

HEAVING

OF

The Lead.



For England when with fav'ring gale,
Our gallant ship up Channel steer'd,
And, scudding under easy sale;
The high blue western land appear'd;
To heave the lead the seamen sprung,
And to the pilot cheerly sung.
"By the deep---nine!"

And bearing up to gain the port;
Some well-known object kept in view,
An abbey tow'r an harbour fort,
Or beacon to the vessel true;
While oft the lead the seamen flung,
And to the pilot cheerly sung.
"By the mark---seven!"

And as the much-lov'd shore we near,
With transport we behold the roof,
Where dwells a friend, or partner dear,
Of faith and love a matchless proof,
The lead once more the seamen flung,
And to the watchful pilot sung.
"Quarter less---five!"

