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Notes of Fortune visit contain reference to his story of the "King's Jester."

Under date of November 29, 1922, Mr. Fortune writes me that Bay of Chicago tells him that he finds no such book but does find a "Quinn's Jests." He writes as follows:

> "Quinn's Jests, or the Facetious Man's Pocket Companion, containing every species of Wit, Humour and Repartee. London, 1766. - 104 pages.
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> "This is a collection of anecdotes, some nothing but witty, others a little tart and robust, but it was a famous book in its day, and I find it figuring in a number of catalogues.
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> "I ordered this at once from London and now have word that a copy is sent.
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> "Now the question is whether I am right or wrong in surmising that the old gentleman who told you about the jest book, made a mistake. After many years, the title "Quinn's Jests" might easily be converted into the "King's Jester." The titles sound alike. I was convinced before that a "King's Jester" does not exist. What I, and others, remember, probably is the phrase, or title, of king's jester."

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