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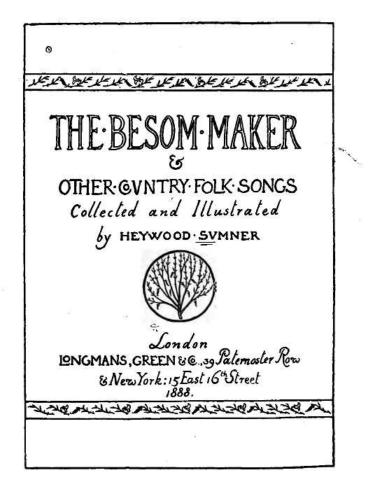
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PREFACE

This little book contains a few old tash oned country songs. Songs which still may be heard where ploughmen strike their furrows, and still sung at harvest suppers by the old folk who do not change their tune to the times. Indeed when thus heard.... Song & Singer seem to be inseparable for singers. such as these have a quaint personal style & an unexpected manner of prolonging their best notes which cannot be imparted & which almost battles notification. Nevertheless, apart from their local rendering and though these simple tunes are caged in bars, I hope that there still remains a true echo of the country in these terrible old tashioned songs as here presented. Respecting their authenticity and antiquity, I will hazard no opinion, but rather I would humbly try to protit by the wisdom of Uncle Remus who, it may be remembered, checked the little boy's: critical questions concerning 'Miss Meadows;' and de gals' by telling him that 'dey wur in den Miss Meadows en de gals wuztale,_ en de tale I give you like hi't wer? gun ter . So would I preface these songs by me . telling, that with one exception - they were collected from the original sources above reterred to, and that anything appearing to be corrupt or obscure either in the words or tunes is in de tale and _ 'de tale I give you like hi't wer? gun 'ter me '___ - While finally I would express my belief that the tunes & versions here given are not included in any current British song & ballad H.S. book .





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