

What is the difference between a French pastry cook and a bill sticker? One puffs up the paste, the other pastes up the puffs.

Why is the root of the tongue like a dejected man? Because it is down in the mouth.

Why are the bars of a convent like a blacksmith's apron? Because they keep the sparks off.

What is the most awkward time for a train to start? 12.50; as it is ten to one you don't catch her.

What is more foolish than sending coal to Newcastle? Sending milk to Cowes.

When is a tea pot like a kitten? When your teas in't, (tea's in it.)

Why are cats like unskilled surgeons? Because they mew-till-late and destroy patients.

Why is a youth encouraging a moustache like a cow's tail? Because he grows down.

When can a donkey be spelt in one letter? When its U.

State why a donkey browsing in a bed of thistles appears unwell? Because he's a little down in the mouth, and looks rather seedy about the face.

Why is a judge's nose like the middle of the earth? Because it is the scenter of gravity.

Why was Blackstone like an Irish vegetable? Because he was a common-tater.

Why ought cocks to be the smoothest birds known? Because they always have a comb about them.

Why are two young ladies kissing each other an emblem of christianity? Because they are doing to each other as they would men should do unto them.

Why is a kiss like a sermon? Because it requires two heads and an application.

Why are books your best friends? Because, when they bore you, you can shut them up without giving offense.

What is the difference between a mouse and a young lady? One wishes to harm the cheese; the other to charm the he's.

What herb is most injurious to a lady's beauty? Thyme.

Why are ladies' eyes like persons separated by the Atlantic ocean? Because, although they may correspond, they never meet.

Why is the letter s like a pert repartee? Because it begins and ends in sauciness.

Why is divinity the easiest of the three learned professions? Because it's easier to preach than to practice.

Why is a short man struggling to kiss a tall woman like an Irishman going up Vesuvius? Because, sure, he is trying to get at the mouth of the crater!

Why are two t's like hops? Because they make beer better.

How do you know Lord Byron did not wear a wig? Because every one admired his coarse hair so much.

What is the most melancholy fact in the history of Milton? That he could "recite" his poems, but not resight himself.

If a tough beefsteak could talk, what English poet would it mention? Chaucer!

Why is little dog's tail like the heart of a tree? Because it is farthest from the bark.

Why are the Germans like quinine and gentian? Because they are two tonics.

Why are lawyers such uneasy sleepers? Because they lie first on one side, and then on the other, and remain wide awake all the time.

What do lawyers do when they die? Lie still.

When is a lawyer like a donkey? When drawing a conveyance.

What is the difference between a spendthrift and a pillow? One is hard up, the other soft down.

It is often asked who introduced salt pork into the navy? Noah, when he took Ham into the ark?

Why is the law like a flight of rockets? Because there is a great expense of powder, the cases are well got up, the reports are excellent, but the stocks are sure to come to the ground.

Why is the nose on your face like v in civility? Because it is between two eyes.

COOL RETORT.

Henderson, the actor, was seldom known to be in a passion. When at Oxford, he was one day debating with a fellow student, who, not keeping his temper, threw a glass of wine in the actor's face; when Henderson took out his handkerchief, wiped his face, and coolly said, "That, sir, was a digression; now for the argument."

COQUETTE.

A coquette has been compared to those light wines which everybody tastes, and nobody buys.

COTTON IS WORSTED.

A man whose name was *Cotton*, having a dispute, agreed to decide it by appeal to fisticuffs and was vanquished, upon which it was remarked, "that *Cotton is worsted*."

COULD NOT WEEP.

A melting sermon being preached in a country church, all fell to weeping but one man, who being asked why he did not weep with the rest, "Oh," said he, "I belong to another parish."

COULDN'T CATCH COLD.

On a remarkably hot summer's day, an Irishman, thinly and openly dressed, sitting down in a violent perspiration, was cautioned against catching cold. "Catch it?" said he, wiping his face, "where? I wish I could catch it."

COURAGE, CANDOR, AND MEMORY COMBINED.

A theatrical lady, celebrated for everything but continence, at length resolved to marry and reform. Her conduct was duly canvassed in the dressing room of the theatre. "I am told," cried one, "that she confessed to her liege lord all her amours." "What a proof of courage!" exclaimed one lady. "What an extraordinary instance of candor!" said another. "What an amazing instance of memory!" cried a third.

CRITICAL POLITENESS.

