

## Miscellaneous.

APPENDICITIS—THE LATEST FAD.—Written by the Hon. Clark Bell, of New York, and read by him before the Annual Convention of Railway Surgeons, held at Galveston, Texas, April, 1894:

Have you got the new disorder?  
If you haven't, 'tis in order  
To succumb to it at once without delay.  
It is called appendicitis,  
Very different from gastritis,  
Or the common trash diseases of the day.

It creates a happy frolic,  
Something like the winter colic,  
That has often jarred our inner organs some.  
Only wrestles with the wealthy,  
And the otherwise most healthy,  
Having got it, then you're nigh to kingdom  
come

Midway down in your intestine,  
Its interstices infest in;  
Is a little alley, black and dark as night,

Leading off to simply nowhere,  
Catching all stray things that go there,  
As a pocket, it is simply out of sight.

It is prone to stop and grapple  
With the seed of grape or apple,  
Or a soldier's button swallowed with your pie.  
Having levied on these chattels,  
Then begin internal battles,  
That are apt to end in mansions in the sky.

Once located, never doubt it,  
You would never be without it,  
It's a fad among society that's gay;  
Old heart-failure and paresis  
Have decamped, and gone to pieces,  
And dyspepsia has fallen by the way.

Then stand back there, diabetes,  
For here comes appendicitis,  
With a brood of minor troubles on the wing;  
So, vermiform, here's hoping  
You'll withstand all drastic doping,  
And earn the appellation, "Uncrowned  
King!"

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