

## REASONS WHY.

A man said the only reason why his dwelling was not blown away in the late storm was because there was a *heavy mortgage* on it.

A peddler sold a large quantity of stuff which he called the *Madagascar Rat Exterminator* in a neighborhood, and yet the vermin were as alive and active as ever. On being told that it had no effect, "Perhaps," said the imperturbable peddler, "yours may not be *Madagascar rats*."

Footo was once asked why learned men are to be found in rich men's houses, and rich men never to be seen in those of the learned? "Why," said he, "the first know what they want, but the *latter* do not."

## REFLECTION.

An overbearing barrister, endeavoring to browbeat a witness, told him he could plainly see a *rogue* in his face. "I never knew till now," said the witness, "that my face was a *looking glass*."

## REFUGE.

A boy who in term time picked a pocket, fled inside the bar for protection. He was asked the reason of this strange conduct, and replied, that in the multitude of "counsellors there is safety."

## REGRET.

A gentleman, regretting the loss of his first in the presence of his *second wife*, was told by her that "no one had more reason to wish his former spouse alive than she had."

## RELIGIOUS IMPRESSIONS.

"Do you go to Sabbath school, my lad?" kindly asked a missionary of a depraved little Dubuque urchin. "Nary," answered the innocent, "but I've got a fighting cock that can walk over any bird in this town that wears gaffs."

## REMARKABLE ECHO.

A certain Chief Justice, on hearing an ass bray, interrupted the late Mr. Curran in his speech to the jury, by saying, "One at a time, Mr. Curran, if you please." The speech being finished, the judge began his charge, and during its progress the ass sent forth the full force of its lungs; whereupon the advocate said, "Does not your lordship hear a remarkable *echo* in the court?"

## REPLY.

A farmer meeting the parson of his parish, and not giving way to him, was told

that he was "better fed than taught." "True," replied the farmer, "you teach me and I feed myself."

## REPRESENTING A PRINCE.

A prince laughing at one of his courtiers, whom he had employed in several embassies, told him he "looked like an owl." "I know not," answered the courtier, "what I look like; but this I know, that I have had the honor several times to represent your majesty's person."

## REPROOF.

"I can't find bread for my family," said a lazy fellow in company. "Nor I," replied an industrious miller; "I am obliged to *work* for it."

## REPUTATION.

Reputation is to notoriety what real 'urtile is to mock.

## RETORTS.

Two men, in dispute, reflected upon each other's veracity. One of them replied, that he was never whipt but once by his father, and that was for telling the truth. "I believe then," retorted the other, "the truth was whipt out of you, for you have never spoken it since."

Two girls of fashion entered an assembly room at a time when a fat citizen's wife was quitting it. "Oh," said one of them, "there's beef *a-la-mode* going out." "Yes," answered the object of ridicule, "and *game* coming in."

Mr. Colt, superintendent of the canal at Fort Stanwix, being provoked by an Irishman, gave him a sturdy kick. "By St. Patrick," retorted the Irishman, "if you kick so while you are a *Colt*, what will you do when you come to be a horse?"

In 1793, when a war with France was agitated, on account of the conduct of that country to the Dutch, a gentleman in company said impetuously, "Damn the Dutch, burn their towns." "Rather," replied a lady, "*un-dam* them and sink them."

## REVERSE.

An Irishman, who lived in an attic, being asked what part of the house he occupied, answered: "If the house were turned *topsy-turvy*, I'd be livin' on the first floor."

## REVERSE JOKE.

A soldier, passing through a meadow, a large mastiff ran at him, and he stabbed the

dog with his bayonet. The master of the dog asked him why he had not rather struck the dog with the butt end of his weapon? "So I should," said the soldier, "if he had run at me with his *tail*!"

## RIGHT ORGANS

Spurzheim was lecturing on phrenology. "What is to be conceived the organ of drunkenness?" said the professor. "The *barrel organ*," interrupted an auditor.

## RINGING THE CHANGES.

At a tavern one night, Messrs. *More, Strange, and Wright*, Met to drink, and good thoughts to exchange;

Says *More*, "of us three,  
"The whole town will agree,  
"There is only one knave, and that's  
"*Strange*."

