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BY OLD TOM OF OXFORD.



Oh, TRAITORS and BAWDS, how earnestly are you ast a-work, and how ill required!

Pick out my eyes with a builted maker's pen, and hang me up at a brothelbouse door for the sign of BLIND CUPID.—much and about nothing.

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SOLOMON LOGWOOD.

PART I.

GIVE ear, good folk, of every sort;
I sing in doleful strains,
How Satan addleth oft in sport
The very wisest brains.

Our Logwood was a citizen

Much coveting renown,

And twice Lord Mayor had chosen been

For famous London town.

He then possess'd good store of gold:
And, with a conscience clear,
Good store of drugs he also sold
To purify our beer.

And when men prais'd his skill in trade,
And profits waxed great,
He thought the self-same skill might aim
To purify the State.

And when he was proclaim'd Lord Mayor
With boasts he did aver
That no man in the civic chair
Should make so great a stir.

So up and down through London town,
With rod and power went he,
And lo! whatever there was done,
The doer he would be.

Yea, damsels all of wanton lives

He chased from the street,

And gain'd the praise of London's wives,

As was but fit and meet.

Well watch'd he noisy Billingsgate,
Where fish-wives curse and swear,
And oft in ambush did await
To catch them napping there.

Stale mackarel, and stinking soals,
And herrings with red eye,
Quak'd at his coming, and in shoals
Back to the Thames did fly.

Next bought be game and venison,
With store of costly wine,
And Lords and Princes many a one
Must needs invite to dine.

- "Come see," said he, "the zeal I boast
 "For Justice and the King;
 "Come eat and revel at my cost,
 "And friends and kinsmen bring."
- "Yea, let us go," said they; "this man,
 "Who loveth high-born folk,
 "And courteth them in all he can,
 "Deserveth not our joke."

They ate, and pledg'd him cheerily, And prais'd his wine and meat, Whereat, good man! for very glee He scarce could keep his seat. And in his pride of heart he sware
To Prince and noble guest,
That brother Fishmongers they were,
And welcome to his best.

The Devil passing, shook his head To see this merry cheer, And to that feasting Mayor he said With envious grin and sneer:

- "Now sit'st thou in thy proper place,
 "Where I've no power on thee,
 "But cross thy bounds, and quit thy mace,
 "And I'll revenged be.
- "Nor doubt I soon of cause enow "To wreak on thee my spite, "For, save in city chair, I trow "Thou art a shallow wight."

So ponder now, my masters dear,
Who love vain-glory well,
And Satan's baleful snares you'll hear,
By which this wise man fell.