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THE
SALVATION ARMY

PROVED

TO BE

A Take-in and a Swindle;

THE

GENERAL AND FAMILY
GETTING RICH OUT OF IT.

BY A VICTIM !!

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THE SALVATION ARMY, &c.

A great deal is said on "The Salvation Army,"
A little of sense, but a great deal of blarney ;
And hints are thrown out, but hinting I hate !
It is best in plain English your meaning to state.
The statements above are quite plain, as you see,
But I'm going to prove them—yes, all of the three !
And to come at the first in the very beginning,
I say its "a take in," without the least sinning ;
You need not believe me—go straight to Tom Jones,
Who lived in Bog Alley, and bought rags and bones ;
He is living at present up Sunnyside Place,
He will meet you I know with a smile on his face !
He will tell you one night he fell in the street,
And was kindly assisted to get on his feet,
And invited to go to a free—"Free and Easy,"
And told about money, his mind might rest easy.
Accepting the invite, he gladly consented,
And never since then has poor Tom Jones repented.
He had sunk to the lowest in misery and sin,
But "The Salvation Army" has taken him in !
You can go to the wives, and sisters, and mothers,
And ask if their husbands, and fathers, and brothers
Are worse in their homes since they left drink and sin,
They will tell you "The Army" has taken them in !
Yes—taken them in—its a regular thing,
In winter and summer, and autumn, and spring.
Yes, all should be told from the young to the old,
These take-'em-in people are fearless and bold ;
That we've not known before is a very queer thing !
But you see that "The Army," is proved a take in !!!

Again, its a swindle—a real swindle too—
The fact has been proved by above one or two ;
The pawn-shops and beer-shops are wanting to-day,
Full many a shilling these men used to pay ;
The theatres, concert halls, ball rooms, and races
To-day know the want of familiar faces.
The devil is swindled, and fiercely he rages,
All powers of evil we know he engages ;
But the flame God can fan, if the flame he can kindle ;
The Lord and the Army the devil will swindle !
And thirdly, and lastly, I want you to see
The last is as true as all of the three !
The General and Family ARE richer to-day,
From "The Salvation Army"—whatever they say.
I am going to prove it ; its easy to do ;
I know, and think you ought to know too :
The GENERAL AND FAMILY are richer to-day,
From "The Salvation Army"—whatever they say !
There are thousands of husbands, and fathers, and
brothers,
Thousands of wives, and sisters, and mothers ;
Thousands of little ones now in our land,
Who are longing to give them a grip of the hand.
There are thousands of prayers from glad hearts
ascending,
That once in deep anguish were well-nigh the rending,
There are thousands in heaven, once nearly in hell,
Who are helping the chorus in heaven to swell ;
Led up THROUGH THE ARMY to God and the light ;
And hundreds are turning to God every night !!
If this be the truth—then who dares to say
But the General and family get richer each day ?