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BY TIRIA.

God be good to us, look at me here—
Here at the fire, this Christmas night,
An' I goin' on to my eightieth year,
Wantin' a month of it, if I'm right;
Daughters, and sons, and husband dead, And I sittin' here in a pauper shed.

Och! ay, they are kind, God bless them all, So far as that goes I have nothin' to say, An' the masther he got me this woollen shawl, For you see the ticken was cowld as clay; But for all their kindness—I may be wrong— They think God's lavin' me life too long.

An' I often wish, wer't the will of God, An' my sowl was fit and prepared to go,
I was lyin' at pace 'neath the churchyard sod,
Where the green grass waves and the daises blow,
I might meet wid my girshas and gossoons, then,
An' my fine brave husband, the best o' men.

Kitty, the clip, with the laughing eyes,
An' Eily that married the man from Clare,
An' there wid her little first baby lies;
An' Rose, my pet, with the yellow hair,
An' Dennis that went for the Queen o' Spain, And never came back to his home again.

Thirty acres we had for a farm,
"That was not bad," I can hear you say,
Bad, inagh! we were snug and warm
When the sickness came to our house one day; We had six milch cows, and two calves beside, An' a score of sheep on the day Tom died.

An' then my husband, my lovely man, That was tall and straight as a poplar tree,
My bright life-stay, my own bouchalan ban,
Went out in his coffin from home and me;
Oh, God! my God! if I then had died I'd have lain in the grave by my darlin's side.

But it wasn't to be, I had more to bear, For the blight came down, and my stock was sold,
An' here I am now, wid my lank white hair,
A pauper woman all bent and old,
Wid all that loved me long lyin' at rest,
But to Christ be glory, He knows what's best.

Dublin Irishman.

## SUEMA,

THE LITTLE AFRICAN SLAVE WHO WAS BURIED ALIVE.

CHAPTER I.

## THE SLAVE TRADE.

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Thoroughly to understand Suéma's history, which I am about to relate to you, some preliminary explanations are needed. The first regards the slave trade. This appellation is given to that abominable traffic by which the different nations of the world have carried off at certain times, either by force or fraud, the unhappy inhabitants of Africa; who were seized, thrown like so much merchandise on board ship, and transported to different colonies in America, where they were sold as cattle or live-stock.

This fearful scourge, which ravaged Africa, degraded Europe, and outraged humanity, began among so-called Christian nations towards the end of the fifteenth century. When the Spaniards discovered the New World, they wished to work the gold and other valuable mines which they discovered on this vast continent. They first tried to employ the natives to this work, but the attempt failed. Accustomed to live in the open air an easy happy life, spent chiefly in hunting and fishing, these poor creatures died by thousands when condemned to labor in the bowels of the earth. Their new masters then took it into their heads to replace them by negroes, whom they consequently resolved to kidnap on the coast of