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## OLD ENGLISH EXECUTIONS.

**Breakfast For the Guests Invited to See the Hanging.**

Executions, when criminals were hanged in the Old Bailey in London, had certain customary sequels. The governor of Newgate, for instance, always gave a breakfast to those friends he had invited to see the hanging, and by established custom deviled kidneys always formed the principal dish, although, as John Hollingshead had related, nearly every one was obliged to swallow a glass of brandy first.

Another function described in "London In the Sixties" was the reception held afterward by the hangman at the Green Dragon, in Fleet street, where he took refreshment with his admirers and sold the fatal rope at the rate of sixpence per inch.

In the good old times nearly every criminal who was executed was credited with a confession and "last dying words," whether he uttered them or not. According to Case and Comment, these were printed in thousands by Mr. Catnach of Seven Dials. And sometimes an offender was reprieved on his way to Tyburn and had the pleasure, like Lord Brougham, of reading his own obituary notice.

Many of these broadsides, printed on a peculiar whitey brown paper, can still be obtained in the neighborhood of the Dials at certain quaint little shops that seem to have defied alike time and the "improvement acts." You can see them in the window alongside of old ballads, forgotten comic songs, children's toys and bottles of sticky looking sweets.

An execution which never came off was that of Edward Dennis, the public hangman, who in 1780 was sentenced to death for complicity in the Gordon riots. He was respited and resumed his occupation. So thoroughly did Dennis regain favor that in 1785 the sheriffs of London presented him with a gorgeous official robe "as a testimony to his execellent mode of performing business." Dennis found this robe not only inconvenient when at work, but rather conspicuous at other times, so he sold it to Old Cain, a well known charlatan of the day. Decked in the hangman's robe and a pasteboard crown the fortune teller cut an imposing figure.

### An Irish Duel.

John Eagan, a county judge, and Roger Barrett, master of the rolls at Donnybrook, participated in an affair of honor that has been handed down as a fine example of Irish humor. As quick as the belligerents were placed Barrett blazed away in the air, vowing his honer was satisfied. He would have walked off, but Eagan called on him to stop until he might be shot. "Fire away!" commanded Barrett, halting conveniently near. After taking deliberate aim Judge Eagan lowered his pistol. "No, Roger, I won't be bothered shooting you," he said, whereupon the warring pair shook hands warmly.

### Making Cheese In Olden Days.

Cheese was made by the old time farmers in the summer on the co-operative plan by which four cattle owners, owning, say, fourteen milk cows, received all the milk night and morning, according to the daily yield of their little herd. Thus given two families having five cows each, one with three and one with one, supposing that the average yield per cow was the same, in two weeks two owners would make five cheeses each; one would press three and one only one cheese, but this one would be as good and as large as any of the rest.—National Magazine.

### A Lover of Tea.

De Quincey was a notable tea toper. In his picture of a winter evening in his cottage among the Cumberland hills he mentions the tea equipage on a table beside the fire and behind the table a fair tea maker, whose duty it was to fill an almost endless procession of cups. De Quincey declares that he drank tea from 8 o'clock at night to 4 in the morning and claims the infusion as "the favorite beverage of the intellectual."

### Starfish.

Starfishes commit suicide. When one is caught in a net it dissolves its corporation into a dozen or so of fragments, and the pieces escape through the meshes. In time each becomes a perfect animal. To preserve the starfish whole it must be plunged into a bucket of fresh water before it has time to take the alarm. Fresh water is instant death to it, and thus only can some varieties of the starfish be preserved.

### A Long Excuse.

The magazine writer rolled in late at night and found his better half sitting up awaiting his coming.

"What have you got to offer this time?" she demanded.

"I can give you a 1,200 word story," was the reply of the writer, whose answer was dictated by force of habit.—New York Press.

### Wilson Against Field.

The following is from the Raleigh (N. C.) News-Observer:

Colonel F. B. Arendell returned yesterday from a five weeks' business trip to Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and other western sections.

"The political situation out in that southwestern country," said Colonel Arendell, "is almost at fever heat, and both parties have their factions, and these factions go to battle in every local contest. In the Democratic contest it is Wilson against the field, or rather the field against Wilson, with the New Jersey man winning first or second place in almost every contest. The fights are vigorous and spirited, and at the same time it does not appear that any wounds are being left that the party at Baltimore will have much difficulty in healing."

### A Good Tonic.

Have you noticed what a tonic a good laugh is? The next time you are angry instead of frowning make yourself smile, then laugh. You'll feel better.

### On the Street.

Mrs. Spruce—That man you just nodded to looks familiar. Do you see him often? Mrs. Walnut—Not very; he's my husband.—Philadelphia Record.

## A TRICKY TONGUE.

**It Won Dean Spooner a Reputation For Unconscious Humor.**

**QUEER BLUNDERS OF SPEECH**

**Some of the Gems Attributed to the Old Dean's Habit of Interchanging the First Letters or Syllables of Words—American "Spoonerisms."**

"Spoonerisms" is a recognized and accepted word used in the best circles of English society, even though it has not yet found its way into the dictionaries. Derived from the last name of the Rev. William A. Spooner, warden of New college, Oxford, it characterizes a curious sort of blunder that is habitual with that man—the unconscious interchanging of the first letters or syllables of words with what are often directly humorous results.