"Yes," says *Strange*, (rather sore,) "I'm sure there's one *More*,  
"A most terrible knave and a bite,  
"Who cheated his mother,  
"His sister and brother."  
"Oh yes," replied *More*, "that is *Wright*."

## ROGERS, POET AND SKIPPER.

Rogers used to say that, "a man who attempted to read all the new publications must often do as the flea does—skip."

## ROSES OR TULIPS.

A fashionable countess asking a young nobleman which he thought the prettiest flowers, roses or tulips? He replied, with great gallantry, "Your ladyship's two lips before all the roses in the world."

## ROWING IN THE SAME BOAT.

"We row in the same boat, you know," said a literary friend to Jerrold. This literary friend was a comic writer and a comic writer only. Jerrold replied, "True, my good fellow, we *do* row in the same boat, but with very different *sculls*."

## ROYAL JEST.

A captain, remarkable for his uncommon height, being one day at the rooms at Bath, the late Princess Amelia was struck with his appearance, and being told that he had been originally intended for the church, "Rather for the *steeple*," replied the royal humorist.

## RUB AT A RASCAL.

George Colman being once told that a man whose character was not very immaculate had grossly abused him, pointedly re-

marked, that "the scandal and ill report of some persons that might be mentioned was like Fuller's earth, it *dubs your coat* a little for a time, but when it is *rubbed off* your coat is so much the cleaner."

## RULING PASSION.

Henry Beaufort, cardinal of Winchester, who was extremely rich, cried out upon his death bed, "Will not death be hired? Will money do nothing? Must I die that have such great riches? If the whole realm of England would save my life, I am able, either by politics to get it, or by riches to buy it."

## RUM AND WATER.

A certain Scotchman, who is not a member of any temperance society, being asked by a dealer to purchase some fine old Jamaica, dryly answered: "To tell you the truth, Mr. —, I canna' say I'm fond of rum, for if I tak' mair than *six tum'lers*, it's very apt to gie me a headache."

## RUNNING WILD ARABIANS.

A traveler relating some of his adventures, told the company that he and his servant made fifty wild Arabians run; which, exciting much surprise, he observed there was no such great matter in it, "for," said he, "we ran, and they ran after us."

## SADDLE ON THE RIGHT HORSE.

As a man who, deeply involved in debt, was walking in the street with a very melancholy air, one of his acquaintances asked him why he was so sorrowful. "Alas," said he, "I am in a state of insolvency." "Well," said his friend, "if that is the case, it is not you but your *creditors*, who ought to wear a woeful countenance."

## SAFE APPEAL.

A physician once defended himself from raillery by saying, "I defy any person whom I ever attended to accuse me of ignorance or neglect." "That you may safely do," replied an auditor, "for you know, doctor, *dead men* tell no tales."

## SAGE ADVICE.

The advice given by an Irishman to his English friend on introducing him to a regular Tipperary row, was, "Wherever you see a head, *hit it*."

## SAILOR'S WEDDING.

A Jack Tar just returned from sea, determined to commit matrimony; but at the altar the parson demurred, as there was



not cash enough between them to pay his fees, on which Jack, thrusting a few shillings into the sleeve of his cassock, exclaimed, "Never mind, brother, marry us as far as it will go."

#### SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION.

One of the curiosities sometimes shown at a public exhibition, professed to be a skull of Oliver Cromwell. A gentleman present observed that it could not be Cromwell's as he had a very large head, and this was a small skull. "Oh, I know all that," said the exhibitor, undisturbed, "but, you see, this was his skull when he was a boy."

#### SAUCY ANSWER.

A barrister, attempting to browbeat a female witness, told her she had brass enough to make a saucepan. The woman retorted, "And you have sauce enough to fill it."

#### SCANDALOUS.

It was said of a great calumniator and a frequenter of other persons' tables, that he never opened his mouth but at another man's expense.

#### SCATTERING SHOT.

An itinerant preacher, who rambled in his sermons, when requested to stick to his text, replied, "that a scattering shot would hit most birds."

#### SCHOOLMASTER AND PUPIL.

A schoolmaster asked a boy one cold morning, what was the Latin for cold, at which the boy hesitated, saying: "I have it at my finger's ends."

