

Sketches on a Letter

By George Cruikshank, 1792-1878

Ink, about 1828



Nicknamed the 'modern Hogarth', Cruikshank was a popular Victorian caricaturist and book illustrator. This drawing is a collection of quick spur of the moment sketches made on the back of a letter dated 1828.

Cruikshank was best known for his satirical interpretations of modern life, often reflecting on the politics of the day. He was a good friend of Charles Dickens and illustrated several of his books, including *Oliver Twist*.

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