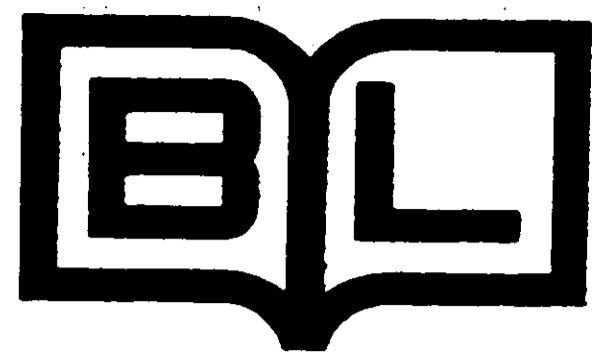


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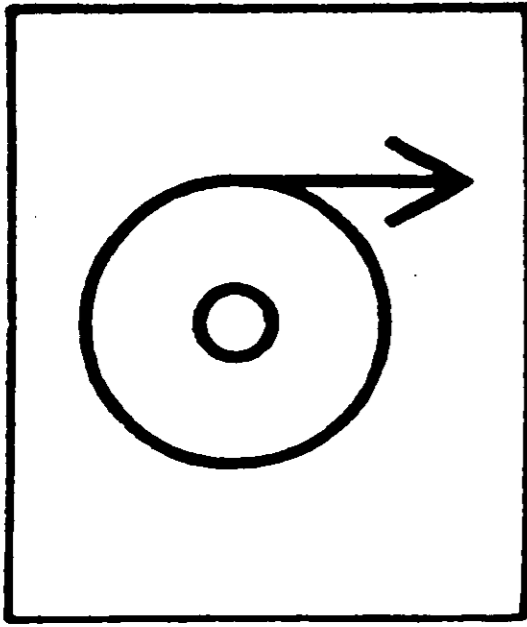
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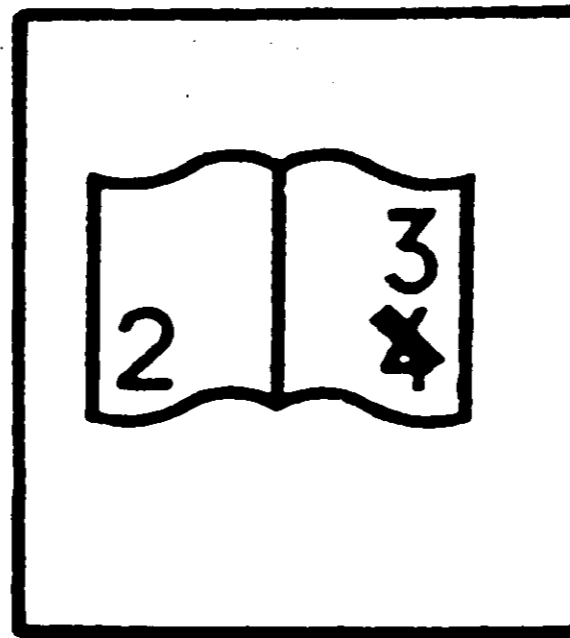
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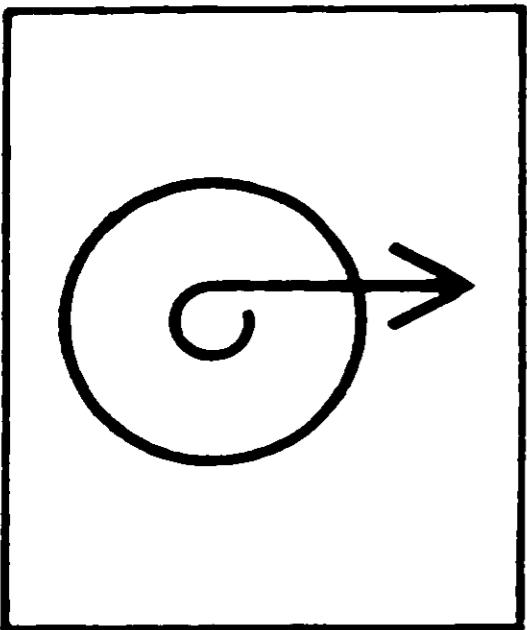
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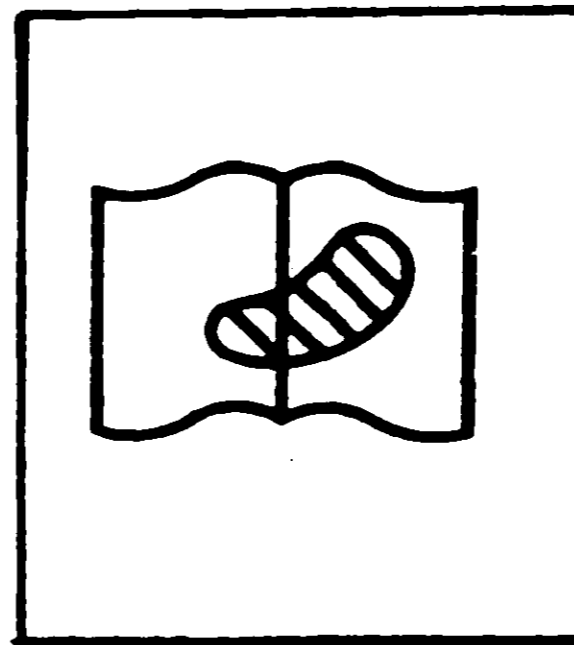