A young author reading a tragedy, perceived his auditor very often pull off his hat at the end of a line, and asked him the reason, "I cannot pass a very old acquaintance," replied the critic, "without that civility."

CRITICS.

Lord Bacon, speaking of commentators, critics, &c., said, "With all their pretensions, they were only brushers of noble-men's clothes."

CROMWELL.

One being asked whom it was that he judged to be the chiefest actor in the murder of the king, he answered in this short enigma or riddle:

"The heart of the loaf, and the head of the spring,
Is the name of the man that murdered the king."

CROOKED WORDS.

A poor man who had a termagant wife, after a long dispute, in which she was resolved to have the last word, told her, "If she spoke one more crooked word, he'd beat her brains out." "Why then, ram's horns, you rogue," said she, "if I die for it."

CUT DIRECT.

A gentleman having his hair cut, was asked by the garrulous operator, "how he would have it done?" "If possible," replied the gentleman, "in silence."

CUTTING ON BOTH SIDES.

Lord B——, who sported a ferocious pair of whiskers, meeting Mr. O'Connell, in Dublin, "When do you mean to place your whiskers on the peace establishment?" "When you place your tongue on the civil list!" was the rejoinder.

CURE FOR LOVE.

Several years ago, when Mrs. Rogers, the player, was young and handsome, Lord North, and Gray, remarkable for his homely face, accosting her one night behind the scenes, asked her with a sigh, what was a cure for love? "Your lordship," said she, "the best I know in the world."

DANGER OF LOQUACITY.

"Doctor, why have I lost my teeth?" said a talkative female to a physician. "You have worn them out with your tongue," he replied.

DANGEROUS BITING.

Diogenes being asked, "The biting of which beast is the most dangerous?" answered, "If you mean wild beasts, 'tis the slanderers; if tame ones, the flatterers."

DAY AND NIGHT.

A fellow found guilty of burglary before Justice Day, in Ireland, observed, "that his fate was singular, as he had lost by *Day* what he got by *Nights*."

DEADLY WEAPON.

"Well, sir," asked a noisy disputant, "don't you think that I have mauled my antagonist to some purpose?" "Oh, yes," replied a listener, "you have—and if ever I should happen to fight with the Philistines, I'll borrow your jaw-bone."

DECANTING EXTRAORDINARY.

Theodore Hook once said to a man at whose table a publisher got drunk, "Why you appear to have emptied your wine-cellar into your book-seller."

DECAYING TEETH.

Probably the reason why women's teeth decay sooner than men's, is not the perpetual friction of their tongues upon the pearl, but rather the sweetness of their lips.

DEMETRIUS.

Demetrius would at times retire from business to attend to pleasure. On such occasions he usually feigned indisposition. His father coming to visit him, saw a beautiful young lady retire from his chamber. On entering, Demetrius said, "Sir, the fever has left me." "I met it at the door," replied the father.

DESTRUCTIVE BULL RUSH.

A mad bull broke loose last week in the streets of Cincinnati, and rushed furiously through a crowd of men and boys. It was an instance of the knocking down of a score of persons by a *bull rush*.

DID NOT CONCERN HIM.

A knavish attorney asking a very worthy gentleman, "what was honesty?" "What is that to you?" said he, "meddle with those things that concern you."

DIDN'T CARE FOR ANY.

A cobbler, sitting on his stall, offended a gentleman who was passing by. "Sirrah," said the gentleman, "you are a rascal, and if you come out I will give you a kick." "Thank you," said the cobbler, "if you would give me two I would not come out."

DIFFERENCE.

Jerrold one day met a Scotch gentleman whose name was Leitch, and who explained that he was not the popular caricaturist, John Leech. "I'm aware of that—you are the Scotchman with the *itch* in your name," said Jerrold.

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

"If I were so unlucky," said an officer, "as to have a stupid son, I would certainly, by all means, make him a *parson*." A clergyman, who was in company, calmly replied: "You think differently, sir, from your father."

DIFFICULT TASK.

"You have only yourself to please," said a married friend to an old bachelor. "True," replied he, "but you cannot tell what a *difficult* task I find it."

DIFFICULTIES IN EITHER CASE.

One evening, at a private party at Oxford, at which Dr. Johnson was present, a re-

cently published essay on the future life of brutes was referred to, and a gentleman, disposed to support the author's opinion that the lower animals have an "immortal part," familiarly remarked to the doctor "Really, sir, when we see a very sensible dog we don't know what to think of him." Johnson, turning quickly round, replied, "True, sir; and when we see a very foolish fellow we don't know what to think of him."

