



FLIRTATION!!

A COMIC ADDRESS.

Flirtation!

(Oh tartation)
Let's have some conversation,
Without illustration,
Or versification,
Or recapitulation,
Or premeditation,
Or any provocation,
Or proclamation,
Or sanctification,
Or ratiocination,
Or further notification.

Flirtation—

(Oh botheration)—
Is an infatuation,
Without regulation;
A species of inebriation,
Or mental intoxication;
An amorous titillation,
Or spiritualization,
Of the imagination.

Flirtation!

I make this declaration,
That my observation
Says it merits condemnation,
In any situation,
And every station,
Without justification,
Or amplification,
Or any argumentation.

Flirtation!

Is worse than prevarication,
Or procrastination;
And I feel so vexed, and in such
irritation,
Mixed with tribulation,

And mortification,
And even prostration,
That it almost stops my articulation;
And although an abomination,
Meriting detestation,
Yea, extermination,
And immolation,
It is not so bad as the operation
Of a surgical amputation,
Or an inundation,
Or suffocation,
Or transportation,
Or assassination,
Or annihilation,
Or garrotting-ication,
Or what is last, but not least—
Taxation;
And I hope we shall have the
gratification,
To see it banished this great
British Nation.

Flirtation!

Is undeserving any vindication,
Or veneration,
Or imitation.
And now Ladies and Gentlemen,
This Oration
Having reached its termination,
I hope it has added to your
gratification,
And recreation,
And so merited your kind
acceptation,
And approbation;
And, thanking you much for your
visitation,
I gratefully make you my salutation.

J. H. B.

MEMORANDUM.—A young lady having read "Whoever shall smite thee on the one cheek, turn to him the other," was delighted with the idea, and so far acted on it, that if any gentleman kissed her on one cheek, she immediately turned to the kisser the other.

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