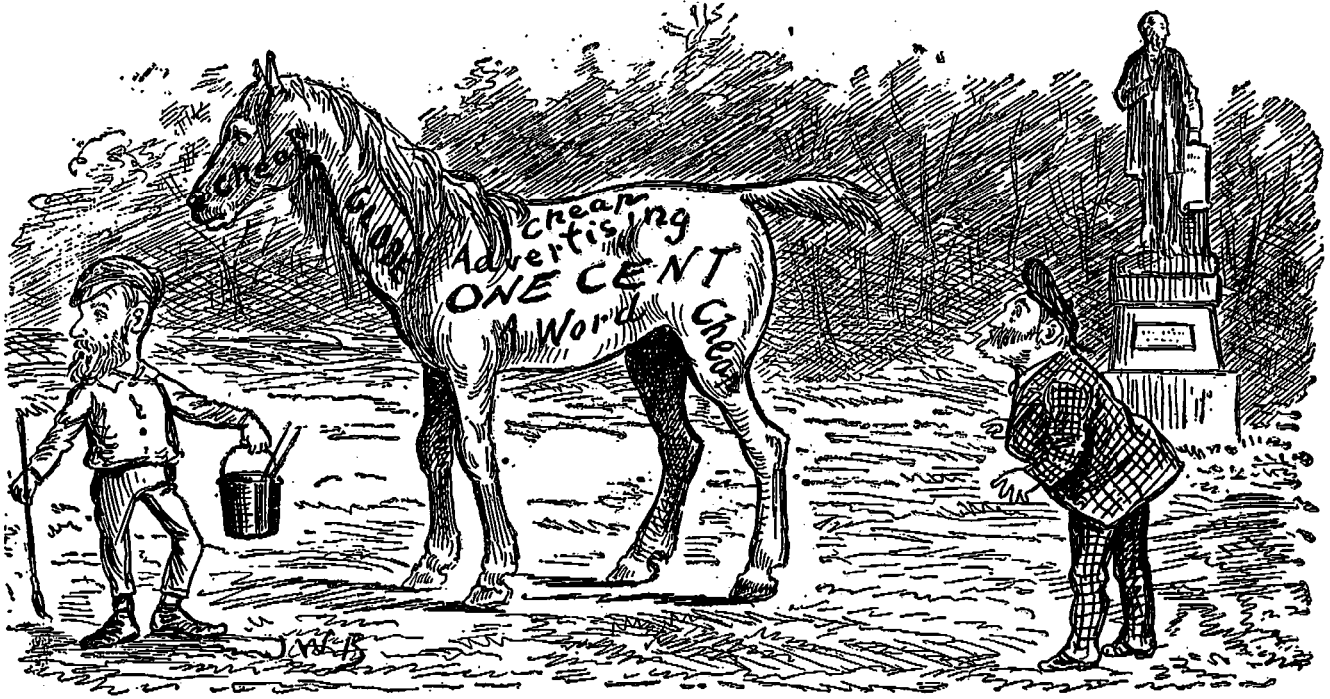


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a descendant of the ancient Irish kings won't wash, and even if it did there are so many thousands of your countrymen who would be prepared to contest your claim to the imaginary throne, that I would advise you, by all means, to say nothing more to anybody on that point.

There is one thing, however, that I really must caution you against in earnest, and to which your regal claim is but a bagatelle, and that is your continually pitching into every thing British or English as you call it. Everything good, bad, or indifferent done by the British authorities you condemn. Now, Mullarky, notwithstanding your talk of British tyranny, and the cruelty of the hated Saxon, do you ever (save and excepting the United States) pitch your tent in any country other than where the Union Jack waves?

Do you, my patriotic friend, un'ess under very exceptional circumstances, such as blowing up a building or so, even think of settling in France to make your living? I wot not, good Mullarky. Does Germany strike you as a good place to emigrate? Not much—or Italy, or Austria, or Spain? No, my wise Mullarky, you know a tick worth two of that. In these countries you would have to represent your district in the army and carry a rifle, living on liquors, sausage, and sour wine the best part

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'Twas an illigant mornin' in summer,
The boardin' house bell had just rung,
And misliff and O'Nayro, the bummer,
Fur eggs and peraties had sung.

The waither, sweet Biddy O'Remus Muldoon,
With a dexterous twist o' her hand,
Two lovely billed eggs, some salt and a spoon,
Right quickly fornist us did land.

O'Nayro, with surprisin' precision,
One minute aloft holds his knife,
And then in the egg makes an incision—
The natest I've seen in my life.

And now all dense grows the atmosphere,
And O'Nayro with rage does foam—
Sez I tull the bummer, "Dear bye, don't shware,
Shure its a 'lay' of Ancient Rome."

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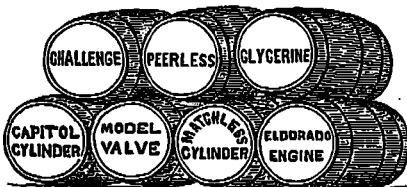


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