

IT IS HARD TO REGAIN REPUTATION.

"You know you're a thief Pat!" "I know *I have been*,
 But my folly and wickedness fully I've seen;
 Yet no one will trust me to work or to *serve*,
 And if I stay here, I must steal or must starve.
 If you a good word to the Captain will *spake*,
 That I may a trip to America take,
 You shall find I'll be honest, *for all the old stain*,
 Nor disgrace the green isle of the ocean again."
 Kind Dennis consents, and poor Pat is receiv'd;
 The word of strict Dennis was aptly believ'd.
 Escap'd from his guilt and escap'd from his shame,
 In a new world poor Pat hoped to earn a new name.
 He was kind to the crew, to the captain obedient,
 To please he was never without an expedient.
 He work'd and he sung, morning-watch or midnight,
 And Pat of the crew was the life and delight;
 Even Dennis (at first not a little suspicious
 That Pat's new-found honesty might be factitious)
 Felt easy respecting the pledge of his word,
 And rejoic'd that his friend was to honor restor'd.
 When one day, while Patrick the ship's deck was washing,
 And with bucket drew sea-water up for more splashing;
 Relying too much on the hold of his foot,
 And reaching and bending his whole body to't,
 The ship gave a *heel*—Patrick's balance was lost,
 And himself and his bucket to old Davy tost.
 "Man overboard! out with a rope!" was the cry—
 When Dennis on Pat, mid the waves, cast his eye.
 "Catch the spalpeen," roar'd Dennis, "he's made me a liar!
 And so devil roast him before his great fire!
 To strive against bad *education's* in vain!
 Och! the thief how he's got at his old tricks again!
 If I saw not, I wouldn't believe how he took it!
 Only look how the t*ie* swims away *with the bucket!*" W. D.

DEFINITIONS.—Johnson's definitions are sometimes not
 only incorrect, but ludicrous. For instance, the word *mouse*
 in the early editions of his folio dictionary, is called a young
 rat. This might remind one of the Indian's pistol, which
 he called a young gun; and we have been told by econo-
 mists, that a York shilling may be made to grow into a dol-
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