MAGGIE'S TOGHER.

THE meal was dear short syne, did we buckl'd us a' thegither;
And Maggie was in her prime,
When Willie made courtship till her;
Twa pistals charg'd beguess,
To gi'e the courting shot;
And syne came ben the lass,
Wi' swats drawn frae the butt.
He sirst spier'd at the guidman,
And syne at Giles, the mither,
An ye wad gi's a bit land,
Wee'd buckle us e'en thegither.

Your tocher's be good enough,
For that ye need na fear,
Twa good stilts to the plough,
And ye yoursell maun steer:
Ye sall ha'e twa good pocks.
That ance were o' the tweel;
The t'ane to had the groats,
The ither to had the meal;
Wi' an auld kist made o' wands,
And that sall be your coffer;
Wi' aiken woody bands,
And that may had your tocher.

Confider weel, guidman,
We ha'e but borrow'd gear;
The horfe that I ride on,
Is Sandy Wilfon's mare;
The faddle's nane o' my ain;
And thae's but barrow'd boots,
And when that I gae hame,
I maun tak to my coots;
The cloak is Geordy Watt's,
That gars me look fae croufe;
Come, fill us a cogue of fwats,
We'll mak nae mair toom roofe.

I like you weel, young lad,
For telling me fae plain;
I married when little I had,
O' gear that was my ain.
But fin that things are fae,
The bride she maun come forth,
Tho' a' the gear she'll ha'e
'Twill be but little worth.
A bargain it maun be,
Fy, cry on Giles the mither;
Contented am I, quo' she,
E'en gar the hissie come hither.

