Scots Piper's Queries:

OR,

John Falkirk's Cariches.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED,

His Comical and Witty Jokes,

When in Courtship with an old Fidler's Widow, who wanted all the Teeth. With the Copy of the Love-letter he fent unto her who is commonly called F—ting Betty.

Old John Piper if you defire To read at leifure by the fire : 'Twill pleafe the bairns and keep them laughing, And mind the Auld Goodwife o'er daffing.

CONCLUDING WITH

The QUAKER and CLOWN, a Won-. derful Tale.

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The Scots Piper's Queries, &c.

Q. WHAT is the wifeft behaviour of ignorant perfons?

A. To fpeak of nothing but what they know, and to give their opinion of nothing but what they underitand.

Q. What time is a fcolding wife at the beft?

A. When the is fast afleep.

Q. What time is a fcolding wife at the worft?

A. When the is that wicked as to tear the hair out of her own head, when the can' get at her neighbours, and through perfect fpite bites her own tongue with her own teeth; my hearty with is, that all fuch wick ed vipers may ever do fo:

Q. What is the effectual cure and infalli ble remedy for a fcolding wife?

A. The only cure is to get out of the hear se ing of her, but the infallible remedy is to nail her tongue to a growing tree, in the be ginning of a cold winter night, and fo let inter

fiand till fun-rifing next morning, fhe'll be-, come one of the peaceableft women that ever lay by a man's fide.

Q. What time of the year is it that there are most holes open?

A. In harvest when there are stubbles.

Q. At what time is the cow heavieft?

B. When the bull is on her back.

Q. Who was the goodman's muckle cow's calf's mother ?

A. None but the muckle cow herfelf.

Q. What is the likelt thing to a man and a horfe?

A. A taylor and a mare.

Q. What is the hardest dinner that ever a aylor laid his teeth to?

A. His own goofe, though ever fo well boil'd or roafted.

Q. How many tods tails will it tak to each up to the moon?

A. One if it be long enough.

Q. How many flicks gangs to the bigging f a craw's neft?

A. None, for they are all carried.

Q. How many whites will a well made udding prick need?

A. If it be well made it needs no more. Q. Who was the father of Zebedee's chilren?

A. Who but himfelf.

Q. Where did Mofes go when he was full teen years old?

A. Into his fixteenth.

Q. How near related is your aunty's good brother to you?

A. No nearer than my own father.

Q. How many holes are in a hen's doup. A. Two.

Q. How prove you that?

A. There is one for the dung, and ano ther for the egg.

Q. Who is the best for catching of rogues

A. None fo fit as a rogue himfelf.

Q. Where was the usefuleft fair in Scot land kept?

A. At Millguy.

Q. What fort of commodities were folthere?

A. Nothing but ale and ill wicked wives Q. How was it abolished?

A. Because those who went to it one would go to it no more.

Q. For what reafon?

A. Becaufe there was no money to be gr for them, but fair barter, wife for wife, and he who put away a wife for one fault, got wife with two as bad.

Q. What was the reason that in those day a man could put away his wife for piffing th bed, and not for fh-g it?

A. Becaufe he could fhute it away with his foot and ly down.

Q. What is the reafon now a days, th men court, caft, marry, and re-marry many wives, and keep only but one in pu lic at laft?

A. Becaufe private marriage is become as common as fmuggling, and cuckolding the kirk no more thought of, than a man to ride a mile or two upon his neighbour's mare! men get will and wale of wives, the beft portion, and propereft performing preferred, the first left, the weak to the worst, and she whom he does not love, he shutes away with his foot and his down with whom he pleafes.

Q: How will ye know the bairns of our town, by all others in the kingdom?

A. By their ill-breeding, and bad manners.

Q. What is their behaviour?

A. If you alk them a queltion in civility, if it were but the road to the next town, they'll tell you to follow your noie, and if ye go wrong curfe the guide.