DIRTY HANDS.

Lamb once said to a brother whist-player, Martin Burney, whose hands were none of the cleanest, "Martin, if dirt was trumps, what a hand you'd have."

DISCRETION.

Cæsar having found a collection of letters, written by his enemy to Pompey, burnt them without reading, "For," said he "though I am upon my guard against *anger*, yet it is safer to remove the *cause*."

"DISTANT" FRIEND.

Meeting a negro on the road, a traveler said, "You have lost some of your friends, I see?" "Yes, massa." "Was it a *near* or a *distant* relative?" "Well, purty distant—'bout twenty-four miles," was the reply.

DOGGED ANSWER.

Boswell, dining one day with Dr. Johnson, asked him if he did not think that a good cook was more essential to the community than a good poet, "I don't suppose," said the doctor, "that there's a *dog* in the town but what thinks so."

DOGMATIC.

In the great dispute between South and Sherlock, the latter, who was a great courtier, said "his adversary reasoned well, but he barked like a cur." To which the other replied, "that *fawning* was the property of a cur as well as barking."

DOG TAX.

Brown drops in. Brown is said to be the toady of Jones. When Jones has the influenza, Brown dutifully catches the cold in the head. Douglas Jerrold remarked to Brown, "have you heard the rumor that is flying about the town?" "No." "Well they say that Jones pays the *dog tax* for you."

DOUBT EXPLAINED.

A man with a very short nose was continually ridiculing another, whose nose was

remarkably long. The latter said to him one day, "you are always making observations upon *my nose*, perhaps you think it was made at the expense of yours."

DR HUNTER.

Old Dr. Hunter used to say, when he could not discover the cause of a man's sickness. "We'll try this, and we'll try that, we'll shoot into the trees, and if anything falls well and good." "Aye," replied a wag, "I fear this is too commonly the case, and in your shooting into the tree, the first thing that generally falls, is the patient."

DR. JOHNSON.

A lady asked Dr. Johnson why he was not invited to dine at the tables of the great. "Because," said he, "Great Lords and ladies do not like to have their mouths stopped."

DEAN SWIFT.

Dean Swift was one day in company, when the conversation fell upon the antiquity of the family. The lady of the house expatiated a little too freely on her descent, observing that her ancestor's names began with De, and, of course, of antique French extraction. When she had finished,—"And now," said the dean, "will you please be so kind as to help me to a piece of that *D-umpling*."

DRUNK.

A celebrated physician having been called from a convivial party to a lady, was so much under the influence of wine, that he found himself unable to form an opinion of her case, and when attempting to feel her pulse, he exclaimed, "Drunk, drunk, upon my honor." A few days after the lady observed to him, "My dear doctor, how could you find out *my* case so easily the other evening? It was certainly a great proof of your skill; but do not expose me?"

DRUNK CLEAN THROUGH.

When Jones went to bed drunk, and turned over, lest his breath might betray him to his wife, Mrs. Jones is reported to have said, in the mildest manner in the world, "You need not turn over, Jones, for you are drunk clean through."

DRY HUMOR.

An Irish post boy having driven a gentleman a long stage during torrents of rain,

was asked if he was not very wet? "Arrah! I wouldn't care about being so *very wet* if I wasn't so *very dry*, your honor."

DULL MAN.

Lord Byron knew a dull man who lived on a *bon mot* of Moore's for a week and his lordship once offered a wager of a considerable sum that the reciter was *guiltless* of understanding its point; but he could get no one to accept the bet.

EARLY RISING.

A father, exhorting his son to early rising, related a story of a person, who, early one morning, found a large purse of money. "Well," replied the youth, "but the person who lost it rose earlier."

EASILY ANSWERED.

A certain lord mayor, hearing of a gentleman who had had the small pox twice, and died of it, asked if he died the first time or the second.

EASILY DISTINGUISHED.

A jockey lord met his old college tutor at a great horse fair. "Ah! doctor," exclaimed his lordship, "what brings you here among these high-bred cattle? Do you think you can distinguish a horse from an ass?" "My lord," replied the tutor, "I soon perceived you among these horses."

EASY AS LYING.

Erskine, examining a bumptious fellow asked him if he were not a rider? "I'm a traveler, sir," replied the witness, with an air of offended importance. "Indeed, sir, and pray, are you addicted to the *falling* usually attributed to travelers?"

