

## THE PATIENT'S LAMENT

In these days of indigestion  
It is often times a question  
As to what to eat and what to  
let alone.

For each microbe and bacillus  
Has a different way to kill us  
And in time they always claim  
us for their own.

There are germs of every kind  
On any food that you can find  
In the market or upon the bill  
of fare.

Drinking water's just as risky  
As the co-called deadly whiskey,  
And it's often a mistake to  
breathe the air.

The inviting green cucumber  
Gets most everybody's number,  
While the green corn has a sys-  
tem of its own.

Though a radish seems nutritious  
Its behavior is quite vicious  
And a doctor will be coming  
to your home.

Eating lobster cooked or plain  
Is only flirting with ptomaine,  
While an oyster sometimes has  
a lot to say.

But the clams we eat in chowder  
Make the Angels chant the louder  
For they know that we'll be  
with them right away.

Take a slice of nice fried onion  
And you're fit for Doctor Munyon;  
Apple-dumplings kill you quick-  
er than a train.

Chew a cheesy midnight "rabbit"  
And a grave you'll soon inhabit;  
Ah, to eat at all is such a fool-  
ish game.

Eating huckle-berry pie  
Is a pleasing way to die,  
While saur-kraut brings on  
softening of the brain.

When you eat banana fritters  
You're taking a big risk;  
The casket-makers head  
go insane.

When cold-storage vaults I visit  
I can say "What is it  
Makes poor mortals fill their  
systems with such stuff?"

Now for breakfast prunes are dandy  
If a stomach pump is handy  
And your doctor can be found  
soon enough.

Eat a plate of fine pig knuckles  
And the tomb-stone cutter chuckles  
While the grave-digger makes a  
note upon his cuff.

Eat that lovely red bologna  
And you'll wear a wood kimona,  
While your relatives will be  
scrapping 'bout your stuff.

All these crazy foods that mix  
Will float us 'cross the river Styx,  
Or they'll start us climbing up  
the milky way.

All the meals we eat in courses  
Mean a hearse and two black  
horses  
So before a meal some people  
always pray.

Lucious grapes breed 'pendicitus,  
While the juice leads gastritis,  
So there's only death to meet us  
either way.

Fried liver's nice, but mind you  
Friends will soon ride slow behind  
you  
And the papers all will have  
nice things to say.

Eat some sauce that they call 'Chilli'  
On your breast they'll place a lily,  
If you care to die real easy eat  
a peach.

Eating juicy, sliced pineapple  
Makes the sexton duct the chapel  
While the minister starts work-  
ing on your speech.

Soon a bug gets on your gizzard,  
If you lose you are a wizard,  
For he sends an invitation to  
his friends;

With a nervous little quiver  
They'll cause cirrhosis of the liver  
And all your earthly trouble  
quickly ends.

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"I have been smoking an awful  
lot of cigarettes lately."  
"If that's one, you must be."