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HOLY APPROPRIATE TALES OF OLD SOMERSET

Roger Evans

Villainous vicars, parsimonious parsons, misbehaving monks, riotous rectors and precocious priests all contribute to this rich collection of 'holy' appropriate tales of old Somerset.

Author, **Roger Evans**, gives due credit to those members of the clergy who left as their legacy a lighthouse, a school, Rock of Ages and the table fork! Alas! along the way he discovers a vicar of Wembdon who, having produced five bastards by women from five different parishes, was caught in bed with mistress number seven whilst number six was close to giving birth in Taunton!

Nuns and monks are revealed 'doing what comes naturally', parsons are found watering down the communion wine and then rolling up drunk and the house where Camberwick Green and Trumpton were produced is exposed to be the centre of a nineteenth-century religious sex cult. Amongst other choice offerings are hunting parsons by the score, priests who plotted against the king, vicars who turned detective and those who were so boring that they employed bell ringers to keep the congregation awake.

Lord have mercy...

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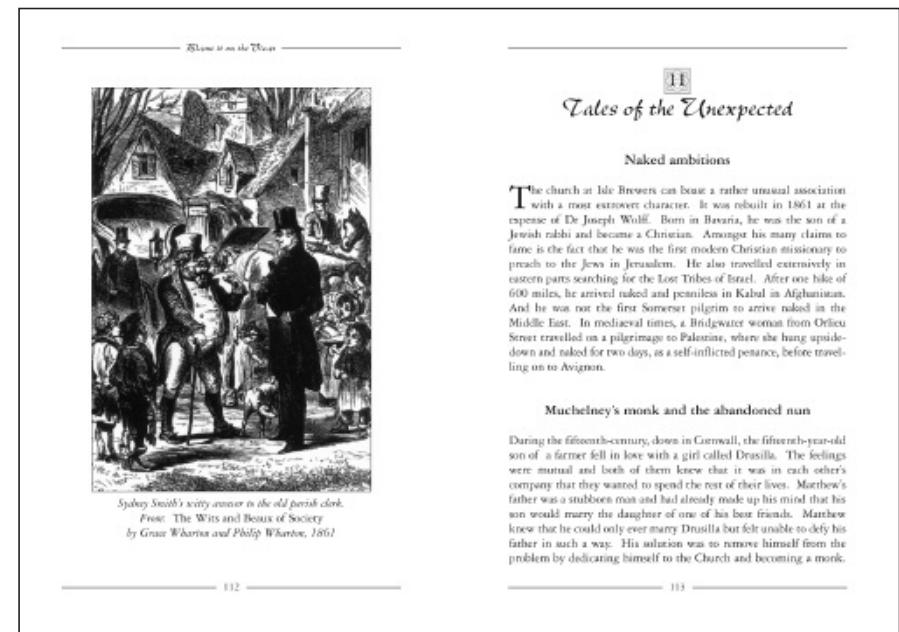
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Fleet Street satirical postcard – queuing for the vicar's harem.

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