Q. Are young and old of them no better?

A. All the odds lies in the difference, for if you afk a child to whom he belongs, or who is his father, he'll tell you to kifs his father's a—

Q. What fort of creatures is kindlieft when they meet?

A. None can exceed the kindness of dogs when they meet in a market.

Q. And what is Collie's conduct there?

A. First they kifs other's mouths and nofes, fmell all about, and last of all they are to kind as to kifs other below the tail. 2. What is the coldest part of a dog?

A. His nofe.

Q. What is the coldest part of a man?

A. His knees.

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2. What is the coldeft part of a woman? A. The back part of her body.

A. The back part of her body. Q. What is the reafon, that thefe three parts of men, women, and dogs are coldeft?

A. Fabulous hiftorians fay, that there was three little holes broke in Noah's ark, and that the dog put his nofe in one, and another the man put his knee in it, a third and biggeft hole broke, and the woman bang'd her backfide into it; and thefe parts being exposed to the cold blaft, make them always cold ever fince.

2. And what remedy does the man take for the warming of his cold knees?

A. He holds them towards the fire, and when in bed draws his fhirt down over them.

2. And what does the women do to warm their cold parts?

A. The married women turn their backfide about to the good-man's belly: virgins, and those going mad for marriage, the heats of their maidenhead keeps them warm, old matrons, whirl'd o'er maidens, widows, and widows bewitch'd, hold up their coldest parts to the fire.

2. And what remedy does the poor dog take for his cold nose?

A. Stops it below his tail, the hottest bit in his body.

2. What is the reafon the dogs are worfer on chapmen, than on other firange people?

A. It is faid the dogs have three accufations against the chapmen; handed down from father to fon, or from one generation of dogs to another: The first is as old as Æsop the great wit of Babylon, the dog having a law-fuit against the cat, gained the plea, and coming trudging home with the decreet below his tail, a wicked chapman throwing his elwan at him, he lote it ia', and so loss his great privileges thereby. The fecond is, because in old times the chapmen used to buy dogs and kill them for their skins. The third, when a chapman was quartered in a farmer's house, that night the dog loss his property the licking of the pot.

2. What creature refembles most a drunken piper?

A. A cat when the fips milk; the always fings, and to does a piper when he drinks good ale.

2. What is the reason a dog runs twice round about before he ly down?

A. Becaufe he does not know the head of his bed from the foot of it.

2. What creature refembles most a long, lean, ill-looking, greafy-fac'd lady, for pride?

A. None fo much as the cat, who is continually fpitting in her lufe and rubbing her face, as many of fuch ladies do the brown leather of their wrinkled chafts.

2. Amongst what fort of creatures will you observe most of a natural law?

A. The hart and the hind meet at one

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certain day in the year; the broad goofe lays her first egg on Fasterns Even, old stile; the crows begin to build their nest the first of March, old stile; the swans observe matrimony, and if the semale die, the male dares not take up with another, or the rest will put him to death; all the birds in general, join in pairs, and keep so; but the dove refembles the adulterer, when the sheone turns old, he pays her away, and takes another; the locusts observe military order, and march in bands; the frogs refemble pipers and preachers, for the young ride the old to death.

2. Who are the merrieft and heartieft people in the world?

A. The failors, for they'll be finging and curfing one another, when the waves their graves, are going over their heads.

2. Which are the diforderlieft creatures in battle?

A. Cows and dogs, for they all fall upon them that are neathmost.

2. Who are the vainest fort of people in the work!

A. A barber, a taylor, a young foldier, and a poor dominie.

2. What is the great caufe of the barber's vanity?

A. His being admitted to trim noblemen's chafts, thyke their fculls, tak kings by the nofe, and hold a razor to his very throat, which no fubject elfe dare do.

2. What is the great caule of the taylor's pride?

A. His making of people's new clothes, of which every perfon young and old is proud of, then who can walk in a vainer thew than a taylor carrying home a gentleman's clothes.