#### SCOLD'S VOCABULARY.

The copiousness of the English language perhaps was never more apparent than in the following character, by a lady, of her own husband:

"He is," says she, "an abhorred, barbarous, capricious, detestable, envious, fastidious, hard-hearted, illiberal, ill-natured, jealous, keen, loathsome, malevolent, nauseous, obstinate, passionate, quarrelsome, raging, saucy, tantalizing, uncomfortable, vexatious, abominable, bitter, captious, disagreeable, execrable, fierce, grating, gross, hasty, malicious, nefarious, obstreperous, peevish, restless, savage, tart, unpleasant, violent, waspish, worrying, acrimonious, blustering, careless, discontented, fretful, growling, hateful, inattentive, malignant, noisy, odious, perverse, rigid, severe, teasing, unsuitable, angry, boister-

ous, choleric, disgusting, gruff, hectoring, incorrigible, mischievous, negligent, offensive, pettish, roaring, sharp, sluggish, snapping, snarling, sneaking, sour, testy, tire-some, tormenting, touchy, arrogant, austere, awkward, boorish, brawling, brutal, bullying, churlish, clamorous, crabbed, cross, currish, dismal, dull, dry, drowsy, grumbling, horrid, huffish, insolent, intractable, irascible, ireful, morose, murmuring, opinionated, oppressive, outrageous, overbearing, petulant, plaguey, rough, rude, rugged, spiteful, splenetic, stern, stubborn, stupid, sulky, sullen, surly, suspicious, treacherous, troublesome, turbulent, tyrannical, virulent, wrangling, yelping dog-in-a-manger."

#### SCOTCH MEDIUM.

After giving Sandy certain directions about kirk matters, the minister sniffed once or twice, and remarked, "Saunders, I fear you have been tasting (taking a glass) this morning." "'Deed, sir," replied Sandy, with the coolest effrontery, set off with a droll glance of his brown eyes, "'Deed, sir, I was just ga'in to observe I thocht there was a smell o' speerits among us this mornin'!"

#### SCOTCH UNDERSTANDING.

A lady asked a very silly Scotch nobleman how it happened that the Scots who came out of their own country were, generally speaking, men of more abilities than those who remained at home. "Oh, madam," said he, "the reason is obvious. At every outlet there are persons stationed to examine all who pass, that, for the honour of the country, no one be permitted to leave it who is not a man of understanding." "Then," said she, "I suppose your lordship was smuggled."

#### SCOTCHMAN AND HIGHWAYMAN.

A Scotch pedestrian, attacked by three highwaymen, defended himself with great courage, but was at last overpowered and his pockets rifled. The robbers expected, from the extraordinary resistance they had experienced, to find a rich booty; but were surprised to discover that the whole treasure which the sturdy Caledonian had been defending at the hazard of his life, was only a crooked six-pence. "The deuce is in him," said one of the rogues; "if he had had eighteen-pence I suppose he would have killed all of us."

#### SCOTCHMAN AND IRISHMAN.

A Scotchman and an Irishman were traveling together. The Scotchman was bald, and for a joke he rose in the night and shaved his companion's head while he was asleep. The Irishman had given orders to his landlord to wake him early. He did so. The poor fellow arose, and discovering his bald head in a glass, exclaimed, "By the powers! I told you to waken me, but instead of that, you are after calling up the Scotchman. I'm never to be cheated in this way, faith." So saying he went to bed again.

#### SEA LAWYERS.

A Lawyer on his passage from Europe, observed a shark, and asked a sailor what it was, who replied, "Here we call 'em sea lawyers."

#### SEALING AN OATH.

"Do you," said Fanny, t'other day "In earnest love me as you say; Or are those tender words applied Alike to fifty girls beside?" "Dear, cruel girl," cried I, "forbear!" For by those eyes, those lips, I swear! She stopped me as the oath I took, And cried, "you've sworn—now kiss the book."

#### SEASONABLE JOKES.

Theodore Hook, being in company, where he said something humorous in rhyme to every person present, on Mr. Winter, the late solicitor of taxes, being announced, made the following impromptu: Here comes Mr. Winter, collector of taxes, I advise you to give him whatever he axes; I advise you to give it without any flummery, For though his name's Winter, his actions are summary.

Admiral Duncan's address to the officers who came aboard his ship for instructions, previous to the engagement with Admiral de Winter, was both laconic and humorous: "Gentlemen, you see a severe winter approaching; I have only to advise you to keep up a steady fire."

