

Not Such a Fool After All.

A very laughable instance of a Lunatic's Cunning is given in a late English provincial paper...

"With that cunning which madmen not unfrequently display, he made the best of his way to the asylum, saw one of the keepers, and told him that he had got a mad fellow down at Lancaster...

"The keeper promised compliance, and the lunatic walked back to the inn, where he found the officer still fast asleep. He awoke him, and they set down to breakfast together.

"You are a lazy fellow, to be sleeping all day; I have had a long walk this morning," said the lunatic.

"Indeed!" said the officer; "I should like to take a walk myself, after breakfast; perhaps you will go with me?"

The lunatic assented, and after breakfast they set out, the officer leading the way towards the asylum, intending to deliver his charge; but he never occurred to him to see whether his order was safe.

When they got within sight of the asylum, the lunatic exclaimed: "What a fine house that is!"

"Yes," said the officer; "I should like to see the inside of it."

"So should I!" replied the lunatic. "Well, I dare say they will let us go through it: I will ask," was the response.

They went to the door; the officer rang the bell, and the keeper whom the lunatic had previously seen made his appearance, with two or three assistants. The officer then began to fumble in his pockets for the order, when the lunatic produced it, and gave it to the keeper saying:

"This is the man I spoke to you about. You will take care of him; shave his head, and put a 'strait-waistcoat on him!"

The men immediately laid hands on the poor officer, who vociferated loudly that the other was the madman, and he the officer; but as this only confirmed the story previously told by the lunatic, it did not at all tend to procure his liberation. He was taken away, and became so indignantly furious that the strait-waistcoat was speedily put upon him, and his head was shaved secundum artem.

Meanwhile the lunatic walked deliberately back to the inn, paid the bill, and set out on his journey homeward. The good people in the country were of course surprised on seeing the wrong man return. They were afraid the lunatic, in a fit of frenzy, had murdered the officer; and they asked him, with much trepidation, what he had done with Mr. Stevenson, which was the officer's name.

"Done with him!" said the lunatic, "why, I left him at the asylum, as mad as a March hare!"

And this was not far from the truth; for the wits of the officer were well nigh upset, by the unexpected detention and subsequent treatment.

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