EFFECTS OF LOVE.

Abraham Hoffman, says a quaint author of anatomy on melancholy, relates, out of Plato, that Empedocles, the philosopher, was present at the *cutting up* of one that died for love. His heart was combust, his liver *smoky*, his lungs dried up, inasmuch that he verily believed his soul was either sod or roasted through the vehemency of love's fire.

EPIGRAMS.

Counsellor Garrow, during his cross-examination of a prevaricating *old female* witness, to which it was essential to prove that a *tender* of money had been made, had a scrap of paper thrown him by the opposite counsel, on which was written:

Garrow, submit; that tough old jade
Can never prove a tender made.

It is a maxim in the schools,
That women always doat on fools;
If so, dear Jack, I'm sure your wife
Must love you as she does her life.

On a bald man, (from the Latin of N. Paterson, 1670.)

If by your hairs your sins should numbered be,
Angels in heaven were not more pure than thee.

On Cibber,

In merry old England it once was the rule
The king had his poet and also his fool;
But now we're so frugal, I'd have you to know it,
That Cibber can serve both for fool and for poet.

On Mr. Croke's reputation for being a wag.
They say his wit's refined? Thus is explained
The seeming mystery,—his wit is stained.

On the Duke of —'s constancy.

That he's ne'er known to change his mind
Is surely nothing strange;
For no one yet could ever find
He'd any mind to change.

On two contractors.

To gull the public two contractors come,
One pilfers corn—the other cheats in rum,
Which is the greater knave, ye wits explain,
A rogue in spirits or a rogue in grain?

Suggested on hearing a debate in the House of Commons.

To wonder now at Balaam's ass, were weak,
Is there a night that asses do not speak?

On the Trustworthiness of —:

He'll keep a secret well, or I'm deceived,
For what he says will never be believed.

Which should be Pitied.

Clergyman—"I've lost my portmanteau."

Traveler—"I pity your grief."

Clergyman—"All my sermons are in it."

Traveler—"I pity the thief."

Winged Time.

"Tell me," said Laura, "what may be
The difference 'twixt a clock and me?"
"Laura," I cried, "love prompts my powers
To do the task you've set them;
A clock reminds us of the hours;
You cause us to forget them."

On Annie Bread.

"Toast any girl but her," said Ned
"With every other flutter,
I'll be content with Annie Bread
And won't have any but her."

A Lawyer on a Woman.

Fee simple and the simple fee,
And all the fees entail,
Are nothing when compared to thee,
Thou best of fees—*fe-male*.

On a Lady who beat her Husband.

"Come hither, Sir John, my picture is here
What think you, my love, don't it strike you?"

"I can't say it does, just at present, my dear,
But I think it soon will, 'tis so like you."

Never too Late to Mend.

"Come, wife," said Will, "I pray you de-vote

Just a half a minute to mend this coat,
Which a nail has chanced to rend:"

"'Tis ten o'clock," said his drowsy mate;
"I know," said Will, "it is rather late,
But it's never too late to mend."

From Martial.

The golden hair that Galla wears
Is hers; who would have thought it!
She swears 'tis hers, and true she swears,
For I know where she bought it.

On a statue of Justice removed into the Market-place:

Q. Tell me why justice meets our eye,
Raised in the market-place on high?
A. The reason, friend, may soon be told,
'Tis meant to show she's to be sold.

Equality of Taxation:

"Taxes are equal, is a dogma which
I'll prove at once," exclaimed a tory boor;
"Taxation hardly presses on the rich
And likewise presses hardly on the poor."

On seeing a Fox-Hunter Painted with a Book in his Hand:

Let poets and painters their fancy pursue,
So they keep probability always in view;
But what censure does that silly fellow re-quire
Who has painted a book in the hands of a squire?

Legal Pun.

As Jekyl was hastening with gown and with wig
He happened to tread on a very small pig,
Cried he, "that's a learned pig, or I'm much mistaken,
For 'tis, you may see, an abridgement of Bacon."

On Seeing a Miser at a Concert at Vauxhall.
Music has charms to soothe a savage breast,
To calm the tyrant, and relieve the oppress:

But Vauxhall's concert's more attractive power

Unlock'd Sir Richard's pocket at threescore.
O strange effect of music's matchless force
To extract two shillings from a miser's purse.

