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THE
KNIGHT OF
the Burning Pestle.

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— *Quod si*

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Iudicium subtile, videndis artibus illud

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Ad libros & ad hæc Musarum dona vocares:

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Bœotum in crasso iurares aëre natos.

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Horat. in Epist. ad Oct. Aug.

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LONDON,

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Printed for *Walter Burre*, and are to be sold at the
signe of the Crane in Paules Church-yard.

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TO HIS MANY
WAIES ENDEERED
friend Maister Robert Keysar.

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*SIR, this vnfortunate child, who
in eight daies (as lately I haue
learned) was begot and borne
soone after, was by his parents
(perhaps because hee was so vn-
like his brethren) exposed to the
wide world, who for want of
iudgement, or not vnderstanding
the priuy marke of Ironie about
it (which shewed it was no of-spring of any vulgar
braine) vtterly reiected it: so that for want of accep-
tance it was euen ready to giue vp the Ghost, and was in
danger to haue bene smothered in perpetuall obliuion, if
you (out of your direct antipathy to ingratitude) had not
bene moued both to relieue and cherish it: wherein I must
needs commend both your iudgement, vnderstan-
ding, and singular loue to good wits; you afterwards sent
it to mee, yet being an infant and somewhat ragged, I
haue fostred it priuately in my bosome these two yeares,*

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and

The Epistle Dedicatory.

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and now to shew my loue returne it to you, clad in good lasting cloaths, which scarce memory will weare out, and able to speake for it selfe; and withall, as it telleth mee, desirous to try his fortune in the world, where if yet it be welcome, both father and foster-father, nurse and child, haue their desired end. If it bee slighted or traduced, it hopes his father will beget him a yonger brother, who shall reuenge his quarrell, and challenge the world either of fond and meerey literall interpretation, or illiterate misprision. Perhaps it will be thought to bee of the race of Don Quixote: we both may confidently sweare, it is his elder aboue a yeare; and therefore may (by vertue of his birth-right) challenge the wall of him. I doubt not but they will meet in their aduentures, and I hope the breaking of one staffe will make them friends; and perhaps they will combine themselues, and trauell through the world to seeke their aduentures. So I commit him to his good fortune, and my selfe to your loue.

In 0041

Your assured friend

In 0042

W. B.

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The famous Historie
Of the Knight of the burning
PESTLE.

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Enter PROLOGVE.

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FRom all that's neere the Court, from all
that's great

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Within the compasse of the Citty-wals,

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We now haue brought our Sceane.

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Enter Citizen.

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Cit. Hold your peace good-man boy.

wln 0011

Pro. What do you meane sir?

wln 0012

Cit. That you haue no good meaning: This seuen yeares
there hath beene playes at this house, I haue obserued it,
you haue still girds at Citizens; and now you call your play,
The London Marchant. Downe with your Title boy, downe
with your Title.

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Pro. Are you a member of the noble Citty?

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Cit. I am.

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Pro. And a Free-man?

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Cit. Yea, and a Grocer.

wln 0021

Pro. So Grocer, then by your sweet fauour, we intend
no abuse to the Citty.

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wln 0023

Cit. No sir, yes sir, if you were not resolu'd to play the
Iacks, what need you study for new subiects, purposely to a-
abuse your betters? why could not you be contented, as well
as others, with the legend of *Whittington*, or the life & death
of sir *Thomas Gresham*? with the building of the Royall Ex-

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The Knight of the burning Pestle.

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change? or the story of Queene *Elenor*, with the rearing of London bridge vpon wool-sackes?

Pro. You seeme to bee an vnderstanding man: what would you haue vs do sir?

Cit. Why present something notably in honour of the Commons of the Citty.

Pro. Why what doe you say to the life and death of fat *Drake*, or the repairing of Fleet-priuies?

Cit. I do not like that, but I will haue a Citizen, and hee shall be of my owne trade.

Pro. Oh you should haue told vs your minde a moneth since, our play is ready to begin now.

Cit. 'Tis all one for that, I will haue a Grocer, and he shall do admirable things.

Pro. What will you haue him do?

Cit. Marry I will haue him —

Wife. Husband, husband.

Wife below.

Rafe. Peace mistresse.

Rafe below.

Wife. Hold thy peace *Rafe*, I know what I do I warrant tee. Husband, husband.

Cit. What sayst thou cunny?

Wife. Let him kill a Lyon with a pestle husband, let him kill a Lyon with a pestle.

Cit. So he shall, ll'e haue him kill a Lyon with a pestle.

Wife. Husband, shall I come vp husband?

Cit. I cunny. *Rafe* helpe your mistresse this way: pray gentlemen make her a little roome, I pray you sir lend me your hand to helpe vp my wife: I thanke you sir. So.

Wife. By your leaue Gentlemen all, Im'e somthing troublesome, Im'e a strānger here, I was nere at one of these playes as they say, before; but I should haue seene *Iane Shore* once, and my husband hath promised me any time this Twelue-moneth to carry me to the *Bold Beauchams*, but in truth he did not, I pray you beare with me.

Cit. Boy, let my wife and I haue a cupple stooles, and then begin, and let the Grocer do rare things.

Pro. But sir, we haue neuer a boy to play him, euery

The Knight of the burning Pestle.

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one hath a part already.

Wife. Husband, husband, for Gods sake let *Rafe* play him, beshrew mee if I do not thinke hee will goe beyond them all.

Cit. Well remembred wife, come vp *Rafe*: Il'e tell you Gentlemen, let them but lend him a suit of reparrell, and necessaries, and by Gad, if any of them all blow winde in the taile on him, Il'e be hang'd.

Wife. I pray you youth let him haue a suit of reparrell, Il'e be sworne Gentlemen, my husband tels you true, hee will act you sometimes at our house, that all the neighbours cry out on him: hee will fetch you vp a couraging part so in the garret, that we are all as feard I warrant you, that wee quake againe: wee'l feare our **chlidren** with him if they bee neuer so vn-ruly, do but cry, *Rafe comes, Rafe comes* to them, and they'l be as quyet as Lambes. Hold vp thy head *Rafe*, shew the Gentlemen what thou canst doe, speake a huffing part, I warrant you the Gentlemen will accept of it.

Cit. Do *Rafe*, do.

Rafe. By heauen me thinkes it were an easie leap To plucke bright honour from the pale-fac'd Moone,
Or diue into the bottome of the sea,
Where neuer fathame line touch't any ground,
And plucke vp drowned honor from the lake of hell.

Cit. How say you Gentlemen, is it not as I told you?

Wife. Nay Gentlemen, hee hath playd before, my husband sayes, *Musidorus* before the Wardens of our Company.

Cit. I, and hee should haue playd *Ieronimo* with a Shoemaker for a wager.

Pro. He shall haue a suite of apparrell if he will go in.

Cit. In *Rafe*, in *Rafe*, and set out the Grocery in their kinde, if thou lou'st me.

Wife. I warrant our *Rafe* will looke finely when hee's drest.

Pro. But what will you haue it cal'd?

Cit. *The Grocers honour.*

Pro. Me thinks *The Knight of the burning Pestle* were better.

The Knight of the burning Pestle.

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Wif. Il'e be sworn husband, thats as good a name as can be.

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Cit. Let it be so, begin, begin, my wife and I wil sit downe.

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Pro. I pray you do.

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Cit. What stately mucsike haue you? you haue shawmes.

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Pro. Shawnes? no.

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Cit. No? Im'e a thiefe if my minde did not giue me so. *Rafe* playes a stately part, and he must needs haue shawnes: Il'e be at the charge of them my selfe, rather then wee'l be without them. *Pro.* So you are like to be.

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Cit. Why and so I will be: ther's two shillings, let's haue the waits of South-warke, they are as rare fellowes as any are in England; and that will fetch them all or'e the water with a vengeance, as if they were mad.

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Pro. You shall haue them: will you sit downe then?

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Cit. I, come wife.

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Wife. Sit you merry all Gentlemen, Im'e bold to sit amongst you for my ease.

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Pro. From all that's neere the Court, from all that's great.

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Within the compasse of the Citty-walles,

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We now haue brought our Sceane: flye farre from hence

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All priuate taxes, immodest phrases,

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What ere may but shew like vicious:

wln 0124

For wicked mirth neuer true pleasure brings,

wln 0125

But honest minds are pleas'd with honest things.

wln 0126

Thus much for that we do: but for *Rafes* part

wln 0127

You must answeere for your selfe.

wln 0128

Cit. Take you no care for *Rafe*, hee'l discharge himselfe I warrant you.

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Wife. I faith Gentlemen Il'e giue my word for *Rafe*.

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Actus primi, Scoena prima.

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Enter Marchant, and Iasper his Prentice.

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March. Sirrah, Il'e make you know you are my Prentice,

wln 0134

And whom my charitable loue redeem'd

wln 0135

Euen from the fall of fortune, gaue thee heate

And

The Knight of the burning Pestle.

wln 0136 And growth, to be what now thou art, new cast thee,
wln 0137 Adding the trust of all I haue at home,
wln 0138 In forren Staples, or vpon the Sea
wln 0139 To thy direction, ti'de the good opinions
wln 0140 Both of my selfe and friends to thy endeauours,
wln 0141 So faire were thy beginnings, but with these,
wln 0142 As I remember, you had neuer charge,
wln 0143 To loue your Maisters daughter, and euen then,
wln 0144 When I had found a wealthy husband for her,
wln 0145 I take it, sir, you had not; but how euer,
wln 0146 I'le breake the necke of that commission,
wln 0147 And make you know you are but a Merchants Factor.

wln 0148 *Iasp.* Sir, I do liberally confesse I am yours,
wln 0149 Bound, both by loue and duty, to your seruice;
wln 0150 In which, my labour hath bene all my profit;
wln 0151 I haue not lost in bargaine, nor delighted
wln 0152 To weare your honest gaines vpon my backe,
wln 0153 Nor haue I giuen a pencion to my bloud,
wln 0154 Or lauishly in play consum'd your stocke.
wln 0155 These, and the miseries that do attend them,
wln 0156 I dare, with innocence, proclaime are strangers
wln 0157 To all my temperate actions; for your daughter,
wln 0158 If there be any loue, to my deseruings,
wln 0159 Borne by her vertuous selfe, I cannot stop it?
wln 0160 Nor, am I able to refraine her wishes.
wln 0161 She's priuate to her selfe and best of knowledge,
wln 0162 Whom she'le make so happy as to sigh for.
wln 0163 Besides, I cannot thinke you meane to match her,
wln 0164 Vnto a fellow of so lame a presence,
wln 0165 One that hath little left of *Nature* in him.

wln 0166 *Mar.* 'Tis very well sir, I can tell your wisdome
wln 0167 How all this shall bee cur'd. *Iasp.* Your care becomes you.

wln 0168 *March.* And thus it must be sir, I heere discharge you
wln 0169 My house and seruice, take your liberty,
wln 0170 And when I want a sonne I'le send for you.

Exit:

wln 0171 *Iasp.* These be the faire rewards of them that loue.
wln 0172 O you that liue in freedome neuer proue

The Knight of the burning Pestle.

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The trauell of a mind led by desire. *Enter Luce.*

Luce. Why, how now friend, struck with my fathers thun-

Iasp. Strucke and strucke dead vnlesse the remedy (der?

Be full of speede and vertue; I am now,

What I expected long, no more your fathers.

Luce. But mine. *Iasp.* But yours, and onely yours I am,

That's all I haue to keepe mee from the Statute,

You dare be constant still. *Luce.* O feare me not,

In this I dare be better then a woman.

Nor shall his anger, nor his offers moue me,

Were they both equall to a Princes power.

Iasp. You know my riual? *Luce.* Yes and loue him deerly

Euen as I loue an ague, or foule weather,

I prethee *Iasper* feare him not. *Iasp.* O no,

I do not meane to do him so much kindnesse,

But to our owne desires, you know the plot

We both agreed on. *Luce.* Yes, and will performe

My part exactly. *Iasp.* I desire no more,

Fare-well, and keepe my heart, 'tis yours. *Luce.* I take it,

He must do miracles makes me forsake it.

Exeunt.

Cittiz. Fye vpon am little infidels, what a matters here

now? well, I'le be hang'd for a halfe-penny, if there be not

some abomination knauery in this Play, well, let 'em looke
toot, *Rafe* must come, and if there be any tricks a brewing, —

Wife. Let 'em brew and bake too husband, a Gods name,

Rafe will find all out I warrant you, and they were older then

they are, I pray my pretty youth is *Rafe* ready.

Boy. He will be presently.

Wife. Now I pray you make my commendations vnto

him, and withall carry him this sticke of Licoras, tell him his

Mistresse sent it him, and bid him bite a peece, 'twill open his

pipes the better, say.

Enter Marchant, and Maister Humfery.

Mar. Come sir, shee's yours, vpon my faith she's yours

You haue my hand, for other idle lets

Betweene your hopes and her, thus, with a wind

They are scattered and no more: my wanton Prentice,

That

The Knight of the burning Pestle.

wln 0210 That like a bladder, blew himselfe with loue,
wln 0211 I haue let out, and sent him to discouer
wln 0212 New Maisters yet vnknowne. *Humf.* I thanke you sir,
wln 0213 Indeed I thanke you sir, and ere I stir
wln 0214 It shall bee knowne, how euer you do deeme,
wln 0215 I am of gentle bloud and gentle seeme.
wln 0216 *March.* O sir, I know it certaine. *Humf.* Sir my friend,
wln 0217 Although, as Writers say, all things haue end,
wln 0218 And that we call a pudding, hath his two
wln 0219 O let it not seeme strange I pray to you,
wln 0220 If in this bloody simile, I put
wln 0221 My loue, more endlesse, then fraile things or gut.
wln 0222 *Wife.* Husband, I prethee sweete lambe tell me one thing,
wln 0223 But tell mee truely: stay youths I beseech you, till I question
wln 0224 my husband. *Citiz.* What is it mouse?
wln 0225 *Wife.* Sirrah, didst thou euer see a prettier child? how it
wln 0226 behaues it selfe, I warrant yee, and speakes, and lookes, and
wln 0227 pears vp the head? I pray you brother, with your fauor, were
wln 0228 you neuer none of M. *Monkesters* schollars?
wln 0229 *Cit.* Chicken, I prethee heartely containe thy selfe, the
wln 0230 childer are pretty childer, but when *Rafe* comes, Lambe.
wln 0231 *Wife.* I when *Rafe* comes conny; well my youth, you may
wln 0232 *Mar.* Wel sir, you know my loue, and rest, I hope, (proceed
wln 0233 Assur'd of my consent, get but my daughters,
wln 0234 And wed her when you please; you must be bold,
wln 0235 And clap in close vnto her, come, I know
wln 0236 You haue language good enough to win a wench.
wln 0237 *Wife.* A whoreson tyrant has ben an old stringer in's daies I
wln 0238 warrant him. *Humf.* I take your gentle offer and withall
wln 0239 Yeeld loue againe for loue recipocall. *Enter Luce.*
wln 0240 *Mar.* What *Luce* within there. *Lu.* Cal'd you sir? *Mar.* I did.
wln 0241 Giue entertainement to this Gentleman
wln 0242 And see you bee not froward: to her sir,
wln 0243 My presence will but bee an eye-soare to you. *Exit.*
wln 0244 *Humf.* Faire Mistresse *Luce*, how do you, are you well?
wln 0245 Giue me your hand and then I pray you tell,
wln 0246 How doth your little sister, and your brother?

And

The Knight of the burning Pestle.

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And whether you loue me or any other.

Luce. Sir, these are quickly answered. *Humf.* So they
Where women are not cruel: but how farre (are.

Is it now distant from this place we are in,
Vnto that blessed place your fathers warren.

Luce. What makes you thinke of that sir?

Humf. Euen that face

For stealing Rabbets whilome in that place,
God *Cupid*, or the Keeper, I know not whether

Vnto my cost and charges brought you thither,
And there began. *Luce.* Your game sir. *Humf.* Let no game,
Or any thing that tendeth to the same.

Bee euermore remembred, thou faire killer
For whom I sate me downe and brake my Tiller.

Wife. There's a kind Gentleman, I warrant you, when
will you do as much for me *George*?

Luce. Beshrew me sir, I am sorry for your losses,
But as the prouerbe saies, I cannot cry,
I would you had not seene me. *Humf.* So would I.
Vnlesse you had more maw to do me good.

Luce. Why, cannot this strange passion be withstood,
Send for a Constable and raise the Towne.

Humf. O no, my valiant loue will batter downe
Millions of Constables, and put to flight,
Euen that great watch of Mid-summer day at night.

Luce. Beshrew me sir, 'twere good I yeelded then,
Weake women cannot hope, where valiant men
Haue no resistance. *Humf.* Yeeld then, I am full
Of pittie, though I say it, and can pull
Out of my pocket, thus, a paire of gloues,
Looke *Lucy*, looke, the dogs tooth, nor the Doues
Are not so white as these; and sweete they bee,
And whipt about with silke, as you may see.
If you desire the price, sute from your eie,
A beame to this place, and you shall espie
F. S. which is to say, my sweetest hony,
They cost me three and two pence, or no mony.

Luce.

