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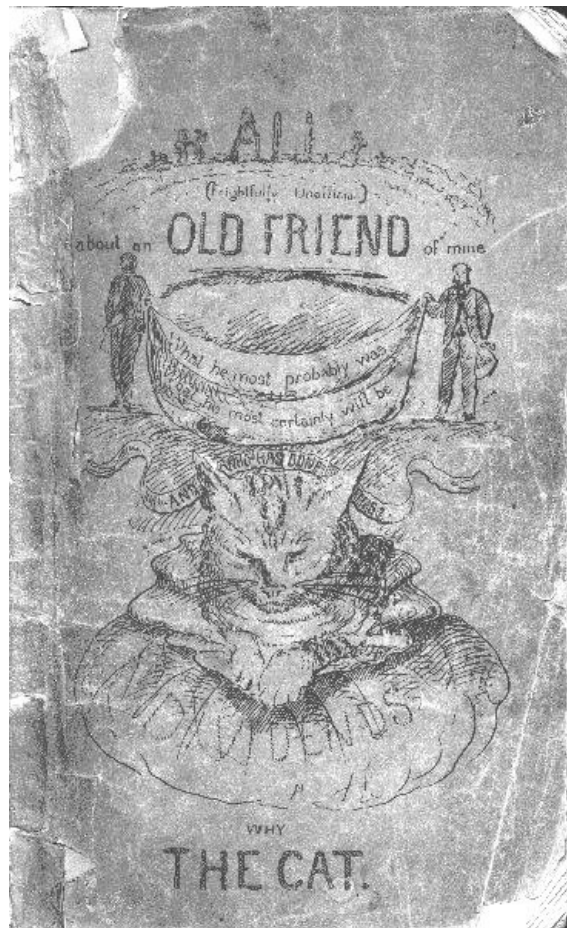
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AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE \*\*\*

**ALL  
(Frightfully Unofficial)  
about an OLD FRIEND of mine**

**What he most probably was  
What he most certainly will be  
AND WHO HAS DONE THIS?**

**WHY  
THE CAT.**



*Dedicated to the Notice*  
 OF ALL  
*The Firms of this Great City*  
*whether*  
**BANKERS BROKERS OR OTHERS**  
**WHO**  
*In their Rise to Wealth and Influence*  
*have NOT yet*  
*Recognised the "Generous Policy" That their*  
*Success is always partly Due to the Honesty and*  
*Energy of their*  
**SERVANTS,**  
**AND WHO**  
*After taking to Themselves all the*  
**HONEY IN THE HIVE**  
*Leave to the*  
**WORKERS**  
**NOTHING**  
*but the Loss.*

"A good Master maketh a good Servant."

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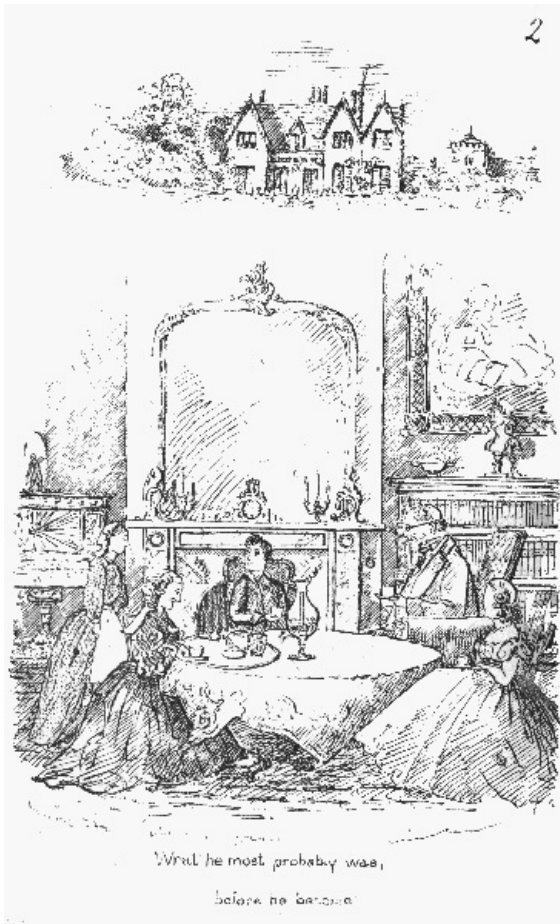
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What he most probably was,  
before he became

