

The Dog and the Physician

by Ambrose Bierce

A Dog that had seen a Physician attending the burial of a wealthy patient, said:
"When do you expect to dig it up?"

"Why should I dig it up?" the Physician asked.

"When I bury a bone," said the Dog, "it is with an intention to uncover it later and pick it."

"The bones that I bury," said the Physician, "are those that I can no longer pick."