The splendid extracts from A. P. Herbert's masterpieces of humorous indexing in the last issue made me wonder whether members are familiar with another delight in this vein—the nine-page index to The Stuffed Owl, a very tongue-in-the-cheek 'Anthology of Bad Verse', compiled, prefaced, hilariously annotated, sub-titled and indexed by D. B. Wyndham Lewis and Charles Lee (Dent, first published 1930). All entries are perfectly valid, some object-lessons in subject-headings for brevity and perception. We quote some below; to help connoisseurs identify the original poems, the author is added in parenthesis.

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