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Luce. Well sir, I take them kindly, and I thanke you,
What would you more? *Hum.* Nothing. *Luce.* Why then
Humf. Nor so, nor so, for Lady I must tell, (fare-well.
Before we part, for what we met together,
God grant me time, and patience, and faire weather.
Luce. Speake and declare your minde in termes so brieve.
Humf. I shall, then first and formost for reliefe
I call to you, I if that you can affoord it,
I care not at what price, for on my word, it
Shall be repaid againe, although it cost me
More then I'le speake of now, for loue hath tost me,
In furious blanket like a Tennis ball,
And now I rise aloft, and now I fall.
Luce. Alas good Gentleman, alas the day.
Humf. I thanke you hartely, and as I say,
Thus do I still continue without rest,
I'th' morning like a man, at night a beast,
Roaring and bellowing myne owne disquiet,
That much I feare, forsaking of my diet,
Will bring me presently to that quandary,
I shall bid all adeiw: *Luce.* Now by S. *Mary*
That were great pittie. *Hum.* So it were beshrew me,
Then ease me lusty *Luce*, and pittie shew me.
Luce. Why sir, you know my will is nothing worth
Without my fathers grant, get his consent,
And then you may with assurance try me.
Humf. The Worshipfull your sire will not deny me.
For I haue askt him, and he hath repli'd,
Sweete Maister *Humfrey*, *Luce* shall be thy Bride.
Luce. Sweete Maister *Humfrey* then I am content.
Humf. And so am I intruth. *Luce.* Yet take me with you,
There is another clause must be annex,
And this it is, I swore and will performe it;
No man shall euer ioy me as his wife
But he that stole me hence, if you dare venter
I am yours; you need not feare, my father loues you,
If not farewell for euer. *Humf.* Stay Nimph, staie,

The Knight of the burning Pestle.

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I haue a double Gelding culored bay,
Sprung by his father from Barbarian kind,
Another for my selfe, though somewhat blind,
Yet true as trusty tree. *Luce.* I am satisfied,
And so I giue my hand, our course must lie
Through *Waltham* Forrest, where I haue a friend
Will entertaine vs, so fare-well sir *Humfrey,* *Exit Luce.*
And thinke vpon your businesse. *Humf.* Though I die,
I am resolu'd to venter life and lim,
For one so yong, so faire, so kind, so trim. *Exit Humfrey.*

Wife. By my faith and troth *George,* and as I am vertu-
ous, it is e'ne the kindest yong man that euer trod on shooe
leather, well, go thy waies if thou hast her not, 'tis not thy
fault 'faith.

Cit. I prethee mouse be patient, a shall haue her, or i'le
make some'em smoake for't.

Wife. That's my good lambe *George,* fie, this stinking
Tobacco kils men, would there were none in *England,* now I
pray Gentlemen, what good does this stinking Tobacco? do
you nothing, I warrant you make chimnies a your faces: o
husband, husband, now, now, there's *Rafe,* there's *Rafe.*

Enter Rafe like a Grocer in's shop, with two Prentices
Reading Palmerin of England.

Cit. Peace foole, let *Rafe* alone, harke you *Rafe;* doe not
straine your selfe too much at the first, peace, begin *Rafe.*

Rafe. Then *Palmerin* and *Trineus* snatching their Launces
from their **Dwarses**, and clasping their Helmets gallopt a-
maine after the Gyant, and *Palmerin* hauing gotten a sight of
him, came posting amaine, saying: Stay trayterous thiefe, for
thou maist not so carry away her, that is worth the greatest
Lord in the world, and with these words gaue him a blow on
the shoulder, that he stroake him besides his Elephant, and
Trineus comming to the Knight that had *Agricola* behind
him, set him soone besides his horse, with his necke broken
in the fall, so that the Princesse getting out of the thronge,
betweene ioy and grieve said; all happy Knight, the **mirrout**
of all such as follow Armes, now may I bee well assured of

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the loue thou bearest me, I wonder why the Kings doe not raise an army of foureteene or fifteene hundred thousand men, as big as the Army that the Prince of *Portigo* brought against *Rocicler*, & destroy these Giants, they do much hurt to wandring Damsels, that go in quest of their Knights.

Wife. Faith husband and *Rafe* saies true, for they say the King of *Portugall* cannot sit at his meate, but the Giants & the Ettins will come and snatch it from him,

Cit. Hold thy tongue, on *Rafe*.

Rafe. And certainly those Knights are much to be commended, who neglecting their possessions, wander with a Squire and a Dwarfe through the Desarts to relieue poore Ladies.

Wife. I by my faith are they *Rafe*, let 'em say what they will, they are indeed, our Knights neglect their possessions well enough, but they do not the rest.

Rafe. There are no such courteous and faire well spoken Knights in this age, they will call one the sonne of a whore, that *Palmerin* of England, would haue called faire sir; and one that *Rosicler* would haue cal'd right beauteous Damsell, they will call dam'd bitch.

Wife. I'le besworne will they *Rafe*, they haue cal'd mee so an hundred times about a scuruy pipe of Tobacco.

Rafe. But what braue spirit could be content to sit in his shop with a flappet of wood and a blew apron before him selling *Methridatum* and *Dragons water* to visited houses, that might pursue feats of Armes, & through his noble atchieuements procure such a famous history to be written of his heroicke prowess.

Cit. Well said *Rafe*, some more of those words *Rafe*.

Wife. They go finely by my troth.

Rafe. Why should not I then pursue this course, both for the credit of my selfe and our Company, for amongst all the worthy bookes of Atchieuements I doe not call to minde that I yet read of a Grocer Errant, I will be the said Knight, haue you heard of any, that hath wandred vnfurnished of his Squire and Dwarfe, my elder Prentice

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Tim shall be my trusty Squire, and little *George* my Dwarf, Hence my blew Aporne, yet in remembrance of my former Trade, vpon my shiled shall be purtraide, a burning Pestle, and I will be cal'd the *Knight oth burning Pestle*.

Wife. Nay, I dare swære thou wilt not forget thy old Trade, thou wert euer meeke. *Rafe*. *Tim*.

Tim. Anon.

Rafe. My beloued Squire, & *George* my Dwarf, I charge you that from hence-forth you neuer call me by any other name, but the *Right Courteous and Valiant Knight of the burning Pestle*, and that you neuer call any female by the name of a woman or wench, but faire Ladie, if she haue her desires, if not distressed Damsell, that you call all Forrests & Heaths Desarts, and all horses Palfries.

Wife. This is very fine, faith, do the Gentlemen like *Rafe*, thinke you, husband?

Cittiz. I, I warrant thee, the Plaiers would giue all the shooes in their shop for him.

Rafe. My beloued Squire *Tim*, stand out, admit this were a Desart, and ouer it a Knight errant pricking, and I should bid you inquire of his intents, what would you say?

Tim. Sir, my Maister sent me, to know whether **your** are riding?

Rafe. No, thus; faire sir, the *Right Courteous and Valiant Knight of the burning Pestle*, commanded me to enquire, vpon what aduerture **your** are bound, whether to relieue some distressed Damsels, or otherwise.

Cit. **Whoresome** blocke-head cannot remember.

Wife. I' faith, & *Rafe* told him on't before, all the Gentlemen heard him, did he not Gentlemen, did not *Rafe* tel him on't?

George. *Right Courteous and Valiant Knight of the burning Pestle*, here is a distressed Damsell, to haue a halfe penny-worth of pepper.

Wife. That's a good boy, see, the little boy can hit it, by my troth it's a fine child.

Rafe. Relieue her with all courteous language, now shut vp shoppe, no more my Prentice, but my trusty

Squire

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Squire and Dwarfe, I must bespeak my shield and arming-
pestle.

Cit. Go thy waies *Rafe*, as Im'e a true man, thou art the
best on 'em all.

Wife. *Rafe, Rafe.*

Rafe. What say you mistresse?

Wife. I pre'thee come againe quickly sweet *Rafe*.

Rafe. By and by.

Exit Rafe.

Enter Iasper, and his mother mistresse Merri-thought.

Mist. merri. Giue thee my blessing? No, Il'e ner'e giue
thee my blessing, Il'e see thee hang'd first; it shall ner'e bee
said I gaue thee my blessing, th'art thy fathers owne sonne,
of the right bloud of the *Merri-thoughts*, I may curse the
time that er'e I knew thy father, he hath spent all his owne,
and mine too, and when I tell him of it, he laughes and dan-
ces, and sings, and cryes, *A merry heart liues long-a*. And
thou art a wast-thrift, and art run away from thy maister,
that lou'd thee well, and art come to me, and I haue laid vp a
little for my yonger sonne *Michael*, and thou think'st to be-
zell that, but thou shalt neuer be able to do it. Come hither
Michael, come *Michael*, downe on thy knees, thou shalt
haue my blessing.

Enter Michael.

Mich. I pray you mother pray to God to blesse me.

Mist. merri. God blesse thee: but *Iasper* shall neuer haue
my blessing, he shall be hang'd first, shall hee not *Michael*?
how saist thou?

Mich. Yes forsooth mother and grace of God.

Mist. merri. That's a good boy.

Wife. I faith it's a fine spoken child.

Iasp. Mother, though you forget a parents loue,
I must preserue the duty of a child.

I ran not from my maister, nor returne

To haue your stocke maintaine my Idlenesse.

Wife. Vngracious childe I warrant him, harke how hee
chops logicke with his mother: thou hadst best tell her she
lyes, do tell her she lyes.

Cit. If hee were my sonne, I would hang him vp by the

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heeles, and flea him, and salt him, whoore-sonne halter-sack.

Iasp. My comming onely is to begge your loue,
Which I must euer, though I neuer gaine it,
And howsoever you esteeme of me,
There is no drop of bloud hid in these veines,
But I remember well belongs to you
That brought me forth, and would be glad for you
To rip them all againe, and let it out.

Mist. merri. I faith I had sorrow enough for thee (God knowes) but Il'e hamper thee well enough: get thee in thou vagabond, get thee in, and learne of thy brother *Michael*.

Old merri. within. Nose, nose, iolly red nose, and who gaue thee this iolly red nose?

Mist. merri. Harke, my husband hee's singing and hoiting,
And Im'e faine to carke and care, and all little enough.
Husband, *Charles, Charles Merithought*.

Enter old Merithought.

Old merri. Nutmegs and Ginger, Cinnamon and Cloues,
And they gaue me this iolly red Nose.

Mist. merri. If you would consider your state, you would haue little lust to sing, I-wisse.

Old merri. It should neuer bee considered while it were an estate, if I thought it would spoyle my singing.

Mist. merri. But how wilt thou do *Charles*, thou art an old man, and thou canst not worke, and thou hast not fortie shillings left, and thou eatest good meat, and drinkest good drinke, and laughest?

Old merri. And will do.

Mist. merri. But how wilt thou come by it *Charles*?

Old merri. How? why how haue I done hitherto this forty yeares? I neuer came into my dining roome, but at eleuen & six a clocke, I found excellent meat and drinke a'th table, my clothes were neuer worne out, but next morning a Taylor brought me a new suit; and without question it will be so euer: vse makes perfectnesse. If all should faile, it is but a little

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straining my selfe extraordinary, & laugh my selfe to death.

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Wife. It's a foolish old man this: is not he *George*?

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Cit. Yes Cunny.

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Wife. Giue me a peny i'th purse while I liue *George*.

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Cit. I by Ladie cunnie, hold thee there.

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Mist. merri. Well *Charles*, you promis'd to prouide for *Iasper*, and I haue laid vp for *Michael*, I pray you pay *Iasper* his portion, hee's come home, and hee shall not consume *Michaels* stocke: he saies his maister turnd him away, but I promise you truly, I thinke he ran away.

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Wife. No indeed mistresse *Merrithought*, though he bee a notable gallowes, yet Il'e assure you his maister did turne him away, euen in this place 'twas I' faith within this halfe houre, about his daughter, my husband was by.

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Cit. Hang him rougue, he seru'd him well enough: loue his maisters daughter! by my troth Cunnie if there were a thousand boies, thou wouldst spoile them all with taking their parts, let his mother alone with him.

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Wife. I *George*, but yet truth is truth.

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Old merri. Where is *Iasper*, hee's welcome how euer, call him in, hee shall haue his portion, is he merry?

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Enter Iasper and Michael.

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Mist. merri. I foule chiue him, he is too merrie. *Iasper*, *Michael*.

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Old merri. Welcome *Iasper*, though thou runst away, welcome, God blesse thee: 'tis thy mothers minde thou should'st receiue thy portion; thou hast beene abroad, and I hope hast learn'd experience enough to gouerne it, thou art of sufficient yeares, hold thy hand: one, two, three, foure, fiue, sixe, seuen, eight, nine, there's ten shillings for thee, thrust thy selfe into the world with that, and take some setled course, if fortune crosse thee, thou hast a retiring place, come home to me, I haue twentie shillings left, bee a good husband, that is, weare ordinary clothes, eate the best meate, and drinke the best drinke, bee merrie, and giue to the poore, and beleeeue me, thou hast no end of thy goods.

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Iasp. Long may you liue free from all thought of ill,
And long haue cause to be thus merry still.
But father?

Old merri. No more words *Iasper*, get thee gone, thou
hast my blessing, thy fathers spirit vpon thee. Farewell *Ias-*
per, but yet or ere you part (oh cruell!) kisse me, kisse me
sweeting, mine owne deere iewell: So, now begone; no
words.

Exit Iasper.

Mis. mer. So *Michael*, now get thee gone too.

Mich. Yes forsooth mother, but Il'e haue my fathers bles-
sing first.

Mis. mer. No *Michael*, 'tis **now** matter for his blessing,
thou hast my blessing, begone; Il'e fetch my money & iew-
els, and follow thee: Il'e stay no longer with him I warrant
thee, truly *Charles* Il'e begone too.

Old merri. What you will not.

Mis. merri. Yes indeed will I.

Old merri. Hey ho, fare-well *Nan*, Il'e neuer trust wench
more againe, if I can.

Mis. merri. You shall not thinke (when all your owne
is gone) to spend that I haue beene scraping vp for *Mi-*
chael.

Old merri. Farewell good wife, I expect it not; all I haue
to doe in this world, is to bee merry: which I shall, if the
ground be not taken from me: and if it be,
When earth and seas from me are rest,
The skyes aloft for me are left.

Exeunt.

Boy danceth. Musicke.

Finis Actus primi.

Wife. Il'e be sworne hee's a merry old Gentleman for all
that. Harke, harke husband, harke, fiddles, fiddles; now sure-
ly they go finely. They say, 'tis present death for these fidlers
to tune their Rebeckes before the great Turkes grace, is't
not *George*? But looke, looke, here's a youth dances: now
good youth do a turne ath' toe, sweetheart, I'faith Ile haue
Rafe come and do some of his Gambols; hee'l ride the wild
mare Gentlemen, 'twould do your hearts good to see him. I
thanke you kinde youth, pray bid *Rafe* come.

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Cit. Peace Cunnie. Sirrah, you scuruie boy, bid the plai-
ers send *Rafe*, or by Gods — and they do not, Il'e teare
some of their periwigs beside their heads: this is all Riffe
Raffe.

Actus secundi Scœna prima.

Enter Merchant and Humphrey.

March. And how faith? how goes it now son *Humphrey*?

Humph. Right worshipfull, and my beloued friend
And father deere, this matters at an end.

March. 'Tis well, it should be so, Im'e glad the girl
Is found so tractable. *Humph.* Nay she must whirle
From hence, and you must winke: for so I say,
The storie tels, to morrow before day.

Wife. *George*, do'st thou thinke in thy conscience now 'twil
be a match? tell me but what thou thinkst sweet rogue, thou
seest the poore Gentleman (deere heart) how it labours and
throbs I warrant you, to be at rest: Il'e goe moue the father
fort.

Cit. No, no, I pre'thee sit still hony-suckle, thoul't spoile all,
if he deny him, Il'e bring halfe a dozē good fellows my selfe,
& in the shutting of an euening knock't vp, & ther's an end.

Wife. Il'e busse thee for that i'faith boy; well *George*, well,
you haue beene a wag in your daies I warrant you: but God
forgiue you, and I do with all my heart.

March. How was it sonne? you told me that to morrow
Before day breake, you must conuey her hence.

Humph. I must, I must, and thus it is agreed,
Your daughter rides vpon a browne-bay steed,
I on a sorrell, which I bought of *Brian*,
The honest Host of the red roaring Lion

In *Waltham* situate: then if you may
Consent in seemely sort, lest by delay,
The fatall sisters come and do the office,
And then you'l sing another song. *March.* Alasse
Why should you be thus full of grieffe to me?
That do as willing as your selfe agree

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To any thing so it be good and faire,
Then steale her when you will, if such a pleasure
Content you both, I'le sleepe and neuer see it,
To make your ioyes more full, but tell me why
You may not here performe your marriage?

Wife. Gods blessing a thy soule old man, i'faith thou art
loath to part true hearts, I see, a has her *Georg*, & I'me as glad
on't, well, go thy waies *Humphrey*, for a faire spoken man, I
beleuee thou hast not thy fellow within the wals of *London*,
& I should say the Suburbes too, I should not lie, why dost
not reioyce with me *George*? (mine Host i'faith.