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A General-Private-Joint-Continental-Universal-Everlasting  
Respectable-Responsible  
BANKERS CLERK



During his 4<sup>th</sup> year of Service  
(fancies he's got a "good thing")

**A General-Private-Joint-Continental-  
Universal-Everlasting Respectable-  
Responsible**

**BANKERS CLERK.**

**During his 1st year of Service  
(Fancies he's got a "good thing")**

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**At 10 years Service, he has his doubts.**

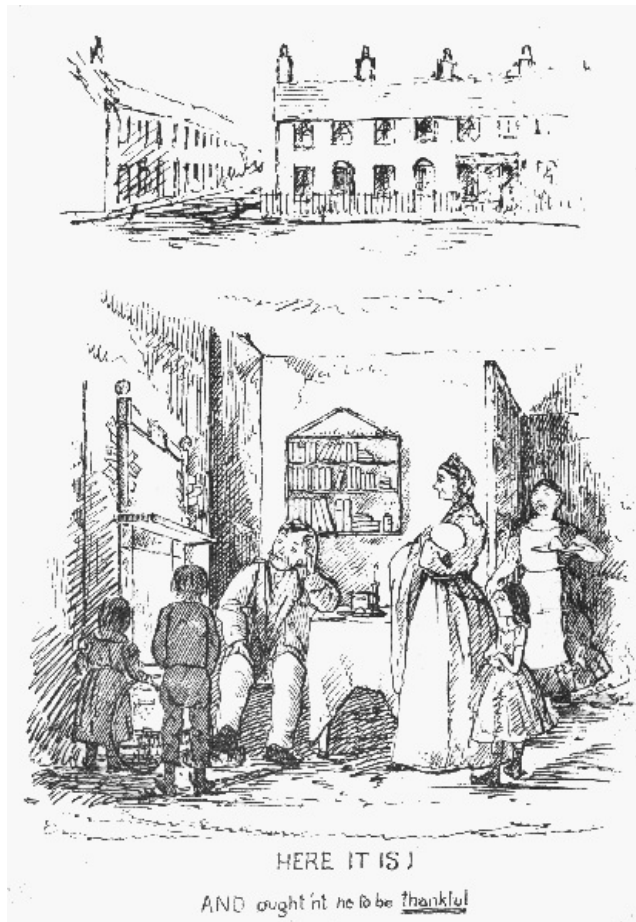
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**This is the BC of 20 years Service—he  
 —hasn't any doubts now. Bless you! He  
 knows all about it, and he's going home!  
 To his—Dinner!!!**



**HERE IT IS!**



**AT 40, 50, or 150 years Service, he wonders  
(ha! ha!) Why his old heart may not be eased**

**BY A PENSION**

**that he and his can live upon, together with  
a handsome present of the remnant of his  
life**

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*But he is informed that if he will send in his resignation first, It will be seen what can be done for him*

*Afterwards*

*"Is he quite worn out.? not another 6 months? dear me!  
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This generous proposal does'nt satisfy our  
greedy old friend, so he comes up to the scratch  
as usual."

