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SEQUEL
TO
JACK AND THE GIANTS.



JACK the giant-killer having been successful in all his attempts to be serviceable to individuals, and his country in general, determined

not to remain inactive for the future; therefore, while at the court of King Arthur, he humbly requested the aid of his majesty in providing him with a horse and money for a journey, which his majesty willingly granted, and was highly pleased with so noble a proposition; he therefore took leave, with his cap of knowledge, sword of sharpness, shoes of swiftness, and invisible coat, the better to enable him to pursue his enterprise. Travelling over hills and



dales, on the third day he came to a spacious wood, which he must necessarily pass through, when his ears were suddenly saluted by the cries of some one in distress; and on turning round his head, he beheld a monstrous giant dragging along a knight and his lady by the hair of

their heads, with as much ease as if they had been a pair of gloves. These objects excited Jack's pity; upon which he alighted, and tying his horse to a tree, put on his invisible coat, under which he carried his infallible sword, and coming up to the giant, made several blows at him, but, by reason of his large size, could not reach higher than his thighs; at last, giving him a swinging stroke with both his hands, cut off his legs at one blow; the trunk



of his body, falling to the ground, shook the earth beneath him ; by this means the knight and lady escaped, and Jack, setting his foot upon the wretch, ran him through the body, of which wound he instantly died.

The liberated captives not only thanked Jack, but invited him to their home: this he declined at present, having learnt that this giant had a brother not far off, and whom he resolved to go in search of, promising to pay them a visit when he had effected his death; leaving them to return home, he went in pursuit of him. Jack had not rode above a mile and a half before he came in sight of a cave, at the mouth of which sat the giant he was in search of, with



a knotted iron club lying by his side. Alighting from his horse, he left him to graze, and putting on his coat of darkness, approached nearer to the monster, whose goggle eyes appeared like flames of fire, his countenance grim and ugly, his two cheeks

seemed like flitches of bacon, the bristles of his beard resembled thick rods of iron wire, while his long locks hung down his broad shoulders in the form of curling snakes. Jack said, Oh! are you there? it will not be long before I take you by the beard: the giant heard this, but could not see any body, by reason of Jack's invisible coat, who aimed a blow at his head with his sword, but falling short of his aim, only cut off his nose; the giant, missing it,



roared out like loud claps of thunder, and not being able to discover his antagonist, began to lay about him with his club. Nay, said Jack, if you are for that game, I will dispatch you presently, fearful of an accidental blow; accordingly he ran his sword through his body,

and laughed to see the giant dancing his capers; at last he fell, and Jack cut off his head, and sent it, with that of the other brother, in a waggon, which he hired, to King Arthur.

On examining his pockets, he found the keys of the inner apartment of the cavern, which he proceeded to explore: upon coming to an iron grate, he peeped through the bars, and saw many miserable captives, who began to



pity him, because he was coming to be as one of them: but Jack surprised them with an account of his glorious victory, and as a testimony of the truth of what he said, unlocked the gate, and liberated every one of them: after they had partaken of what refresh-

ment the cavern afforded, each, on his departure home, thanked him for their deliverance, and Jack set out for the knight's house.

About noon next day he reached their habitation, and was welcomed with every imaginable demonstration of joy; and in honorable respect to him, they prepared a feast, inviting all the nobles and gentlefolks around to partake of their pleasure.



This lasted many days, during which the company were made acquainted with Jack's valour: but one evening, in the midst of their mirth, a messenger entered to inform them that one Thunder, a giant with two heads, and a relation of the deceased, had come



from the north to take revenge on Jack for their death: this cast a damp on all but Jack, who said, Let him come, I have a rod to pick his teeth; and pray, ladies and gentlemen, walk into the garden, and you shall be spectators of his destruction.

The good knight's house was situated in an island, being encompassed with a moat thirty feet deep and twenty wide, over which lay a draw-bridge: Jack employed people to cut it away on each side almost in the middle, and seeing the giant coming, put on his coat of darkness, and approached him, who not being able to perceive him, but sensible of some impending danger, cried out with a most terrible roar,

“Fe, fa, fum—

I smell the blood of an Englishman ;

Be he alive, or be he dead,

I’ll grind his bones to make me bread.”

“You will catch me first,” says Jack; so putting on his shoes of swiftness, he led the giant a dance, that the visitors might see this monster in nature: to finish the work, he ran over the draw-bridge, the giant pursuing him till he came to the middle of it, when his weight broke it down, and he tumbled into the moat.



Jack stood at the side laughing at him plunging about from place to place, unable to get out: by the use of a cart rope which he cast over his two heads, and a team of horses to pull him to the bank side, he was able to get at his heads, both of which he cut

off, to the joy of the spectators : these he also sent to King Arthur's court, and then joined the company again.

After some time he grew weary of their mirth, and took his departure : having travelled through many groves, he rapped at the door of a lonesome house, which was opened by a venerable-looking old man, the hair of whose head was white as the driven snow.



The father bid him welcome, and soon becoming acquainted that he was a conqueror of giants, informed Jack that there was an enchanted castle at the top of the mountain, occupied by a giant named Gallagantus, who by the help of a conjuror got many a

knight into his castle, and there transformed them into sundry shapes and forms; but above all he lamented a duke's daughter, whom they took from her father's garden through the air, in a chariot drawn by two fiery dragons, and securing her within the garden wall, transformed her into the shape of a hart; and though many knights had tried to dissolve the enchantment and effect her escape, they had always been destroyed by two fiery griffins on their ap-



proach ; but you, my son, by means of your invisible coat, can pass by them unnoticed, and on the gates of the castle you will see it written how the enchantment can be broken.

This excited the ambition of

Jack, who, next morning, after partaking of a light breakfast, put on his invisible coat, and ascended the mountain: he soon perceived the griffins, and passed by them; on approaching the castle, he observed these lines:

“Whoever doth this trumpet blow,
Shall soon the giant overthrow,
And break the black enchantment,
When all will be in happy state.”

Jack immediately blew the trumpet, when all the foundations of the castle shook, and getting



up to the giant's elbow, at one blow cut off his head; the conjuror, perceiving this, mounted up in the air, and was carried away by the wind.

All the knights and ladies now assumed their former shapes, and



the castle, though apparently of vast strength, vanished into air.

The next day, having refreshed themselves at the old man's, they set forward to King Arthur's court, sending before them Gallagantus's head. On their approach every

body came to see the hero, whose fame had arrived before him.

The king was made acquainted with the numerous adventures he had met with and the difficulties he had surmounted, and as a reward for the services done the state, prevailed upon the old duke to give him his daughter in marriage. The duke consented, and the wedding immediately took place, to the great joy of the whole court; at the same time he received

a large estate as her dowry, on which he and his lady lived the remainder of their days in content and happiness.



FINIS.

AGAINST EVIL COMPANY.

WHY should I join with those in play,
In whom I've no delight ;
Who curse and swear, but never pray,
Who call ill names and fight ?

I hate to hear a wanton song ;
Their words offend mine ears :
I should not dare defile my tongue
With language such as theirs.

Away from fools I'll turn my eyes,
Nor with the scoffers go ;
I would be walking with the wise,
That wiser I may grow.

From one rude boy that's us'd to mock,
They learn the wicked jest :
One sickly sheep infects the flock,
And poisons all the rest.

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