Cit. If I could but see *Raph* againe, I were as merry as

Hum. The cause you seeme to aske, I thus declare,
Helpe me ô Muses nine, your daughter sweare
A foolish oath, the more it was the pittie,
Yet none but my selfe within this Citty,
Shall dare to say so, but a bold defiance
Shall meete him, were he of the noble Science.

And yet she sweare, and yet why did she sweare?
Truely I cannot tell, vnlesse it were
For her owne ease, for sure sometimes an oath,
Being sworne thereafter is like cordiall broth.
And this it was shee swore, neuer to marry,
But such a one, whose mighty arme could carry
(As meaning me, for I am such a one)
Her bodily away through sticke and stone,
Till both of vs arriue, at her request,
Some ten miles off, in the wilde *Waltham* Forrest.

March. If this be all, you shall not need to feare
Any deniall in your loue, proceed,
I'le neither follow, nor repent the deed.

Hum. Good-night, twenty good-nights, & twenty more.
And 20 more good-nights, that makes three-score.

Exeūt.

Enter mistresse Mery-thought, and her son Michael.

Mist. mer. Come *Michael*, art thou not weary boy?

Mich. No for-sooth mother not I.

Mist. mer. Where be we now child?

Mich.

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Mich. Indeed for-sooth mother I cannot tell, vnlesse we be at Mile-end, is not all the world Mile-end, Mother?

Mist. mer. No *Michael*, not al the world boy, but I can assure thee *Michael*, Mile-end is a goodly matter, there has bene a pitch-field my child betweene the naughty *Spaniels* and the *English-men*, and the *Spaniels* ran away *Michael*, and the *English-men* followed, my neighbour *Coxstone* was there boy, and kil'd them all with a birding peece. *Mich.* Mother forsooth.

Mist. mer. What saies my white boy?

Mich. Shall not my father go with vs too?

Mist. mer. No *Michael*, let thy father go snicke-vp, he shall neuer come between a paire of sheets with me againe, while he liues, let him stay at home & sing for his supper boy, come child sit downe, and I'le shew my boy fine knacks indeed, look here *Michael*, here's a Ring, and here's Bruch, & here's a Bracelet, and here's two Rings more, and here's mony and gold bi'th eie my boy. *Mich.* Shall I haue all this mother?

Mist. mer. I *Michael* thou shalt haue all *Michael*.

Cit. How lik'st thou this wench?

Wife. I cannot tell, I would haue *Raph, George*; I'le see no more else indeed-law, & I pray you let the youths vnderstand so much by word of mouth, for I tell you truely, I'me afraid a my boy, come, come *George*, let's be merry and wise, the child's a father-lesse child, and say they should put him into a streight paire of Gaskins, 'twere worse then knot-grasse, he would neuer grow after it.

*Enter Raph, Squire,
and Dwarfe.*

Cit: Here's *Raph*, here's *Raph*.

Wife. How do you *Raph*? you are welcome *Raph*, as I may say, it's a good boy, hold vp thy head, and be not afraid, we are thy friends *Raph*, the Gentlemen will praise thee *Raph*, if thou plaist thy part with audacity, begin *Raph* a Gods name.

Raph. My trusty Squire vnlace my Helme, giue mee my hat, where are we, or what Desart may this be?

Dwarfe. Mirroure of Knight-hood, this is, as I take it, the perrilous Waltham downe, In whose bottome stands the enchanted Valley.

Mist. mer. O *Michael*, we are betrai'd, we are betraid

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wln 0690 here be Gyants, flie boy, flie boy, flie. *Exeūt mother & Michael.*
wln 0691 *Rafe.* Lace on my helme againe: what noise is this?
wln 0692 A gentle Ladie flying? the imbrace
wln 0693 Of some vncurteous knight, I will releiue her.
wln 0694 Go squire, and say, the Knight that weares this pestle,
wln 0695 In honour of all Ladies, sweares reuenge
wln 0696 Vpon that recreant coward that pursues her.
wln 0697 Go comfort her, and that same gentle squire
wln 0698 That beares her companie. *Squire.* I go braue Knight.
wln 0699 *Rafe.* My trustie Dwarfe and friend, reach me my shield,
wln 0700 And hold it while I sweare: First by my knight-hood,
wln 0701 Then by the soule of *Amadis de Gaule*,
wln 0702 My famous Ancestor, then by my sword,
wln 0703 The beauteous *Brionella* girt about me,
wln 0704 By this bright burning pestle of mine honour,
wln 0705 The liuing Trophie, and by all respect
wln 0706 Due to distressed Damsels, here I vow
wln 0707 Neuer to end the quest of this faire Lady,
wln 0708 And that forsaken squire, till by my valour
wln 0709 I gaine their liberty. *Dwarf.* Heauen blesse the Knight
wln 0710 That thus relieues poore errant Gentlewomen. *Exit.*
wln 0711 *Wife.* I marrie *Rafe*, this has some sauour in't, I would see
wln 0712 the proudest of them all offer to carrie his bookes after him.
wln 0713 But *George*, I will not haue him go away so soone, I shall bee
wln 0714 sicke if he go away, that I shall; Call *Rafe* againe *George*, call
wln 0715 *Rafe* againe, I pre'thee sweet heart let him come fight before
wln 0716 me, and let's ha some drums, and some trumpets, and let him
wln 0717 kill all that comes neere him, and thou lou'st me *George*.
wln 0718 *Cit.* Peace a little bird, hee shall kill them all and they
wln 0719 were twentie more on 'em then there are. *Enter Iasper.*
wln 0720 *Iasp.* Now Fortune, if thou bee'st not onely ill,
wln 0721 Shew me thy better face, and bring about
wln 0722 Thy desperate wheele, that I may clime at length
wln 0723 And stand, this is our place of meeting,
wln 0724 If loue haue any constancie. Oh age!
wln 0725 Where onely wealthy men are counted happie:
wln 0726 How shall I please thee? how deserue thy smiles?

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When I am onely rich in misery?
My fathers blessing, and this little coine
Is my inheritance, a strong reuene,
From earth thou art, and to the earth I giue thee,
There grow and multiply, whilst fresher aire,
Breeds me a fresher fortune, how, illusion!
What hath the Diuell coin'd himselfe before me?
'Tis mettle good, it rings well, I am waking,
And taking too I hope, now Gods deere blessing
Vpon his heart that left it here, 'tis mine,
These pearles, I take it, were not left for swine.

*spies the
casket.*

Exit.

Wife. I do not like that this vnthrifty youth should em-
becill away the money; the poore Gentlewoman his mother
will haue a heauy heart for it God knowes.

Cittiz. And reason good, sweet heart.

Wife. But let him go, I'le tell *Raph* a tale in's eare
shall fetch him againe with a Wanion I warrant him, if hee bee
aboue ground, and besides *George*, heere are a number of
sufficient Gentlemen can witnesse, and my selfe, and your
self, and the Musitians, if we be cal'd in question, but here
comes *Raph*, *George*, thou shalt here him speake, an he were
an Emperall.

Enter Rafe and Dwarfe.

Raph. Comes not sir Squire againe?

Dwar. Right courteous Knight,

Your Squire doth come and with him comes the Lady,

Enter mistresse Merr: and Michael, and Squire.

For and the Squire of Damsels as I take it.

Rafe. Madam if any seruice or deuoire
Of a poore errant Knight may right your wrongs,
Command it, I am prest to giue you succour,
For to that holy end I beare my Armour,

Mist. mer. Alas sir, I am a poore Gentlewoman, and I
haue lost my monie in this forrest.

Rafe. Desart, you would say Lady, and not lost
Whilst I haue sword and launce, dry vp your teares
Which ill befits the beauty of that face:

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And tell the storie, if I may request it,
Of your disasterous fortune.

Mist. mer. Out alas, I left a thousand pound, a thousand pound, e'ne all the monie I had laid vp for this youth, vpon the sight of your Maistership, you lookt so grim, and as I may say it, sauing your presence, more like a Giant then a mortall man.

Rafe. I am as you are Ladie, so are they
All mortall, but why weepes this gentle Squire.

Mist. mer. Has hee not cause to weepe doe you thinke,
when he hath lost his inheritance?

Rafe. Yong hope of valour, weepe not, I am here
That will confound thy foe and paie it deere
Vpon his coward head, that dares denie,
Distressed Squires and Ladies equitie.
I haue but one horse, on which shall ride
This Ladie faire behind me, and before
This courteous Squire, fortune will giue vs more
Vpon our next aduventure; fairelie speed
Beside vs Squire and Dwarfe to do vs need.

Exeunt.

Cit. Did not I tell you *Nel* what your man would doe?
by the faith of my bodie wench, for cleane action and good deliuerie they may all cast their caps at him.

Wife. And so they may i'faith, for I dare speake it boldly,
the twelue Companies of *London* cannot match him, timber
for timber, well *George*, and hee be not inueigled by some of
these paltrie Plaiers, I ha much maruell, but *George* wee ha
done our parts if the boy haue any grace to be thankfull.

Cittiz. Yes I warrant thee duckling.

Enter Humphrey and Luce.

Hum. Good Mistresse *Luce* how euer I in fault am
For your lame horse; you're welcome vnto *VValtham*.
But which way now to go or what to saie
I know not truely till it be broad daie.

Luce. O feare not Maister *Humphrey*, I am guide
For this place good enough. *Hum.* Then vp and ride,
Or if it please you walke for your repose,

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wln 0801 Or sit, or if you will go plucke a rose:
wln 0802 Either of which shall be indifferent,
wln 0803 To your good friend and *Humphrey*, whose consent
wln 0804 Is so entangled euer to your will,
wln 0805 As the poore harmesse horse is to the Mill.
wln 0806 *Luce.* Faith and you say the word we'le e'ne sit downe
wln 0807 And take a nap. *Hum.* 'Tis better in the Towne,
wln 0808 Where we may nap together, for beleue me
wln 0809 To sleepe without a snatch would mickle grieue me.
wln 0810 *Luce.* You're merrie Maister *Humphrey*. *Hum.* So I am,
wln 0811 And haue bene euer merrie from my Dam.
wln 0812 *Luce.* Your nurce had the lesse labour.
wln 0813 *Hum.* Faith it may bee,
wln 0814 Vnlesse it were by chance I did beray mee. *Enter Iasper.*
wln 0815 *Iasp.* *Luce* deere friend *Luce.* *Luce.* Heere *Iasper*.
wln 0816 *Iasp.* You are mine.
wln 0817 *Hum.* If it be so, my friend, you vse me fine,
wln 0818 What do you thinke I am? *Iasp.* An arrant noddie
wln 0819 *Hum.* A word of obloquie, now by Gods bodie,
wln 0820 I'le tell thy maister for I know thee well.
wln 0821 *Iasp.* Nay, and you be so forward for to tell,
wln 0822 Take that, and that, and tell him sir I gaue it,
wln 0823 And saie I paid you well. *Hum.* O sir I haue it,
wln 0824 And do confesse the paiement, praie be quiet.
wln 0825 *Iasp.* Go, get to your night-cap and the diet,
wln 0826 To cure your beaten bones. *Luce.* Alas poore *Humphrie*
wln 0827 Get thee some wholsome broth with sage and comfrie:
wln 0828 A little oile of Roses and a feather,
wln 0829 To noint thy backe withall. *Hum.* When I came hether,
wln 0830 Would I had gone to *Paris* with *Iohn Dorrie*.
wln 0831 *Luce.* Fare-well my prettie Nump, I am verie sorrie
wln 0832 I cannot beare thee companie. *Hum.* Fare-well,
wln 0833 The Diuels Dam was ne're so bang'd in hell. *Exeunt.*
wln 0834 *manet Humphrey.*
wln 0835 *Wife.* This yong *Iasper* will proue me another **Things**, a
wln 0836 my conscience and he may be suffered; *George*, dost not see
wln 0837 *George* how a swaggers, and flies at the very heads a fokes as

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he were a Dragō; well if I do not do his lesson for wronging the poore Gentleman, I am no true woman, his friends that brought him vp might haue bene better occupied, I wis, then ha taught him these fegaries, hee's e'ne in the high-way to the gallows, God blesse him.

Cit. You're too bitter, conny, the yong man may do wel enough for all this.

Wife. Come hither Maister *Humfrey*, has hee hurt you? now beshrew his fingers for't, here sweet heart, here's some greene ginger for thee, now beshrew my heart but a has pepper-nel in's head, as big as a pullets egge, alas sweete lamb, how thy Tempels beate; take the peace on him sweete heart, take the peace on him.

Enter a boy.

Cit. No, no, you talke like a foolish woman, I'le ha *Raph* fight with him, and swing him vp welfauourdie, sirrah boie come hither, let *Raph* come in and fight with *Iasper*.

Wife. I, and beate him well, he's an vnhappy boy.

Boy. Sir you must pardon vs, the plot of our Plaie lies contrarie, and 'twill hazard the spoiling of our Plaie.

Cit. Plot mee no plots, I'le ha *Raph* come out, I'le make your house too hot for you else.

Boy. Why sir he shall, but if anie thing fall out of order, the Gentlemen must pardon vs.

Cit. Go your waies good-man boie, I'le hold him a penie hee shall haue his bellie-full of fighting now, ho heere comes *Raph*, no more.

Enter Raph, mistresse Merri: Michael, Squire, and Dwarfe.

Raph. What Knight is that Squire, aske him if he keep The passage, bound by loue of Ladie faire,
Or else but prickant. *Hum.* Sir I am no Knight,
But a poore Gentleman, that this same night,
Had stolne from me on yonder Greene,
My louelie wife, and suffered to be seene
Yet extant on my shoulders such a greeting,
That whilst I liue, I shall thinke of that meeting.

Wife. I *Raph* hee beate him vnmercifully, *Raph*, and thou spar'st him *Raph* I would thou wert hang'd.

Cit.

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why *George*, didst euer see such a fire-drake, I am afraid my boie's miscaried, if he be, though hee were Maister *Mery-thoughts* sonne a thousand times, if there bee any Law in *England* I'le make some of them smart for't.

Cit. No, no, I haue found out the matter sweete-heart, *Iasper* is enchanted, as sure as we are heere, he is enchanted, he could no more haue stood in *Raph's* hands, then I can stand in my Lord Maiors, I'le haue a ring to discouer all enchantments, and *Raph* shall beate him yet: be no more vext for it shall be so.

Enter Raph, Squire, Dwarf, mistresse Mery-thought and Michaell.

Wife. O husband heere's *Raph* againe, stay *Raph* let mee speake with thee, how dost thou *Raph*? art thou not shroddly hurt? the soule great *Lungeis* laid vnmercifully on thee, there's some suger-candy for thee, proceed, thou shalt haue another bout with him.

Cit. If *Raph* had him at the Fencing-schoole, if hee did not make a puppy of him, and driue him vp and downe the schoole he should nere come in my shop more.

Mist. mer. Truly Maister Knight of the *Burning Pestle* I am weary.

Mich. Indeed law mother and I am very hungry.

Raph. Take comfort gentle Dame, and you faire Squire, For in this Desart there must needs be plac't, Many strong Castles, held by curteous Knights, And till I bring you safe to one of those, I swear by this my Order nere to leaue you.

Wife. Well said *Raph*, *George*, *Raph* was euer comfortable, was he not? *Cit.* Yes Ducke.

Wife. I shall nere forget him, when wee had lost our child, you know, it was straid almost, alone, to *Puddle-wharfe* and the Criers were abroad for it, and there it had drown'd it selfe but for a Sculler, *Raph* was the most comfortablest to me: peace Mistresse, saies he, let it go, I'le get you another as good, did he not *George*? did he not say so?

Cit. Yes indeed did he mouse.

Dwarf.

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Dwarfe. I would we had a messe of Pottage, and a pot
of drinke, Squire, and were going to bed.

Squire. Why we are at *Waltham* Townes end, and that's
the *Bell* Inne.

Dwarfe. Take courage valiant Knight, Damsel, & Squire
I haue discovered, not a stones cast off,
An ancient Castle held by the old Knight
Of the most holy order of the *Bell*,
Who giues to all Knights errant entertaine:
There plenty is of food, and all prepar'd,
By the white hands of his owne Lady deere.
He hath three Squires that welcome all his Guests.
The first high Chamberlino, who will see
Our beds prepar'd, and bring vs snowy sheetes,
Where neuer foote-man stretch'd his butter'd Hams.
The second hight *Tastero*, who will see
Our pots full filled and no froth therein.
The third a gentle Squire *Ostlero* hight,
Who will our Palfries slicke with wisps of straw,
And in the Maunger put them Oates enough,
And neuer grease their teeth with candle snuffe.

Wife. That same *Dwarfe*'s a pretty boy, but the Squire's
a grout-nole.

Raph. Knocke at the Gates my Squire with stately
launce. *Enter Tapster.*

Tap. Who's there, you're welcome Gentlemen, will you
see a roome? (Pestle,

Dwarfe. Right curteous and valiant Knight of the burning
This is the Squire *Tapstero*.