And he works all day, and he dreams all night

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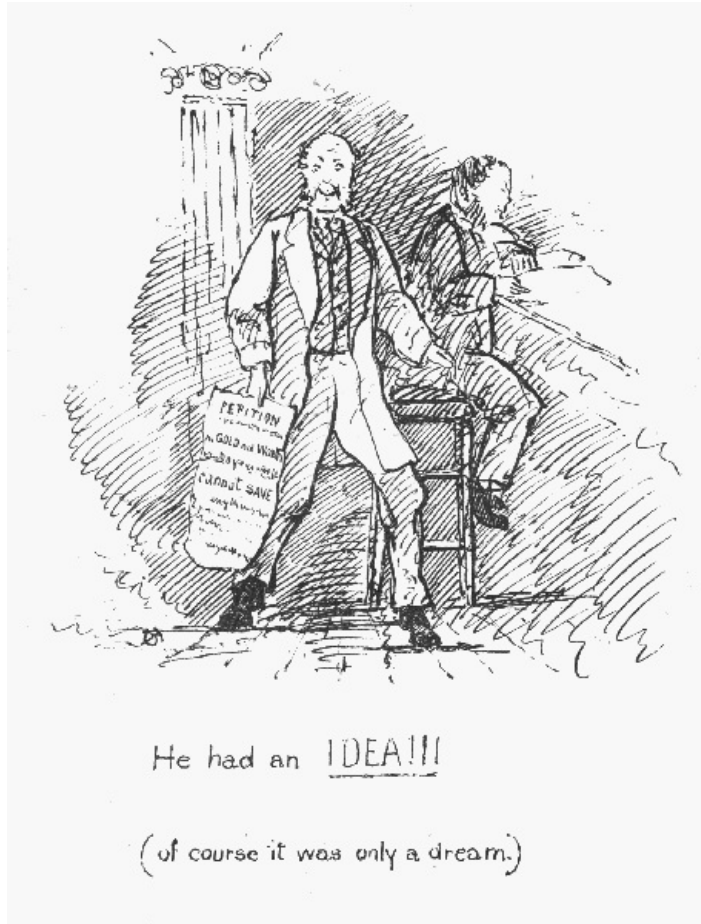
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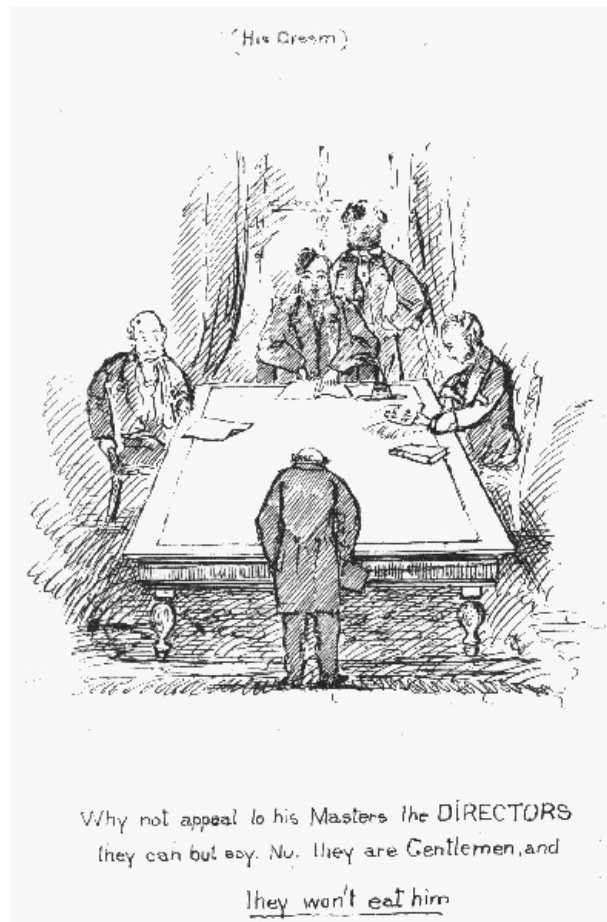


Once he dreamt (silly Old boy) he dreamt:

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**He had an IDEA!!!  
(of course it was only a dream.)**



(His Dream)

Why not appeal to his Masters the  
DIRECTORS they can but say No. they are  
Gentlemen, and

they won't eat him



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(His Dream)

And of cours.—HOORAY!!!!

The DIRECTORS declare that their trusted servant SHOULD NOT be an exception to the Universal Rule, but that he had risen in value like everything else AND they further declare, they will not permit, the man whose labour increases with their success, to be left behind by the butcher, the Baker, or the Candlestick Maker.—NO not to put dividends into their own pockets,

OR ANY OTHER MANS

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(still his dream.)



And Georgiana-Amelia looks more like the girl  
he took away from the old Rectory 20 years ago  
than he ever hoped to see again

Why she's getting FAT!, Sir FAT!,

**(still his dream.)**

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(but dreams)



And so is Tommy' Sir.

