

Historicus

Next on the stage Historicus appears
And gracefully his learning's load he bears.
Broad black-beribboned tortoiseshell his nose
Bestrides, while on his neat bespatted toes
He prances as the intermittent flow
Of wit and wisdom fills the brains below.
Now against Patronage he lifts his arm
With threatening gesture, now upon his farm,
While Marmaduke and Algernon display
Their sad propensities, he fills his day
And serves his country by conserving food.
But most his soul with liberal arts endued
Delights to foster music's softer charms
With tuneful din to wake the street's alarms—
A cry that shivers to the tingling skies—
While Robert's wail antiphonal replies!