Q. What is the caufe of a young foldier's pride?

A. When he lifts, he thinks he is free of his mother's correction, the hard ufige of a bad mafter, has a liberty to curfe, fwear, whore, and do every thing; until he be convinced by four halberts and the drummer's whip, that he has now got both a military and civil law above his head, and perhaps worfe mafters than ever.

2. What is the caule of the poor dominie's pride?

A. As he is the teacher of the young and ignorant, he fuppoles no man knows what he knows; the boys call him mafter, therefore he thinks himfelf a great man.

2. What fort of a fong is it, that is fung without a tongue, and its notes are underflood by people of all nations?

A. It is a fart, which every perfon knows to be but wind.

2. What is the reason that young people are vain, giddy-headed and airy, and not so humble as the children of former years?

A. Becaufe they are brought up and educate after a more haughty ftrain, by reading

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fables, plays, novels and romances; gofpelbooks, fuch as the pfalm-book, proverbs, and catechifms, are like old almanacks; nothing in vogue, but fiddle, flute, troy, and Babylonish tunes; our plain English speech corrupted with beauish cants, don't, won't, nen, and ken, a jargon worse than the Yorkshire dialect.

2. Why is fwearing become fo common amongst the Scots people?

A. Becaufe fo many lofty teachers come from the fouth amongst us, where swearing is practised in its true grammatical perfection, hot oaths new struck with as bright a lustre as a new quarter guinea.

Q. How will you know the bones of a mafon's mare at the back of a dyke, amonght the bones of a hundred dead horfes?

A. Because it is made of wood.

2. Which are the two things not to be spared, and not to be abufed?

A. A foldier's coat, and a hired horfe. THE END OF JOHN FALKIRK'S CARICHES.

The Comical and Witty Jokes of JOHN FAL-KIRK the MERRY PIPER.

A N old gentleman and his two fons, being in a company, his eldeft fon fitting next to him, fpoke a word which highly difpleafed his father : for which his father gave him a hearty blow on the fide of the head; a well, faid he, I will not lift my

hand to firike my parents, but he gives his other brother that fat by him, a blow on the ear, faying, give that about by the way of a drink, till it comes to my father again.

A failor being travelling between Edinburgh and Linlithgow, which is twelve long computed miles; and as he was fetting out, in the morning about eight o'clock, he faw a vain-like young loark go running past him, which he never minded, but kept jogging on at his own leifure : and as he was going into Linlithgow, about twelve o'clock, up comes the young fpark, and alked the failor what o'clock it was, why fays the failor, I fee you have a watch and I have none, what is it? out he pulls his watch, ho! faid he, it's directly twelve, and what do you think, it was half an hour after ten or I came out of Edinburgh, I have walked it in an hour and an half; it is pretty well tript, fays the failor, but pray fir, what man of bufinefs are you? O! faid he, I am a watch-maker, I was thinking fo faid the failor, for you have made your watch to answer your feet, for these feet cannot answer a right watch, and I suppose your tongue can't keep time with either of them, do you remember where you went past me this morning about eight o'clock? O yes, faid he, and off he went.

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A certain old reverend prieft, being one night at fupper in a gentleman's houfe; and for one article having eggs, the ferver of the table, as ufual laid a cloth on every one's

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knee, wherewith to hold their egg in when hot; when fupper was over, the prieft looked down between his legs, and feeing the white cloth, thought it was his own thirt tail; and very flyly flaps it into his breech-li es, bit and bit, which the lady and her maid observed, but was ashamed to challenge him, fo home he went with the fervet in his breeches, and knew nothing of it till going to bed, when it fell from him : his wife enquired how he came by it, he could not tell, but was furprifed how he came to have more bulk in his breeches than formerly, but perceiving the name they fent it back again, the priest pleaded to be excused, owned himself only a thief through ignorance.

