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Some Jests of the Ancients

If all who hate would love us.

If cruel words were kisses,

And all our loves were true,

Would brighten in the blue;

Would hardly be worth while;

The load we bear would lighten

If those who whine would whistle,

And those who languish laugh,

Were things that now are not-

And all the world would seem

The rose would rout the thistle,

The grain outrun the chaff;

The stars that swing above us

And every scowl a smile,

To meet a brother's need,

Above the grave of greed.

If grieving were forgot,

bridal bower of beauty,

A dream within a dream.

If men would cease to worry,

As love demands of all,

The spem stay on the wall;

And every eye would shine,

-James Newton Matthews.

John K. F. Simmons, Belleville,

When etiquette interferes with

jously ill about a week. He was born

And life would be divine.

Whatever has to die;

And women cease to sigh,

T would be difficult to state which age saw the birth of the first A better world than this is joke. No doubt man had some sense of humor even during his If purses would not tighten for ten years. Three years of that ten struggling cave-dwelling days, expressed, most likely, in rough-andtumble horseplay or in practical jokes tic Capsules were restoring him to nor- rather than in keen jest and witty

Very likely the first jocular utterance had origin in the form of criti- If hearts were only jolly. ed me to my bed for a year, and a sec- cism on the personal appearance. And tears of melancholy dress, manners or customs of others. A sort of corrective censure, one Then love would kneel to duty. T.R.C.'s, and a few doses convinced might say, on those who dared to depart from the accepted rules of the

The works of the ancient Greek I should have been laid up for years.' and Roman authors abound in jests. And all be glad to bury A great number are severely personal, of a cutting and sneering kind. If neighbor spake to neighbor, Others are mere puns and verbal jests, incapable, of course, of being translated. But in many the fun de- Then every day would glisten pends entirely on the sense-or rather nonsense-of the thing. As we And God would pause to listen, read them the antiquity of many of our present-day jokes is brought to light. In spite of their age, the humor in these classical jokes is as keen as ever. For instance, this quip from ancient Greece is appropriate and full passed away Tuesday after being serof meaning to all ages: Archelaus, asked by a talkative n Thurlow some seventy-six years

barber how he would like to be shav- ago, where he resided until two ed, replied: "In silence." And this, surely, we have heard

Gnathene, of Athens, was offered good, common sense, then discharge some rather poor wine. When told that its age was sixteen years, he dryly remarked: "It's pretty weak

A similar jest is related of Cicero. then told at a banquet that the wine he was drinking was forty-year-old Falernian, he said: "By my faith! It

the woman's age joke: Cicero, hearing the wife of a Roman patrician say that she was but thirty years old, said: "No doubt it is true, for it is twenty years now

that I have heard you say it." Just as good as ever is this irony: The painter Apelles, who flourished in the time of Alexander, was shown a picture by an inferior artist who boasted of having sketched it out in an exceedingly short space of time. "Yes, I can see that very well," said Apelles, "but I am surprised that you did not make several other pictures exactly like this in the

According to tradition, we are indebted to this same Apelles for one of our common phrases. The painter and listened with patience and profit to a cobbler's criticism of the sanbler began to enlarge the fields of his criticism to other parts of the painting he received this rebuke from Apelles: "Shoemaker, stick to your

In the expression "where the shoe pinches" the ancient rendering trok

There was general disapproval of had divorced his chaste, rich and beautiful wife. "But," said he, pointmade and brand new; no one but myself knows where it pinches."

the doctors were made the target of the jester's flings. Pausanias, the Spartan general, when asked by never ill, exultingly replied: "Because I never consult you."

At another time Pausanias said that the best physician was the one who despatched his patients with the least possible suffering.

Pausanias, strongly disapproving of a certain physician and his methods and berating him in no mild terms, was asked by a friend how, ed, "Well, had I consulted him would be living to-day?"

A Scythian king, seeing a man durresponded the man, "is your face cold?" "No," answered the king. "Well, I am face all over," was the naked man's rejoinder. Of law and the law's delays these

A woman, vainly pleading her case many times before Philip of Macedonia, received at every refusal the last her patience became exhausted, and she said to him: "Then cease to reign." The monarch, feeling that he had deserved this rebuke, immediately gave ear to her and rendered

Anacharsis, the Scythian philoso pher, speaking of the laws of Solon, said: "They were like the web of a spider-very good for holding the weak, but allowing the strong to

A petty thief was being led to prison. Diogenes said to him: "Fool, why didn't you rob on a grand scale? Then it would have been you that would be sending others to prison." The absurd sight of a person clothed or equipped with something hat! Where are you going with that boy?" With the orator Cicero the

One day, seeing his short-statured son-in-law, wearing a long sword, he cried out: "Who, I ask, has attached my son-in-law to that sword?"

claimed: "I though you were look-

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