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INVENTORY OF HADES

Statesmen and apothecaries,
Poets, plumbers, antiquaries,
Premiers with their secretaries,
Home and foreign missionaries,
And writers of obituaries.

Mediaeval disputants,
Mystics in perpetual trance,
Philosophers in baggy pants,
Puritans to whom the chance
Had never come in life to dance
Save when the dreadful circumstance
Of death removed their maiden aunts.

Scribes with wide phylacteries,
Publicists and Sadducees,
Scholars, saints and Ph.D.'s,

Doctors, auctioneers and bakers,
Dentists, diplomats and fakirs,
Clergymen and undertakers.

Rich men, poor men, fools and sots,
Logicians, tying Shades in knots,
Pagans, Christians, Hottentots,
Deacons good and bad in spots,
Farmers with their Wyandots.