As two maids were coming from the milking of their cows, one of them flepping over a flile, fell and fpilled the whole pail-full of milk from her head. O faid fhe, what will I do, what will I do, O faid the other maid, let it go, who can help it now, you ean't make it up again, it is not your maiden-head : my maiden-head, faid fhe, if it were my maiden-head, I would think nothing of it, many many a time, I have loft my maiden-head with great pleafure and I got it ay again, it came back ay to its ain place again, but I'll never gather up my milk again.

A great drover who frequented a public inn in the north of England as he paffed and repaffed, agreed with the fervant maid of

John Falkirk's Witty Jokes. 13 the house, for a touch of love; for which he gave her a fix and thirty-fhilling piece : On, the next morning he mounted his horfe, without afking a bill, or what was to pay; hut fir, faid the landlord, you forgot to pay your reckoning: well minded, fir, faid he, I want my ch: ige, I gave your maid a fix and thirty to change, the poor maid is called on in all haste, yes faid she I got it, but it was not for that, throws it down and off fhe goes; her mistress understood, and gave her the challenge, fhe told her it was for but she should be up with him; so in twelve months thereafter, he came past with his drove, puts up at the Tame inn as formerly; then the girl goes to a neighbour woman, who had a young child about three months old, comes into the company where he was, lays it down on the table, faying, fir, there's the change of your fix and thirty; and away the comes, the child cries, and the bell's rung, the landlord was ready enough to anfwer. O fir, faid he, call her back, for this will ruin my family, and crack my credit; but fir, faid the girl, you thought nothing to ruin my character, and crack my maidenhead; peace, peace, faid he, my dear; here's one hundred, and fifty pound, and take away the child and trouble me no more; well faid she I'll take it, and you will make more of buying cows than maiden-heads; fo away the came with the money, and returned the borrowed child to its own mother. .

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Three merry companions having met on a Saturday night at an ale-houfe, (a hatter a fhoe-maker, and a taylor,) where they drank heartily all that night, and to-morrow until mid-day: and their bets were, who had the lovingest wife: So they agreed for a trial of their good-nature, that every, man should do whatever his wife bade him do, as foon as ever he went home: or who did not as she ordered him, was to pay all the reckoning, which was feven and fixpente; or if all of them did as their wives bade them, then they were to pay all alike : So on this agreement they all came away, first to the hatter's house, and in he goes like a madman, dancing and jumping round the floor, his wife at the very time was taking off the pot and fetting it on the floor, he still dancing about, now fays the wife ding over the pot with thy madnefs, fo he gives it a kick and over it went, and that faved him, as he had done what his wife bade him do. Then away they go to the taylor's house, and he goes dancing likewife, but his wife fell a foolding him : O fays he, my dear give me a kiss? kiss my arse, you drunken rogue, faid she; then to her he flies and a whips her over to the bed, up with her petticoats and kiffes her arfe before them all, In and that faved him; then away they wenting to the fhoemaker's, and in he goes very merry, and dancing about as he faw the other in two do; faying, come my dear heart and

give me a kifs? go hang yourfelf you drunken dog faid fhe; fo he must either go and hang himfelf directly, or pay all the reckoning.

An honeft Highlandman not long fince, not much acquainted with the law, fell out with one of his neighbours, and to the law they went: he employed one advocate, and his oppofite another, and as they were debating it in court before the judges, the highlandman being there prefent, a friend on his fide, afked him how he thought it would go, or who would gain the day; indeed fays the highlandman, his law-man fpeaks well, and my law-man fpeaks well, I think we'll both win, and the judges will lofe, for they fpeak but a word now and then.

