



## **The Works Of Alexander Pope Esq.**

In Nine Volumes Complete. With His Last Corrections, Additions, And Improvements; As they were delivered to the Editor a little before his Death

Containing His Miscellaneous Pieces In Verse and Prose

**Pope, Alexander**

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Verbatim from Boileau

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Un Jour dit un Auteur, etc.

ONCE (says an Author, where I need not say)  
 Two Trav'lers found an Oyster in their way;  
 Both fierce, both hungry; the dispute grew strong,  
 While Scale in hand Dame *Justice* past along.  
 Before her each with clamour pleads the Laws,  
 Explain'd the matter and would win the cause.  
 Dame *Justice* weighing long the doubtful Right,  
 Takes, opens, swallows it, before their sight.  
 The cause of strife remov'd so rarely well,  
 There take (says *Justice*) take ye each a *Shell*.  
 We thrive at *Westminster* on Fools like you:  
 'Twas a fat Oyster—Live in peace—Adieu.