

Selected.

THE MARRIED MAN'S FARE.

BY J. S. WALKER, LIVERPOOL.

Happy and free are the married man's recreations,
 Cheerily, merrily, passes his life;
 He knows not the bachelor's revellies, devilries,
 Care'd' by and pleas'd by his children and wife.
 From lassitude free to, sweet home still to flee to,
 A pet on his knee his kindness to share;
 A fireside so cheery, the smiles of his dearie,
 O! this, boys this, is the married man's fare.

Wife, kind as an angel, sees things never range ill,
 Busy promoting his comfort around;
 Dispelling dejection with smiles of affection,
 Sympathizing, advising, when fortune has frowned.
 Old ones relating droll tales never sating,
 Little ones prattling, all strangers to care.
 Some romping, some jumping, some punching, some
 munching,
 Economy dealing the married man's fare.

Thus is each jolly day one llesly holiday;
 Not so the bachelor, lonely, depress'd.
 No gentle one near him, no home to embrace him,
 In sorrow to cheer him, no friend if no guest.
 No children to climb up, —'twould fill all my rhyme up,
 And take too much time up, to tell his despair;
 Cross house-keepers meeting him, cheating him, beating
 him,
 Bills pouring, maids scouring, devouring his fare.

He has no one to put on a sleeve or neck button;
 Shirts mangled to rags, drawers stringless at knee.
 The cook to his grief too, spoils pudding and beef too,
 With overdone, underdone, undone is he.
 No son, still a treasure, in business or leisure,
 No daughter with pleasure new joys to prepare.
 But old maids and cousins (kind souls!) tush in dozens,
 Relieving him soon of his bachelor's fare.

He calls children apes, sir, (the fox and the grapes, sir.)
 And fain would be wed when his locks are like snow;
 But widows throw scorn out, and tell him he's worn out,
 And maidens, deriding, cry "No, my love, no!"
 Old age comes with sorrow, with wrinkle, with furrow,
 No hope in to-morrow, none sympathy spares;
 And when unfit to rise up, he looks to the skies up,
 None close his old eyes up; he dies, and who cares?

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