#### SEASON-INGS.

Come here, Johnny, and tell me what the four seasons are." Young prodigy: "Pepper, salt, mustard and vinegar."

#### SECOND THOUGHTS.

Second thoughts, we commonly say, are best, and young women who pretend to be

averse to marriage, desire not to be taken at their words. One asking a girl if she would have him? "Faith, no, John," says she, "but you may have me, if you will."

#### SECRET DISCOVERED.

'Tis clear why Twister, wretched rat, Always abuses in his chatter: He's truly such a thorough flat, We can't expect to see him flatter.

#### SEEING A CORONATION.

A sad mistake was once made at court by the beautiful and celebrated Duchess of Hamilton. Shortly before the death of George II, and whilst he was greatly indisposed, Miss Gunning, upon becoming Duchess of Hamilton, was presented to his majesty. The King, who was particularly pleased with the natural elegance and artlessness of her manner, indulged in a long conversation with her grace. In the course of this *tete-a-tete*, the duchess said, with great animation, "I have seen everything; there is only one thing in this world I wish to see, and I do long so much to see that." The curiosity of the monarch was so greatly excited to know what this wonderful thing could be, that he eagerly asked her what it was. "A coronation," replied the thoughtless duchess; nor was she at all conscious of the mistake she had made, till the king took her hand with a sigh, and with a melancholy expression, replied, "I apprehend you have not long to wait; you will soon have your wish." Her grace was overwhelmed with confusion.

#### SEEING NOT BELIEVING.

A lady's maid told her mistress that she once swallowed several pins together. "Dear me," said the lady, "didn't they kill you?"

#### SELF APPLAUSE.

Some persons can neither stir hand nor foot without making it clear they are thinking of themselves, and laying little traps for approbation.

#### SELF CONCEIT.

Hail, charming pow'r of self opinion! For none are slaves in thy dominion; Secure in thee, the mind's at ease, The vain have only one to please.

#### SELF CONDEMNATION.

A country gentleman walking in his garden saw his gardener asleep in an arbor.



"What," says the master, "asleep, you idle dog, you are not worthy that the sun should shine on you." "I am truly sensible of my unworthiness," answered the man, "and therefore I laid myself down in the shade."

Joseph II, emperor of Germany, traveling in his usual way, without his retinue, attended by only a single aid-de-camp, arrived very late in the house of an Englishman, who kept an inn in the Netherlands. After eating a few slices of ham and biscuit, the emperor and his attendant retired to rest, and in the morning paid their bill, which amounted to only three shillings and sixpence, English, and rode off. A few hours afterwards several of his suite arrived, and the publican, understanding the rank of his guest, appeared very uneasy. "Psha! psha! man," said one of the attendants, "Joseph is accustomed to such adventures, and will think no more about it." "But I shall," replied the landlord, "and never forgive myself for having had an emperor in my house and leaving him off for three and sixpence."

#### SELF-INTEREST.

Those who wish to tax anything containing intelligence, must be actuated by selfish views, seeing that it is an imposition of which they are not likely to feel the burden.

#### SELF-KNOWLEDGE.

"B—," said one of his eulogists, "always knows his own mind." We will cede the point, for it amounts to an admission that he knows nothing.

#### SELWYN.

This gentleman traveling in a stage-coach was interrupted by the frequent impertinence of a companion, who was constantly teasing him with questions and asking him how he did: "How are you now, sir?" said the impertinent. George in order to get rid of his importunity, replied, "very well; and I intend to continue so all the rest of the journey."

#### SENSIBILITY.

A keen sportsman who kept harriers, was so vexed when any noise was made while the hounds were at fault, that he rode up to a gentleman who accidentally coughed at such a time, and said, "I wish, with all my heart, sir, your cough was better."

#### SENT HOME FREE.

A very considerate hotel-keeper, adver-

tising his "Burton XXXX," concluded the advertisement: "N. B. Parties drinking more than four glasses of this potent beverage at one sitting, carefully sent home gratis in a wheelbarrow if required."

#### SETTING UP AND SITTING DOWN.

Swift was one day in company with a young coxcomb, who, rising from his chair, said, with a conceited and confidential air, "I would have you know, Mr. Dean, I set up for a wit." "Do you, indeed?" replied the dean, "then take my advice, and sit down again."

