

# Conversation of Old England IN 1854.

Now what is your opinion of the russians and the turks?

Why I think before 'tis finished there will be some heavy work!

Who do you think will conquer? the Sultan or the Bear,

Well I really think the champion will be 'Old Charley Napier.

And we are all fighting for the freedom of the turks

And what is your opinion of the doings everywhere

Well I think 'twas very pleasant going down to Greenwich fair;

There was ups and downs, and ins and outs, and funny doings there;

With cocks and breeches, round abouts, and Nicholas the Bear.

Now do you think in battle Old Napier will ever flinch?

No I think he is a bull dog, and a sailor every inch

And if he catches nick the Bear he will stick him on a pole,

He will pop him in the weasel and stop up his gully hole.

Have you heard of the great wonders Charley Napier has done?

He took five Russian merchantmen and never fired a gun,

Loaded with ammunition, great guns, powder and shot;

And he has sent them to old England—into the London Docks.

If England should want sailors, what do you think they'll do?

Why I think they'll press the linendrapers, prigs and barber's too:

They will press the snobs and tailors and coal-heavers who can work;

And they'll make them jolly sailors for to go and help the turks.

And if they can't get men enough, whatever will be done?

Why they'll collar every maiden fair that's under twenty-one;

And will they get a bounty? yes, lots of silver riches  
With a jacket red, a three cocked hat and a pair of leather breeches.

And what is your opinion friend of Old L—A—n

Well if he was not silly, why he must be overseen  
For if the ships with Lord Dundas had not been led astray,

There would have been a battle grand, in Rumty Bumpy Bay.

Have you seen the Royal Albert on the stocks in Woolwich Town,

Yes, and I admit she is an honour to the Crown:  
She can carry a two and thirty pounder, that is wonderful to tell,

All the way from Woolwich Arnel up into the Dardenelles.

Now what is your opinion of the Emperor of the French?

Why his army and his navy are gone with good intent

To assist the English bull dogs and make the Russians rue,

To make them hollow pepper lads and whistle Parlevue.

Now if we had a Wellington, a Nelson and a Wolfe;

Don't you think they'd turn the Russian Bear Old Nick into a Gulph?

Yes, but Raglan and Napier I think can do the rig;

And before they're done, the Russian Bear they'll turn into a pig.

And when the war is over—friend—how do you think 'twill be?

I think we all shall live in peace and see prosperity  
The poor folks will be gentlefolkes and live along in ease;

The ploughmen will be farmers too; and do just as they please.

But if the Russians gain the day and then to London comes;

If they do we'll give them just what Paddy gave the drum.

With rolling pins and pokers we'll beat their greasy rump—

And with a large ship's cable hang them up at Aldgate pump.

And they are aill fighting for the freedom of the Turks.

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