One or Ten.

Says Giles, "my wife and I are one;
Yet faith I know not why, sir!"
Quoth Jack, "You're ten, if I speak true;
She's one and you're a cypher."

Women's Faults.

We men have many faults;
Poor women have but two:
There's nothing good they say,
There's nothing good they do.

The Dandy's Revenge.

The demon of fashion Sir Fopling bewitches,

The reason his lady betrays;

For as she is resolved upon wearing the breeches,

In revenge he has taken the stays.

Representation of Women.

Should women sit in parliament,
A thing unprecedented,
A great part of the nation then
Would be miss-represented.

Money Commands Eloquence.

We grease the axle that it may not creak;
We grease the lawyer's palm to make him speak.

Apology for Knocking a Printer's Teeth out.

I must confess that I was somewhat warm;
I broke his teeth. But where's the mighty harm?

My works, he said, would not afford him meat,

And teeth are useless when there's nought to eat.

JESTS.

All things are big with jests; nothing that's plain

But may be witty, if thou hast the vein.

EPITAPHS.

From the French.

Here Bibb reposes; on earth while a dweller
His sole occupation (indeed 'tis no fable)
Was to go from the table to visit the cellar,
And back from the cellar return to the table.

On a Miser:

Reader, beware immoderate love of pelf,
Here lies the worst of thieves—who robbed himself.

EQUAL DIVIDENDS.

When the British ships, under Lord Nelson, were bearing down to attack the combined fleet off Trafalgar, the first lieutenant of the *Revenge*, on going round to see that all hands were at quarters, observed one of them devoutly kneeling at the side of his gun. So very unusual an attitude in an English sailor, exciting his surprise and curiosity, he went and asked the man if he was afraid? "Afraid?" answered the honest tar, "No! I was only praying that the enemy's shot may be distributed in the same proportion as prize money—the greatest part among the officers."

EQUALITY.

Dr. Johnson remarked, "your levellers wish to level down as far as themselves, but they cannot bear levelling up to themselves."

When Lycurgus was to reform and alter the state of Sparta, one advised that it should be reduced to an absolute popular equality. "Sir, begin it in your own house," observed the law-giver.

ERASMUS VS. LUTHER.

Erasmus, of whom Cambridge has a right to be not a little proud, was entreated by Lord Mountjoy to attack the errors of Luther. "My Lord," answered Erasmus, "nothing is more easy than to say Luther is mistaken, and nothing more difficult than to prove him so."

ESSAY ON MAN.

At ten, a child; at twenty, wild;
At thirty, tame, if ever:
At forty, wise; at fifty, rich;
At sixty, good or never.

EVILS OF LIFE.

A woman fond of gallantry said to her brother, who was a gambler, "When will you leave off playing?" "When you cease to intrigue," said he. "Ah," returned she, "I perceive you will be a gambler for life."

EXACTING THE TITHES.

An Irishman, speaking of the rapacity of the clergy in exacting their tithes, said, "By Jabbers, let a farmer be ever so poor they won't fail to make him pay his full tenths, whether he can or not; nay, they would instead of a tenth take a twentieth if the law permitted them."

EXCUSABLE FEAR.

A husband, who only opposed his wife's ill humor by silence, was told by a friend that "he was afraid of his wife." "It is not *she* I'm afraid of," replied the husband, "it is the noise."

EXCUSE.

A drunken fellow who was reproved for lying in bed every Sunday morning by a clergyman, said "he was sorry that a gentleman of his profession had forgotten that the Sabbath was appointed a day of rest."

EXTREMELY SULPHUROUS.

Lord Chesterfield being told that a certain termagant and scold was married to a gamester, replied, "that *cards and brimstone* make the best matches."

EXTREME SIMPLICITY.

A countryman took his seat at a tavern table opposite to a gentleman who was indulging in a bottle of wine. Supposing the wine to be common property, our unsophisticated country friend helped himself to it with the gentleman's glass. "That's cool," exclaimed the owner of the wine, indignantly. "Yes," replied the other, "I should think there was *ice* in it."

EXTREMES MEET.

An Irish gardener seeing a boy stealing some apples, swore if he caught him there again, he'd lock him up in the *ice house* and *warm* his jacket.

A clever literary friend of Jerrold, and one who could take a joke, told him he had just had "some *calf's-tail soup*." "Extremes meet sometimes," said Jerrold.

