

“SAYING IT IN RHYME—IN THE OLDEN TIME”

Liverpool Institute between 1830 and 1840

“A castle wall there was, whose height was found  
“To be 100 feet from the top to the ground.  
“Against the wall a ladder stood upright,  
“Of the same length the castle was in height.  
“A waggish youngster did the ladder slide  
“The bottom of it 10 feet from the side:  
“Now I would know how far the top did fall  
“By pulling out the ladder from the wall?”

From a pupil's Arithmetic note-book,  
written in neat copperplate handwriting.

Harthill, Cheshire, about 1845

“They that can go to bed late and rise yarley  
“Must go to Maister Wilki'son's i' the morn to mow barley  
“There'l be apple pie and cheese, and butter to the crust,  
“And half a crown a day and no trust.”

From one who remembered hearing a man  
crying this advertisement on the Village  
Green, after church on Sunday morning.

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