

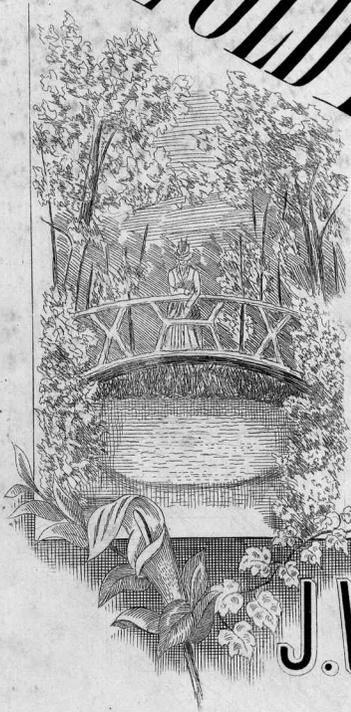
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TO

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THE OLD BRIDGE,



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To Miss Mary Gay, of Philada. Pa.

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Con Affetuoso.

INTRODUCTION.

1. O-----ver a lazi-----ly murmi-----ring stream, Deep
2. The vines are cover-----ing up the pier With a

in the heart of a woody dell, Stands a lit-----tle
beau-----ti-----ful cloak as the a-ges roll; The green moss hides its

rus-----tic bridge Fraught a---bout with a mys-----tic
som-----bre base, And Jack-- in -----the---pul-pit? takes the

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spell ; For who so-ev-er cross-es that bridge Stands quite
toll ; The railings are bur-dened with wild woodbine, And sweet

still for a mo-ment or so, As
briar blos-soms, an em-blem of love, And
cres.

if im-pelled by a hid-den force To
noble the arch-es the old trees form, As they

gaze in the bab-bling stream be-low.
mingle thier many leaved branches a-bove.



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When our Father rolls the night away,
 And morning blushes with joy divine,
 The plough-boy, with his "co-boss-co"
 Crosses the bridge with the farmer's kine.
 Those toddling angels, the babies sweet,
 Next come on the rustic bridge to play;
 They find little stones to toss in the stream,
 And cry when you force them to go away.

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That "small bad boy" now comes on the bridge;
 Looks solemn and heaves a great sigh;
 Pulls up poor "Jack" by the hair of his head
 And leaves him to wither and die.
 But the dear little man feels sorry for this,
 So he plants "Jack" again, good soul,
 Then scampers away with a little tin box
 And brings back some water for "toll."

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On it many lovers have pleaded their suit
 With sweet words, spoken in accents low;
 And birdies peeped over their nests to see
 What I dare not tell; but I guess you know.
 Oh sweet are the memories that cling round you, bridge,
 And long may you stand, as in days of yore,
 To lead your passengers over the stream
 And land them safe on the other shore.

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