

# Molly Mangle's Meander - led by Molly the only lady in Thurstonland who had a mangle in the 19th century.

Here stands I, Molly Mangle,  
And there's now't I know that I can't handle,  
You'll often see me with a sack,  
Of people's washing on my back.

For I'm the only woman,  
With a mangle around here,  
And so on washday I must go,  
And pick up all the sheets and clothes,  
And all day long I turn them through,  
And hang them out to dry.

Just as day begins to break,  
I'm up the hill and through the gate,  
Along to pick the washing up,  
From houses all around.

And when the young 'uns have now't to do,  
I bring them on the journey too,  
And when their feet begin to ache,  
I tell them fancy tales.

So if you came along today,  
And help with washing all the way,  
I might tell you the tales from  
the place that we are stood.

Thank goodness for the guide stoop,  
That we can see from here,  
I tell you on a misty day it proves to be quite dear.  
For one short day in winter, I was getting all the linen,  
And I took to chatting rather long,  
With all the farm house women.  
And when I set off back to mine,  
I saw that it was dark,  
The moon gave light to monsters,  
In the trees hid in the bark.

Turn right onto the Hall Ings Road.  
Then take left and then a right.

Follow the path  
as it bears left, to  
join the road near  
Heights Farm. At  
the corner take the  
footpath, a left up  
through the field.

Keep straight on across the field and  
go through a gap in the wall.  
I'll always stop for a drink and a chat,  
Then off with their washing under my arm.

With the Rose and Crown on  
your right, walk down the road.  
Take the footpath signposted to  
the right adjacent to 'The Barn,  
Upperfold'.

Take the steps down to  
Thurstonland Bank Road  
and turn right.

Soon after the bench, take  
the path on the right up the  
hill to the stile and go  
straight ahead.

So take this right hand path,  
Just before the bend in the road.  
And at the bench,  
Rest your feet,  
And maybe have some food.

As the lane descends,  
There's a house to the left,  
And on the path across,  
There's a place to stop and rest.

Turn right down Brown's  
Knoll Road. Take the footpath  
signposted to the left, half way  
up the hill and follow the path  
up to the road.

As the road bears left,  
There's a bus stop at the side,  
Turn right just past the bus stop,  
Even though it's someone's drive.

Then straight away turn right,  
Through a gate onto a path,  
Follow it towards some trees,  
You see across the grass.

Pass through an old stone squeeze post,  
At the corner of the field  
And enter into blue bell woods,  
But keep your lips sealed.

Now be careful of the slope,  
As the path heads to the stream.  
Cross a bridge and mind the grope,  
Of all the trolls that live beneath.

Cross the track and go over a stile,  
And then up the field to Stocks Moor Road

Pass through a wooden gate,  
A squeeze post then comes next,  
Then carefully go across the road.

Now you will see a wrought iron gate.  
Where is the blacksmith that hammered the shape?

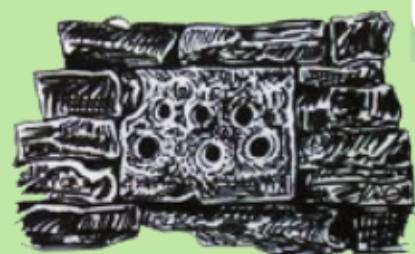
Turn right through the corner stile,  
Then right across the field we'll go,  
Then through a little squeeze stile,  
By a metal post.

You need to go diagonally. Cross the field  
to the guide stoop and follow the path.

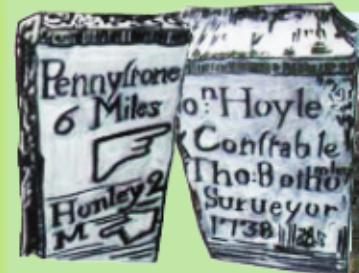
Over the stile then go straight across,  
And follow Halstead Lane along.

Pass Lower Halstead Farm,  
And the turn for Haw Cliff Lane,  
And ignore the footpath sign  
To the right, that's not the way!

Here we pass a stone gate post,  
Where all the men would stand and boast,  
And each would claim to weave the finest  
cloth in the Thurstonland.  
Then to the Wuzzing Holes they'd go,  
With wool to wash and wuzzing pole,  
All carried in a wuzzing skep,  
(Like a basket or a net).



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