

The Honest Shaker's Cheese

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A funny story recently told in the New Hampshire story teller's column of the Sunday Herald by N.A. Briggs of Waverly, Mass.

"Jason Kidder was a Shaker trustee in Enfield, N.H. He was shrewd, but honest, and was known by the name of "the honest Shaker".

The Shakers skimmed their milk and made the cream into butter, and the skim milk into cheese. So white and dry and hard it was that it was called white oak board.

Jason took some of these cheeses to the nearby market, and when asked if the cheese was good, replied, "Nay, tain't good for nothing."

His customers thought it was one of Jason's jests and bought liberally. When Jason again came around they complained: "Jason, your cheese is too hard we can't eat it."

"I told you it wan't good for nothing," said the old man, with his inimitable drawl. They saw the point and laughed well over it.