Dr. Bushly, whose figure was beneath the common size, was one day accosted in a public coffee room by an Irish baronet of colossal stature, with, "May I pass to my seat, O Giant?" When the doctor, politely making way, replied, "Pass, O Pigmy!" "Oh, sir," said the baronet, "my expression alluded to the size of your intellect." "And my expression, sir," said the doctor, "to the size of yours."

FAIR PLAY.

Curran, who was a very small man, having a dispute with a brother counsel, (who was a very stout man,) in which words ran high on both sides, called him out. The other, however, objected. "You are so little," said he, "that I might fire at you a dozen times without hitting you, whereas,

the chance is, that you may shoot me at the first fire." "To convince you," cried Curran, "I don't wish to take any advantage, you shall chalk my size on *your body*, and all hits out of the ring shall go for nothing."

FALSE CONCEPTION.

Mr. Addison, in the House of Commons, three times attempted to make a speech upon an important question, and each time exclaimed, "I conceive, Mr. Speaker," and as often failed; after which, a member opposite, rose and observed, "that he regretted exceedingly, that his friend on the other side of the House had *conceived three times* and brought forth nothing."

FALSEHOOD.

A jury who were directed to bring in a prisoner *guilty*, upon his own confession and plea, returned a verdict of *not guilty*, and offered as a reason, that they knew the fellow to be so great a liar they did not believe him.

FASHION.

"Why in such a hurry?" said a man to an acquaintance. "Sir," said the man, "I have bought a *new bonnet* for my wife, and fear the *fashion may change before I get home*."

FAST MAIL SERVICE.

A clergyman lately addressed his female auditors as follows: "Be not proud that the Blessed Lord paid your sex the distinguished compliment of appearing first to a female after his resurrection, for it was done that the glad tidings might spread the sooner."

FARMER AND ATTORNEY.

An opulent farmer applied to an attorney about a lawsuit, but was told that he could not undertake it, being already engaged on the other side; at the same time he gave him a letter of recommendation to a professional friend. The farmer, out of curiosity, opened it and read as follows:

"Here are two fat wethers, fallen out together, "If you'll fleece one, I'll fleece the other "And make them agree like brother and brother."

The perusal of this epistle cured both parties, and terminated the dispute.

FAT AND LEAN.

A man praising porter, said it was so excellent a beverage, that though taken in

great quantities, it always made him fat. "I've seen the time," said another, "when it made you lean." "When? I should be glad to know," inquired the eulogist. "Why, no longer ago than last night, *against the wall*."

FEAR OF EDUCATING WOMEN.

There is a general notion, that if you suffer women to eat the tree of knowledge, the rest of the family will very soon be reduced to the same kind of aërial and unsatisfactory diet.

FEEDING A HOG.

Soon after Dr. Johnson's return from Scotland to London, a Scottish lady, at whose house he was, as a compliment, ordered some hotch-potch for his dinner. After the doctor had tasted it, she asked him if it was good, to which he replied, "very good for hogs." "Then, pray," said the lady, "let me help you to a little more."

FEELING.

A gentleman who liked gardening, was one day pruning a branch, and by way of awkwardness pruned his leg also, by a gash from which the blood ran abundantly. The gardener looking on, raised his eyes, and in a melancholy tone exclaimed, "Oh, sir, what a pity to spoil so fine a stocking."

FEELING WITNESS.

A lawyer, upon a circuit in Ireland, who was pleading the cause of an infant plaintiff, took the child up in his arm and presented it to the jury suffused with tears. This had a great effect, until the opposite lawyer asked the child, "What made him cry?" "*He pinched me!*" answered the little innocent. The whole court was convulsed with laughter.

FEW FRIENDS.

A nobleman, extremely rich but a miser, stopping to change horses at Athlone, the carriage was surrounded by paupers imploring alms, to whom he turned a deaf ear, and drew up the glass. A ragged old woman, going round to the other side of the carriage, bawled out, in the old peer's hearing, "Please you, my lord, just chuck one ten penny out of your coach, and I'll answer it will trait *all your friends* in Athlone."

FIDELITY.

When a man implored a beautiful young lady to love and favor him, she replied, "My husband, who is ever in my mind, forbids me."

FILIAL AFFECTION.

Two ladies who inhabit Wapping, were having some words together on the pavement, when the daughter of one of them popped her head out of the window, and exclaimed, "Hurry, mother, and call *her a thief* before she calls you one."

FIRE AND WATER.