Raph. Faire Squire *Tapstero*, I a wandring Knight,
Hight of the burning Pestle, in the quest
Of this faire Ladies Casket, and wrought purse,
Loosing my selfe in this vast Wildernesse
Am to this Castle well by fortune brought,
Where hearing of the goodly entertaine
Your Knight of holy Order of the *Bell*
Giues to all Damsels, and all errant Knights,

The Knight of the burning Pestle.

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I thought to knocke, and now am bold to enter.

Tapster. An't please you see a chamber, you are very welcome.

Exeunt.

Wife. *George* I would haue something done, and I cannot tell what it is.

Cit. What is it *Nel*?

Wife. Why *George*, shall *Raph* beate no body againe? prethee sweete-heart let him.

Cit. So he shall *Nel*, and if I ioyne with him, wee'll knocke them all.

Enter Humphery and Merchant.

Wife. O *George* here's maister *Humphery* againe now, that lost Mistresse *Luce*, and Mistresse *Lucies* father, Maister *Humphery* will do some-bodies errant I warrant him.

Humf. Father, it's true, in armes I nere shall claspe her, For shee is stolne away by your man *Iasper*.

Wife. I thought he would tell him.

March. Vnhappy that I am to loose my child, Now I beginne to thinke on *Iaspers* words, Who oft hath vrg'd to me thy foolishnesse, Why didst thou let her go? thou loust her not, That wouldst bring home thy life, and not bring her.

Hum. Father forgiue me, shall I tell you true, Looke on my shoulders they are blacke and blew. Whilst too and fro faire *Luce* and I were winding, Hee came and basted me with a hedge binding.

March. Get men and horses straight, we will be there Within this houre, you know the place againe.

Hum. I know the place, where he my loines did swaddle, I'll get six horses, and to each a saddle.

Mar. Mean time I'll go talke with *Iaspers* father.

Exeunt.

Wife. *George*, what wilt thou laye with mee now, that Maister *Humphery* has not Mistresse *Luce* yet, speake *George*, what wilt thou laie with me?

Cit. No *Nel*, I warrant thee *Iasper* is at *Puckeridge* with her, by this.

Wife. Nay *George*, you must consider Mistresse *Lucies*

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feete are tender, and, besides, 'tis darke, and I promise you **tuely**, I doe not see how hee should get out of **Wa[···]m** forrest with her yet.

Cit. Nay Cunny, what wilt thou laie with me that *Raph* has her not yet.

Wife. I will not lay against *Raph* hunny, because I haue not spoken with him, but looke *George*, peace, heere comes the merry old Gentleman againe.

Enter old Merrie-thought.

Old mer. When it was growne to darke midnight,

And all were fast asleepe,
In came *Margarets* grimely Ghost,
And stood at *VWilliams* feete.

I haue mony, and meate and drinke before hand, till to morrow at noone, why should I be sad? mee thinkes I haue halfe a dozen Iouiall spirits within mee, I am three merry men, and three merry men, To what end should any man be sad in this world? giue me a man that when hee goes to hanging cries, troule the blacke bowle to mee: and a woeman that will sing a **cath** in her Trauell. I haue seene a man come by my dore, with a serious face, in a blacke cloake, without a hat-band, carrying his head as if hee lookt for pinnes in the streete, I haue lookt out of my window halfe a yeare after, and haue spide that mans head vpon *London-bridge*: 'tis vile, neuer trust a Tailor that does not sing at his worke, his mind is of nothing but filching.

Wife. Marke this *George*, tis worth noting: **Godfry** my Tailor, you know, neuer sings, and hee had foureteene yards to make this Gowne, and I'le be sworne Mistresse *Pen-nistone* the Drapers wife had one made with twelue.

Old mer: 'Tis mirth that fils the veines with bloud,
More then wine, or sleepe, or food.
Let each man keepe his heart at ease,
No man dies of that disease.
He that would his body keepe
From diseases, must not weepe,
But who euer laughes and sings,

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Neuer he his body brings
Into feuers, gouts, or rhumes,
Or lingringly his longs consumes:
Or meets with aches in the bone,
Or Catharhes, or griping stone:
But contented liues for aye,
The more he laughes, the more he may.

Wife. Looke *George*, how saist thou by this *George*? is't not
a fine old man? Now Gods blessing a'thy sweet lips. When
wilt thou be so merry *George*? Faith thou art the frowningst
little thing when thou art angry, in a Countrey.

Enter Merchant.

Cit. Peace Coney, thou shalt see him taken downe too I
warrant thee; here's *Luces* father come now.

Old mer. As you came from *Walsingham*, frō that holy land,
there met you not with my tru-loue by the way as you came

March. Oh Maister *Merri-thought*! my daughter's gone.
This mirth becomes you not, my daughters gone.

Old merri. Why an if she be, what care I?
Or let her come or go, or tarry.

March. Mocke not my misery, it is your sonne,
Whom I haue made my owne, when all forsooke him,
Has stolne my onely ioy, my childe away. (gray,

Old mer. He set her on a milk-white steed, & himselfe vpō a
He neuer turn'd his face againe, but he bore her quite away.

March. Vnworthy of the kindnesse I haue shewn
To thee, and thine: too late I well perceiue
Thou art consenting to my daughters losse.

Old mer. Your daughter, what a stur's here wee yer daugh-
ter? Let her goe, thinke no more on her, but sing lowd. If
both my sons were on the gallows, I would sing, *downe, down,*
downe: they fall downe, and arise they neuer shall.

March. Oh might I behold her once againe,
And she once more embrace her aged sire.

Old merri. Fie, how scruily this goes: and she once more
imbrace her aged sire? you'l make a dogge on her, will yee?
she cares much for her aged sire I warrant you.

She

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wln 1097 She cares cares not for her daddy, nor shee cares not for her
wln 1098 mammie,
wln 1099 For she is, she is, she is, she is my Lord of *Low-gaues* Lassie.
wln 1100 *March.* For this thy scorne, I will pursue
wln 1101 That sonne of thine to death.
wln 1102 *Old merri.* Do, and when you ha kild him,
wln 1103 Giue him flowers i'now Palmer: giue him flowers i'now,
wln 1104 Giue him red, and white, and blew, greene, and yellow.
wln 1105 *March.* Il'e fetch my daughter.
wln 1106 *Old merri.* Il'e heare no more a your daughter, it spoyles
wln 1107 my mirth.
wln 1108 *March.* I say Il'e fetch my daughter.
wln 1109 *Old merri.* Was neuer man for Ladies sake, *downe, downe,*
wln 1110 Tormented as I poore sir *Guy? de derry downe,*
wln 1111 For *Lucies* sake, that Lady bright, *downe, downe,*
wln 1112 As euer men beheld with eye? *de derry downe.*
wln 1113 *March.* Il'e be reueng'd by heauen. *Exeunt.*
wln 1114 *Musicke.* *Finis Actus secundi.*

wln 1115 *Wife.* How do'st thou like this *George*?
wln 1116 *Cit.* Why this is well coney: but if *Raph* were hot once,
wln 1117 thou shouldst see more.
wln 1118 *Wife.* The Fidlers go againe husband.
wln 1119 *Cit.* I *Nell*, but this is scuruy musicke: I gaue the whore-
wln 1120 son gallowes money, and I thinke hee has not got mee the
wln 1121 waits of South-warke, if I heare him not anan, Il'e twinge
wln 1122 him by the eares. You Musicians, play *Baloo.*
wln 1123 *Wife.* No good *George*, lets ha *Lachrimæ.*
wln 1124 *Cit.* Why this is it cony.
wln 1125 *Wife.* It's all the better *George*: now sweet lambe, what
wln 1126 story is that painted vpon the cloth? the confutation of Saint
wln 1127 *Paul*?
wln 1128 *Cit.* No lambe, that's *Raph* and *Lucrece.*
wln 1129 *Wife.* *Raph* and *Lucrece*? which *Raph*? our *Raph*?
wln 1130 *Cit.* No mouse, that was a Tartarian.
wln 1131 *Wife.* A Tartarian? well, I' wood the fidders had done, that
wln 1132 wee might see our *Raph* againe.

Actus

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wln 1133

Actus tertius, Scoena prima.

wln 1134

Enter Iasper and Luce.

wln 1135

Iasp. Come my deere deere, though we haue lost our way,

wln 1136

We haue not lost our selues: are you not weary

wln 1137

With this nights wandring, broken from your rest?

wln 1138

And frighted with the terrour that attends

wln 1139

The darknesse of **these** wilde vn-peopled place?

wln 1140

Luce. No my best friend, I cannot either feare,

wln 1141

Or entertaine a weary thought, whilst you

wln 1142

(The end of all my full desires) stand by me.

wln 1143

Let them that loose their hopes, and liue to languish

wln 1144

Amongst the number of forsaken louers,

wln 1145

Tell the long weary steps, and number time,

wln 1146

Start at a shadow, and shrinke vp their bloud,

wln 1147

Whilst I (possest with all content and quiet)

wln 1148

Thus take my prettie loue, and thus imbrace him.

wln 1149

Iasp. You haue caught me *Luce*, so fast, that whilst I liue

wln 1150

I shall become your faithfull prisoner,

wln 1151

And were these chaines for euer. Come sit downe,

wln 1152

And rest your body, too too delicate

wln 1153

For these disturbances; so, will you sleepe?

wln 1154

Come, do not be more able then you are,

wln 1155

I know you are not skilfull in these watches:

wln 1156

For women are no souldiers; be not nice,

wln 1157

But take it, sleepe I say.

wln 1158

Luce. I cannot sleepe,

wln 1159

Indeed I cannot friend.

wln 1160

Iasp. Why then wee'l sing,

wln 1161

And try how that will worke vpon our sences.

wln 1162

Luce. Il'e sing, or say, or any thing but sleepe.

wln 1163

Ias. Come little Mer-maid, rob me of my heart

wln 1164

With that inchanting voyce.

wln 1165

Luce. You mocke me *Iasper*.

Song

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Sung.

Iasp. *Tell me (deerest) what is loue?*

Luce. *'Tis a lightning from aboue,*

'Tis an arrow, 'tis a fire,

'Tis a boy they call desire.

'Tis a smile

Doth beguile

Ias. *The poore hearts of men that proue.*

Tell me more, are women true?

Luce. *Some loue change, and so do you.*

Ias. *Are they faire, and neuer kind?*

Luce. *Yes, when men turne with the winde.*

Ias. *Are they froward?*

Luce. *Euer toward,*

Those that loue, to loue a new.

Ias. *Dissemble it no more, I see the God
Of heauy sleepe, lay on his heauy mace*

Vpon your eye-lids. Luce. I am very heauy.

Iasp. Sleep, sleep, & quiet rest crowne thy sweet thoughts:

Keepe from her faire bloud, distempers, startings,

Horrors. and fearefull shapes: let all her dreames

Be ioyes, and chast delights, imbraces, wishes,

And such new pleasures, as the raiisht soule

Giues to the sences. So, my charmes haue tooke.

Keepe her you powers diuine, whilst I contemplate

Vpon the wealth and beauty of her minde.

She is onely faire, and constant: onely kinde,

*And onely to thee *Iasper*. Oh my ioyes!*

Whither will you transport me? let not fulnesse

Of my poore buried hopes, come vp together,

And ouer-charge my spirits: I am weake

Some say (how euer ill) the sea and women

Are gouern'd by the Moone, both ebbe and flow,

Both full of changes: yet to them that know,

And truly iudge, these but opinions are,

And heresies to bring on pleasing warre

The Knight of the burning Pestle.

wln 1202 Betweene our tempers, that without these were
wln 1203 Both void of **ater-loue**, and present feare.
wln 1204 Which are the best of *Cupid*. Oh thou child!
wln 1205 Bred from dispaire, I dare not entertaine thee,
wln 1206 Hauing a loue without the faults of women,
wln 1207 And greater in her perfect goods then men:
wln 1208 Which to make good, and please my selfe the stronger,
wln 1209 Though certainly I am certaine of her loue,
wln 1210 Il'e try her, that the world and memory
wln 1211 May sing to after times, her constancie.
wln 1212 *Luce, Luce*, awake. *Luce*. Why do you fright me, friend,
wln 1213 With those distempered lookes? what makes your sword
wln 1214 Drawne in your hand? who hath offended you?
wln 1215 I pre'thee *Iasper* sleepe, thou art wilde with watching.
wln 1216 *Iasp*. Come make your way to heauen, and bid the world
wln 1217 (With all the villanies that sticke vpon it)
wln 1218 Fare-well; you'r for another life. *Luce*. Oh *Iasper*!
wln 1219 How haue my tender yeares committed euill,
wln 1220 (Especially against the man I loue)
wln 1221 Thus to be cropt vntimely? *Iasp*. Foolish girle,
wln 1222 Canst thou imagine I could loue his daughter,
wln 1223 That flung me from my fortune into nothing?
wln 1224 Discharged me his seruice, shut the doores
wln 1225 Vpon my pouerty, and scorn'd my prayers,
wln 1226 Sending me, like a boat without a mast,
wln 1227 To sinke or **swin**? Come, by this hand you dye,
wln 1228 I must haue life and bloud to satisfie
wln 1229 Your fathers wrongs.
wln 1230 *Wife*. Away *George*, away, raise the watch at *Ludgate*, and
wln 1231 bring a *Mittimus* from the Iustice for this desperate villaine.
wln 1232 Now I charge you Gentlemen, see the Kings peace kept. O
wln 1233 my heart what a varlet's this to offer man-slaughter vpon the
wln 1234 harmelesse **Gntlewoman**?
wln 1235 *Cit*. I warrant thee (sweet heart) wee'l haue him ham-
wln 1236 pered.
wln 1237 *Luce*. Oh *Iasper*! be not cruell,
wln 1238 If thou wilt kill me, smile and do it quickly.

And

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wln 1239 And let not many deaths appeare before me.
wln 1240 I am a woman made of feare and loue,
wln 1241 A weake, weake woman, kill not with thy eyes,
wln 1242 They shoot me through and through. Strike I am ready,
wln 1243 And dying stil I loue thee. *Enter Merchant, Humphrey, and*
wln 1244 *March.* Where abouts. *his men.*
wln 1245 *Iasp.* No more of this, now to my selfe againe.
wln 1246 *Hum.* There, there he stands with sword like martial knight
wln 1247 Drawne in his hand, therefore beware the fight
wln 1248 You that be wise: for were I good sir *Beuis*,
wln 1249 I would not stay his comming, by your leaues.
wln 1250 *March.* Sirrah, restore my daughter. *Iasp.* Sirrah, no.
wln 1251 *March.* Vpon him then.
wln 1252 *Wife.* So, downe with him, downe with
wln 1253 him, downe with him: cut him i'th leg boies, cut him i'th leg.
wln 1254 *March.* Come your waies Minion, Il'e prouide a Cage
wln 1255 For you, your growne so tame. Horse her away.
wln 1256 *Humph.* Truly Ime glad your forces haue the day. *exeunt.*
wln 1257 *Iasp.* They are gone, and I am hurt, my loue is lost, *manet*
wln 1258 Neuer to get againe. Oh me vnhappy! *Iasper.*
wln 1259 Bleed, bleed, and dye, I cannot: Oh my folly!
wln 1260 Thou hast betraid me. Hope where art thou fled?
wln 1261 Tell me if thou bee'st any where remaining.
wln 1262 Shall I but see my loue againe? Oh no!
wln 1263 She will not daine to looke vpon her butcher,
wln 1264 Nor is it fit she should; yet I must venter.
wln 1265 Oh chance, or fortune, or what ere thou art
wln 1266 That men adore for powerfull, heare my cry,
wln 1267 And let me louing, liue; or loosing, die. *Exit.*
wln 1268 *Wife.* Is a gone *George*?
wln 1269 *Cit.* I conie.
wln 1270 *Wife.* Marie and let him goe (sweet heart,) by the faith a
wln 1271 my body a has put me into such a fright, that I tremble (as
wln 1272 they say) as 'twere an Aspine leafe: looke a my little finger
wln 1273 *George*, how it shakes: now i truth euery member of my bo-
wln 1274 dy is the worse for't.
wln 1275 *Cit.* Come, hugge in mine armes sweet mouse, hee shall

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not fright thee any more: alas mine owne deere heart, how
it quiuers.

*Enter Mistresse Merrithought, Rafe, Michall, Squire
Dwarfe, Host, and a Tapster.*

Wife. O *Rafe*, how dost thou *Rafe*? how hast thou slept to
night? has the knight vs'd thee well?

Cit. Peace *Nell*, let *Rafe* alone.

Tapst. Maister, the reckoning is not paid.

Rafe. Right curteous knight, who for the orders sake
Which thou hast tane, hang'st out the holy bell,
As I this flaming pestle beare about,
We render thanks to your puissant selfe,
Your beauteous Lady, and your gentle Squires,
For thus refreshing of our wearied limbes,
Stiffned with hard atchieuements in wilde desert.

Tapst. Sir, there is twelue shillings to pay.

Rafe. Thou merry Squire *Tapstero*, thanks to thee,
For comforting our soules with double Iug,
And if aduentrous fortune pricke thee forth,
Thou *Iouiall* Squire, to follow feats of armes,
Take heed thou tender euery Ladies cause,
Euery **truery** true Knight, and euery damsell faire **faire**;
But spill the bloud of trecherous Sarazens,
And false inchanters, that with magicke spells,
Haue done to death full many a noble Knight.

