

Speech, Thought's Canal! Speech, Thoughts Criterion too?
 Thought in the Mine, may come forth Gold or Dross.
 When coin'd in Word, we know its *real* Worth.
 If sterling, store it for thy future Use;
 'twill buy thee Benefit; perhaps, Renown.
 Thought, too, deliver'd, is the more possest;
 teaching, we learn; and, giving, we retain
 the Births of Intellect; when dumb, forgot.
Speech ventilates our Intellectual Fire;
Speech burnishes our Mental Magazine;
 brightens, for Ornament; and whets, for Use.
 What Numbers, sheath'd in Erudition, lie,
 plung'd to the Hilt in venerable Tomes,
 an rusted in; who might have borne an Edge,
 and play'd a sprightly Beam, if born to Speech;
 if born blest Heirs of half their Mother's Tongue!
 'Tis Thought's Exchange, which, like th'alternate Push
 of Waves conflicting, breaks the learned Scum,
 and defecates the Students standing Pool.

In *Contemplation* is his proud Resource?

'Tis poor, as proud, by *Converse* unsustain'd.
 Rude Thought runs wild in *Contemplation's* Field;
Converse, the Menage, breaks it to the Bit
 of due Restraint; and *Emulation's* Spur
 gives graceful Energy, by Rivals aw'd.

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