Paddy being asked if he thought of doing something, which, for his own part, he deemed very unlikely, he said he "should as soon think of attempting to light a cigar at a *pump*."

FIRST DISCOVERER.

A gentleman praising the personal charms of a very plain woman, Foote whispered to him, "Why don't you lay claim to such an accomplished beauty?" "What right have I to her?" said the other. "Every right by the law of nations, as the *first discoverer*," replied Foote.

FIRST QUAKER.

An old Indian being at a tavern in New York, met with an old gentleman who gave him some liquor, and becoming lively, boasted that he could read and write English. The gentleman, willing to gratify him in displaying his knowledge, begged leave to propose a question, to which the old man assented. He then asked, "who was the first circumcised?" The Indian immediately replied, "Father Abraham," and directly asked the gentleman, "Who was the first Quaker?" He said it was not quite certain, as people differed very much in their opinions. The Indian perceiving the gentleman unable to solve his question, put his finger to his mouth as expressive of his astonishment, and looking steadfastly at him for some time, told him that "*Mordecai* was the *first Quaker*, for he would not take off his hat to *Haman*."

FLASH OF WIT.

Sydney Smith, after Macaulay's return from the East, remarked to a friend who had been speaking of the distinguished conversationalist: "Yes, he is certainly more agreeable since his return from India. His enemies might perhaps have said before (though I never did so) that he talked rather too much; but now he has *occasional flashes of silence that make his conversation perfectly delightful*."

FLATTERY TURNED TO ADVANTAGE.

A dependent was praising his patron for many virtues which he did not possess. "I

will do all in my power to prevent you *lying*," answered he.

FLYING FISH.

A sailor, who had been away many years, returned to his mother. The old lady was desirous to learn what strange things her son had seen upon the mighty waters, but would not believe in the existence of *flying fish*. Jack said, "Mayhap, mother, you won't believe me, when I tell you, that when in the Red Sea, in heaving up anchor, a large wheel was hanging upon one of the flukes. An old Grecian looked at it and discovered it to be one of Pharaoh's chariot wheels." "I can believe that," cried the old woman, "for we read of it in the Bible; but never talk to me of flying fish."

FOLLOWED HIS ADVICE.

"Did you present your account to the defendant?" inquired a lawyer of a client. "I did, your honor." "And what did he say?" "He told me to go to the devil." "And what did you do then?" "Why, then I came to you."

FONTENELLE.

Fontenelle, at the age of 97, after saying many amiable and gallant things to a beautiful young lady, passed before her, without seeing her, to place himself at table. "See," said the lady, "how I ought to value your gallantries, you pass without looking at me." "Madame," replied the old man, "if I had looked at you I could not have passed."

FOOLS.

A county squire asked a juggler "why he played the fool?" "For the same reason you do, out of want; you do it for want of wit, I for want of money."

FOOTIANA.

Foote praising the hospitality of the Irish, after one of his trips to the sister kingdom, a gentleman asked him if he had ever been at *Cork*. "No, sir," replied Foote, "but I have seen many *drawings* of it."

FRENCHMAN.

A Frenchman having repeatedly heard the word *press* used to imply persuade, one evening when in company exclaimed, "Pray *squeeze* that lady to sing!"

FRISKY ANIMAL.

Sterne says that every animal in creation, as it grows older, grows graver, except an old woman, and she grows frisky.

FULL HOUSE.

"What plan," said an actor to another, "shall I adopt to fill the house at my benefit?" "Invite your creditors," was the surly reply.

FULL INSIDE.

Charles Lamb, one afternoon, in returning from a dinner party, took his seat in a crowded omnibus, when a stout gentleman subsequently looked in and politely asked, "All full inside?" "I don't know how it may be, sir, with the other passengers," answered Lamb, "but that last piece of oyster pie did the business for me."

FULL STOP.

A gentleman was speaking of the kindness of his friends in visiting him. One old aunt, in particular, visited him *twice* a year, and stayed *six months* each time.

FULL WEIGHT.

Biddy brought some butter to a store, and insisted it weighed a pound. The storekeeper could not see it; Biddy silenced him, however, with the reply, "And it's your own fault, sure, for didn't I weigh it with the pound of soap I bought here yesterday."

FURIOUS BARKING.

A witness in court, speaking in a very harsh and loud voice, the lawyer employed on the other side exclaimed, "Fellow, why dost thou bark so furiously?" "Because," replied the rustic, "I think I sees a thief."