Host. Thou valiant Knight of the *burning Pestle*, giue eare
to me, there is twelue shillings to pay, and as I am a true
Knight, I will not bate a peny.

Wife. *George*, I pray thee tell me, must *Rafe* pay twelue shil-
lings now?

Cit. No *Nell*, no, nothing but the old Knight is merrie
with *Rafe*.

Wife. O is't nothing else? *Rafe* will be as merry as he.

Rafe. Sir Knight, this mirth of yours becomes you well,
But to requite this liberall curtesie,
If any of your Squires will follow armes,
Hee shall receiue **ftom** my heroicke hand

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wln 1313

A Knight-hood, by the vertue of this Pestle.

wln 1314

Host. Faire Knight I thanke you for noble offer,

wln 1315

Therefore gentle Knight,

wln 1316

Twelue shillings you must pay, or I must cap you.

wln 1317

Wife. Looke *George*, did not I tell thee as much, the Knight
of the *Bel* is in earnest, *Raph* shall not bee beholding to him,
giue him his money *George*, and let him go snickvp.

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Ci. Cap *Raph*? no; hold your hand sir Knight of the *Bel*, theres
your mony, haue you any thing to say to *Raph* now? Cap *Raph*?

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Wife. I would you should know it, *Raph* has friends that
will not suffer him to be capt for ten times so much, and ten
times to the end of that, now take thy course *Raph*.

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M. mer. Come *Michael*, thou & I wil go home to thy father,
he hath enough left to keep vs a day or two, and we'le set fel-
lows abroad to cry our Purse & our Casket, Shal we *Michael*?

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Mich. I, I pray Mother, intruth my feete are full of
chilblaines with traueilling.

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Wife. Faith and those chilblanes are a foule trouble, Mi-
stresse *Merie-thought* when your youth comes home let him
rub all the soles of his feete, and the heeles, and his ancles,
with a mouse skinne, or if none of your people can catch a
mouse, when hee goes to bed, let him rowle his feete in the
warme embers, aud I warrant you hee shall be well, and you
may make him put his fingers betweene his toes & smell to
them, it's very soueraigne for his head if he be costiuē.

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Mist. mer. Maister Knight of the burning Pestle, my son
Michael and I, bid you farewell, I thanke your Worship hear-
tily for your kindnesse.

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Raph. Fare-well faire Lady and your tender Squire,
If, pricking through these Desarts, I do heare
Of any traiterous Knight who through his guile,
Hath light vpon your Casket and your Purse,
I will despoile him of them and restore them.

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Mist. mer. I thanke your Worship. *Exit with Michael.*

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Raph. Dwarfe beare my shield, Squire eleuate my lance,
And now fare-well you Knight of holy *Bell*.

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Cit. I, I *Raph*, all is paid.

wln 1349

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wln 1350 *Raph.* But yet before I go, speake worthy Knight,
wln 1351 If ought you do of sad aduentures know,
wln 1352 Where errant Knights may through his prowesse winne,
wln 1353 Eternall fame and free some gentle soules,
wln 1354 From endlesse bonds of steele and lingring paine.

wln 1355 *Host.* Sirrah go to *Nicke* the *Barbor*, and bid him prepare
wln 1356 himselfe, as I told you before, quickly.

wln 1357 *Tap.* I am gone sir. *Exit Tapster.*

wln 1358 *Host.* Sir Knight, this wildernesse affoordeth none
wln 1359 But the great venter, where full many a Knight
wln 1360 Hath tride his prowesse and come off with shame,
wln 1361 And where I would not haue you loose your life,
wln 1362 Against no man, but furious fiend of hell.

wln 1363 *Raph.* Speake on sir Knight, tell what he is, and where,
wln 1364 For heere I vow vpon my blazing badge,
wln 1365 Neuer to blaze a day in quietnesse;
wln 1366 But bread and water will I onely eate,
wln 1367 And the greene hearbe and rocke shall be my couch,
wln 1368 Till I haue queld that man, or beast, or fiend,
wln 1369 That workes such damage to all Errant Knights.

wln 1370 *Host.* Not far from hence, neere to a craggy cliffe,
wln 1371 At the North end of this distressed Towne,
wln 1372 There doth stand a lowly house
wln 1373 Ruggedly builded, and in it a Caue,
wln 1374 In which an ougly Gyant now doth won,
wln 1375 Ycleped *Barbaroso*: in his hand
wln 1376 He shakes a naked lance of purest steele,
wln 1377 With sleeues turn'd vp, and him before he weares,
wln 1378 A motley garment, to preserue his cloaths
wln 1379 From bloud of those Knights which he massacres,
wln 1380 And Ladies Gent: without his dore doth hang
wln 1381 A copper bason, on a prickant speare:
wln 1382 At which, no sooner gentle Knights can knocke,
wln 1383 But the shrill sound, fierce *Barbaroso* heares,
wln 1384 And rushing forth, **bings** in the errant Knight,
wln 1385 And sets him downe in an enchanted chaire.
wln 1386 Then with an Engine which he hath prepar'd,

With

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With forty teeth, he clawes his courtly crowne,
Next makes him winke, and vnderneath his chinne,
Hee plants a brazen peece of mighty bord,
And knocks his bullets round about his cheeks,
Whilst with his fingers, and an instrument
With which he snaps his haire off, he doth fill
The wretches eares with a most hideous noise.
Thus euery Knight Aduenturer he doth trim,
And now no creature dares encounter him.

Raph. In Gods name, I will fight him, kinde sir,
Go but before me to this dismall Caue,
Where this huge Gyant *Barbaroso* dwels,
And by that vertue that braue *Rosicleere*,
That damned brood of ougly Gyants slew,
And *Palmerin Frannarco* ouerthrew:
I doubt not but to curbe this Traitor foule,
And to the Diuell send his guilty soule.

Host. Braue sprighted Knight, thus far I will performe
This your request, I'le bring you with in sight
Of this most lothsome place, inhabited
By a more loathsome man: but dare not stay,
For his maine force **soopes** all he sees away.

Raph. Saint *George* set on before, march Squire and page. *Exeunt.*

Wife. *George*, dost thinke *Raph* will confound the Gyant?

Cit. I hold my cap to a farthing hee does: why *Nel* I saw
him wrastle with the great Dutch-man and hurle him.

Wife. Faith and that **Ducth-man** was a goodly man, if
all things were answerable to his bignesse, and yet they say
there was a Scotch-man higher then hee, and that they two
and a Knight met, and saw one another for nothing, but of
all the sights that euer were in *London*, since I was married,
mee thinkes the little child that was so faire growne about
the members was the prettiest, that, and the *Hermophrodite*.

Cit. Nay by your leaue *Nel*, *Niniuy* was better.

Wife. *Niniue*, O that was the story of *Ione* and the Wall,
was it not *George*?

Cit. Yes lam.

Enter mistresse Merry-thought.

Wife.

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Wife. Looke *George*, heere comes *Mistresse Merry-thought* againe, and I would haue *Raph* come and fight with the Giant, I tell you true, I long to see't.

Cit. Good *Mistresse Merry-thought* be gone, I pray you for my sake, I pray you forbear a little, you shall haue audience presently, I haue a little businesse.

Wife. *Mistresse Merry-thought* if it please you to refraine your passiō a little, til *Raph* haue dispatch the Giant out of the way we shal think our selues much bound to you, I thank you good *Mistresse Merry-thought*. *Exit mist. Merry-thou:*

Enter a boy.

Cit. Boy, come hither, send away *Raph* and this whore-sonne Giant quickly.

Boy. In good faith sir we cannot, you'le vtterly spoile our Play, and make it to be hist, and it cost money, you will not suffer vs to go on with our plot, I pray Gentlemen rule him.

Cit. Let him come now and dispatch this, and I'le trouble you no more.

Boy. Will you giue me your hand of that?

Wife. Giue him thy hand *George*, do, and I'le kisse him, I warrant thee the youth meanes plainely.

Boy. I'le send him to you presently. *Exit Boy.*

Wife. I thanke you little youth, feth the child hath a sweete breath *George*, but I thinke it bee troubled with the wormes, *Carduus Benedictus* and Mares milke were the onely thing in the world for't, O *Raph's* here *George*, God send thee good lucke *Raph*.

Enter Raph, Host, Squire, and Dwarfe.

Host. Puissant Knight yonder his Mansion is,
Lo where the speare and Copper Bason are,
Behold that string on which hangs many a tooth,
Drawne from the gentle iaw of wandring Knights,
I dare not stay to sound, hee will appeare.

Exit Host.

Raph. O faint not heart, *Susan* my Lady deere,
The Coblers Maid in Milke-streete, for whose sake,
I take these Armes, O let the thought of thee,
Carry thy Knight through all aduenterous deeds,

And

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And in the honor of thy beauteous selfe,
May I destroy this monster *Barbaroso*,
Knocke Squire vpon the Bason till it breake. *Enter*
With the shrill stroakes, or till the Giant speake. *Barbor.*
Wife. O *George*, the Giant, the Giant, now *Raph* for thy life.
Barber. What fond vnknowing wight is this? that dares
So rudely knocke at *Barbarossa's* Cell,
Where no man comes but leaues his fleece behind?
Raph. I, traiterous Caitiffe, who am sent by fate
To punish all the sad enormities
Thou hast committed against Ladies Gent
And errant Knights, traitor to God and men:
Prepare thy selfe, this is the dismall houre
Appointed for thee, to giue strickt account
Of all thy beastly treacherous villanies.
Barber. Foole-hardy Knight, full soone thou shalt aby
This fond reproach, thy body will I bang, *Hee takes downe*
And loe vpon that string thy teeth shall hang: *his pole.*
Prepare thy selfe, for dead soone shalt thou bee,
Raph. Saint *George* for me. *They fight.*
Barber. *Gargantua* for me.
Wife. To him, *Raph* to him, hold vp the Giant, set out thy
leg before *Raph*.
Cit. Falsifie a blow *Raph*, falsifie a blow, the Giant lies
open on the left side.
Wife. Beare't off, beare't of still; there boy, O *Raphe's* al-
most downe, *Raph's* almost downe.
Raph. *Susan* inspire me, now haue vp againe.
Wife. Vp, vp, vp, vp, vp, so *Raph*, downe with him, downe
with him *Raph*.
Cit. Fetch him ore the hip boy.
Wife. There boy, kill, kill, kill, kill, kill, *Raph*.
Cit. No *Raph* get all out of him first.
Raph. Presumptuous man, see to what desperate end
Thy treachery hath brought thee, the iust Gods,
Who neuer prosper those that do despise them,
For all the villanies which thou hast done

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To Knights and Ladies, now haue paid thee home
By my stiffe arme, a Knight aduenturous,
But say vile wretch, before I send thy soule
To sad *Auernus* whether it must go,
What captiues holdst thou in thy sable caue.

Barber. Go in and free them all, thou hast the day.

Raph. Go Squire & Dwarfe, search in this dreadfull Caue
And free the wretched prisoners from their bonds.

Exit Squire and Dwarfe.

Barber. I craue for mercy, as thou art a Knight,
And scornst to spill the bloud of those that beg.

Raph. Thou showdst no mercy, nor shalt thou haue any,
Prepare thy selfe for thou shalt surely die.

Enter Squire leading one winking, with a Bason vnder his chin.

Squire. Behold braue Knight heere is one prisoner,
Whom this wilde man hath vsed as you see.

Wife. This is the first wise word I heard the Squire speake.

Raph. Speake what thou art, and how thou hast bene vs'd,
That that I may giue condigne punishment,

I. Kni. I am a Knight that tooke my iourney post
North-ward from *London*, and in curteous wise,
This Giant train'd me to his loathsome den,
Vnder pretence of killing of the itch,
And all my body with a powder strew'd,
That smarts and stings, and cut away my beard,
And my curl'd lockes wherein were ribands ti'de,
And with a water washt my tender eyes,
Whilst vp and downe about me still he skipt,
Whose vertue is, that till mine eyes be wip't
With a dry cloath, for this my foule disgrace,
I shall not dare to looke a dog i'th' face.

Wife. Alas poore Knight, relieue him *Raph*, relieue poore
Knights whilst you liue.

Raph. My trusty Squire conuey him to the Towne,
Where he may finde releife, adiew faire Knight,

Exit knight.

Enter Dwarfe leading one with a patch ore his Nose.

Dwar. Puisant Knight of the burning Pestle hight,

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See heere another wretch, whom this foule beast
Hath scorcht and scor'd in this inhumaine wise.

Raph. Speake me thy name and eke thy place of birth,
And what hath bene thy vsage in this Caue.

2. *Knight.* I am a Knight, Sir *Pocke-hole* is my name,
And by my birth I am a *Londoner*
Free by my Coppy, but my Ancestors
Were *French-men* all, and riding hard this way,
Vpon a trotting horse, my bones did ake,
And I faint Knight to ease my weary limbes,
Light at this Caue, when straight this furious fiend,
With sharpest instrument of purest steele,
Did cut the gristle of my Nose away,
And in the place this veluet plaister stands,
Relieue me gentle Knight out of his hands.

Wife. Good *Raph* releiue sir *Pocke-hole* and send him
away, for, intruth, his breath stinkes,

Raph. Conuey him straight after the other Knight,
Sir *Pocke-hole* fare you well.

2. *Kni.* Kinde sir good-night.

Exit.

Cryes within.

Man. Deliuier vs. *Voeman.* Deliuier vs.

Wife. Hearke *George*, what a woefull cry there is, I thinke
some woman lies in there. *Man.* Deliuier vs.

Voeman. Deliuier vs.

Raph. What gastly noise is this? speake *Barbaroso*,
Or by this blasing steele thy head goes off.

Barber. Prisoners of mine whom I in diet keepe,
Send lower downe into the Caue,
And in a Tub that's heated smoaking hot,
There may they finde them and deliuier them,

Raph. Run Squire and Dwarfe, deliuier them with speed.

Exeunt Squire and Dwarfe.

Wife. But will not *Raph* kill this Giant, surely I am afeard
if hee let him go he will do as much hurt, as euer he did.

Cittiz. Not so mouse neither, if hee could conuert
him.

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Wife. I *George* if hee could conuert him, but a Giant is not so soone conuerted as one of vs ordinary people: there's a pretty tale of a Witch, that had the diuels marke about her, God blesse vs, that had a Giant to her sonne, that was cal'd *Lob-lie-by-the-fire*, didst neuer here it *George*?

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Enter Squire leading a man with a glasse of Lotion in his hand, and the Dwarfe leading a woman, with diet-bread and drinke.

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Cit. Peace *Nel*, heere comes the prisoners.

Dwar. Here be these pined wretches, manfull Knight, That for these sixe weekes haue not seene a wight.

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Raph. Deliuier what you are, and how you came To this sad Caue, and what your vsage was?

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Man. I am an Errant Knight that followed Armes, With speare and shield, and in my tender yeares I stricken was with *Cupids* fiery shaft,

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And fell in loue with this my Lady deere, And stole her from her friends in Turne-bull-streete, And bore her vp and downe from Towne to Towne, Where we did eate and drinke and Musicke heare,

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Till at the length, at this vnhappy Towne Wee did arriue, and comming to this Caue This beast vs caught and put vs in a Tub, Where we this two monthes sweate, and should haue done Another Moneth if you had not relieu'd vs.

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Wom. This bread and water hath our diet bene, Together with a rib cut from a necke Of burned Mutton, hard hath bene our fare, Release vs from this ougly Giants snare.

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Man. This hath bene all the food we haue receiu'd, But onely twice a day for nouelty,

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He gaue a spoonefull of this hearty broth, *Puls out a siringe* To each of vs, through this same slender quill.

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Raph. From this infernall monster you shall go, That vseth Knights and gentle Ladies so, Conuey them hence. *Exeunt man and woman.*

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Cit. Cony, I can tell thee the Gentlemen like *Rafe*.

Wife. I *George*, I see it well inough. Gentlemen I thanke you all heartily for gracing my man *Rafe*, and I promise you you shall see him oftner.

Barber. Mercy great knight, I do recant my ill, And henceforth neuer gentle bloud will spill.

Rafe. I giue thee mercy, but yet shalt thou sweare Vpon my burning pestle, to performe Thy promise vtterd.

Barber. I sweare and kisse.

Rafe. Depart then, and amend. Come squire and dwarfe, the Sunne growes towards his set, and we haue many more aduentures yet.

Exeunt.

Cit. Now *Rafe* is in this humour, I know hee would ha beaten all the boyes in the house if they had beene set on him.

Wife. I *George*, but it is well as it is, I warrant you the Gentlemen do consider what it is to ouerthrow a gyant: but looke *George*, heere comes mistresse *Merri-thought* and her sonne *Michael*; now you are welcome mistresse *Merri-thought*, now *Rafe* has done you may go on.

Enter mistresse Merri-thought, and Michael.

Mist. mer. *Micke* my boy?

Mich. I forsooth mother.