**(but dreams)**

**And so is Tommy' Sir.**

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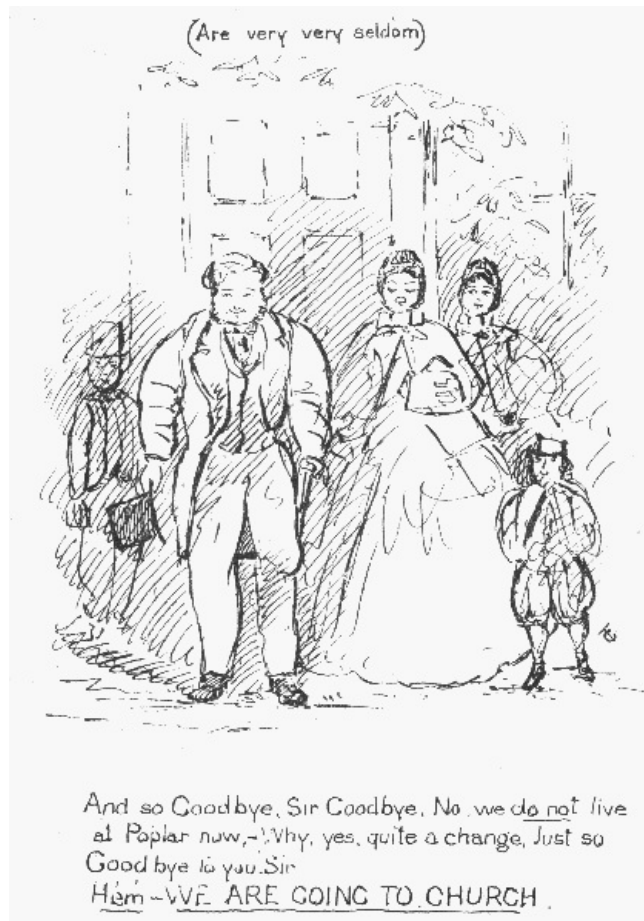
(very happy dreams)



And Georgiana Amelia, Junior.

**(very happy dreams)**

**And Georgiana Amelia, Junior.**



(Are very very seldom)

**And so Goodbye, Sir Goodbye. No, we do not  
live at Poplar now—Why, yes, quite a change.  
Just so Good bye to you, Sir**

**Hem—WE ARE GOING TO CHURCH.**

(REALIZED)

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OH! Are you... You're going to the City, Old Boy.  
WHAT!!! Give you more pay—Pooh. Think of the  
Honorable Confidence your Masters cannot help  
giving you—Think of that—Very Valuable, Eh—  
Ah! I should think so, and you had better wake up  
those Shakey old legs of yours, or you'll be Under the Line

