 intolerable burden which we groan under. For behold my son, on the top of this high mountain, there is an enchanted castle kept by a huge monstrous Giant, named Galigantus; who by the help of an old conjuror betrays many knights and ladies into this strong castle; where by Magick Art they are transformed into sundry shapes and forms: But above all, I lament the sad misfortune of a Duke's Daughter whom they fetch'd 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: tho' many worthy knights have endeavoured to break the incantment, and work her deliverance, yet none of them could accomplish this great work, by reason of two dreadful Griffins who were fix'd by magick art at the entrance of the castle gate; which destroys any, as soon as they see them. But you

y son, being furnished with an invisible coat, may pass by them undiscovered. Whereupon he brazen gate of the castle you find engraven in large characters, by what means 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 conjurer to flight, set free the Knights, and Ladies, &c.

HAVING refreshed themselves with a small morsal 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 swiftness, and so prepares himself for the dangerous enterprize.

Now when he had ascended to the top of the mountain, he soon discovered the two fiery Griffins; he passed on between without fear, for they could not see him by reason of his invisible coat: now when he was yet beyond them, he cast his eyes around him, where he found upon the gate a golden trumpet, hang in a chain of fine silver, under which these lines were engraven.

Whosoever shall this trumpet blow,
Shall soon the Giant overthrow,
And break the black enchantment straight,
So all shall be in happy state.

Jack had no sooner read this inscription but he blew the trumpet, at which time the vast foundation of the castle trembled, and the Giant, together with the conjurer, was in horrid confusion,

biting their thumbs, and tearing their hair, knowing their wicked reign was at an end. At which time Jack 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 conjurer, seeing this, immediately mounted into the air, and was carried away in a whirlwind. Thus was the whole enchantment broke 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 tho' 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 his accustomed manner conveyed to the court of King Arthur as a present made 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 for the court of King Arthur, with those knights and ladies which he had so honourably delivered.

When coming to his Majesty, and having related all the passages of his fierce encounters, and his fame run thro' the whole court; and as a reward of his good service, the King prevailed with the aforesaid Duke to be bestow his daughter in marriage to honest Jack protesting that there was no man so worthy of her as he; to all which the Duke very honourably consented: So married they were, and not only the court, but likewise the kingdom was filled with joy and triumph at the wedding. After which the King as a reward for his good services done to the nation, 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 peace.

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