#### SEVERE.

A lady asked a sailor whom she met, why a ship was called "she." The Son of Neptune replied that it was "because the rigging cost more than the hull."

#### SEVERE REBUKE.

Sir William B., being at a parish meeting, made some proposals which were objected to by a farmer. Highly enraged, "Sir," said he to the farmer, "do you know that I have been at two universities, and at two colleges in each university?" "Well, sir," replied the farmer, "what of that? I had a calf that sucked two cows, and the observation I made was, the more he sucked the greater calf he grew."

#### SHAKING HANDS.

At a duel the parties discharged their pistols without effect, whereupon one of the seconds interfered, and proposed that the combatants should shake hands. To this the other second objected as unnecessary; "For," said he, "their hands have been shaking this half hour."

#### SHARP, IF NOT PLEASANT.

An arch boy was feeding a magpie, when a gentleman in the neighborhood, who had an impediment in his speech, coming up, said: "T-T-T-Tom, can your mag. t-t-talk yet?" "Ay, sir," says the boy, "better than you, or I'd wring his head off."

#### SHARP REPLY.

Two country attorneys overtaking a wagoner on the road, and thinking to be witty at his expense, asked him why his fore horse was so fat and the rest so lean? The wagoner, knowing them, answered, "that his fore horse was a lawyer and the rest were his clients."

#### SHAVING.

A barber shaving a thin faced man, put his fingers into the man's mouth to push

out the hollow of his cheek, and happening to make a slip, cut through the poor fellow's face, and exclaimed, "O, curse your lantern jaws, I've cut my finger."

#### SHERIDAN.

The late R. Brinsley Sheridan, Esq., threatening to cut his son off with a shilling, he immediately replied, "Ah, father, but where will you borrow that shilling?" It is humor, so like his own, procured the desired pardon.

#### SHERIDAN AND BURKE.

After a very violent speech from an opposition member, Mr. Burke started suddenly from his seat, and rushed to the ministerial side of the house, exclaiming with much vehemence, "I quit the camp! I quit the camp!" "I hope," said Mr. Sheridan, "as the honorable gentleman has quitted the camp as a deserter, he will not return as a spy."

#### SHERIDAN CONVIVIAL.

Lord Byron notes: "What a wreck is Sheridan! and all from bad pilotage; for no one had ever better gales, though now and then a little squally. Poor, dear Sherry! I shall never forget the day he, and Rogers, and Moore, and I passed together, when he talked and we listened, without one yawn, from six to one in the morning."

One night Sheridan was found in the street by a watchman, bereft of that "divine particle of air" called reason, and fuddled and bewildered, and almost insensible. He (the watchman) asked, "who are you, sir?" No answer. "What's your name?" A hiccup. "What's your name?" Answer, in a slow, deliberate, and impassive tone, "Wilberforce!" Byron notes: "Is not that Sherry all over? and to my mind excellent. Poor fellow! his very dregs are better than the first sprightly runnings of others."

#### SHORT COMMONS.

At a shop window there appeared the following notice:—"Wanted, two apprentices, who will be treated as one of the family."

#### A SHORT JOURNEY.

An old clergyman one Sunday, at the close of the sermon, gave notice to the congregation that in the course of the week he expected to go on a mission to the heathen. One of his parishioners, in great agitation, exclaimed, "Why, my dear sir you have

never told us one word of this before? What shall we do?" "Oh, brother," said the parson, "I don't expect to go out of this town."

"Zounds, fellow!" exclaimed a choicest old gentleman to a very phlegmatic matter-of-fact person, "I shall go out of my wits." "Well, you won't have far to go," said the phlegmatic man.

#### SHORT MEASURE.

An actor, notorious for his love of beer, sailed for India. "He was a good fellow," said a friend; "take him for half-and-half, we shall not look upon his like again."

#### SHORT SIGHTED.

Dean Cowper of Durham, who was very economical of his wine, descanting one day on the extraordinary performance of a man who was blind, remarked, that the poor fellow could see no more than "that bottle." "I do not wonder at it at all, sir," replied a minor canon, "for we have seen no more than 'that bottle' all the afternoon."