A young woman by the old accident having got herfelf with child, was called to the feffion for fo doing, and after one elder another, examining her how fhe got it, and where fhe got it, and what tempted her to get it; and no doubt the deel wad get her for the getting it; laft of all the minister he fell a enquiring how she got it, which run the poor lass out of all patience about the getting of it, fays the priest, tell me plainby where it was gotten? I tell you, faid she, that it was gotten in the byre, at a cow's take, and what other place do you want to cen about? but faid he, he did not tie you o the cow's stake: no, faid she, I did not

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need any tying, and how far was between the byre and the house? just butt and ben, up and down two staps of a stane stair, then fays the priest, why did you not cry to the folks in the house? Indeed fir, faid she, I could not get crying for laughing at it.

An old foldier being on a furlough from the north of Scotland, having got no breakfast, fell very hungry by the way, and no alehouse being near, caine into a farmer's house, and defired they would fell him some bread, or any kind of victuals; to which the furly goodwife reply'd, fhe never fold any bread, and the was not going to begin with him, he had but three miles and a bittock to an ale-houfe, and he might march on, and the did fair enough when the gied bits of bread for naething to beggars, tho' fhe gied nane to idle fodgers, he had naething to do there awa': Hout faid the goodman, gie him a ladle fu' o' our kail, he's been ay fomebody's bairn before he was a fodger: What! faid she, there's not a drop in the pot, they're a' in the plate before you : then gie him a spoon and let him sup wi' us : the foldier gets a fpoon, and thinking he could fup all he faw himfelf, the first foup he put in his mouth spouted it back again in the plate, and cries out, O my fore mouth, the hide's all of it yet fince I had the clap: then every one threw down his fpoon the foldier got all to fup himfelf; the wife flood curfing and foolding all the while, and when he

was done, burnt both plate and fpoon in the fire, to prevent the clap. So the foldier came off with a full belly, leaving the wife dreffing the goodman's rigging with a four footed ftool, for bidding him fup.

A churlish husband and a virtuous wife one time fell fadly out, becaufe the wife had given fomething to the poor; what faid he, mistress I'll let you know there is nothing about this house but what is mine, and you're mine, and you're very arfe is mine : a well, well, goodman, then you'll let me have nothing, take it all and give me peace: So amay they went to bed, the goodwife turned; her back fide towards the goodman; and as he was falling afleep, the draws up her fmock and let's fly in the goodman's fhirt-tail, which awakened him in a great fright, as he had been shot; ay, ay, woman, what are ye about? what am I about faid fhe; dear woman you're filing the bed : not I goodman, for when my arfe was my own I took care of it, and take care of it now, it's your's. O. rife woman and clean the bed, and keep your arfe, and a' the liberty ye had before, and more if ye want it, feigh, feigh, what's this? I'm a' dirt.

A fhip's crew being one time in great diftrefs at fea, by reafon of a violent form, and being all fallen down to prayer, expecting every moment to go to the bottom; there happened to be an old gentleman a paffenger on board with them, who had a great

big red nole with drinking ale and whifky: and being all at their laft prayers as they thought: a little boy burft out into loud laughter: O thou thoughtlefs rogue, faid the captain, what makes thee to laugh, in feeing us all on the point of perifhing? why faid the boy, I cannot but laugh for to think what a fine fport it will be, when we are all drowning, to fee how that man's red nofe will make the water biz, when he comes about it, at which words they all fell a laughing and cherifhed the crew, fo that they made another attempt to weather it out, and got all fafe afhore at laft.

My lovely Bet,

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The beauty of old age, thy hoary head, and louching shoulders incline to mortality: yet I'll compare thee to the Eagle that has renewed her youth, or a leek with a white head and a green tail, this comes to thee with my kind compliments, for the kiffes of thy lips, and the kindness I had to thy late bed-fellow fidler Pate my brother penchioner, ah! how we drank other's health, with the broe of the brucket ews, we brought from boughts of the German Boors; but it's nonfense to blow the dead when in the dust, yet a better Vialer never screeded on a filken cord, or kittl'd cat's trypes wi' his finger ends; his elbows were fupple as an eel, and his fingers dabbed at the jigging end like a hungry hen picking barley : I feldom or ever faw him drunk, if keep him