Mist. mer. Be merry *Micke* we are at home now; where I warrant you, you shall finde the house flung out at the windowes: Harke, hey dogges, hey, this is the old world I'faith with my husband, if I get in among 'em, Ile play em such a lesson, that they shall haue little list to come scraping hither, againe. Why maister *Merri-thought*, husband, *Charles Merri-thought*.

Old merri. within. If you will sing and daunce, and laugh, and hollow, and laugh againe, and then cry there boyes, there: why then
One, two, three, and foure,
We shall be merry within this houre.

Mist. merri. Why *Charles*, doe you not know your

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owne naturall wife? I say, open the doore, and turne me out those mangy companions; 'tis more then time that they were fellow and fellow like with you: you are a Gentleman *Charles*, and an old man, and father of two children; and I my selfe (though I say it) by my mothers side, Neece to a worshipfull Gentleman, and a Conductor, ha has beene three times in his Maiesties seruice at *Chester*, and is now the fourth time, God blesse him, and his charge vpon his journey.

Old Mer. Go from my window, loue, goe;
Go from my window my deere,
The winde and the raine will driue you backe againe,
You cannot he lodged heere.

Harke you Mistresse *Merrithought*, you that walke vpon adventures, and forsake your husband, because hee sings with neuer a peny in his purse; What shall I thinke my selfe the worse? Faith no, Il'e be merry.

You come not heere, heer's none but lads of mettle, liues of a hundred yeares, and vpwards, care neuer drunke their blouds, nor want made 'em warble.

Hey-ho, my heart is heauy.

Mist mer. Why Mr. *Merrithought*, what am I that you should laugh me to scorne thus abruptly? am I not your fellow-feeler (as we may say) in all our miseries? your comforter in health and sicknesse? haue I not brought you Children? are they not like you *Charles*? looke vpon thine owne Image hard-hearted man; and yet for all this —

Old mer. within. Begone, begone, my Iuggy, my puggy, begone my loue, my deere.

The weather is warme, twill do thee no harme, thou canst not be lodged heere.

Be merry boyes, some light musicke, and more wine.

Wife. He's not in earnest, I hope *George*, is he?

Cit. What if he be, sweet heart?

Wife. Marie if hee be *George*, Ile make bold to tell him hee's an Ingrant old man, to vse his bed-fellow so scruily.

Cit. What how does he vse her hunny?

Wife.

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Wife. Marie come vp sir sauce-box, I thinke you'l take his part, will you not? Lord how hot you are growne: you are a fine man an you had a fine dogge, it becomes you sweetly.

Cit. Nay pre'thee *Nell* chide not: for as I am an honest man, and a true Christian Grocer, I doe not like his doings.

Wife. I cry you mercie then *George*; you know we are all fraile, and full of infirmities. Dee heare Mr. *Merri-thought*, may I craue a word with you?

Old mer within. Strike vp liuely lads.

Wife. I had not thought in truth, Mr. *Merrithought*, that a man of your age and discretion (as I may say) being a Gentleman, and therefore knowne by your gentle conditions, could haue vsed so little respect to the weaknesse of his wife: for your wife is your owne flesh, the staffe of your age, your yoke-fellow, with whose helpe you draw through the mire of this transitory world: Nay, she's your owne ribbe. And againe—

Old mer. I come not hither for thee to teach,
I haue no pulpit for thee to preach,
I would thou hadst kist me vnder the breech,
As thou art a Lady gay.

Wife. Marie with a vengeance.
I am hartely sorry for the poore gentlewoman: but if I were thy wife, I'faith gray-beard, I'faith—

Cit. I pre'thee sweet hunny-suckle, be content.

Wife. Giue me such words that am a gentlewoman borne, hang him hoary rascall. Get mee some drinke *George*, I am almost molten with fretting: now beshrew his knaues heart for it.

Old mer. Play me a light *Lualto*: come, bee frolicke, fill the good fellowes wine.

Mist. mer. Why Mr. *Merrithought*, are you disposed to make me wait here: you'l open I hope, Il'e fetch them that shall open else.

Old mer. Good woman if you wil sing Il'e giue you something, if not —

Song.

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Song.

*You are no loue for me Margret, I am no loue for you.
Come aloft Boyes, aloft.*

Mist. mer. Now a Churles fart in your teeth sir: Come *Micke*, wee'l not trouble him, a shall not ding vs i'th teeth with his bread and his broth: that he shall not: come boy, Il'e prouide for thee, I warrant thee: wee'l goe to maister *Venterwels* the Merchant, Il'e get his letter to mine Host of the *Bell* in *Waltham*, there Il'e place thee with the Tapster; will not that doe well for thee *Micke*? and let me alone for that old Cuckoldly knaue your father, Il'e vse him in his kinde, I warrant yee.

Wife. Come *George*, wher's the beere?

Cit. Here loue.

Wife. This old fornicating fellow wil not out of my mind yet; Gentlemen, Il'e begin to you all, and I desire more of your acquaintance, with all my heart. Fill the Gentlemen some beere *George*.

Finis Actus tertij.

Musicke.

wln 1738

Actus quartus, Scœna prima.

wln 1739

Boy daunceth.

Wife. Looke *George*, the little boy's come againe, mee thinkes he lookes something like the prince of *Orange* in his long stocking, if hee had a little harnessse about his necke. *George* I will haue him dance *Fading*; *Fading* is a fine Iigge Il'e assure you Gentlemen: begin brother, now a capers sweet heart, now a turne a'th toe, and then tumble: cannot you tumble youth?

Boy. No indeed forsooth:

Wife. Nor eate fire? *Boy.* Neither.

Wife. Why then I thanke you heartily, there's two pence to buy you points withall.

Enter Iasper and Boy.

Iasp. There boy, deliuer this: but do it well. Hast thou prouided me foure lusty fellowes?

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Able to carry me? and art thou perfect
In all thy businesse? *Boy.* Sir, you need not feare,
I haue my lesson here, and cannot misse it:
The men are ready for you, and what else
Pertaines to this imployment. *Iasp.* There my boy,
Take it, but buy no land. *Boy.* Faith sir 'twere rare
To see so yong a purchaser: I flye,
And on my wings carry your destinie. *Exit.*

Iasp. Go, and be happy. Now my latest hope
Forsake me not, but fling thy Anchor out,
And let it hold: stand fixt thou rolling stone,
Till I enioy my deerest: heare me all
You powers that rule in men cœlestiall. *Exit.*

Wife. Go thy wayes, thou art as crooked a sprigge as euer
grew in *London*; I warrant him hee'l come to some naughty
end or other: for his lookes say no lesse: Besides, his father
(you know *George*) is none of the best, you heard him take
me vp like a flirt Gill, and sing baudy songs vpon me: but
Ifaith if I liue *George*—

Cit. Let me alone sweet-heart, I haue a tricke in my head
shall lodge him in the Arches for one yeare, and make him
sing *Peccaui*, er'e I leaue him, and yet hee shall neuer know
who hurt him neither.

Wife. Do my good *George*, do.

Cit. What shall we haue *Rafe* do now boy?

Boy. You shall haue what you will sir.

Cit. Why so sir, go and fetch me him then, and let the So-
phy of *Persia* come and christen him a childe.

Boy. Beleeue me sir, that will not doe so well, 'tis stale, it
has beene had before at the red Bull.

Wife. *George* let *Rafe* trauell ouer great hils, & let him be ve-
ry weary, and come to the King of *Cracouia*'s house, couered
with veluet, and there let the Kings daughter stand in her
window all in beaten gold, combing her golden locks with
a combe of Iuory, and let her spy *Rafe*, and fall in loue with
him, and come downe to him, and carry him into her fathers
house, and then let *Rafe* talke with her.

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wln 1791 *Cit.* Well said *Nell*, it shal be so: boy let's ha't done quickly.

wln 1792 *Boy.* Sir, if you will imagine all this to be done already,
wln 1793 you shall heare them talke together: but wee cannot pre-
wln 1794 sent a house couered with blacke veluet, and a Lady in bea-
wln 1795 ten gold.

wln 1796 *Cit.* Sir boy, lets ha't as you can then.

wln 1797 *Boy.* Besides it will shew ill-fauouredly to haue a Gro-
wln 1798 cer's prentice to court a kings daughter.

wln 1799 *Cit.* Will it so sir? you are well read in Histories: I pray
wln 1800 you what was sir *Dagonet*? was not he prentice to a Grocer
wln 1801 in London? read the play of the *Foure Prentices of London*,
wln 1802 where they tosse their pikes so: I pray you fetch him in sir,
wln 1803 fetch him in.

wln 1804 *Boy.* It shall be done, it is not our fault gentlemen. *Exit.*

wln 1805 *Wife.* Now we shall see fine doings I warrant tee *George*.
wln 1806 O here they come; how pretily the king of *Cracuiuoa*'s daugh-
wln 1807 ter is drest. *Enter Rafe and the Lady, Squire and dwarfe.*

wln 1808 *Cit.* I *Nell*, it is the fashion of that country, I warrant tee.

wln 1809 *Lady.* Welcome sir Knight vnto my fathers Court.

wln 1810 King of *Moldauia*, vnto me *Pompiona*

wln 1811 His daughter deere: but sure you do not like

wln 1812 Your entertainment, that will stay with vs

wln 1813 No longer but a night. *Rafe.* Damsell right faire,

wln 1814 I am on many sad aduentures bound,

wln 1815 That call me forth into the wildernesse:

wln 1816 Besides, my horses backe is something gal'd,

wln 1817 Which will inforce me ride a sober pace.

wln 1818 But many thankes (faire Lady) be to you,

wln 1819 For vsing errant Knight with curtesie.

wln 1820 *Lady.* But say (braue knight) what is your name & birth?

wln 1821 *Rafe.* My name is *Rafe*, I am an English man,

wln 1822 As true as steele, a hearty Englishman,

wln 1823 And prentice to a Grocer in the strond,

wln 1824 By deed Indent, of which I haue one part:

wln 1825 But Fortune calling me to follow Armes,

wln 1826 On me this holy order I did take,

wln 1827 Of Burning pestle, which in all mens eyes,

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I beare, confounding Ladies enemies.
Lady. Oft haue I heard of your braue country-men,
And fertill soyle, and store of holesome food:
My Father oft will tell me of a drinke
In England found, and *Nipitato* cal'd.
Which driueth all the sorrow from your hearts.
Rafe. Lady 'tis true, you need not lay your lips
To better *Nipitato* then there is.
Lady. And of a wild-fowle he will often speake,
Which poudred beefe and mustard called is:
For there haue beene great warres 'twixt vs and you,
But truly *Rafe*, it was not long of me.
Tell me then *Rafe*, could you contented be,
To weare a Ladies fauour in your shield?
Rafe. I am a knight of religious order,
And will not weare a fauour of a Ladies
That trusts in Antichrist, and false traditions.
Cit. Well sayd *Rafe*, conuert her if thou canst.
Rafe. Besides, I haue a Lady of my owne
In merry England, for whose vertuous sake
I tooke these Armes, and *Susan* is her name,
A Coblers maid in Milke-street, whom I vow
Nere to forsake, whilst life and Pestle last.
Lady. Happy that Cobling dame, who ere she be,
That for her owne (deere *Rafe*) hath gotten thee.
Vnhappy I, that nere shall see the day
To see thee more, that bearest my heart away.
Rafe. Lady fare-well, I needs must take my leaue.
Lady. Hard-harted *Rafe*, that Ladies dost deceiue.
Cit. Harke thee *Rafe*, there's money for thee; giue
something in the King of *Cracouia*'s house, be not beholding
to him.
Rafe. Lady before I go, I must remember
Your fathers Officers, who truth to tell,
Haue beene about me very diligent.
Hold vp thy snowy hand thou princely maid,
There's twelue pence for your fathers Chamberlaine,

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And another shilling for his Cooke,
For by my troth the Goose was rosted well.
And twelue-pence for your fathers horse-keeper,
For nointing my horse backe; and for his butter
There is another shilling. To the maid
That wash't my boot-hose, there's an English groat;
And two pence to the boy that wip't my boots:
And last, faire Lady, there is for your selfe
Three pence to buy you pins at *Bumbo* faire.

Lady. Full many thanks, and I will keepe them safe
Till all the heads be off, for thy sake *Rafe*.

Rafe. Aduance my Squire and Dwarfe, I cannot stay.

Lady. Thou kilst my heart in parting thus away.

Exeūt.

Wife. I commend *Rafe* yet that hee will not stoope to a
Cracouian, there's properer women in London then any are
there I-wis. But heere comes Maister *Humphrey* and his loue
againe now *George*.

Cit. I cony, peace.

Enter Marchant, Humphrey, Luce and a Boy.

March. Go get you vp, I will not be intreated.

And gossip mine, Il'e keepe you sure hereafter
From gadding out againe with boyes and vnthrifts,
Come, they are womens teares, I know your fashion.
Go sirrah, locke her in, and keepe the key,
Safe as you loue your life. Now my sonne *Humfrey*,
You may both rest assured of my loue
In this, and reape your owne desire.

*Exit Luce
& Boy.*

Hum. I see this loue you speake of, through your daughter,
Although the hole be little; and hereafter
Will yeeld the like in all I may, or can,
Fitting a Christian, and a gentleman.

March. I do beleue you (my good sonne) and thanke you:
For 'twere an impudence to thinke you flattered.

Humph. It were indeed, but shall I tell you why,
I haue beene beaten twice about the lye.

March. Well son, no more of complement, my daughter
Is yours againe; appoint the time, and take her,

Wee'le

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We'le haue no stealing for it, I my selfe
And some few of our friends will see you married.
Hum. I would you would i' faith, for be it knowne
I euer was afraid to lie alone.
March. Some three daies hence then.
Hum. Three daies, let me see,
'Tis some-what of the most, yet I agree,
Because I meane against the appointed day,
To visite all my friends in new array. *Enter seruant.*
Ser. Sir, there's a Gentlewoman without would speake
with your Worship. *Merch.* What is shee?
Seru. Sir I askt her not.
Merch. Bid her come in.
Enter mistresse Merry-thought and Michael.
Mist. mer. Peace be to your Worship, I come as a poore
Suter to you sir, in the behalfe of this child.
Merch. Are you not wife to *Merrie-thought*?
Mist. mer. Yes truely, would I had nere seene his eies, ha has
vndone me and himselfe and his children, & there he liues at
home & sings, & hoights, & Reuels among his drunken cō-
panions, but, I warrant you, where to get a peny to put bread
in his mouth, he knowes not: and therefore if it like your
Worship, I would entreate your letter, to the honest Host
of the *Bel* in *VValtham*, that I may place my child vnder
the protection of his Tapster, in some setled course of life.
Merch. I'me glad the heauens haue heard my prayers: thy
VVhen I was ripe in sorrows laught at me, (husband
Thy sonne like an vnthankfull wretch, I hauing
Redeem'd him from his fall and made him mine,
To shew his loue againe, first stole my daughter,
Then wrong'd this Gentleman, and last of all,
Gauē me that grieffe, had almost brought me downe
Vnto my graue, had not a stronger hand
Releiu'd my sorrowes, go, and weepe, as I did
And be vnpittied, for I heere professe
An euerlasting hate to all thy name.
Mist. mer. VVill you so sir, how say you by that? come

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wln 1939

Micke, let him keepe his winde to coole his Porrage, we'le
go to thy Nurces *Micke*, shee knits silke stockings boy, and
we'le knit too boy, and bee beholding to none of them

wln 1940

all. *Exeunt Michael and mother.*

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wln 1943

Enter a boy with a letter.

wln 1944

Boy. Sir, I take it you are the Maister of this house.

wln 1945

Merch. How then boy?

wln 1946

Boy. Then to your selfe sir comes this letter.

wln 1947

Merch. From whom my pretty Boy?

wln 1948

Boy. From him that was your seruant, but no more

wln 1949

Shall that name euer be, for hee is dead,

wln 1950

Griefe of your purchas'd anger broke his heart,

wln 1951

I saw him die, and from his hand receiu'd

wln 1952

This paper, with a charge to bring it hither,

wln 1953

Reade it, and satisfie your selfe in all.

wln 1954

Letter.

wln 1955

March. Sir, that I haue wronged your loue, I must confesse, in
which I haue purchast to my selfe. besides myne owne vndoing, the
ill opinion of my friends, let not your anger, good sir, out liue me, but
suffer mee to rest in peace with your forgiuenesse; let my body (if a
dying man may so much preuaile with you) bee brought to your
daughter, that shee may truely know my hote flames are now buried,
and, withall, receiue a testimony of the zeale I bore her vertue: fare-
well for euer, and be euer happy. *Iasper.*

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Gods hand is great in this, I do forgiue him,

wln 1964

Yet I am glad he's quiet, where I hope

wln 1965

He will not bite againe: boy bring the body

wln 1966

And let him haue his will, if that be all.

wln 1967

Boy. 'Tis here without sir. *March.* So sir, if you please

wln 1968

You may conduct it in, I do not feare it.

wln 1969

Hump. I'le be your Vsher boy, for though I say it,

wln 1970

He ow'd me something once, and well did pay it. *Exeunt.*

wln 1971

Enter Luce alone.