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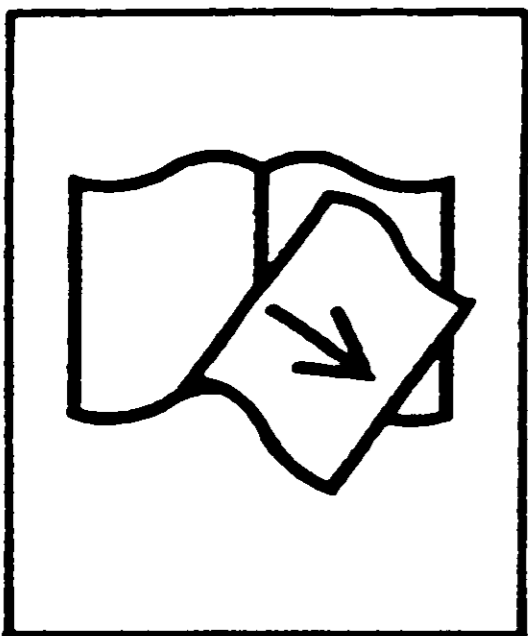
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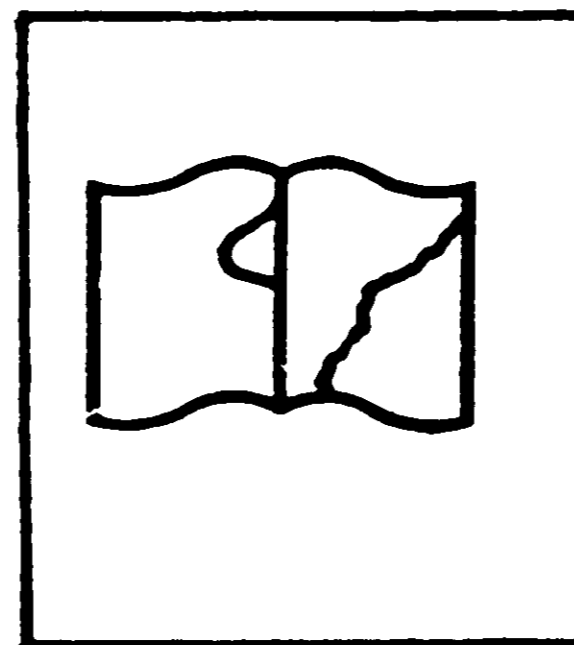
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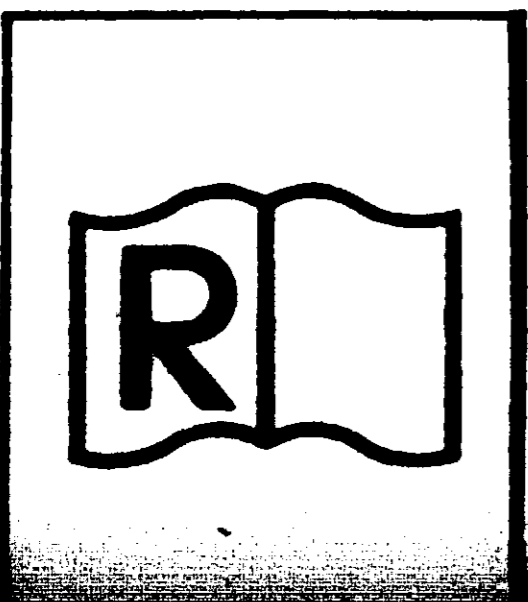
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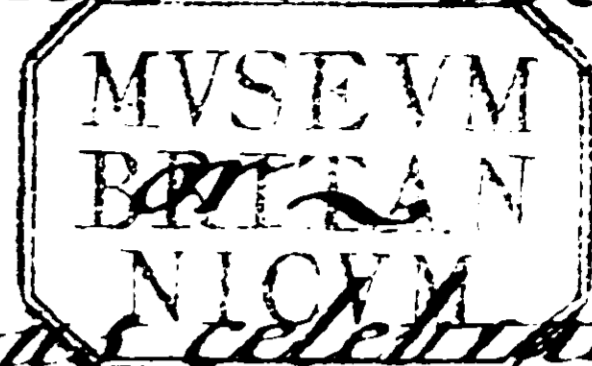
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Hermetis Trismegisti  
Sponsalia celeberrima:



The famous celebrated Nuptials  
of the thrice Great Hermes.

Allegorically describing the Mystical  
Union and Comunion of Christ with  
every Regenerate Soul: Composed

By *CR*: a German of the Order of the Rose  
Cross about 255 years past, and from the Latin  
Manuscript, faithfully Translated into English

By Peter Smart Master of Arts 1714.

*Suspensa hęcera nihil opus est*

*Venerabili non opus est hęcera*

In the Margin are brief notes of the late D. Rudd  
which Explains some hard words & sentences in  
the following Treatise

## Hermes Nuptials &c.

### The First Day.

On an Evening before Easter Day, I sat at  
a Table, and having (as my custom was) in  
my humble Prayer sufficiently conversed with  
my Creator, and considered many great  
Mysteries, (whereof the Father of Lights —  
his Majesty had shown me not a few) and  
being now ready to prepare in my Heart;  
together with my dear Paschal Lamb, a small  
unleavened, undefiled Cake; all on a sudden  
arise so horrible a Tempest, that I  
imagined

Meditatio.

imagined no other but that through its mighty-  
force, the Hill whereon my little house was  
founded, would fly in pieces. But in as much  
as this, and the like from the Devil (who had  
done me many a spite) was no new thing to-  
me; I took courage and persisted in my  
Meditation, till some body (after an un-usual  
manner touch'd me on the Back; whereupon  
I was so hugely terrified, that I durst hardly  
look about me yet I showed my selfe as  
cheerfull as (in the like Occurrences) —  
humans frailty would permit; Now the  
same thing still twitching me severall times  
by the Coat; I looked back and behold —

Priscarissa } it was a fair and glorious Lady, whose  
Lady Cham- }  
berlain or } Garments were all Skyes colour, and curiously  
Controller } (like Heaven) bespangled with golden stars,  
In her right hand she bore a Trumpet of  
 beaten Gold, whereon a name was engraven  
(which I could well read in) but am as yet  
 forbidden to reveal it. In her left hand  
she had a great bundle of Letters of all  
 Languages, which she (as I afterwards  
 understood) was to carry into all countries.  
She had also large and beautifull wings, full  
 of Eyes throughout, where with she could  
 mount aloft, and flye swifter than any Eagle  
 I might perhaps been able to take further  
 notice.

notice of her, but because she staid so small -  
a time with me, and terror and amazement  
still possessed me; I was fain to be content -  
For as soon as I turned about, she turned -  
her Letters over and over, and at length -  
drew out a small one; which with great -  
Reverence she laid down upon y<sup>e</sup> Table; -  
and without giving one word departed -  
from me: but in her mounting upward -  
she gave so mighty a blast on her gallant  
Trumpet that the whole hill echoed thereof  
and for a full quarter of an hour after,  
I could hardly hear my own words.  
In so unlooked for an adventure I was -  
at a -

Epistola.