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And one Morning

he is Under the Line

**And one Morning**

**he is Under the Line**



And THIS is the result of his lifes labour

**And THIS is the result of his lifes labour**





**EXTRAORDINARY COINCIDENCE**

**SOME BODY  
ELSE**

**HAS BEEN DREAMING**

**OR**

**OUR MUTUAL FRIEND**

**BEING**

**The FINAL SCRATCHES of**

**THE CAT**

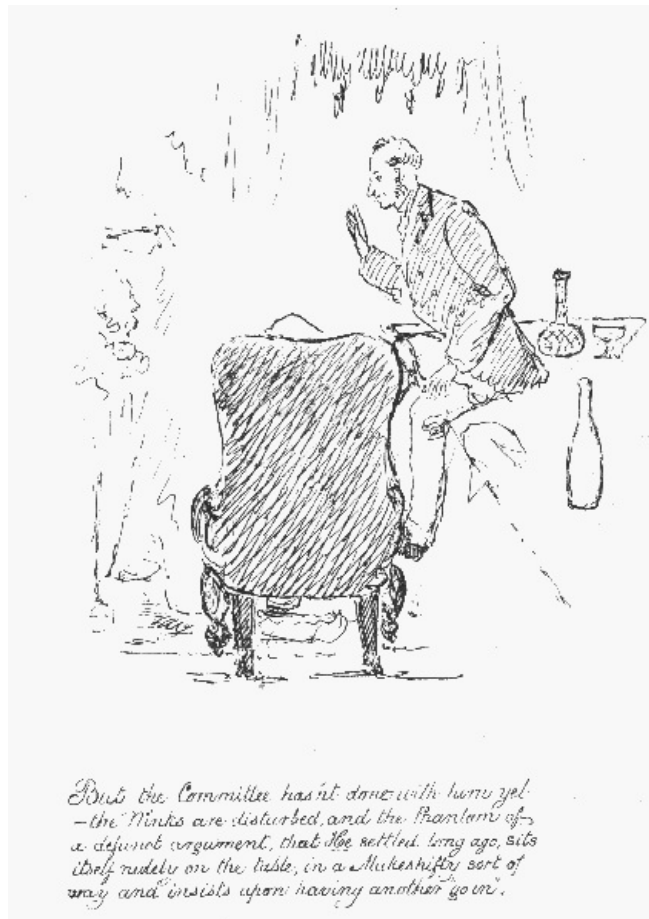
**WHO**

**After this will vanish**

**And like the baseless  
fabrick of a dream  
Leave not a wrack behind**



**Having attended a Committee of the most exciting and exhaustive nature "Somebody" indulges in the traditional "40 Winks".**



**But the Committee hasn't done with him yet—the "Winks" are disturbed, and the Phantom of**

a defunct argument, that He settled long ago, sits itself rudely on the table, in a Makeshifty sort of way and insists upon having another "go in".

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*And so he thinks, He thinks! his income is too small. Why it's Princely, said the "Shadowy party" whose own "pull" was about £20,000 a year, He ought to make it do somehow, and if he don't like it you can manage without him.  
Now look here, let me show you an Article.*

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*There!!!*

*Now I call this cheap.—There he is, Salary £40 and white choker not objected to. (for the matter of that he'll wear plush or—anything) — Come he's good looking he'll work for you, respect you, as much as he does himself, be a credit to you, and finally, he's been in the Pawnbroking line, says he lives on Oatmeal Porridge—and comes from the North*

*(ED NOTE "Puss" who comes fra' the North hersel, is disgusted with the "Cad", and does'nt believe him.)*

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*His harmless Pursuits—*

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*And his simple Tastes,—*

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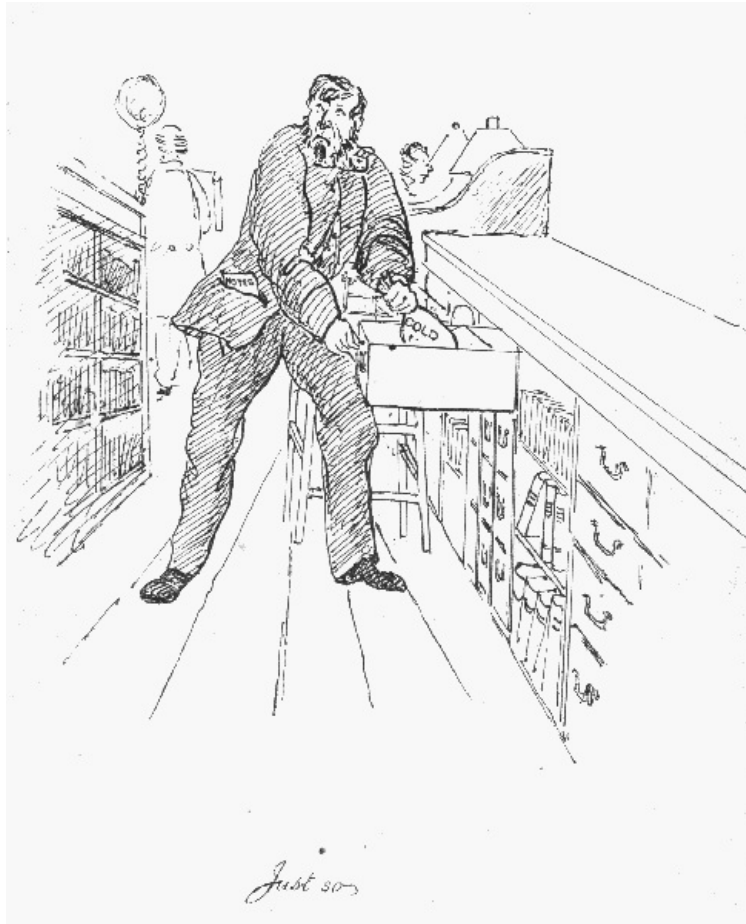
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**Will render him at once the ornament and "Prop" of your Establishment.—**



