

## HUMOR IN EPIGRAPH

Newly Compiled Specimens of Churchyard Curiosities.

In the churchyard of St. Joan, Worcester, is an epitaph which it brevity is the soul of wit, has high claim on that character.

Honest John  
is dead and gone.

Here are some miscellaneous grotesques:

Here lies me and my three daughters,  
Brought here by us to Cheltenham Waters.

If we had stuck to Epson salts  
We wouldn't be in these here vaults.

From a New Hampshire churchyard:

To all my friends I bid adieu.  
A more sudden death you never knew.

As I was leaning the old man to drink,  
She kicked, she killed me quicker 'n a wink.

On an East Tennessee lady:

She lived a life of virtue, and died of cholera  
morbus, caused by eating green fruit, in hope of a  
blessed immortality, at the early age of 21 years, 7  
months and 16 days. Renter, "Go thou and do  
likewise."

The following was composed by three  
Scotch friends to whom the person com-  
memorated had left a legacy, with the hope  
expressed that they would honor him by  
some record of their regrets. The first  
friend composed the line which naturally  
opened the epiphany:

Provost Peter Patterson was Provost of Dundee.

The second added:

Provost Peter Patterson here lies he.

The third could suggest no other con-  
clusion than:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The following must be taken as a fling at  
a noble profession:

Here lies the corpse of Dr. Chard,  
Who filled the hall of this churchyard.

This is as bad as the unkind hint con-  
veyed in the following, in a churchyard  
near Newmarket:

Here lies the body of Sarah Sexton,  
Who never did ought to vex one.

Not like the woman under the next stone.

Domestic troubles have been laid bare  
on the tombstone from the time of the  
Greeks and Romans. Here is a piece of  
atrocious doggerel to be seen in Selby  
churchyard, in Yorkshire:

Here lies my wife, a sad and slattern and a shrew;  
If I said I regretted her I should lie too.

The following, which frequently appears  
in collections of epigrams, are not cre-  
dited to any locality, any may be mere  
wandering bits of epigrammatic mis-  
ogynism:

This dear little spot is the joy of my life;  
It raises my flowers and covers my wife.

I am not grieved, my dearest life,  
Sleep on—I've got another wife;

Therefore I cannot come to thee,  
For I must go and live with thee.

My wife's dead, and here she lies,  
No man laughs, and no man cries;

Where she's gone or how she fares,  
Nobody knows, and nobody cares.

Here lies my poor wife, without bed or blanket,  
But dead as a door nail, and cold as a blanket.

In the following the tables are turned:

Here lies the body of Mary Ford,  
Whose soul, we trust, is with the Lord;

But if for hell she's changed this life,  
This better than being John Ford's wife.

Intentional drolleries frequently take  
the form of puns. Among these should rank  
the epitaph on Mr. Foote of Norwich:

Here lies one Foote, whose death many thousands  
saw.

For Death hit him now on foot within the grave,  
and the one on Mr. Box:

Here lies one Box within another.  
The one of wood was very good;

We cannot say so much for the other;  
also the famous one of Sir John Strange:

Here lies an honest lawyer,  
That is strange!

A "happy conceit" it was doubtless,  
thought in 1610, to write over a member of  
Parliament named White:

Here lies a John, a burning, shining light,  
Whose name, life, actions, all alike were White.

The following is by Swift on the Earl of  
Kildare:

Who killed Kildare? Who dared to kill him?  
Death killed Kildare—who dare kill whom he will.

Here are a few miscellaneous examples,  
the first on a Mr. Fish:

Worms are bait for fish; but here's a sudden  
change.

Fish is bait for worms—is not that passing strange.  
On William Button, in a churchyard  
near Sanbury:

O sun, moon, stars, all ye celestial bodies!  
Are graves, then, divided into Button holes?

On Foe's, the comedian:

From Foe's his earthly stage is hurled;  
Death took him off, who took off all the world.

Is the satire in the following examples  
intentional?

Maria Brown, wife of Timothy Brown, aged 80  
years. She lived in the hope of a better life,  
and died in the confidence of a better life.

Here lies Bernard Lightfoot, who was accident-  
ally killed in the 43rd year of his age. This monu-  
ment was erected by his grateful family—Current  
Literature.

## Comments By The Crowd.

(The policeman has been to the depot  
and is bringing his wife's uncle home for  
a short visit.) First Boy—"Wet's the old  
feller pinched for?"

Second Boy—"Peatin' his wife, I guess.  
He looks like a woman li'er."

Another—"He's a green-goods' man,  
that's w't he is. I kint lit it by the bag  
he's carryin'."

Still Another—"Ah! go 'long wid yer,  
he's bin a breakin' into a bank, an' he's  
got tools in de grip."

The Climax—"He's been a murderin'  
some one, and when th' contents o' that  
ere carpit bag is seen, I'll bet they'll find a  
bloody hammer and a human skull!"—Lile.

## The Knew Him.

A railroad was about to be run through  
the best part of a western farmer's farm.  
He had had a stormy interview with the  
agents of the road, and was very wroth at  
them. He was expecting another visit  
from the agents when his little daughter  
said:

"There they come again."

"Who is it?" asked the father.

"Those road-agents again."—Pack.

## Her Plea For The Cashier.

Anna—"Don't prosecute him, papa.  
Let him go, and cover the matter up."