#### SHORT AND SHARP.

"Why, Mr. B.," said a tall youth to a little person who was in company with half a dozen huge men, "I protest you are so very small I did not see you before." "Very likely," replied the little gentleman, "I am like a sixpence among a lot of copper pennies, not easily perceived, but worth the whole of them."

#### SHOULD NOT SILENCE GIVE CONSENT.

A laird of Logan was at a meeting of the heritors of Cumnock, where a proposal was made to erect a new churchyard wall. He met the proposition with the dry remark, "I never dig dykes till the tenants complain."

#### SHUFFLING ANSWER.

A fair devotee lamented to her confessor her love of gaming. "Ah! madam," replied the reverend gentleman, "it is a grievous sin:—in the first place, consider the loss of time;" "that's just what I do," said she, "I always begrudge the time that is lost in shuffling and dealing."

#### SIGN OF BEING CRACKED.

In a cause respecting a will evidence was given to prove the testatrix, an apothecary's widow, a lunatic; amongst other things it was deposed that she had swept a quantity of pots, lotions, potions, &c., into the street as rubbish. "I doubt," said the learned



judge, "whether sweeping *physic* into the street be any proof of insanity." "True, my lord," replied the counsel, "but sweeping the pots away certainly was."

## SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES.

At an hotel at Brighton, Douglas Jerrold was dining with two friends, one of whom, after dinner, ordered "a bottle of *old port*."

"Water," added Jerrold, with a significant wrinkle of his eye, "mind now, a bottle of *your old port*, not your *elder port*."

## SILENT APPRECIATION.

A gentleman gave a friend some first rate wine, which he tasted and drank, making no remark upon it. The owner, disgusted at his guest's want of appreciation, next offered some strong but inferior wine, which the guest had no sooner tasted than he exclaimed that it was excellent wine. "But you said nothing of *the first*," remarked his host. "Oh," replied the other, "the first required nothing being said of it, *It spoke for itself*. I thought the second wanted a *trumpeter*."

## SILK GOWN.

Grattan said of Hussy Burgh, who had been a great liberal, but, on getting his silk gown, became a ministerialist, "That all men knew silk to be a non-conducting body, and that since the honorable member had been enveloped *in silk*, no spark of *patriotism* had reached his breast."

## SIMILE.

Vane's speeches to an hour-glass,  
Do some resemblance show;  
Because the longer time they run,  
The shallower they grow.

## SIMPLE REASON.

"Why do you use paint?" asked a violinist of his daughter. "For the same reason that you use rosin, papa." "How is that?" "Why, to help me draw my beau."

## SIMPLICITY OF THE LEARNED PORSON.

Porson, the great scholar had a horror of the east wind, and Tom Sheridan once kept him prisoner in the house for a fortnight by fixing the weather-cock in that direction.

## SIMS, DR.

A glorious bull is related, in the life of Dr. Sims, of a countryman of his, an Irishman, for whom he had prescribed an emetic, who said with great naivete: "My dear doctor, it is of no use your giving me an *emetic*! I tried it twice in Dublin, and it would not stay on my stomach either time."

## SINECURE.

One Patrick Maguire had been appointed to a situation, the reverse of a place of all work; and his friends, who called to congratulate him, were much astonished to see his face lengthen on the receipt of the news. "A *sinecure*, is it?" exclaimed Pat, "sure I know what a *sinecure* is, it's a place where there's *nothing to do*, and they pay you by the piece."

## "SINKING" THE WELL.

Theodore Hook once observed a party of laborers sinking a well. "What are you about?" he inquired. "Boring for water, sir," was the reply. "Water's a bore at any time," responded Hook, "besides you're quite wrong; remember the old proverb—'Let *well* alone.'"

## SIR WALTER SCOTT AND CONSTABLE.

Scott is known to have profited much by Constable's bibliographical knowledge, which was very extensive. The latter christened "Kenilworth," which Scott named "Cumberland Hall." John Ballantyne objected to the former title, and told Constable the result would be "something worthy of the kennel;" but the result proved the reverse. Mr. Cadell relates that Constable's vanity boiled over so much at this time, on having his suggestions gone into, that, in his high moods, he used to stalk up and down his room, and exclaim: "By Jove, I am *all but* the author of the Waverley Novels."

