

In vain recorded in historic page,
 They court the notice of a future age,
 Those twinkling tincy lustres of the land,
 Drop one by one from Fame's neglecting hand,
 Lethæan gulphs receive them as they fall,
 And dark oblivion soon absorbs them all.

So when a child, as playful children use,
 Has burnt to tinder a stale last year's news,
 The flame extinct, he views the roving fire,
 There goes my lady, and there goes the 'squire,
 There goes the parson, oh! illustrious spark,
 And there, scarce less illustrious, goes the clerk.

R E P O R T

Of an adjudged Case not to be found in any of the Books.

I.

BETWEEN Nose and Eyes a strange contest arose,
 The spectacles set them unhappily wrong;
 The point in dispute was, as all the world knows,
 To which the said spectacles ought to belong.

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2.
So the Tongue was the lawyer and argued the cause
With a great deal of skill, and a wig full of learning,
While chief baron Ear sat to balance the laws,
So fam'd for his talent in nicely discerning.

3.
In behalf of the Nose, it will quickly appear,
And your lordship he said, will undoubtedly find,
That the Nose has had spectacles always in wear,
Which amounts to possession time out of mind.

4.
Then holding the spectacles up to the court—
Your lordship observes they are made with a
straddle,

As wide as the ridge of the Nose is, in short,
Design'd to fit close to it, just like a saddle.

5.
Again would your lordship a moment suppose
('Tis a case that has happen'd and may be again)
That the visage or countenance had not a Nose,
Pray who wou'd or who cou'd wear spectacles then?

6.

On the whole it appears, and my argument shows
With a reasoning the court will never condemn,
That the spectacles plainly were made for the Nose,
And the Nose was as plainly intended for them.

7.

Then shifting his side as a lawyer knows how,
He pleaded again in behalf of the Eyes,
But what were his arguments few people know,
For the court did not think they were equally
wise.

8.

So his lordship decreed with a grave solemn tone,
Decisive and clear without one if or but—
That whenever the Nose put his spectacles on
By day-light or candle-light—Eyes should be
shut.

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