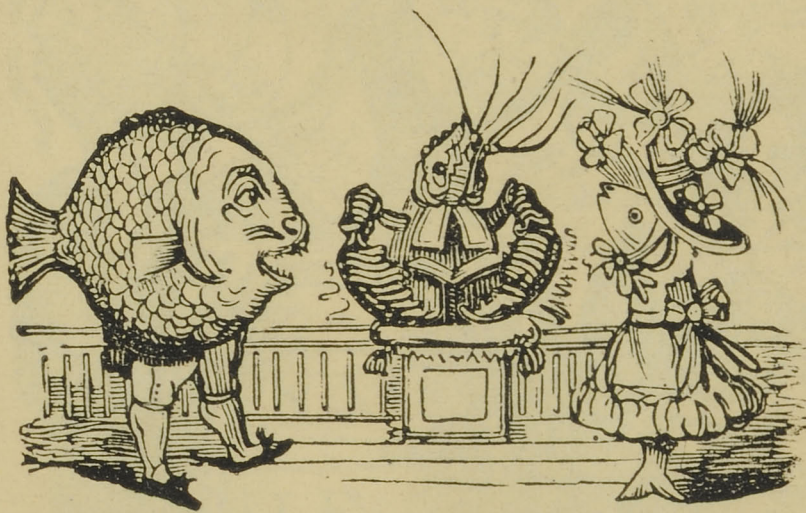


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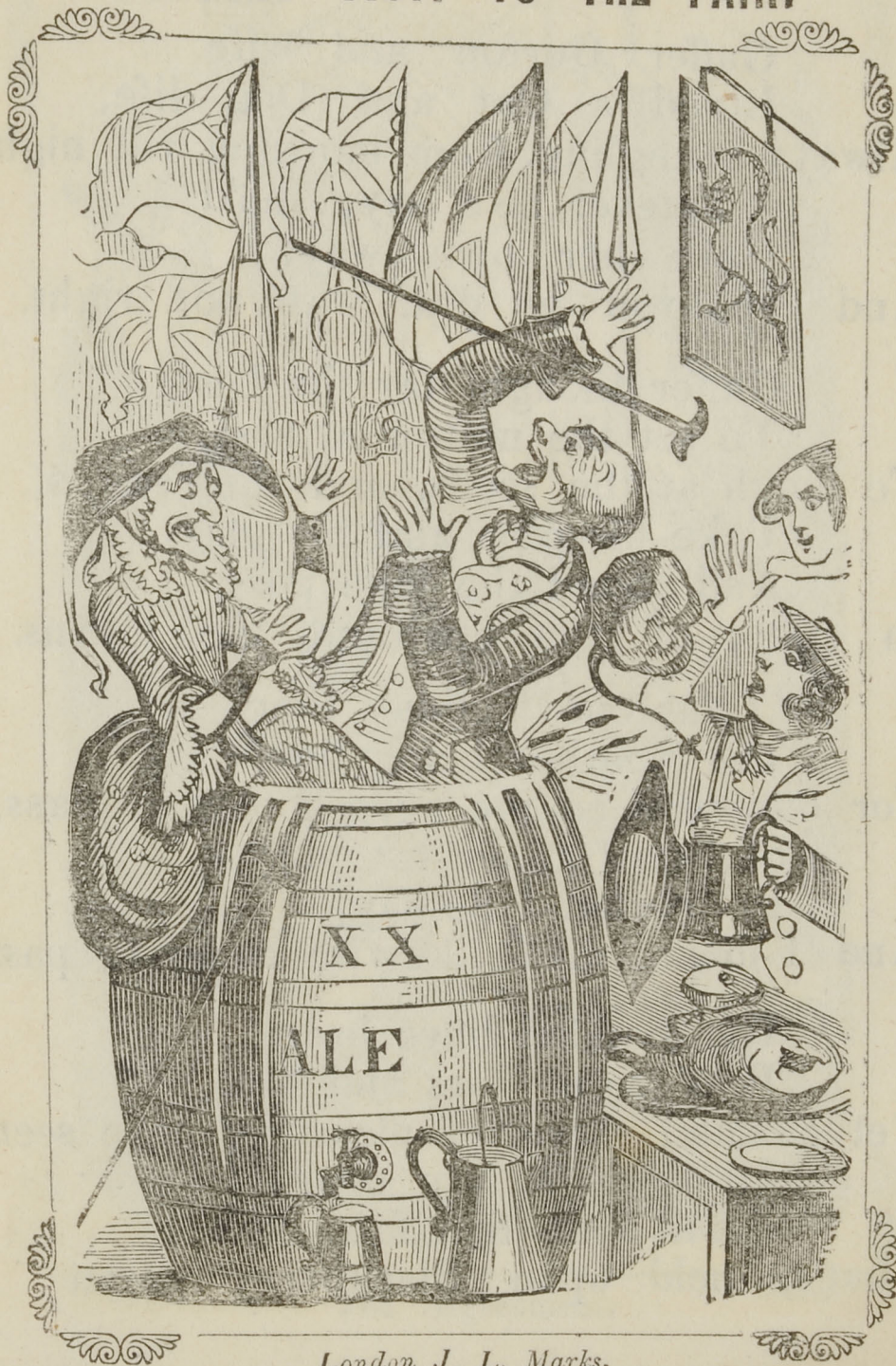
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GURTONS VISIT TO THE FAIR.



