THE ISLAND MINSTREL.

LOSS OF H. M. IRONCLAD TURRET-SHIP "CAPTAIN,"

OFF CAPE FINISTERRE, ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1870.

Twice forty years have passed away, Since one of England's line
Of battle ships at anchor lay, Her "bulwarks on the brine,"
The gallant "Flag Ship" of the fleet, Old England's boast and pride,
By Summer's breeze was overset, And sunk beneath the tide.

Sad lines were traced by Cowper's pen, When KEMPENFELT the brave,
With twice four hundred fighting men, Went down beneath the wave.
"Toll for the brave "---England anew May sound that knell to-day;
BURGOYNE and his intrepid crew Are sunk in Biscay Bay.

"Toll for the brave," toll for the good ! Five hundred fighting men O'erwhelmed *at once* beneath the flood, Shall never fight again.

Ye English maids and matrons, mourn Till sorrow's cup runs o'er, For those who left you to return

To your embrace no more.