The most famous of all the stories about him tells how he once thundered out from the pulpit, "Jehovah was not on the side of the kinkering congs," meaning, of course, "conquering kings."

At another time he convulsed his audience by boldly stating that he held concealed a half wormed fish (half formed wish) in his bosom.

At a university dinner given at the time of Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee he proposed, "Three cheers for the queer old dean," and they were given with a will, in honor not only of the dear old queen whom he had wished to remember, but of the queer old dean who had forgotten himself.

Exasperated by a would be humorist among his pupils, he informed him that he had a "weeble fit," not meaning any new disease, but the old, old complaint of a feeble wit.

To another who had been mainly occupied in wasting two ferms at college he complained, "You have been incorrigibly lazy and, to top it all, you have tasted two worms."

In quoting the familiar text, "Bow not thy knee to an idol," he made it, "Bow not thine eye to a needle."

One day he discovered a stranger sitting in his family pew. "Madam," whispered he, "do you intend to occupew this pie?"

Also he could blunder as blithesomely in action as in speech. One windy day, as he was walking down High street in Oxford, his hat blew off. He stooped to pick it up, but at that very moment a hen hurried by. He set off in full pursuit and never stopped until he had caught hold of the luckless hen on Magdalen bridge. Then and there he solemnly tried to put the bird on his head.

Such are a few of the blunders in word and deed that have been attributed to the "dear old dean." Must we accept them all as genuine? Not if we are to believe a contributor to M. A. P., who informed that paper that at a church congress a well known delegate said to him:

"Have you ever noticed how spoonerisms have died out since Canon Liddon is no more? I will tell you how it is. Liddon and I used to make them up. One of our best, which is always attributed to Spooner, is 'From Iceland's Greasy Mountains.'"

Spoonerisms at all events existed before Spooner himself was born. Some meritorious ones may be found in Moore's Diary. There is the story, for example, of an old actor named Parker who used always to say the "coisoned pup" instead of the "poisoned cup." One night when he spoke it right the audience said "No, no!" and called for the other reading. Another actor mentioned in Moore made a great hit with the misquotation:

How sharper than a serpent's thanks it is
To have a toothless child.

John Kemble was one night performing a favorite part in a country theater when he was interrupted from time to time by the squalling of a child in the gallery. At length, angered by this rival performance, Kemble walked with solemn step to the front of the stage and, addressing the audience in his most tragic tones, said, "Ladies and gentlemen, unless the play is stopped the child cannot possibly go on."

America itself is not without its Spooners and its consequent spoonerisms. There must have been at least three Spooners in the western court where the following scene is said to have taken place:

"How far is it between these two towns?" asked the lawyer.

"About four miles as the flow cries," replied the witness.

"You mean as the cry flows."

"No," put in the judge; "he means as the fly crows."

And then they all looked at one another, feeling that something was wrong.

A sort of conscious spoonerism was that brilliant jest credited to Dean Briggs of Harvard. During the year when the slogan "To hell with Yale!" first became popular among Cambridge undergraduates the dean, in company with Dr. Edward Everett Hale, was hurrying on his way to a great football game between Yale and Harvard.

"Where are you going?" asked another member of the faculty.

"To yell with Hale," answered Dr. Briggs.—Boston Post.

### Life.

Life is the finest of the fine arts. It has to be learned with lifelong patience, and the years of our pilgrimage are all too short to master it triumphantly.—Drummond.

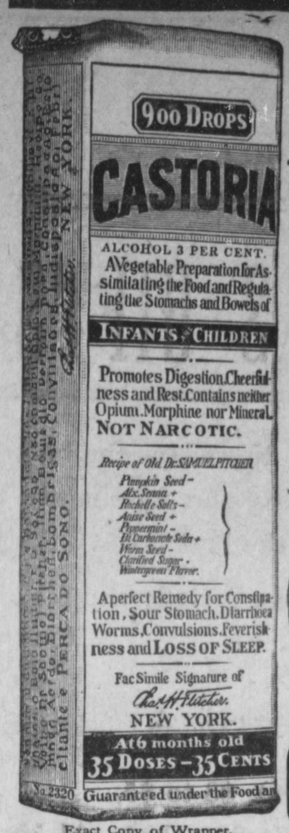
Opportunity is like a pitched ball. The time to hit it is before it passes the plate.—Youth's Companion.

### Scared and Knew It.

A soldier under his first fire was charging with the rest of his regiment up the heights of Vicksburg, but so scared he looked like a ghost. A comrade next to him was unafraid and even smiled at the torrents of grape shot that swept the ranks. The comrade, noticing his friend's plight, turned to him and said with a sneer:

"Coward!"

"Coward yourself," retorted the frightened soldier. "Old man, if you were one-half as scared as I am you'd have broke ranks and run long ago."—Kansas City Journal.


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No. 1807.

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