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## CASTLES IN THE AIR.

JAMES BALLANTYNE.

The bonnie, bonnie bairn  
Who sits with careless grace,  
Glowing in the fire  
With his wavy round face,  
Lazing at the open flame—  
What a bonnie bairn!  
Hath the young dreamer,  
Builds castles in the air.

His wavy curly face  
And his rough curly head  
Are dancing and nodding  
To the fire in its bed;  
He'll brown his rosy cheeks,  
And sing his sunny hair,  
Starting the imps of mirth  
With their castles in the air.

He sees lofty towers  
Rising to the moon;  
He sees the red horizon  
Pulling them all down;  
Worlds rushing up and down,  
Bazing with a flare—  
See how he leaps—  
As they glimmer in the air.

For all so sage he looks,  
What can the laddie ken?  
He's thinking upon nothing,  
Like many mighty men.  
A wavy thing makes us think,  
A wee thing makes us stare;  
There are more folks than him  
Building castles in the air.

Such a wavy wight—  
May well make him cold;  
His wavy on his chubby hand  
Will soon make him old.  
His wavy is smooth and broad—  
Oh, pray that busy care  
Would let the wavy alone,  
With castles in the air!

## AN OLD SAILOR'S YARN.

The Ancient Mariner Discourses on  
Lager Beer and Tells the Tale  
of a Red Shirt.

"One of the most perplexing things," said the old sailor, as he mopped his face with a red handkerchief, "is this terrible hot weather is to know rightly what to drink. Water sht to be thought of least it's iced; and if iced it's dangerous and should be avoided by prudent people. I've known lots as has died from iced water, which are as dangerous in its way as forty rye whisky and should be left alone as such. Well, rum and spirits generally is beatin' and excitin' and dreadful unsatisfactory, makin' drink come long afore thirst are eschewed, and no man shouldn't ought to touch 'em with the markury at 70 degrees. Ale are good, of course; no man shall ever hear me say a word agin' ale, but for a stiddy bairn in weather like the present, unless a man has got a very strong head and a awful equable constitution, it'll make him talk of his rich relations before the day are done. Upon the whole, sir, I allows as how lager are the tippie for vartuous citizens these swelterin' days, which, like London winin' the laced tea, is cheeris' and not inebriatin'. The last, however, sir, are a fiction—what are called a poetic license, both as regards the tea and the lager. The man as says that lager won't intoxicate, either don't know what he are a talkin' about or else are a willful deceiver; it will do it, sir, sartin, sure, but it requires parsavaria's drinkin' for to accomplish it, and in the ordinary course of quenchin' one's thirst lager won't intoxicate. It's only when a man drinks for sociability's sake that he'll ever hurt himself a drinkin' lager. I spose, sir, as you've seen it, although you're but a youngster, but I've seen it time and agin, four of five fools, I may call 'em, having often been one of 'em, sittin' round a table, and heavin' beer into 'em clear agin their gorges.

"Come, let's have another round; fill 'em up agin,' one fellow will say; he don't want it and none of the rest don't want it, and then number two will take up the same cry, and then number three; and from glasses they has to come down to ponies, just cause their kgs is full and they can't hold it, and so it goes, and if it continues long enough, they'll all git drunk. These are the abuse of lager, and not the use, which I say confidently and without fear of contradiction will be a benefit and no injury to any one which simply drinks it when he's thirsty. It are a gatifying drink, too, and don't promote a appetite for more, which I've noticed are a pecularity of beer but it are like the 'swipes' which are all git in a Liverpool bairn' house, one or to glasses you don't want any more. Only in the case of the swipes the reason were because it were so poor, whereas that aint so with lager, not by a mean of means, and I think the man as invented it were as great a benefactor to his race as him as invented double tosail yards. As to how to drink it, there's different opinions. As far as taste are concerned there aint no doubt but what it's best from the stone, as we are from the pewter, but man have eyes as well as palates, and there's no denigrin' as lager are a beautiful lookin' beverage, and a part of the pleasure of drinkin' it is derived from the sight of its mby amber topped with its wealth of snow like foam. There sixt no half way, sir, about drinkin' lager. To my mind you must either take it out of a very thin goblet, and the thinner the better, or else as we are takin' it now—from the stone. Then Dutch mugs with handles is a abomination, and a man as will take lager beer out of them long things which they calls schooners, are a brute destitute of finer feelings.

"But here I are, a meanderin' on, which I didn't mean to be a tempeance lecture, and was draw'd into on accounts of the heat, which I don't deny is severe; but nothin' nigh on to what I see once when I were into the Regulator, Captain Welden, which were a most concentric man; and at aint to be denied, sir, as the dreadful discipline which they were through afore they got to be skippers, and then the unlimited power which they found themselves possessed of afterwards, did make 'em dreadful concentric; this here old man's concentricity developin', among other things, in a most unaccountable antipathy to a red shirt.

Whether he thought it were unlucky or what I don't know but I reckons it were 'cause of its resemblance to a soje's dunsing, he havin' the natural sailor's antipathy to such. Whatever it were, sir, however, if ever a man come near him with a red shirt on him, he'd surely git a good cursin' if not somethin' worse.

"We was from Boston, bound round the Horn to San Francisco, and been 'blest cold weather when we started, it goes to work and buys me one of these here double-breasted things what the firemen wear, flamin' red, and which answers for monkey jacket, pea jacket and overshirt all to once. I paid a big price for it, and were awful round of it, and goin' aft to the wheel at 4 o'clock of the first day out, it been cold enough to freeze the handle off a iron pot, with fresh northwest squalls and half this here shirt on and congratulated myself on my wisdom in buyin' it. The old man was a walkin' on the deck a smokin', and she were a bilin' off afore the wind under double reefed topsails, whole courses, jib and spanker.

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