wln 1972

Luce. If there be any punishment inflicted

wln 1973

Vpon the miserable, more then yet I feele,

wln 1974

Let it together ceaze me, and at once

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wln 1975 Presse downe my soule, I cannot beare the paine
wln 1976 Of these delaying tortures: thou that art
wln 1977 The end of all, and the sweete rest of all;
wln 1978 Come, come ô death, bring me to thy peace,
wln 1979 And blot out all the memory I nourish
wln 1980 Both of my father and my cruell friend.
wln 1981 O wretched maide still liuing to be wretched,
wln 1982 To be a say to fortune in her changes,
wln 1983 And grow to number times and woes together,
wln 1984 How happy had I bene, if being borne
wln 1985 My graue had bene my cradle? *Enter seruant.*
wln 1986 *Ser.* By your leaue
wln 1987 Yong Mistresse, here's a boy hath brought a coffin,
wln 1988 What a would say I know not, but your father
wln 1989 Charg'd me to giue you notice, here they come.
wln 1990 *Enter two bearing a Coffin, Iasper in it.*
wln 1991 *Luce.* For me I hop't 'tis come, and 'tis most welcome.
wln 1992 *Boy.* Faire Mistresse let me not adde greater grieffe
wln 1993 To that great store you haue already; *Iasper*
wln 1994 That whilst he liu'd was yours, now dead,
wln 1995 And here enclos'd, commanded me to bring
wln 1996 His body hither, and to craue a teare
wln 1997 From those faire eyes, though he deseru'd not pittie,
wln 1998 To decke his funerall, for so he bid me
wln 1999 Tell her for whom he di'de. *Luce.* He shall haue many:
wln 2000 Good friends depart a little, whilst I take *Exeunt Coffin*
wln 2001 My leaue of this dead man, that once I lou'd: *carrier & boy.*
wln 2002 Hold, yet a little, life and then I giue thee
wln 2003 To thy first heauenly being; O my friend!
wln 2004 Hast thou deceiu'd me thus, and got before me?
wln 2005 I shall not long bee after, but beleeue me,
wln 2006 Thou wert too cruell *Iasper* gainst thy selfe,
wln 2007 In punishing the fault, I could haue pardoned,
wln 2008 With so vntimely death; thou didst not wrong me,
wln 2009 But euer wer't most kind, most true, most louing;
wln 2010 And I the most vnkind, most false, most cruell.
wln 2011 Didst thou but aske a teare? Il'e giue thee all,

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wln 2012 Euen all my eies can powre downe, all my sigh's
wln 2013 And all my selfe, before thou goest from me
wln 2014 There are but sparing rites: But if thy soule
wln 2015 Be yet about this place, and can behold
wln 2016 And see what I prepare to decke thee with,
wln 2017 It shall go vp, borne on the wings of peace
wln 2018 And satisfied: first will I sing thy dirge,
wln 2019 Then kisse thy pale lips, and then die my selfe,
wln 2020 And fill one Coffin and one graue together.
wln 2021 *Song.*
wln 2022 *Come you whose loues are dead,*
wln 2023 *And whiles I sing*
wln 2024 *Weepe and wring*
wln 2025 *Euery hand and euery head,*
wln 2026 *Bind with Cipres and sad Ewe,*
wln 2027 *Ribands blacke, and candles blew,*
wln 2028 *For him that was of men most true.*

wln 2029 *Come with heauy mourning,*
wln 2030 *And on his graue*
wln 2031 *Let him haue*
wln 2032 *Sacrifice of sighes and groaning,*
wln 2033 *Let him haue faire flowers enow,*
wln 2034 *White and purple, greene and yellow,*
wln 2035 *For him that was of men most true.*

wln 2036 Thou sable cloth, sad couer of my ioies
wln 2037 I lift thee vp, and thus I meete with death.
wln 2038 *Iasp.* And thus you meete the liuing. *Luce.* Saue me heauen.
wln 2039 *Ias.* Nay do not flie me faire, I am no spirit,
wln 2040 Looke better on me, do you know me yet?
wln 2041 *Luce.* O thou deere shadow of my friend.
wln 2042 *Iasp.* Deere substance,
wln 2043 I sweare I am no shadow, feele my hand,
wln 2044 It is the same it was, I am your *Iasper*,
wln 2045 Your *Iasper* that's yet liuing, and yet louing,
wln 2046 Pardon my rash attempt, my foolish prooffe

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wln 2047 I put in practise of your constancy,
wln 2048 For sooner should my sword haue drunke my bloud,
wln 2049 And set my soule at liberty, then drawne
wln 2050 The least drop from that body; for which boldnesse
wln 2051 Doome me to any thing: if death I take it
wln 2052 And willingly. *Luce.* This death I'le giue you for it,
wln 2053 So, now I am satisfied: you are no spirit,
wln 2054 But my owne truest, truest, truest friend,
wln 2055 VVhy doe you come thus to mee.
wln 2056 *Iasper.* First to see you,
wln 2057 Then to conuey you hence.
wln 2058 *Luce.* It cannot bee,
wln 2059 For I am lockt vp here and watcht at all howers,
wln 2060 That 'tis impossible for me to scape.
wln 2061 *Iasp.* Nothing more possible, within this coffin
wln 2062 Do you conuey your selfe, let me alone,
wln 2063 I haue the wits of twenty men about me,
wln 2064 Onely I craue the shelter of your Closet
wln 2065 A little, and then feare me not; creepe in
wln 2066 That they may presently conuey you hence:
wln 2067 Feare nothing deerest loue, Il'e be your second,
wln 2068 Lie close, so, all goes well yet; Boy.
wln 2069 *Boy.* At hand sir.
wln 2070 *Iasp.* Conuey away the Coffin, and be wary.
wln 2071 *Boy.* 'Tis done already.
wln 2072 *Iasp.* Now must I go coniure. *Exit.*
wln 2073 *Enter Merchant.*
wln 2074 *Merch.* Boy, Boy.
wln 2075 *Boy.* Your seruant sir.
wln 2076 *March.* Do me this kindnesse Boy, hold here's a crowne:
wln 2077 Before thou bury the body of this fellow, carry it to his
wln 2078 old merie father, and salute him from mee, and bid him sing,
wln 2079 he hath cause.
wln 2080 *Boy.* I will sir.
wln 2081 *Merch.* And then bring me word what tune he is in,
wln 2082 and haue another crowne: but do it truely.
wln 2083 I haue fitted him a bargaine, now, will vex him.

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Boy. God blesse your VVorships health sir.

March. Fare-well boy.

Exeunt.

Enter Maister Merrie-thought.

Wife. Ah old *Merry-thought*, art thou there againe, let's here some of thy songs.

Old Mer. *Who can sing a merrier noate,
Then he that cannot change a groat?*

Not a *Denier* left, and yet my heart leapes, I do wonder yet, as old as I am, that any man will follow a Trade, or serue, that may sing and laugh, and walke the streetes, my wife and both my sonnes are I know not where, I haue nothing left, nor know I how to come by meate to supper, yet am I merry still; for I know I shall finde it vpon the Table at sixe a clocke, therefore hang Thought.

I would not be a **Seruigman** to carry the cloke-bag still, Nor would I be a Fawleconer the greedy Hawkes to fill. But I would be in a good house, & haue a good Maister too. But I would eat & drink of the best, & no work would I do. This is it that keepes life and soule together, mirth, this is the Philosophers stone that they write so much on, that keepes a man euer yong.

Enter a Boy.

Boy. Sir, they say they know all your mony is gone, and they will trust you for no more drinke.

Old mer. Will they not? let am choose, the best is I haue mirth at home, and neede not send abroad for that, let them keepe their drinke to themselues.

For *Iillian of Berry* shee dwels on a Hill,
And shee hath good Beere and Ale to sell.

And of good fellowes she thinks no ill,
And thether will we go now, now, now, now, and thether
Will wee go now.

And when you haue made a little stay,
You need not aske what is to pay,
But kisse your Hostesse and go your way, And thither, &c.

Enter another Boy.

2. *Boy.* Sir, I can get no bread for supper.

Old mer.

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Old mer. Hang bread and supper, let's preserue our mirth,
and we shall neuer feele hunger, I'le warrant you, let's haue
a Catch, boy follow me, come *sing this Catch.*
Ho, ho, no body at home, meate, nor drinke, nor money ha wee
none, fill the pot Eedy, neuer more need I.

Old mer. So boies enough, follow mee, let's change our
place and we shall laugh afresh.

Exeunt.

Wife. Let him goe *George*, a shall not haue any counte-
nance from vs, nor a good word from any i'th' Company, if
I may strike stroke in't.

Cit. No more a shannot loue; but *Nel* I will haue *Raph*
doe a very notable matter now, to the eternall honour
and glory of all *Grocers*, sirrah you there boy, can none of
you heare?

Boy. Sir, your pleasure.

Cit. Let *Raph* come out on May-day in the morning and
speake vpon a Conduit with all his Scarfes about him, and his
fethers and his rings and his knacks.

Boy. Why sir you do not thinke of our plot, what will be-
come of that then?

Cit. Why sir, I care not what become on't, I'le haue him
come out, or I'le fetch him out my selfe, I'le haue some-
thing done in honor of the Citty, besides, he hath bene long
enough vpon Aduentures, bring him out quickly, or if I
come in amongst you —

Boy. Well sir hee shall come out, but if our play miscar-
ry, sir you are like to pay for't.

Exit Boy.

Cit. Bring him away then.

Wife. This will be braue i'faith, *George* shall not he dance
the morrice too for the credit of the Strand.

Cittiz. No sweete heart it will bee too much for the boy,
ô there he is *Nel*, hee's reasonable well in reparell, but hee
has not rings enough.

Enter Raph.

Raph. London, to thee I do present the merry Month of May

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wln 2158 *Let each true Subject be content to heare me what I say:*
wln 2159 *For from the top of Conduit head, as plainly may appeare,*
wln 2160 *I will both tell my name to you and wherefore I came heere.*
wln 2161 *My name is Raph, by due discent, though not ignoble I,*
wln 2162 *Yet far inferior to the Flocke of gracious Grocery.*
wln 2163 *And by the Common-councell, of my fellowes in the Strand,*
wln 2164 *With guilded Staffe, and crossed Skarfe, the May-lord here I stand.*
wln 2165 *Reioyce, ô English hearts, reioyce, reioyce ô Louers deere,*
wln 2166 *Reioyce ô Citty, Towne, and Country, reioyce eke euery Shire;*
wln 2167 *For now the fragrant Flowers do spring and sprout in seemely sort,*
wln 2168 *The little Birds do sit and sing, the Lambes do make fine sport.*
wln 2169 *And now the Burchin Tree doth bud that maks the Schoole boy cry*
wln 2170 *The Morrice rings while Hobby-horse doth foote it feateously:*
wln 2171 *The Lords and Ladies now abroad for their disport and play,*
wln 2172 *Do kisse sometimes vpon the Grasse, and sometimes in the Hey.*
wln 2173 *Now Butter with a leafe of Sage is good to Purge the bloud,*
wln 2174 *Fly Venus and Phlebotomy for they are neither good.*
wln 2175 *Now little fish on tender stone, beginne to cast their bellies,*
wln 2176 *And sluggish snails, that erst were mute, do creep out of their shelies*
wln 2177 *The rumbling Riuers now do warme for little boies to padle,*
wln 2178 *The sturdy Steede, now goes to grasse, and vp they hang his saddle.*
wln 2179 *The heauy Hart, the bellowing Bucke, the Rascal and the Pricket,*
wln 2180 *Are now among the Yeomans Pease, and leaue the fearefull thicket.*
wln 2181 *And be like them, ô you, I say, of this same noble Towne,*
wln 2182 *And lift aloft your veluet heads, and slipping of your gowne:*
wln 2183 *With bels on legs, and napkins cleane vnto your shoulders tide,*
wln 2184 *With Scarfes & Garters as you please, & Hey for our Town cri'd*
wln 2185 *March out and shew your willing minds by twenty and by twenty,*
wln 2186 *To Hogsdon or to Newington, where Ale and Cakes are plenty:*
wln 2187 *And let it nere be said, for shame, that we the youths of London,*
wln 2188 *Lay thrumming of our Caps at home, and left our custome vndone.*
wln 2189 *Vp then, I say, both yong and old, both man and maide a Maying*
wln 2190 *With Drums and Guns that bounce alowd, & mery Taber playing.*
wln 2191 *VWhich to prolong, God saue our King, and send his Country peace*
wln 2192 *And roote out Treason from the Land, and so, my friends I cease.*
wln 2193

Finis Act. 4.

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Actus 5. Scœna prima.

wln 2195

Enter Marchant, solus.

wln 2196

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wln 2199

March. I will haue no great store of company at the wedding, a cupple of neighbours and their wiues, and wee will haue a Capon in stewed broth, with marrow, and a good peece of beefe, stucke with rose-mary.

wln 2200

Enter Iasper, his face mealed.

wln 2201

Iasp. Forbeare thy paines fond man, it is too late.

wln 2202

March. Heauen blesse me: *Iasper?*

wln 2203

Iasp. I, I am his Ghost

wln 2204

Whom thou hast iniur'd for his constant loue:

wln 2205

Fond worldly wretch, who dost not vnderstand

wln 2206

In death that true hearts cannot parted be.

wln 2207

First know thy daughter is quite borne away,

wln 2208

On wings of Angels, through the liquid aire,

wln 2209

To farre out of thy reach, and neuer more

wln 2210

Shalt thou behold her face: But shee and I

wln 2211

Will in another world enioy our loues,

wln 2212

Where neither fathers anger, pouertie,

wln 2213

Nor any crosse that troubles earthly men

wln 2214

Shall make vs seuer our vnited hearts.

wln 2215

And neuer shalt thou sit, or be alone

wln 2216

In any place, but I will visit thee

wln 2217

With gastly lookes, and put into thy minde

wln 2218

The great offences wich thou didst to me.

wln 2219

When thou art at thy Table with thy friends

wln 2220

Merry in heart, aud fild with swelling wine,

wln 2221

Il'e come in midst of all thy pride and mirth,

wln 2222

Inuisible to all men but thy selfe,

wln 2223

And whisper such a sad tale in thine eare,

wln 2224

Shall make thee let the Cuppe fall from thy hand,

wln 2225

And stand as mute and pale as Death it selfe.

wln 2226

March. Forgiue me *Iasper*; Oh! what might I doe?

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wln 2227

Tell me, to satisfie thy trobled Ghost?

wln 2228

Iasp. There is no meanes, too late thou thinkst of this.

wln 2229

March. But tell me what were best for me to doe?

wln 2230

Iasp. Repent thy deede, and satisfie my father,

wln 2231

And beat fond *Humphrey* out of thy dores, *Exit Iasper.*

wln 2232

Enter Humphrey.

wln 2233

Wife. Looke *George*, his very Ghost would haue folkes beaten.

wln 2234

Humph. Father, my bride is gone, faire mistresse *Luce*, My soule's the fount of vengeance, mischiefes sluce.

wln 2235

March. Hence foole out of my sight, with thy fond passion

wln 2236

Thou hast vndone me.

wln 2237

Humph. Hold my father deere,

wln 2238

For *Luce* thy daughters sake, that had no peere.

wln 2239

Mar. Thy father foole? there's some blows more, begone.

wln 2240

Iasper, I hope thy Ghost bee well appeased,

wln 2241

To see thy will performd, now will I go

wln 2242

To satisfie thy father for thy wrongs. *Exit.*

wln 2243

Humph. What shall I doe? I haue beene beaten twice,
And mistresse *Luce* is gone? helpe me deuce:

wln 2244

Since my true-loue is gone, I neuer more,
Whilst I do liue, vpon the sky will pore;
But in the darke will weare out my shooe-soles
In passion, in Saint *Faiths* Church vnder *Paules*.

wln 2245

Wife. *George* call *Rafe* hither, if you loue me call *Rafe* hi-

wln 2246

ther, I haue the brauest thing for him to do *George*; pre'thee
call him quickly.

wln 2247

Cit. *Rafe*, why *Rafe* boy. *Enter Rafe.*

wln 2248

Rafe. Heere sir.

wln 2249

Cit. Come hither *Rafe*, come to thy mistresse boy.

wln 2250

Wife. *Rafe* I would haue thee call all the youthes together
in battle-ray, with drums, and guns, and flags, and march to
Mile end in pompous fashion, and there exhort your Souldi-
ers to be merry and wise, and to keepe their beards from bur-
ning *Rafe*, and then skirmish, and let your flagges flye, and
cry kill, kill, kill: my husband shall lend you his Ierkin *Rafe*,
and there's a scarfe; for the rest, the house shall furnish you,

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and wee'l pay for't: doe it brauely *Rafe*, and thinke before whom you performe, and what person you represent.

Rafe. I warrant you mistresse if I do it not for the honour of the Citty, and the credit of my maister, let me neuer hope for freedome.

Wife. 'Tis well spoken Ifaith; go thy wayes, thou art a sparke indeed.

Cit. *Rafe, Rafe*, double your files brauely *Rafe*.

Rafe. I warrant you sir.

Exit Rafe.

Cit. Let him looke narrowly to his seruice, I shall take him else, I was there my selfe a pike-man once in the hottest of the day, wench; had my feather shot sheere away, the fringe of my pike burnt off with powder, my pate broken with a scouring-sticke, and yet I thanke God I am heere.

