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'Dinner Party Conversation'

My discipline lacks discipline,
To say so isn't rude:
It's also known my subject wants
Verisimilitude.

'Barely exists: a fantasy
Quite easy to conclude!
And if it does exist, I'm told
It often comes unglued.

What's more, my pos'tive take on it
Is called a platitude:
'You're positively mad, my friend!'
-That's how my views are viewed.

'Your methodology is off,
Your discourse far too crude!
Give up trying to map law with
Any exactitude!'

'The world's the world, and states are states:
The law by them is chewed.
The "law of states" is only this:
If you're not fat, you're food!'

... And if I venture to object,
I'm called a jurisprude!

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