

625. I HEARD A MAID IN BEDLAM A-MAKING SORE COMPLAINT.

Hardiman ("Irish Minstrelsy," I. 341) tells us that [about 1820] he heard a peasant girl, near Lough Conn, Co. Mayo, sing an English song to this air, beginning:—

"One morning very early, one morning in the spring,
I heard a maid in Bedlam most mournfully sing."

This song is known in England also: I find a copy of it in a book of *Elegant Extracts* printed in London in the early part of last century: and another version has been recently given in the "*Journal of the Folk Song Soc.*" (London)—II. 93; where the English air is also given. But the air I give here is different, though it will suit the English version of the song.