GAMBLING.

I never by chance hear the rattling of dice that it doesn't sound to me like the funeral bell of a whole family. D. J.

GEORGE COLMAN.

A young gentleman being pressed very hard in company to sing, even after he had solemnly assured them he could not, observed testily they intended to make a *butt* of him, "No, my good sir," said Colman, "we only want to get a *stave* out of you."

GETTING THE WORST OF IT.

Porson was once disputing with an acquaintance, who, getting the worst of it said; "Professor, my opinion of you is most contemptible." "Sir," returned the great Grecian, "I never knew an *opinion* of yours that was not *contemptible*."

GERMAN PRONUNCIATION.

Many Germans, it is well known by all who are conversant with their pronun-

ation, substitute the sound of *d* for that of *th*. A gentleman from Leipsic being asked how old he was, replied "he was dirty," (30,) and when asked the age of his wife, he answered, "she was dirty-two," (32.)

GHOSTS.

A. author, ridiculing the idea of ghosts, asks how a dead man can get into a locked room. Probably with a skeleton key.

GIBBON'S LOVE.

Gibbon, the historian, notwithstanding his shortness and rotundity, was very gallant; one day being alone with Madame De Crondas, Gibbon wished to seize the favourable moment, and suddenly dropping on his knees, declared his love in the most passionate terms. Madame De Crondas replied in a tone to prevent the repetition of such a scene. Gibbon was thunderstruck, but still remaining on his knees, though frequently desiring to get up and resume his seat: "Sir," said Madame De Crondas, "will you have the goodness to rise?" "Alas, madame," replied the unhappy lover, "I cannot—" (his size prevented him from rising without assistance;) upon this Madame De Crondas rang the bell, saying to the servant, "assist Mr. Gibbon up!"

GIVING THE DEVIL HIS DUES.

Swift preached an assize sermon, and in the course of it was severe upon the lawyers for pleading against their consciences. After dinner a young counsel said some severe things against the clergy; and did not doubt were the devil to die, a parson might be found to preach his funeral sermon. "Yes," said Swift, "I would, and would give the devil his due, as I did his children this morning."

GIVING THE DEVIL HIS DUE.

This common phrase was turned very wittily by a member of the bar in North Carolina some years ago, on three of his legal brethren. During the trial of a case, Hillman, Dews and Swain (the two first named distinguished lawyers, the last also a distinguished lawyer and president of the University of that State) handed James Dodge, the Clerk of the Supreme Court, the following epitaph:

Here lies James Dodge, who dodged all good,
And never dodged an evil;
And after dodging all he could,
He could not dodge the devil.

Mr Dodge sent back to the gentleman the annexed impromptu reply, which we consider equal to anything ever expressed in the best days of Queen Ann or Bess:

Here lies a Hillman and a Swain,
Their lot let no man choose;
They lived in sin and died in pain,
And the Devil got his dues (Dews.)

GIVING WARNING.

A gentleman, who did not live very happy with his wife, on the maid telling him that she was going to give her mistress warning, as she kept scolding her from morning till night. "Happy girl," said the master, "I wish I could give warning too."

GOING FAST.

A gentleman met another in the street, who was ill of a consumption, and accosted him thus: "Ah! my friend, you walk slow." "Yes," replied the man, "but I am *going* fast."

GOING FROM THE POINT.

Curran, in describing a speech made by Sergeant Hewitt, said: "My learned friend's speech put me exactly in mind of a familiar utensil in domestic use, commonly called an extinguisher. It began at a point, and on it went widening and widening, until at last it fairly put the question out altogether."

GOING TO CHINA TO KEEP COOL.

The Duchess of Bolton resolved upon going to China when Winston told her the world would be burnt in three years.

GOING TO EXTREMES.

When ladies wore their dresses very low and very short, a wit observed that "they began too late and ended too soon."

GOLD TURNED TO LEAD.

Sir John Davis, a Welshman, in the reign of King James I, wrote a letter to the King in these words: "Most Mighty Prince! the gold mine that was lately discovered in Ballycurey turns out to be a lead one."

GOOD ADVICES.

Lady — spoke to the butler to be saving of an excellent cask of small beer, and asked him how it might be best preserved. "I know of no method so effectual, my lady," replied the butler, "as placing a barrel of good ale by it."

A young man, placed by his friends as a student in a veterinary college, being in