## 13. THE STATUTE FAIR.

or, CARLISLE FAIR.

JOHN GRAHAM. J. FRANK PROUDMAN. Moderato. Key Ab. :m.f.  $s_i := l_i \mid s_i : \underline{l_i \cdot t_i}$ A farm er's boy, in I'll don my best, and 1. PIANO. Ted. Ted. Zed. d :-.r |d d :--r |d :<u>d.r</u> field andbarn Im m.r:d If :d m .f :s l r :-.m |f :m .r d :s :-.r lm toil-ing all day while my mates are far 1'11 long, And a\_way wait my chance Of hire in mar\_ket square, But come what may I'll have some sport And l r :-.m |f lm :d lď, :s.l |s.l :s.f | m.r :d time be guile with song, I'll time danc ing at the fair, And danc be guile with song. the fair. ing at % CHORUS. f. Ab. (Two-pulse measure.) I'm :r.d | m :r.d | s On ly a week to the hir | r :- | m :r.d | m :r.d | s :- | - :s | f :m.r | m :d | <u>:r</u> On ly a week to the fair, Where work is for got ten



In my boyhood, I used to watch the youths come into "Carel" market and stand with a straw in mouth or a sprig in the cap waiting to be hired on the Martinmas or Whitsuntide hiring day. In the afternoon I followed them to "All the fun of the fair." In the evening I could see the dancing, through the open windows of the inns. The "six reel," with two men and four women partners was danced with great vigour. I often talked, too, with the ploughboys, and knew how monotonous was their existence for the six months between the hirings. They wondered whether London could be much finer than their old city, to visit which they looked forward for months. I have tried to express their thoughts in simple language. This song was sung by 5000 children at the Crystal Palace, in July 1895, and was encored. It cannot be called an old song, but it is in the rustic manner.

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