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Memineret nos, jocari.—PHÆDRUS.

May jokes and jesting never be forgot.

I will now without further apology proceed to fulfil my promise to Messrs. Rigdum Funnidos and Co. and, unlocking some of my drawers of anecdotes and epigrams, throw them down a variety of wares upon the counter that each may suit his own fancy; but, partly following the maxim laid down by Tully;—*Omnia patefacienda, ut ne quid omnino quod venditor norit, emptor ignoret*—Let all things be declared so that the purchaser may not be ignorant of any thing which the seller knows—a maxim which, by the bye, would very ill suit sellers now a days and those of this good city in particular—I beg to inform my customers before hand that the articles presented to them are almost all second-hand, though most of them are as good as new, and will wear a long time before they get thread-bare.

Of Captain John Smith, the founder of the colony of Virginia, who was very fond of boasting of his exploits, it is related that, being one time in company with an officer of considerable rank and military reputation, and having, according to his custom, fallen into a long relation of his various achievements, he concluded his discourse by asking the other, “and, pray Sir, what service have you done?” “Other men can tell that,” was the answer.