

OF OLD A SPADE.

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AIR, "PUSH ABOUT THE JORUM."

Of old a "spade" was call'd a "spade" By sim-ples and by sa - - ges; A "workman" did his ho - nest "work," And

p

The first system of the musical score is in 2/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Of old a 'spade' was call'd a 'spade' By sim-ples and by sa - - ges; A 'workman' did his ho - nest 'work,' And".

"servants" earn'd their "wa - ges!" A "man" was ti - tle of re - spect, When - e - ver Vir - tue named it; There was but one of high - er worth, And

cres.

The second system of the musical score continues the piece. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "'servants' earn'd their 'wa - ges!' A 'man' was ti - tle of re - spect, When - e - ver Vir - tue named it; There was but one of high - er worth, And". The piano accompaniment includes a *cres.* (crescendo) marking.

rall. *a tempo.*

love - ly "wo - man" claim'd it: But now we mas - que - rade with words, The truth a great of - fence is, And de - se - crate our English tongue By

pride and false pre - ten - ces.

2.

We shame the language of our sires,
 We talk so mild and meekly.—
 We've "operatives" for working men,
 And draw our "salaries" weekly.
 Our "lady" takes the place of "wife,"
 That word so true and hearty;
 And every "man's" a "gentleman,"
 Unless we call him "party."
 The "shopman" hates the name of "shop,"
 And, by perversion later,
 The man who digs a railway trench
 Is call'd a "navigator."

3.

Oh, give us back our honest speech!
 It had a soul of beauty;
 And let us do our daily "work,"
 And think it pleasant duty.
 Let's earn our "wages" as of yore—
 The word can never harm us;
 Let's love our "sweethearts" and our "wives,"
 And own that "women" charm us.
 So shall our actions, like our words,
 Be void of affectation,
 And "spade" be "spade," and "man" be "man,"
 Throughout the British nation.