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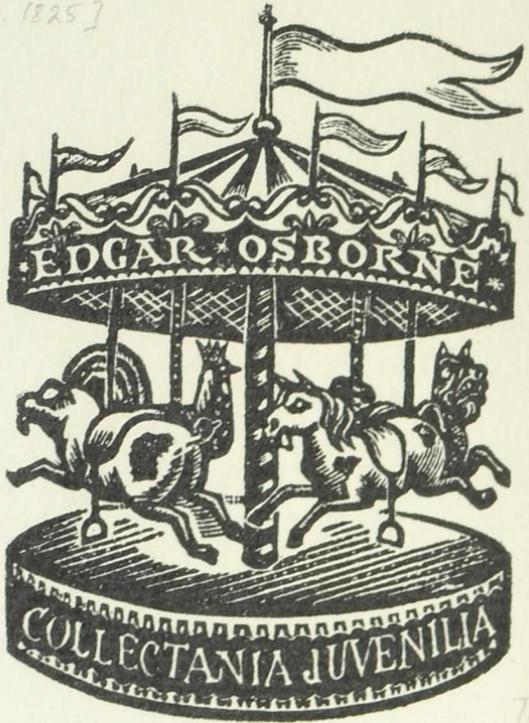
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THE HISTORY

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HONEST Dame Dumpling

Lived on a farm ;

If she could do no good,

She would do no harm.

She had cows, pigs, and poultry,

And sheep in good store,

And a very kind husband ;

What could she want more ?



HONEST Dame Dumpling

 Could brew and could bake,
 And was famous for making
 An excellent cake.

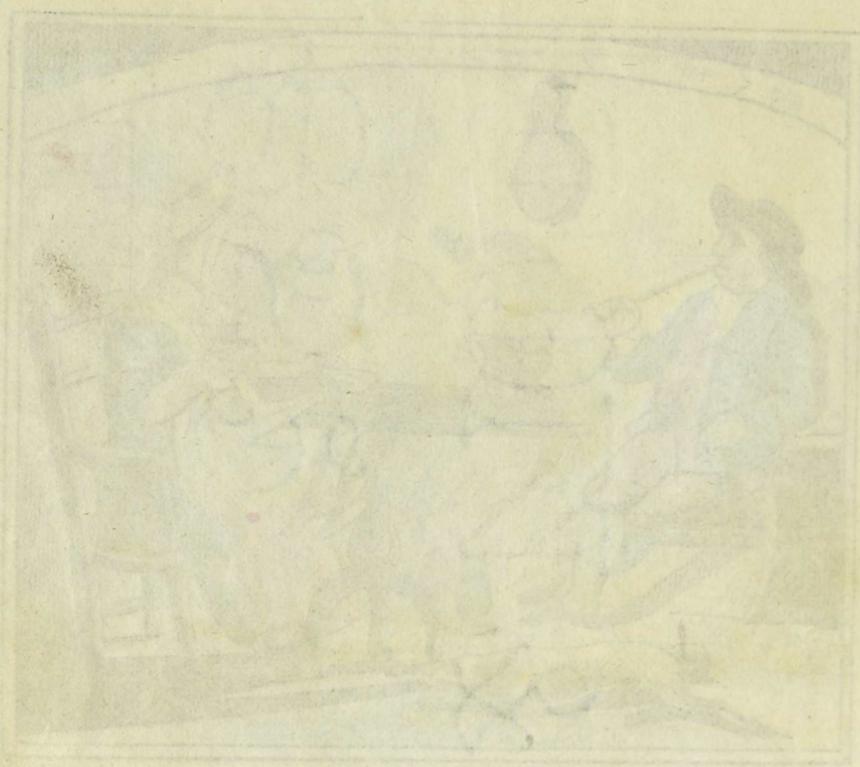
Old Gaffer Dumpling

 Would smoke, drink, and smile,
 While Dame Dumpling mended
 Her stockings the while.