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Gaffer Gurton and wife
Lived a Cat and Dog life,
Always wrangling, from morning till night,
Whatever he'd say, she'd
Have her own way,
And whatever he did, was not right.

Gaffer thought far the best
To set the matter at rest,
To laugh at the scoffs, and the frowns,
Take his pipe and his glass
And round the joke pass,
In spite, of the ups and the downs.

'Twas one Holiday time
The weather being fine,
For once this couple agreed o'er a glass,
She says gaffer list pray
Unto what I do say,
And I mean, shall likewise come to pass.

We married have been
Two score years and ten,
Yet a small share, of pleasure, have seen,
To morrow my dear
We'll visit the fair,
That's, held upon Blackberry green.



The Agreement.

Just as the cock crows
 Dame and gaffer arose,
And dress'd in stiff starched bib and tucker,
 Hat, Bonnet and gown
 Were strewed all around,
Sure no couple were in greater pucker.

 In an old fashioned bonnet
 A great bow stuck on it,
And gaffer in his cocked hat and jazey,
 They went off at a pace
 That would ne'er win a race,
Those queer figures I'm sure would amaze ye.

 Away then they trudged
 For a mile and a half,
Hands and arms sticking out like two dummys,
 Some boys shouted out
 With a grin and a laugh,
Here's the ghost's of couple of Mummys.

 The Dogs, set up a bark
 The Boys in a lark,
Thinking their temper to ruffle,
 Cries, sir be so kind
 As to just walk behind,
And your Lady help on with her bustle.



Going to the Fair.

'Tis too bad said the Dame
And realy a shame,
That folks on their way can't be josing,
But each saucy boy
Must thus them annoy,
They realy deserve a good flogging.

At the end of a mile
They came to a stile,
Which put the old pair on their metals,
Gaffer safe over got
But the Dame she did not,
But headlong pitches into some nettles.

With some trouble and care
They at length reached the fair,
And what wonderful sights did they see,
Lions, Tigers, Jackalls,
With fried sausage stalls,
And the great show of Johnson and Lee.

The crowd came so strong
It drove them along,
In spite of their efforts and cries,
From behind came a whack
Over poor gaffers Hat,
And doused it bang over his eyes.



The Fair.

The Dame cried out shame
But they served her the same,
In less time than I now tell you on it,
For in spite of her frown
They beat in the crown,
And turned inside out her best bonnet.

But very soon after
Came another disaster,
The mob clap't them on to a barrel of ale,
They heard it gave way
And shocking to say,
Right up to their middles they fell.

A wag standing by
Then made a reply,
Your feelings good folks I'll not vex,
But to me it is clear
If you do not like Beer,
You can both take your share of Double XX.

With scarce a dry rag
They soon called a cab,
The Man helped them in with a grin,
They soon reached their home
With scarce a whole bone,
And resolved they would ne'er go again.

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