**And if in the ingenuous enthusiasm of his Generous Nature, he should by chance "run short"; He's not the man to pester you with Petitions. He has a soul above asking for Money.**



Just so—



"Ha! Ha!" laughed "Somebody" to the great danger of the "Mink's" "Hearse," and we should not dream of taking such a scamp. "He" has always drawn our staff from a very different class, and "he" should not be always as so, "He" are quite satisfied with them, and our Business, and our Profit we increasing yearly — "Up to this point said "Somebody" everything connected with our "Hearse" gives me unlimited satisfaction.

Ha! Ha! laughed "Somebody", to "the" great danger of the "Winks"; Of course, and we shouldn't dream of taking such a scamp. We, Hem, have always drawn Our staff from a very different class, and why shouldn't we always do so, We are quite satisfied with them, and our Business, and our Profits are Increasing yearly.—Upon my word said "Somebody" everything connected with "Our House" gives me unlimited satisfaction.

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*And you are going to make the satisfaction just a leettle Mutual; Sir, indeed we ought to thank you very much; Said a new <sup>and</sup> most impertinent Essence, who appeared, somewhat prematurely, to have made up his mind, and so settled the question out of hand.*

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What do you mean, Sir, We don't require your interference said somebody (who couldn't encourage that sort of thing). I see they forgot the Doctor, and no doubt your Wife will go to Church. Yes, that sort of thing does cost something, and you couldn't very well stop her, no, no. And I see you never spend any money for Conveyance, and you never have any recreation, or change of air; nothing to help through the dismal monotony of your 12 days holiday in November or February and you can't even afford "8 hours at the Sea Side" for the Wife and little ones. In fact you've no money. no comfort! no Pipe! no Glass! no music! no Paper! no NOTHING.

Well!!! said "Somebody" you're an extraordinary Man—but I don't believe you—Now I can understand this. You cannot afford any of these things, that is clear. But Human Nature is frail, and Alas! B.C.s are but Human. Come, Sir confess at least to some of these iniquities, and then—What is the consequence?

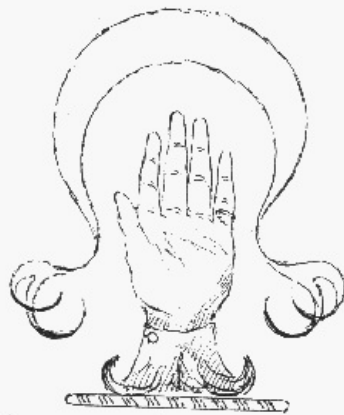
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*Somebody Somebody Esquire*

*Of course they must. I've said so before, Give you my Vote and Interest? Do we wish to conduct our Business on the "Old Clo" principle, like a Firm of Sew Shop-makers? said "Somebody" getting Indignant, and dangerously red about the Face — NO! very well. Give you my Vote and Interest? I always have, Give them again? — (you know young man, this is all very unofficial — well then) Yes — J. Mill*

