

THE COCK AND THE BULL!

GIVE ear to the myst'ry—'tis all fact I relate—
Of a terrible contest that happen'd of late;
A Cock, Bull, and "*Mole,*" they raised a great rout,
And—contending for victory—had a fierce "bout."
The *Cock* and the *Bull,* they were both of one part,
And resolved, being powerful, the poor "*Mole*" should
smart:

These several contests, 'twas plain to be seen,
Arose through the parties' claim'd rights in a Green.

The "*Mole,*" he contended a just right he had
To a *share* in the Green, which quite made the *Bull* mad;
But his power arbitrary the "*Mole*" did disdain,
Who would starve him and more the said Green to obtain.

This mad *Bull* empower'd, show'd no mercy, alas!
And a magistrate made was a neighb'ring *Just ass*;
Then the *Cock,* his colleague, ever by a sad choice,
He, too, crow'd for the Green, and exalted his voice.

The *Cock* curs'd the "*Mole,*" and e'en bitterly swore
That, to hang him at once, he'd employ all his power:
These *Just asses* then both prepared for the fight,
And combined and determined that wrong should be right.
Then to *take* the poor "*Mole,*" and so get at the Green,
To "*run*" at him fiercely the *Bull* soon was seen;
And bellow'd and roar'd that he and his pigs
Should it damage no more,—when to aid came 'Squire
G—ggs.

The *Cock* burst out swearing for his will and his power,
And the poor "*Mole*" was "savaged" almost the same hour;
Made a pris'ner at once, and in gaol safe confined,
For his ruin to work *Cock* and *Bull* had design'd.

That a *beast* like the *Bull* should contend with the "*Mole,*"
Is thought such a shame few their tongues can control;
While the *Cock* seems but "*dunghill,*" and scarce worth
two figs

Is the *one-sided* "*Justice,*" by clowns call'd "'Squire
G—ggs!"

Though the "*Mole*" 's yet in prison, it thought is by all
He will "*undermine*" so that he'll give them a fall;
And the Green would have starved him—deny it who can,
While those knavish Lawmongers would ruin a man.
Now, to wind-up my ditty, may justice take place,
And correct *Cock* and *Bull* much to their disgrace:
With the wish all such worthies may hang one hour full,
I end this my tale of the *Cock* and the *Bull*!

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