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from whilky, and whilky from him; except that night he trystet the pair of free stone breeches from Joseph the mason; and now my dear Befly he's got them, he's got them, for a free ftone covers his body, holds him down, and will do; and now, now, my dainty thing, my bonny thing, my best match for matrimony, come take me now, . or tell me now, I'm in an anger, I'll wait nae langer, I fay be clever, either now or never, it's a rapture of love which does me move, l'll have a wife, or by my life, if she should be blind and cripple, I'll fell my win', for her meat and fun, the like ne'er gade down her thrapple; fo now Beffy I love you, and my love lies upon you, and if you love not me again, fome ill chance come upon you, as I'm flyting free, I'm both in love and banter, or may your rumple rust for me, l've sworn it by my chanter.

THE END OF JOHN FALKIRK'S JOKES.

The QUAKER and CLOWN, a Wonderful Tale.

Certain clown, named Roger, loved the chimney-corner fo much better than a church-pew, that he conftantly paffed his Sundays in it. It was fo long fince he had attended divine fervice, that he fcarce remembered the colour of the parfon's caffock. His wife, who heartily wifhed his abfence was more frequent, took occaiion one

day to represent to him, in the most emphatical manner, what an heinous crime it was to neglect divine fervice. She held forth fo long, and fo loud on this head, that he, tired by her vociferous eloquence, rather than convinced by her arguments, determined to leave his beloved feat, with an intention to go to church. He went accordingly from home; but happening in his way to the church, to fee the door of the quaker's meeting open, he went in, fat down on a form, and fell fast assessed.

Aminadab Holdforth, having fuftained fome loffes, was telling his auditors, that whatever they gave to him, fhould be returned twofold. Roger waked, just as he made this declaration, and from the meeting to his cottage revolved thefe words in his mind.

When he got home, he repeated them to his wife; telling her at the fame time, that as he thought it improbable his friend Aminadab fhould lie, he was determined to make him a prefent of their cow Cherry; as it would, according to his promife in the meeting, be returned two-fold.

On this extraordinary information the poor woman fet up a most difinal outery: urging, in the strongest terms, that her dear Cherry's milk was the chief of their support: but all' to no purpose, Roger was absolutely bent on his design, and drove away immediately to Aminadab's, regardies of her lamentations and piteous moans.

When he arrived at his houfe, Friend Aminadab happened to be at the door. Roger directly doff'd his hat; and gnawing its corner, addreffed him in the following manner: " Friend Aminadab, Ize brought you here our cow Cherry, an you pleafes to accept an her."-" Thou art a good fellow," replies Aminadab : " Here, Sarah, take our honest neighbour into the kitchen, and let him eat heartily; and, hark ye, make him drink fome of our best ale." At these welcome founde, Roger's heart, leapt with joy. He was conducted to the kitchen, where he acted his part most manfully: and, in a couple of hours, was fent home as happy as a prince.

When he came home, he boafted to his wife that he had already received fomething in part of his gift; that all would be returned in time; and that he was certain his friend Aminadab had fpoken truth; but his wife interrupting him in the harangue, with an accufation of flupidity, and having foolifhly ruined himfelf and her, Roger to avoid further altercation, retired to bed, and flept foundly till morning.

As foon as Roger waked, his ears were attracted by the founds of moo-moo-moo under his window. He got up; and looking out, perceived his own cow Cherry, and Aminadab's bull, whom fhe had decoyed home with her. Overjoyed at the fight, he waked his wife, and informed her of their

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good fortune; and at the fame time upbraiding her for her unbelief of words uttered at the meeting; and remarked, that his friend Aminadab had been better than his word, for he had not only returned his gift twofold, but had likewife given him the beft dinner he had ever tafted in his life.