Sigillum.

at a loss, how either to advise or assist my poor  
selfe, and therefore fell upon my knees and  
besought my Creator to permit nothing con-  
trary to my Eternal Happyness to befall me; -  
whereupon with fear and trembling, I went  
to the Letter, which was now so heavy as had -  
it been more Gold, it could hardly have been  
so weighty. Now as I was diligently viewing  
it, I found a little Seal, whereupon a curious  
Cross with this Inscription *In hoc Signo +*  
*Vincet*, was ingraven. /

Now as soon as I espied this Sign I was  
the more comforted as not being ignorant  
that such a Seal was little acceptable; &  
much

much loss usefull to the Devil. wherupon  
I tenderly opened the Letter, and within it in an  
Azure Field in Golden Letters, found the  
following Verses witten.

This Day, this Day, this, this

The Royal Nuptials is.

Art thou thro' by Birth inclin'd,

And unto joy of God design'd,

Thou maist thou to the Mountain top

Wher on these stately Temples stand,

And there see all from end to end

Keep watch, and ward,

Thy selfe regard;

Unless with diligence thou batten

The Nuptials

The Nuptials cant thee harmless save:

He'll dammage have that here delays;

Let him beware; too light that weigh.

Underneath stood, Sponsus and Sponsa.

De Nuptijs. } As soon as I had read this Letter, I was

presently like to have fainted away, all my hair

stood an end, and a cold sweat trickled

down my whole body. For although I well

perceived, that this was the appointed

Wedding, wherof seven years before I was

acquainted in a bodily vision, and which

now so long time I had with great earnest

ness attended, and which lastly by the

account and calculation of the Planets

I had



had most diligently observed I found so to be —  
yet could I never foresee that it must happen  
under so grievous and perilous conditions.

Requisita in  
hospitibus  
secundum 7  
pondera.

For whereas I before imagined that to be a  
welcome and acceptable Guest, I needed only  
be ready to appear at the Wedding; I was now  
directed to Divine Providence, of which until  
this time I was never certain. I also found by  
my selfe; the more I examined my selfe, that  
in my head there was nothing but gross mis-  
understanding and blindness in mysterious  
things, so that I was not able to comprehend  
even those things which lay under my ~~eyes~~  
feet; and which I dayly conversed with, much  
lose.

1.  
Electio  
incerta. }  
2.  
Inscitia.  
Ignorantia  
Cecitas  
mentis. }

3.

4. loss that I should be borne to the searching  
out, and understanding of the secrets of  
nature; since in my opinion Nature might  
every where finde a more vertuous Disciple, to  
whome to intrust her precious, though  
temporary and changeable Treasures. I found  
also that my daily behaviour, and outward  
good conversation and Brotherly Love towards  
my Neighbour was not duly purged and cleansed,  
Moreover the tickling of the flesh manifested it  
selfe, whose affection was bent only to pomp &  
bravery, and worldly Pride, and not to the  
good of mankind; and I was always contriving  
how by this art I might in a short time  
abundantly

Natura  
Secreta }

5.

6.

affectio

abundantly increase my profit & advantage -  
rear up stately Palaces, make my selfe -  
an everlasting Name in the world, and -  
other the like Carnal designs. But the - *Præcos.*  
obscure words concerning the Three Temples  
did particularly afflict me which I was not  
able to make out by any after speculation,  
and perhaps should not yet had they not  
been wonderfully revealed to me:

Thus sticking betwixt Hope and fear examining  
my selfe again and again and finding only  
my owne frailty and Impotency not being  
in any wise able to succour my selfe, and -  
exceedingly amazed at the fore mentioned -  
threatning -

