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A. = 'Amicus Redivivus.'

THE CHARLES LAMB DINNER

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12 February 1909  
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Clear Julienne
White à la Windsor

Sole à la Maître d'Hôtel
Smelts Tartar Sauce

Sucking Pig Saddle of Mutton
Poulet en Casserole
Vegetables

French Pudding Sherry Whip Sauce
Stewed Pears and Cream
Fruit Jelly

Dessert

THE LOVING CUP
Bishop

Coffee

Dinner given to Ainger on completion of his Edition of Lamb.

29 ALBERT HALL MANSIONS,
TUESDAY, March 20, 1888.

MENU.

"That enough is as good as a Feast. Not a man, woman, or child in ten miles round Guildhall, who really believes this saying. The inventor of it did not believe it himself. It was made in revenge by somebody who was disappointed of a regale. It is a vile cold scrag-of-mutton sophism; a lie palmed upon the palate which knows better things."—*Popular Fallacies*.

CLEAR SOUP.

When I have sat, a *rarus hospes*, at rich men's tables, with the savoury soup.—*Grace before meat*.

FISH.

"I, too, never eat but one thing at dinner," was his reply, then after a pause—"reckoning fish as nothing."—*Ellistoniana*.

BRAWN.

Brawn was a noble thought. It is not every common gullet-fancier that can properly esteem of it. As Wordsworth sings of a modest poet. "You must love him ere to you he will seem worthy of your love." So Brawn you must taste it ere to you it will seem to have any taste at all.—*Letter to Manning*.

The cool malignity of mustard and vinegar.—*Letter to Manning*.

LAMB CUTLETS (WITH GREEN PEAS).

"Perchance some shepherd, on Lincolnian plains,
In manners guileless as his own sweet flocks,
Received thee first amid the merry mocks
And arch allusions of his fellow swains;
* * * * *

Whate'er the fount whence thy beginnings came
No deed of mine shall shame thee, gentle name."

Lamb's Sonnet on the Family Name.

ROAST PIG.

Of all the delicacies in the whole *mundus edibilis*, I will maintain it to be the most delicate—*princeps obsoniorum*.—*A Dissertation upon Roast Pig*.

ROAST CAPON, WITH SALAD.

"Tame villatic fowl."
She was to sup off a roast fowl, O joy to Barbara.

Barbara S.

SWEETS.

STEWED FIGS. WINE JELLY.

C. holds that a man cannot have a pure mind who refuses apple dumplings. I am not certain but he is right.—*Grace before meat*.

Do take another slice Mr Billet; for you do not get pudding every day.—*Poor Relations*.

DESSERT.

Pineapple is great. She is indeed almost too transcendent, a delight, if not sinful, yet so like to sinning that really a tender-conscienced person would do well to pause.—*Dissertation on Roast Pig*.

He ate walnuts better than any man I know.—*Letter to Rickman*.

WINES.

PORT. SHERRY. CLARET.

After all—one's instincts may be best, wine I am sure, good mellow generous Port, can hurt nobody.—*Letter to Coleridge*.

The dinner went off with brilliance, and Ainger brought a little bust of Lamb that he possessed to preside in the middle of the table.

Life of Ainger by EDITH SICHEL (pp. 244-6).