It was then determined to fell the bull, and keep the cow. No fooner refolved on than put in execution; the bull was fold, and the cow referved for her former use.

Roger, having fuch fuccefs by going to meeting, determined to go there again. The next Sunday, being feated as before, he was very attentive to Aminadab's difcourfe; and towards the conclusion, he was greatly aftonished to hear him pronounce the following words: "That whereas on Monday last I have lost my bull, together with a cow lately made me a prefent of; whoever can give information of the faid cow and bull, fo as they may be recovered, shall receive a crown reward."

This appearing fomewhat mysterious to Roger, he refolved to intimate his furprize to Aminadab; whom he addreffed accordingly, as he was coming out of the meeting. The Quaker, finding by his discourse that he was the person who had got both cow and bull, told him, in a great passion, that he would the next morning take a ride to Mr. Clearcause (a justice of the peace, who lived at about three miles distance) and in-

form him of the affair. Roger determined to be at the justices as foon as the Quaker, and fet out accordingly the next morning early.

On the road, Roger espied the Quaker's horse tied to the door of a small hedge ale-house, to which he immediately went; and, peeping thro' a window, perceived Aminadab and the landlord's wife, transfacting fome affairs which could not be termed absolutely decent. At this unexpected fight Roger was greatly overjoyed, knowing he could intimidate the Quaker at any time, by letting him understand what he was privy to, which would excite the rage of his own conjugal termagant.

Roger entering the houfe, drank a pint of ale with all poffible fpeed; and then informed the fervant that Mr. Holdforth and he had agreed to ride fpell and fpell, or what is otherwife called ride and tye: a method practifed in the country when two go a journey together, and have but one horfe between them; one riding firft and leaving the horfe at a place appointed; or if neither of them know the way, tying him to the door of fome public houfe, in fuch a manner as the other muft abfolutely fee it; and, deferibing to the people of the houfe the perfon they are to deliver the horfe to; in this manner they proceed during the whole journey.

Roger having got possession of Aminadab's horic, rode it to the town where the justice of the peace lived, and there ftruck up a bargain with a great deal of expedition, and fold it; then waited at the justice's door for the Quaker.

Poor Aminadab, whole corpulency was no great friend to his walking, in a flort time after came puffing and blowing towards the juffice's. Roger immediately informed him, that being very much tired by his journey, and feeing his horfe ftand idle at a door, he had made bold to ufe him: and, finding a chap who was willing to give a good

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price for him, he readily fold him, thinking it a fin to refufe a good offer; and therefore heped he would not take it ill what he had done.

Upon hearing this, the Quaker was in a great paffion; and faid, "Thou viflain! what, after having robbed me of my bull and cow, to fteal my horfe !--why--why fellow, don't you think to be hang'd?"--"I hope not," replies Roger; "but however that may be, pray friend, let me afk thee one queftion. What might you be doing when I took the horfe?"--" Hufh! Hufh!" cries the Quaker, in a terrible fright--" Never mention what thou haft feen, and I'll forgive thee all. Go thy ways; and hark thee, take grace with thee."

Roger bowed, and proceeded homewards; but, as the Quaker moved flowly, determined to call at his houfe. 'When he arrived there, the maid accofted him with, "Well, Roger, how haft thou and my mafter made it out?"—" Oh! very well," replies Roger, " we're as good friends as ever. He bid me go, and take grace with me."—" Grace?" cries the maid; " what, and all her pigs !"

Now, reader, you must know, grace was a favourate fow of the Quaker's, who had lately littered a fine parcel of pigs. The maid thinking it her mafter's intention, turned the fow and her litter out of the fty, and Roger drove them home before him.

The Quaker's wife was foon made acquainted. with the affair; and the reception Aminadab met with from her, when the faw him come home without his horfe, is better imagined than expreffed—But I am credibly informed, that his harangues in the meeting were for fome time after yery much larded with invectives against ragehard words—and an immoderate indulgence of the pathons.

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