## SLEEP.

A gentleman dined one day with a dull preacher. Dinner was scarcely over, before the gentleman fell asleep; but was awakened by the divine, and invited to go and hear him preach. "I beseech you, sir, excuse me, I can *sleep* very well where I am."

## SLEEPING AT CHURCH.

Dr. South, when once preaching before Charles II, observed that the monarch and his attendants began to nod, and some of them soon after snored, on which he broke off in his sermon, and said: "Lord Landerdale, let me entreat you to rouse yourself; you snore so loud that you will *awake* the king."

## SLEEPING SOUND.

The celebrated Quin had this faculty. "What sort of a morning is it John?" "Very wet, sir." "Any mullet in the market?" "No, sir." "Then John, you may

call me this time to-morrow." So saying he composed himself to sleep, and got rid of the ennui of a dull day.

## SLEEPY CLOAK.

On seeing another wear a thread-bare cloak, asked him whether his cloak was not sleepy? "Why do you ask?" said his friend. "Because I am sure it has not had a nap these seven years."

## SLEPT VERY WELL.

A certain great lord having, by his extravagancies, run himself over head and ears in debt, and seeming very little concerned about it, one of his friends told him one day, that he wondered how he could sleep quietly in his bed, whilst he was so much in debt. "For my part," said my lord, "I sleep very well, but I wonder how my creditors sleep."

## SLIGHT DIFFERENCE.

"I keep an excellent table," said a lady, disputing with one of her boarders. "That may be true, ma'am," says he, "but you put very little *upon it*."

## SMALL INHERITANCE.

It was the habit of Lord Eldon, when Attorney General, to close his speeches with some remarks justifying his own character. At the trial of Horne Tooke, speaking of his own reputation, he said: "It is the little inheritance I have to leave my children, and by God's help, I will leave it unimpaired." Here he shed tears, and, to the astonishment of those present, Mitford, the Solicitor General, began to weep. "Just look at Mitford," said a bystander to Horne Tooke; "what on earth is he crying for?" Tooke replied, "he is crying to think what a *small* inheritance Eldon's children are likely to get."

## SMALL TALK.

Fuseli had a great dislike to commonplace observations. After sitting perfectly quiet for a long time in his own room, during the "bald disjointed chat" of some idle visitors, who were gabbling with one another about the weather, and other topics of as interesting a nature, he suddenly exclaimed, "We had *pork* for dinner to-day." "Dear me! Mr. Fuseli, what an odd remark." "Why, it is as good as anything you have been saying for the *last hour*."

## SMALL WIT.

Sir George Beaumont once met Quin at a small dinner party. There was a deli-

cious pudding, which the master of the house, pushing the dish toward Quin, begged him to taste. A gentleman had just before helped himself to an immense piece of it. "Pray," said Quin, looking first at the gentleman's plate and then at the dish, "*which* is the pudding?"

## SMOKING.

"What harm is there in a pipe?" says young Puffwell. "None that I know," replied his companion, "except smoking induces drinking—drinking induces intoxication—intoxication induces bile—bile induces dyspepsia—dyspepsia induces pulmonary consumption—pulmonary consumption induces death—put that in your pipe and smoke it."

## SMOOTHING IT DOWN.

A client remarked to his solicitor, "You are writing my bill on very rough paper, sir." "Never mind," was the reply of the latter, "it has to be filed before it comes into court."

## SNORING.

A certain deacon being accustomed to snore while asleep in church, he received the following polite note: "Deacon — is requested not to commence snoring to-morrow until the sermon is begun, as some persons in the neighborhood of his pew would like to hear the *text*."

## SNUFF BOX.

At a party in Portman Square, Brummel's snuff-box was particularly admired; it was handed round, and a gentleman, finding it rather difficult to open, incautiously applied a desert-knife to the lid. Poor Brummel was on thorns; at last he could not contain himself any longer, and addressing the host, said, with his characteristic quaintness, "Will you be good enough to tell your friend that my snuff-box is *not an oyster*."

## SNUG LYING.

A visitor at Churchtown, thought people must like to be buried in the church yard *there*, because it was so healthy.

## SOCRATES.

Socrates, when asked by Gergias what his opinion was of the king of Persia, and whether he judged him happy, replied, that he could not tell what to think of him, because he knew not how well he was furnished with virtue and learning.