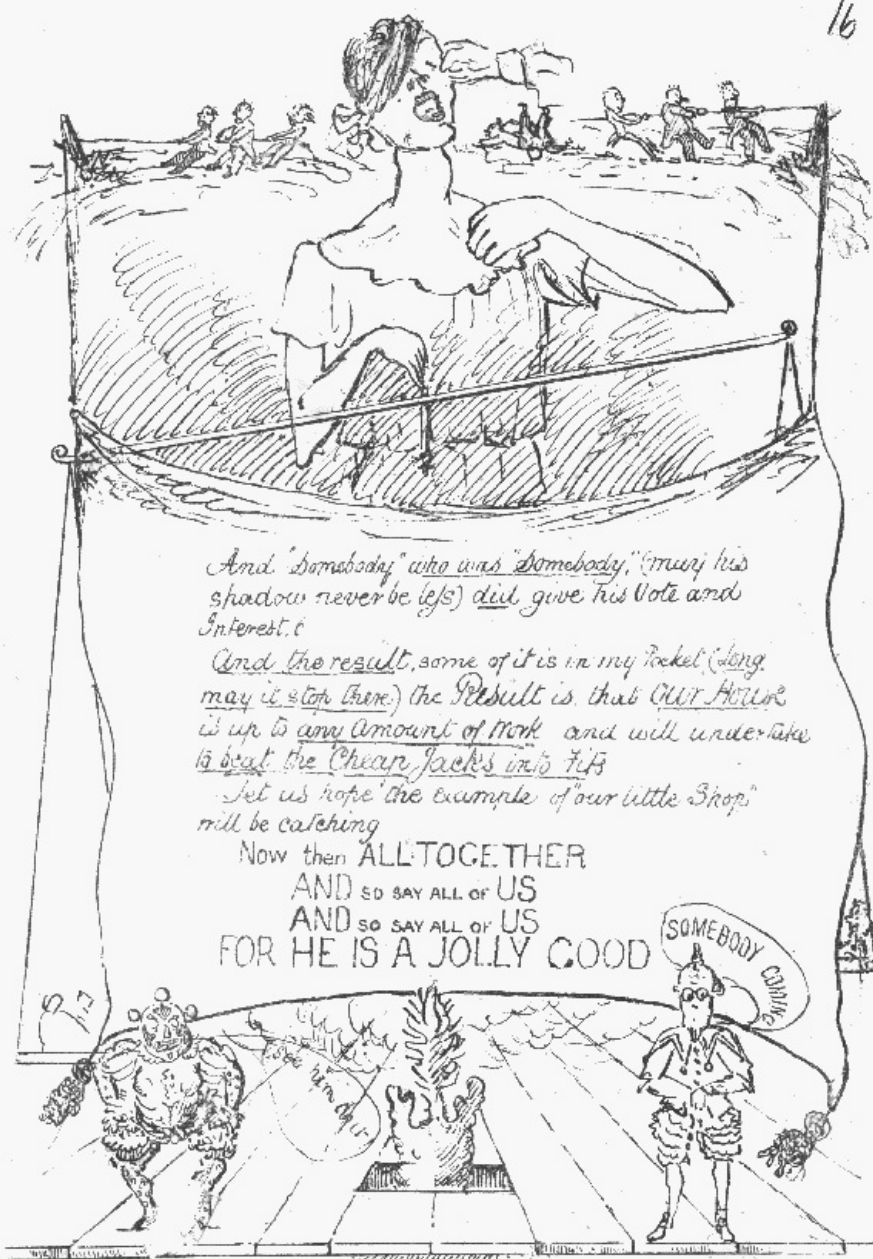
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**And "Somebody" said "I will" so loudly that he woke himself up.**

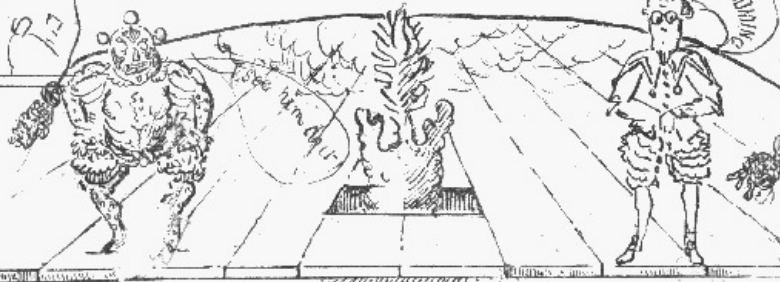


And "Somebody" who was "Somebody," (may his shadow never be less) did give his Vote and Interest.

And the result, some of it is in my Pocket (long may it stop there) the Result is, that Our House is up to any Amount of Work and will undertake to beat the Cheap Jacks into Fits

Let us hope the example of "our little Shop" will be catching

Now then ALL TOGETHER  
 AND SO SAY ALL OF US  
 AND SO SAY ALL OF US  
 FOR HE IS A JOLLY GOOD



Puss in taking leave of his Friends Congratulates them on the Fact that they know who is OUR "MUTUAL FRIEND" (and it isn't everyone can say that). In conclusion it is to be hoped that "Nobody" will be the only person so unfeline, as to dream of

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SOMEBODY COMING

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