

Mouse Traps, A Penny, Who'll Buy - song lyrics

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Dear friends, you now this object behold,
Wounded in love and minus a heart;
All thro' a gal that I love, who has me sold
For a nasty mouse trap man she thought smart.
Calling loudly outside her door he'd go.
Sinking, mouse trap! aloud, a penny! each day;
He gained her affections, and you must know,
Caught her thro' mouse traps and took, her away.

Chorus.

Mouse traps! aloud he'd bawl and cry,
"Who'll buy my mouse traps, who'll buy?
As firm as a house, who's going to buy?
Come, buy my mouse traps, a penny, who'll buy?"

Her name it was Itching, from Scratchen site came,
A sweet kitchen maid, I'd like you to know;
Many chap's heart she'd soon raise aflame,
And my heart she did harrow when I was her borax.
So telling this chap they swarmed with mice,
She induced him inside, got him straight in a line;
Of victuals gave plenty, tilled pewter pots twice,
When he show'd her a trap to catch six at a time.-Chorus.

In a nice little corner her trap did fix,
And on every hook hung a bit of raw cheese;
When waking next morn surprised to find six
Poor, dear little mices till deaded she sees.
On making the diskivery she fell upon the floor,
Oh, dear me, the like I never see rich;
He what brought that eer trap to the door,
Sure and sartin is a wizard, leastways a witch.- Chorus.

Poor me had no more cold scran from that day,
For her kitchen stuff went to that eer chap;
And when axing for em, why she'd say.
As how she couldn't spare 'em 'cos of the trap.
Werry good, old gal, says I, but can you tell
What comes of governor's left off wraps?
Someone must have 'em, for a fool can tell.
They don't want boots and coats to buy mouse traps.-Chorus.

I got kicked out, the door slammed in my face,
I was sent off with a fly in my ear;
I had the cold shoulder, and it was a case.
Cut out clean by that cove quite clear.
So on Sunday last they were man and wife made,
My buzzum was choked with grief and woe,
And the pair Owen's doing a rattling trade,
As mouse traps, a penny, they both shouting go.-Chorus.