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LAWYER SLY.

Porter, Printer, Wotton.

First I went to live with lawyer sly,
At feeling for a fee he'd a nimble
paw,
All the rhino we pocketed him and I,
And his clients in return, kindly took
the law.

Then of latin quite fatigued,
With a doctor next I leagu'd,
Who with blister, pill & bolus, made
a mighty fuss,
Till the great physician died,
Then to cure the folks I tried,
And no doctor in the world ever
made folks worse.

After that I got a place with an actor
gay,
Pleasure in all shapes then I thought
to quaff,
And when master on the stage would
roar and bray,
To see the people cry, why it made
me laugh.

One night I tried myself,
And you never saw an elf
In such palpitation, tribulating case
as me,
And I whisper'd in my fright,
If I once get thro' to night,
This place will be the merriest of all
for me.