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glance shows me Richard Trevithick, sen., father of the famous engineer, was manager there in 1765, whilst some years later his illustrious son occupied the position of chief engineer. And then there was Rodolph Eric Raspe, a 'learned and scientific German,' who left his fatherland somewhat hurriedly after pawning valuables belonging to the nation, and was officially described as 'a man with red hair who usually appears in a scarlet dress embroidered with gold, but sometimes in black, blue, or grey clothes.' He came into Cornwall in or about 1781, and while employed as 'storemaster' at Dolcoath wrote and published his 'Travels of Baron Munchausen.'

ALBERT BLUETT.

THE PISKIES

WE were not good enough for Heaven,
Not bad enough for Hell :
And therefore unto us 'twas given
Unseen on earth to dwell :

To listen by the moonlit thatch,
By window-blinds to lurk,
To watch men on their knees, and watch
Men go about their work.

We watch in hope to be forgiven ;
But still we cannot tell
Whose deeds are good enough for Heaven,
Whose bad enough for Hell.

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