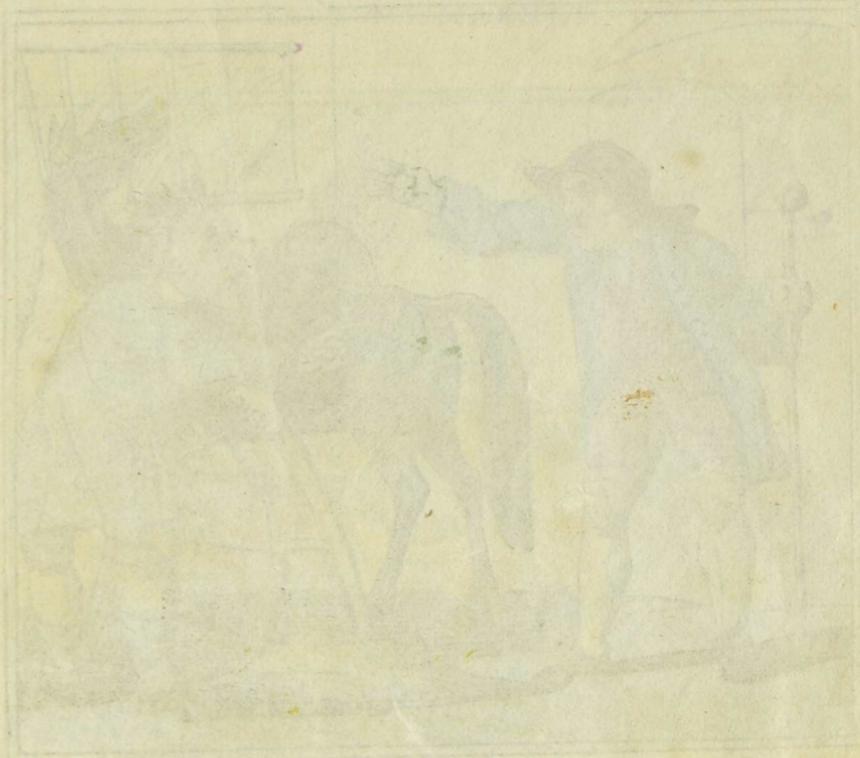
The sheep-dog and cat

 Would stretch on the floor,
 Enjoying the fire ;

 What did they want more ?



Hoxer, Home Dampyng
 Could brew and could bake,
 And was famous for making
 An excellent cake.
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 While Home Dampyng mended
 Her stockings the while.
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 Enjoying the fire;
 What did they want more?



"What do you want now?"
 "For market, your honor."
 "Dance soon will be ready."
 "You're too late by half."
 "Cried Gaffer, "Make haste."
 "Was cutting some stall."
 "Wrote red-headed Hopper
 He straight took his way,
 And to the stable
 Arose before day,
 Old Gaffer Dympling



OLD Gaffer Dumpling
 Arose before day,
 And to the stable
 He straight took his way,
 Where red-headed Roger
 Was cutting some chaff;
 Cried Gaffer, "Make haste,
 " You're too lazy by half,
 " Dame soon will be ready
 " For market, you boor."
 Cried Hodge, "The steed's saddled;
 " What do you want more?"



HONEST Dame Dumpling
 Now call'd up her Maid,
 And soon, very soon,
 Was the breakfast-cloth laid :
 The tea-kettle sang
 On the fire ; and they fed
 On pork, brown bread, and tea,
 By keen appetite led :
 Farmers love to eat hearty,
 Still when to give o'er
 They know well enough ;
 And what should they do more ?



Hoxter Dame Dunning
 Now call'd up her maid
 And soon, very soon,
 Was the breakfast-table
 The little king
 On the fire; and they fed
 On pork, brown bread, and tea;
 By keen appetite fed;
 Farmers love to eat hearty
 Still when to give a
 They knew well enough;
 And what should they do more?



Now good Dame Dumpling,
 In camlet gown clad,
 Was muffled up warm
 By her loving old lad :
 That done, from the hiping-stock
 Soon she slid down
 Between two full panniers,
 Destined for town ;
 And there she sat snug,
 And shook hands at the door
 With her darling Gaffer ;
 What should she do more ?



HONEST Dame Dumpling,
To sell geese and eggs,
Set off on a horse
Which went on four legs ;
(These four legs, some think,
Were as good as a score),
Her spouse had just bought him
For ten pounds or more.



Horner came darning,

To sell geese and eggs,

Set off on a horse

Which went on four legs;

(These four legs, some think,

Were as good as a seat.)

Her spouse had just bought him

For ten pounds or more.



HONEST Dame Dumpling's
 New horse, be it known,
 Cock'd his ears, for at distance
 A trumpet was blown :
 He late was a trooper ;
 So the Dame off he bore
 To the regiment's muster,
 Where he 'd been before.



THE geese they did cackle,
 The asses did bray,
 As she flew over hedges
 And ditches away ;
 The villagers gazed
 With amazement, and swore
 The Dame was a Witch,
 And would ne'er be seen more.



They arrived where the Dragoons
 Were drawn up in line,
 And, oh! how their swords
 And their helmets did shine!
 The horse quickly fell in,
 (He knew his own place),
 And there sat the Dame,—
 What a whimsical case!
 Both privates and officers
 Burst in a roar,
 'Twas ha! ha! ha! ha! ha!
 What do you want more?



Now form'd into squadron
 They march'd, and the Dame,
 With her geese and her eggs,
 Must of course do the same !
 Did they charge, wheel about,
 Or advance, or retreat,
 The steed knew his tactics,
 The Dame kept her seat,
 Till she fell in a rage,
 And her cap off she tore,
 Which heighten'd the laugh ;
 But what could she do more ?