Peppa—"But, Anna, he has embezzled  
two thousand dollars, and I trusted him  
so?"

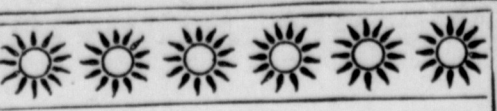
Anna—"Yes; think of it; only two  
thousand dollars! Why, people will never  
believe we have money if it is known that  
a man in his position took so little."

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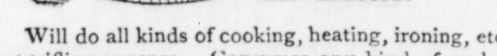
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"The hygienic extremist is never tired  
of expatiating on the advantages of fruit as  
a breakfast dish," said an old doctor, "and  
there may be persons who are benefited by  
the use of fruit early in the day; but I know  
from careful observation that it is positively  
injurious to a great number of persons.

Robust people, with great vitality and  
strong digestion, often find themselves im-  
proved in condition by the use of fruit of  
all sorts; but thin, pale, cold blooded  
women and men rarely keep their health  
through a long course of fruit eating early  
in the day.

Just consider for a moment the ab-  
surdity of beginning the day with an  
orange or two, then some cereal with  
cream or milk. The acid of the fruit  
curdles the milk, and often causes indiges-  
tion and the most acute pain. I believe  
that fruit and cereal and milk should never  
be taken one after the other. If it is more  
agreeable to the palate to take the fruit,  
omit the other, or take the cereal with a  
little butter and sugar. As there are so  
many people who depend largely upon oat-  
meal and other farinaceous food for their  
morning meal, it would be found an excel-  
lent plan to take fruit much later in the  
day. Indeed, I very decidedly approve  
of taking fruit between meals when one is  
the most likely to crave it. I know that  
many of my patients have declared that  
they ate fruit at breakfast simply because  
they had gotten into the habit of it, and  
because everybody said it was the proper  
thing to do. I have been obliged to forbid  
fruits of many sorts to scores of my pa-  
tients. Fresh apples are almost always al-  
lowable, but when they are cooked they  
are to many persons a decided irritant.

One lady can eat fresh apples at any time  
of day or night with great benefit, but  
when they are cooked in any way, espe-  
cially when made into apple sauce, they  
cause indigestion almost as soon as they  
are eaten. Oranges disagree with many,  
especially when they are partaken of be-  
fore meals, and two of my patients have  
had such violent paroxysms of pain after  
eating them that their use has been aban-  
doned altogether.

"Rhubarb is another article about which  
there are many opinions. It is almost like  
a poison to certain temperaments, and  
seems to agree with others. I have often  
remarked, however, that dishes of which  
people are very fond are likely to be the  
last thing that they will admit as disagree-  
ing with them. It is always something else,  
or they are bilious, or have taken cold, or  
they invent some new and flimsy excuse  
for their indisposition.

"We once had as a guest a very delicate  
young woman who positively dissipated on  
a morning diet of fruit. I knew that it was  
bringing on dyspepsia, but whatever I said  
she met with a laugh and the assertion that  
she could not live without fruit for  
breakfast. It so chanced that our family  
went to the country for a few days, and  
subsisted on plain food, without a particle  
of fruit. The young woman improved in  
health every day, and when we returned  
the customary fruit was omitted. And th's  
would be the experience of a large number  
of persons if they would try the experi-  
ment."

## A Japanese Boy's Composition.

The following is the genuine production  
of a pupil in one of the government schools  
in Japan, according to The Mid-Continent:

"The whale live in the sea and ocean of  
all the country. He is a large and strong in  
among all kinds of fish, and its length reach  
to 90 foot from its foot, and he has a large  
head. When swim in the up water he is so  
large as Island. When struck the water on  
angry he is so voice as ring great deal  
loud thunder. If he danced make the storm  
without winds, and also when blow the  
water almost lay down the fog on the  
weather. He's the form is proper to live,  
for his front legs make birds, and a'arlegs  
is not, and the tails is a bird that open  
on the up waters, and the mouth have no  
leaves, but have leaves that is a hard nar-  
row beard as with horns. His body's like  
a fish, he is not a fish, but he is a crea-  
ture. His leaves is names whaleleaves.  
The mea make the everything with it.  
Every years to seven or eight months  
from four to five month, the whale man  
catch on the sea or ocean. He may on the  
sea of North sea way or five islands, of  
Hirado on Higou country in Japan. Writ-  
ten by T. Hirakawa.

"P. S.—The tell of the whale is more,  
but I do not know fully to tell."

## Sipping Liquids at Meals.

The matter of drinking is important in  
indigestion. Do not get into the habit of  
constantly sipping liquids during the course  
of a meal. Drink as little as possible un-  
till the meal is concluded, or, better still,  
drink nothing at all until half an hour or  
so later, and then only pure, hot water.

Never eat between meals, and let those  
be as regular as possible. One fruitful  
source of indigestion may be found in the  
fact that people who are subject to it often  
sit down to a meal immediately after com-  
ing in from a long walk or other fatiguing  
exercise. Rest a little while before be-  
ginning to eat, if you are very tired.  
And, if you are subject to indigestion, rest  
again for a short while when the meal is  
over.

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## WHAT TO DO NEXT.

How a Young Man got Even With his too  
Careful Brother.

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