

A 'GREENSLEEVES' DANCE

MR. STEPHEN SIMEON, who saw the Bacca Pipes Jig danced at the Albert Hall in January of this year, tells me that he remembers a similar jig being danced to a slightly different version of 'Greensleeves' (but the first strain only) at his old home, Swainston in the Isle of Wight, by an old family coachman, Sam Leigh, who at that time (about 1867) was well over eighty years of age and had probably never been out of the Island, where he was born. He used to dance over two crossed whips, singing the tune meanwhile to the words :

I vow a man can never be drunk,
Never be drunk, never be drunk;
I vow a man can never be drunk
If he dances Peter O' P.

Mr. Simeon mentioned the circumstance to me and hummed the tune before he saw the Bacca Pipes Jig, but after seeing it and hearing the whole tune played through he is still of opinion that the first strain only was sung by Leigh. He cannot explain the name 'Peter O' P.'

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