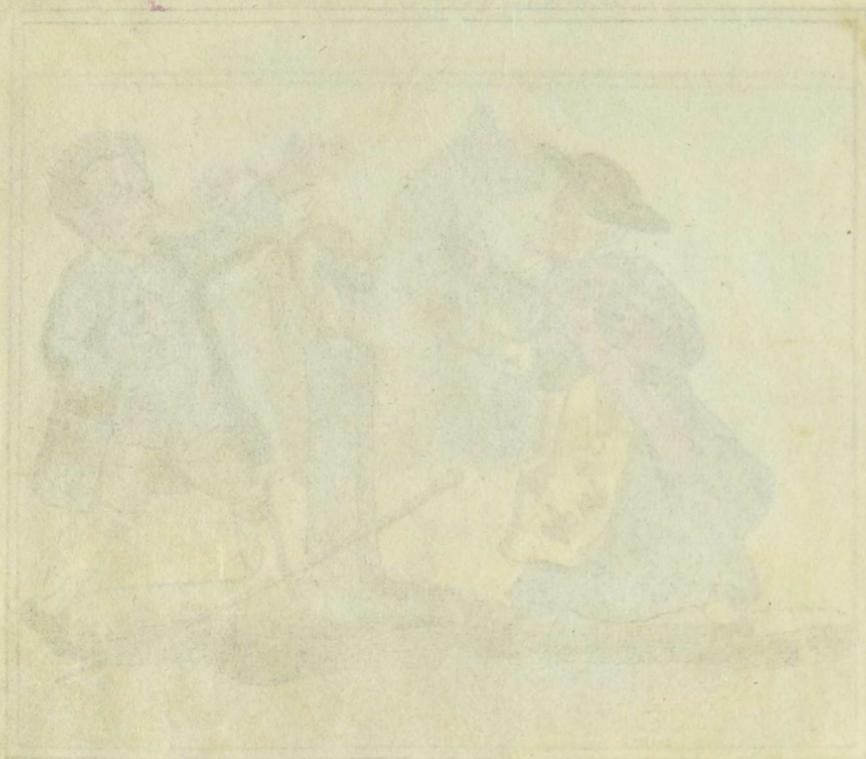
Soon into a ditch
James Dunbling was thrown,
It was muddy and soft,
So she took her horse
The cropper rejoined
His companions so bold,
While over the plain
I think clouds of smoke roll'd,
So she rose, and took up
The cup she had lost,
Wiped the mud from her face;
And what could she do more



Soon into a ditch
 Dame Dumpling was thrown ;
 'Twas muddy and soft,
 So she broke ne'er a bone :
 The trooper rejoin'd
 His companions so bold,
 While over the plain
 Thick clouds of smoke roll'd :
 So she rose, and took up
 The cap she had tore,
 Wiped the mud from her face ;—
 And what could she do more ?



Then homeward she hobbled,
 John thought 'twas her ghost !
 And the Cat with amazement
 Sprang up on a post !
 So queer she appear'd,
 Roll'd in mud front and back !—
 But when once she cried,
 I am no ghost, alack !
 The good-man full soon
 His terrors gave o'er ;—
 Then she wash'd, drank her tea—
 And what could she do more ?



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 Hobb'd in and front and back,
 But when once she cried,
 I am no ghost, alas!
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 His turtles gave o'er;—
 Then she wash'd, drank her tea—
 And what could she do more?



And now she recounted
 The news of the day—
 Told how she engaged
 In the soldiers' sham fray ;
 And soon you might see,
 Gaffer Dumpling to grin,
 And the wattles to shake
 Of his old double chin,
 'Till his hearty horse-laugh
 Would have stunn'd half a score.
 Ha! ha! ha! ha! ha!
 Ha! ha! ha! once more!



As thus they sat, thump-i-ty
 Thump went the door,
 And in came a couple
 Of Officers, sure.
 For the field-day was over,
 And, missing the Dame,
 With the horse, to inquire
 Of her welfare they came.
 She put on the pleasantest
 Face she was able,
 And cider and apples
 Appear'd on the table.
 They drank her good health,
 Which they 'd oft drunk before,
 And were merry as crickets :
 What should they be more ?



The neighbours came in,
 Old and young, girls and boys—
 For this comic adventure
 Had made a great noise ;
 And the Gaffer and Dame,
 Though they'd lost geese and eggs,
 Thought 'twas the best way
 To be merry, i-fegs :
 So they went for a Fidler,
 And made up a dance ;
 The jolly old couple
 Began first to prance.
 Each Officer chose
 For his partner a lass,
 And the evening did merrily,
 Merrily pass :
 They joked good Dame Dumpling ;
 Their jokes she well bore ;
 Then home flew the geese,
 And she wanted no more.

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