Drum within.

Wife. Harke *George* the drums.

Cit. Ran, tan, tan, tan; ran, tan: O wench an thou hadst but seene little *Ned* of **Algate**, drum *Ned*, how hee made it rore againe, and layd on like a tyrant: and then stroke softly till the ward came vp, and then thundred againe, and together we go: sa, sa, sa, bounce quoth the guns: courage my hearts, quoth the Captaines: Saint *George*, quoth the pikemen; and withall here they lay, and there they lay: And yet for all this I am heere wench.

Wife. Be thankfull for it *George*, for indeed 'tis wonderfull.

Enter Rafe and his company with Drummes and colours.

Rafe. March faire my hearts, Lieuetenant beate the reare vp: Ancient, let your colours flye; but haue a great care of the Butchers hookes at white-Chappell, they haue beene the death of many a faire Ancient. Open your files that I may take a view both of your persons and munition: Sergeant call a muster.

Serg. A stand, *William Hamerton* peuterer.

Ham. Here Captaine.

Rafe. A Corslet, and a spanish pike; 'tis well, can you shake it with a terror?

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Ham. I hope so Captaine.

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Rafe. Charge vpon me, 'tis with the weakest: put more strength *William Hammerton*, more strength: as you were againe. Proceed Sergeant.

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Serge. *George Greene-goose*, Poulterer?

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Greene. Heere.

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Rafe. Let me see your peece neighbour *Greene-goose*, when was she shot in?

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Greene. And like you maister Captaine, I made a shot euen now, partly to scoure her, and partly for audacity.

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Rafe. It should seeme so certainly, for her breath is yet inflamed: besides, there is a maine fault in the touch-hole, it runnes, and stinketh; and I tell you moreouer, and belieue it: Ten such touch-holes would breed the pox in the Army. Get you a feather, neighbour, get you a feather, sweet oyle, and paper, and your peece may do well enough yet.

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Where's your powder?

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Greene. Heere.

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Rafe. What in a paper? As I am a Souldier, and Gentleman, it craues a Martiall Court: you ought to dye for't.

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Where's your horne? answer me to that.

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Greene. An't like you sir, I was obliuious.

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Rafe. It likes me not you should bee so; 'tis a shame for you, and a scandall to all our neighbours, beeing a man of worth and estimation, to leaue your horne behinde you: I am afraid 'twill breed example. But let me tell you no more on't; stand, till I view you all. What's become o'th nose of your flaske?

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1. Souldier. Indeed law Captaine, 'twas blowne away with powder.

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Rafe. Put on a new one at the Cities charge. Wheres the stone of this peece?

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2. Souldier. The Drummer tooke it out to light Tobacco.

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Rafe. 'Tis a fault my friend, put it in againe: You want a Nose, and you a Stone; Sergeant, take a note on't, for I meane to stoppe it in the pay. Remoue and march, soft and

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faire Gentlemen, soft and faire: double your files, as you were, faces about. Now you with the sodden face, keepe in there: looke to your match sirrah, it will be in your fellowes flaske anone. So, make a crescent now, aduance your pikes, stand and giue eare. Gentlemen, Countrey-men, Friends, and my fellow-Souldiers, I haue brought you this day from the Shops of Security, and the Counters of Content, to measure out in these furious fields, Honour by the ell; and pro- wesse by the pound: Let it not, ô let it not, I say, bee told hereafter, the noble issue of this Citie fainted: but beare your selues in this faire action, like men, valiant men, and free- men; Feare not the face of the enemy, nor the noise of the guns: for beleue me brethren, the rude rumbling of a Brew- ers Carre is farre more terrible, of which you haue a daily experience: Neither let the stinke of powder offend you, since a more valiant stinke is nightly with you. To a resol- ued minde, his home is euery where: I speake not this to take away the hope of your returne; for you shall see (I do not doubt it) and that very shortly, your louing wiues againe, and your sweet children, whose care doth beare you company in baskets. Remember then whose cause you haue in hand, and like a sort of true-borne Scauingers, scoure me this famous Realme of enemies. I haue no more to say but this: Stand to your tacklings lads, and shew to the world you can as well brandish a sword, as shake an apron. Saint *George* and on my hearts. *Omnes.* St. *George*, St. *George.* *Exeunt*
Wife. 'Twas well done *Rafe*, Il'e send thee a cold Capon a field, and a bottle of March-beere; and it may be, come my selfe to see thee.

Cit. *Nell*, the boy has deceiued me much, I did not thinke it had beene in him: he has performed such a matter wench, that if I liue, next yeare Il'e haue him Captaine of the Gally- foist, or Il'e want my will.

Enter old Merri-thought.

Old mer. Yet I thanke God, I breake not a rinkle more then I had, not a stoope boyce: *Care* liue with Cats, I defie thee, my heart is as sound as an Oke; and though I want drinke

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to wet my whistle, I can sing:
Come no more there boyes, come no more there:
For we shall neuer whilst we liue, come any more there.

Enter a boy with a Coffin.

Boy. God saue you sir.

Oldmer. It's a braue boy: canst thou sing?

Boy. Yes sir, I can sing, but 'tis not so necessary at this time.

Old merri. Sing wee, and chaunt it, whilst loue doth grant it.

Boy. Sir, sir, if you knew what I haue brought you, you would haue little list to sing.

Old mer. O the Mimon round, full long long I haue thee sought,

And now I haue thee found, & what hast thou here brought?

Boy. A Coffin sir, and your dead son *Iasper* in it.

Old mer. Dead? why fare-well he:
Thou wast a bonny boy, and I did loue thee.

Enter Iasper.

Iasp. Then I pray you sir do so still.

Old mer. *Iaspers* ghost? thou art welcome from Stygian lake so soone,
Declare to mee what wondrous things in *Pluto's* court are done.

Ias. By my troth sir, I nere came there, tis too hot for me sir.

Old mer. A merry ghost, a very merry ghost.
And where is your true-loue? ô where is yours?

Ias. Marie looke you sir. *Heaues vp the Coffin.*

Old mer. Ah ha! Art thou good at that Ifaith?
With hey trixie terlery-whiskin, the world it runnes on wheeles,

When the yong mans — vp goes the maidens heeles.

Mistresse Merri-thought, and Michael within.

Mist. mer. What Mr. *Merri-thought*, will you not let's in?
what do you thinke shall become of vs?

Old mer. What voyce is that that calleth at our doore?

Mist. mer. You know me well enough, I am sure I haue not

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beene such a stranger to you.

Old mer. And some they whistled, and some they sung, *Hey downe, downe*: and some did lowdly say, euer as the Lord *Bar-nets* horne blew, *away Musgraue, away.*

Mist. mer. You will not haue vs starue here, will you Mr. *Merri-thought?*

Iasp. Nay good sir be perswaded, she is my mother: if her offences haue beene great against you, let your owne loue remember she is yours, and so forgiue her.

Luce Good Mr. *Merri-thought* let mee entreat you, I will not be denied. (still?)

Mist. mer. Why Mr. *Merri-thought*, will you be a vext thing

Old. mer. Woman I take you to my loue againe, but you shall sing before you enter: therefore dispatch your song, and so come in.

Mist. mer. Well, you must haue your will when al's done. *Micke* what song canst thou sing boy?

Mich. I can sing none forsooth, but a Ladies daughter of *Paris* properly.

Mist. mer. *Song. It was, a Ladies daaghter, &c.*

Old. mer. Come, you'r welcome home againe. If such danger be in playing, and iest must to earnest turne, You shall go no more a *Maying.*

March. within. Are you within sir, Maister *Merri-thought?*

Iasp. It is my maisters voyce, good sir go hold him in talke whilst we conuey our selues into some inward roome.

Old mer. What are you? are you merry? you must bee very merry if you enter.

March. I am sir.

Old mer. Sing then.

March. Nay good sir open to me.

Old mer. Sing, I say, or by the merry heart you come not in.

March. Well sir, Il'e sing.

Fortune my Foe, &c.

Old mer. You are welcome sir, you are welcome, you see your entertainment, pray you bee merry.

March. O Mr. *Merri-thought*, I am come to aske you

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wln 2450 And your most vertuous sonne, they're infinite,
wln 2451 Yet my contrition shall be more then they.
wln 2452 I do confesse my hardnesse broke his heart,
wln 2453 For which, iust heauen hath giuen me punishment
wln 2454 More then my age can carry, his wandring spirit
wln 2455 Not yet at rest, pursues me euery where,
wln 2456 Crying, I'le haunt thee for thy cruelty.
wln 2457 My daughter she is gone, I know not how,
wln 2458 Taken inuisible, and whether liuing,
wln 2459 Or in graue, 'tis yet vncertaine to me.
wln 2460 O Maister *Merry-thought*, these are the weights,
wln 2461 Will sinke me to my graue, forgiue me sir.
wln 2462 *Old mer.* Why sir, I do forgiue you, and be merry,
wln 2463 And if the wag, in's life time, plaid the knaue,
wln 2464 Can you forgiue him too? *Merch.* With all my heart sir.
wln 2465 *Old mer.* Speake it againe, and hartely.
wln 2466 *Merch.* I do sir,
wln 2467 Now by my soule I do.
wln 2468 *Old mer.* With that came out his Paramoure,
wln 2469 Shee was as white as the Lillie flower,
wln 2470 Hey troule trollie lollie. *Enter Luce and Iasper.*
wln 2471 With that came out her owne deere Knight,
wln 2472 He was as true as euer did fight. &c.
wln 2473 Sir, if you will forgiue **ham**, clap their hands together,
wln 2474 there's no more to be sad i'th' matter.
wln 2475 *Merch.* I do, I do.
wln 2476 *Cit.* I do not like this, peace boies, heare me one of you,
wln 2477 euery bodies part is come to an end but *Raphes*, and hee's
wln 2478 left out.
wln 2479 *Boy.* 'Tis long of your selfe sir, wee haue nothing to doe
wln 2480 with his part.
wln 2481 *Cit.* *Raph* come away, make on him as you haue done of
wln 2482 the rest, boies come.
wln 2483 *Wife.* Now good husband let him come out and die.
wln 2484 *Cit.* He shall *Nel*, *Raph* come away quickly and die boy.
wln 2485 *Boy.* 'Twill be very vnfit he should die sir, vpon no occa-

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sion, and in a Comedy too.

Cit. Take you no care of that sir boy, is not his part at an end, thinke you, when he's dead? come away *Raph*.

Enter Raph, with a forked arrow through his head.

Raph. When I was mortall, this my costieue corps
Did lap vp Figs and Raisons in the Strand,
Where sitting I espi'd a louely Dame,
Whose Maister wrought with Lingell and with All,
And vnder ground he vampied many a boote,
Straight did her loue pricke forth me, tender sprig
To follow feats of Armes in warlike wise,
Through *VValtham* Desert, where I did performe
Many atchieuements, and did lay on ground
Huge *Barbaroso* that insulting Giant,
And all his Captiues soone set at liberty.
Then honour prickt me from my natiue soile,
Into *Moldauia*, where I gain'd the loue
Of *Pompiana* his beloued daughter:
But yet prou'd constant to the blacke thum'd maide
Susan, and skorn'd *Pompianaes* loue:
Yet liberall I was and gaue her pinnes,
And money for her fathers Officers.
I then returned home, and thrust my selfe
In action, and by all men chosen was
Lord of the May, where I did flourish it,
With Skarfes and Rings, and Posie in my hand,
After this action, I preferred was,
And chosen Citty Captaine at Mile-end,
With hat and feather and with leading staffe,
And train'd my men and brought them all off cleere,
Sawe one man that berai'd him with the noise.
But all these things I *Raph* did vndertake,
Onely for my beloued *Susans* sake.
Then comming home, and sitting in my Shop
With Apron blew, death came vnto my Stall
To cheapen *Aqua-vitae*, but ere I
Could take the bottle downe, and fill a taste,

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Death caught a pound of Pepper in his hand,
And sprinkled all my face and body ore,
And in an instant vanished away.

Cit. 'Tis a pretty fiction i' faith.

Raph. Then tooke I vp my Bow and Shaft in hand,
And walkt into *Moore-fields* to coole my selfe,
But there grim cruell death met me againe,
And shot this forked arrow through my head,
And now I faint, therefore be warn'd by me,
My fellowes euery one of forked heads.

Fare-well all you good boies in merry *London*,
Nere shall we more vpon Shroue-tuesday meete
And plucke downe houses of iniquitie.

My paine increaseth, I shall neuer more
Hold open, whilst another pumpes both legs,
Nor daube a Satten gowne with rotten eggs:

Set vp a stake, ô neuer more I shall,
I die, flie, flie my soule to *Grocers Hall*. oh, oh, oh, &c.

Wife. Well said *Raph*, doe your obeysance to the Gentle-
men and go your waies, well said *Raph*.

Exit Raph.

Old mer. Me thinkes all we, thus kindly and vnexpectedly
reconciled should not depart without a song.

Merch. A good motion.

Old mer. Strike vp then.

Song.

*Better Musicke nere was knowne,
Then a quire of hearts in one.
Let each other that hath beene,
Troubled with the gall or spleene:
Learne of vs to keepe his brow,
Smoth and plaine as ours are now.
Sing though before the houre of dying
He shall rise and then be crying.
Hey ho, 'tis nought but mirth.
That keeps the body from the earth.*

Exeunt Omnes.

Epilogus.

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Cittiz. Come *Nel*, shall we go, the Plaies done.

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Wife. Nay by my faith *George*, I haue more manners then

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so, I'le speake to these Gentlemen first: I thanke you all

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Gentlemen, for your patience and countenane to *Raph*, a

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poore fatherlesse child, and if I might see you at my house, it

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should go hard, but I would haue a pottle of wine and a pipe

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of Tobacco for you, for truely I hope you do like the youth,

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but I would bee glad to know the truth: I referre it to your

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owne discretions, whether you will applaud him or no, for

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I will winke, and whilst you shall do what you will, I thanke

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you with all my heart, God giue you good night; come

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George.

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Textual Notes

1. **38 (3-a)**: The regularized reading *combine* is amended from the original *conbine*.
2. **78 (4-b)**: The regularized reading *children* is amended from the original *chlidren*.
3. **280 (7-a)**: The regularized reading *shoot* is amended from the original *sute*.
4. **291 (7-b)**: Potential alternate reading: remove 'I'.
5. **347 (8-a)**: The regularized reading *Dwarfs* is amended from the original *Dwarses*.
6. **356 (8-a)**: The regularized reading *mirror* is amended from the original *mirrout*.
7. **416 (9-a)**: The regularized reading *you* is amended from the original *your*.
8. **420 (9-a)**: The regularized reading *you* is amended from the original *your*.
9. **422 (9-a)**: The regularized reading *Whoreson* is amended from the original *Whoresome*.
10. **554 (11-a)**: The regularized reading *no* is amended from the original *now*.
11. **835 (14-b)**: The regularized reading *Things* comes from the original *Things*, though possible variants include *Thing*.
12. **895 (15-b)**: 'thou' is duplicated. It has been struck-through in the text.
13. **964 (16-b)**: The regularized reading *Tapstero* is amended from the original *Tastero*.
14. **1024 (17-b)**: The regularized reading *Waltham* is supplied for the original *Wa[...]*m**.
15. **1024 (17-b)**: The regularized reading *truly* is amended from the original *tuely*.
16. **1042 (17-b)**: The regularized reading *catch* is amended from the original *cath*.
17. **1049 (17-b)**: The regularized reading *Godfrey* is amended from the original *Godfry*.
18. **1139 (19-a)**: The regularized reading *these* comes from the original *these*, though possible variants include *this*.
19. **1203 (20-a)**: The regularized reading *after-love* is amended from the original *ater-loue*.
20. **1227 (20-a)**: The regularized reading *swim* is amended from the original *swin*.
21. **1234 (20-a)**: The regularized reading *Gentlewoman* is amended from the original *Gntlewoman*.
22. **1297 (21-a)**: Some editions remove 'truery'.
23. **1297 (21-a)**: 'faire' is duplicated.
24. **1312 (21-a)**: The regularized reading *from* is amended from the original *f~~om~~*.
25. **1384 (22-a)**: The regularized reading *brings* is amended from the original *bings*.
26. **1408 (22-b)**: The regularized reading *swoops* is amended from the original *soopes*.
27. **1413 (22-b)**: The regularized reading *Dutchman* is amended from the original *Ducth-man*.
28. **1657 (26-a)**: The regularized reading *be* is amended from the original *he*.
29. **2098 (32-a)**: The regularized reading *Servingman* is amended from the original *Seruigman*.
30. **2123 (32-b)**: Ambiguous stage direction: these words are preceded by a lacuna. It is ambiguous whether this is a stage direction or part of Old Merrythought's speech.

31. **2186 (33-a)**: The regularized reading *Hogsdon* comes from the original *Hogsdon*, though possible variants include *Hoxton*.
32. **2281 (34-b)**: The regularized reading *Aldgate* is amended from the original *Algate*.
33. **2473 (37-a)**: The regularized reading *'em* is amended from the original *ham*.
34. **2564 (38-b)**: The regularized reading *countenance* is amended from the original *countenane*.