7  
threatning; at length I betooke my selfe -  
to my usuall and most secure courses; -  
after I had finished my earnest and most  
 fervent prayer, I laid me down in my  
bed, that so perchance my good Angel by  
by the Divines permission might appear -  
and (as it had sometimes formerly hapned)  
instruct me in this doubtfull affair, -  
which to the praise of God my own good  
and my Neighbours faithfull and hearty  
warning and amendment did now like -  
wise fall out. For I was yet scarce -  
fallen asleep, when methought I together  
with a numberlesse multitude of men  
lay -



Visio per } lay fettered with great chains in a darks-  
Somnium }

Turris Ca- }  
citae } dungeon, where in without the least glimpse of

light we swarmed like Bees one over another  
and thus rendered each others affliction more  
grievous. But although neither I nor any-

of the rest could see one jot; yst I continually

pretending } heard one hearing himself above the other,  
& knowing } when his chains or Fetters were become -

over so little lighter, though none of us had

much reason to shew up the other, since we

ignorant. } were all Captive Wretches. Now as I with

the rest had continued a good while in this

affliction, and each was still reproaching -

the other with his blindness and captivity,  
at

at length we heard many Trumpets sounding  
together, and Kettle Drums beating so artifi-  
-ally thro' us, that it even revived, and rejoiced  
us in our Calamity. During this noise the -

Illustration/ cover of the Dungeon was from above

lifted up, and a little light let down -

unto us. Then first might truly have -

been discerned the bustle we kept, for -

all went pell-mell, and he who perchance

had too much heaved up himself was -

forced down again under the others foot. In -

briefe; such one strove to be uppermost, neither

did I my selfe linger, but with my weighty fetters

slipt up from under the rest, and then heaved -

my selfe

Lapis }  
Præsidis }

Selfe upon a stone which I laid hold of; howbeit, I  
was ~~severall~~ severall times caught at by others, from  
whom I got as well as I might with hands and  
feet - I still guarded my selfe: For we imagined  
no other but that we should all be set at liberty -  
which yet fell out quite otherwise: For after the

Adepti.

Nobles who looked upon us from above through the  
hole, had a while recreated themselves with this  
our struggling and lamenting, a certain hoary headed

Magister }  
Carceris. }

Ancient man called to us to be quiet, and having  
scarce obtained it began (as I still remember) -  
thus to say on -

If wretched Mankind would forbear  
Themselves so to uphold;

5. Sheet.

Hermes Nuptials &c

Then sure on them much good confer,  
My righteous Mother would:  
But since the same will not ensue,  
They must in Care and Sorrow rue  
And still in prison lie:  
Howbeit my dear Mother will  
Their Follies oversee.

vide St. Bernhard }  
Sermon. 3. de 7. }  
fragmentis.

Her choicest Goods permitting still  
Too much in th' Light to be.  
Though very rarely it may seem  
That they may still keep some esteem,  
Which also would pass for Forgery.  
Wherefore in honour of the Feast  
We this day solemnize;  
That so -

That so her Grace may be increas'd,  
 A good Deed shall devise  
 For now a Cord shall be let down  
 And who so ever can hang thereon  
 I shall freely be releas'd.  
 He had scarce done speaking, when an Ancient  
 Matron commanded her Servants to let down  
 the Cord seven times into the Dungeon, and  
 draw up who so ever could hang upon it. Good  
 God! that I could sufficiently describe the hurry  
 and disquiet that then arose amongst us; for  
 every one strove to get to the Cord, and yet  
 only hinder'd each other. But after seven minutes  
 a sign was given by a little bell, whereupon  
 at the

Discovery of  
 some part of  
 the merit }  
 Magistra.  
 restis.  
 Septies.

Prima }  
 2. hora }  
 4.

some by }  
 work.

Secunda }  
 Ignorance }  
 unapt for }  
 labour.

at the first Pull the Servants drew up four. At  
 that time I could not come near the Cord by  
 much, having (as is before mentioned) to my huge  
 misfortune, mistak'n my selfe to a stone at the wall  
 of the Dungeon, and thereby was disabled to get to  
 the cord which descended in the middle. The Cord  
 was let down the second time; but divers because  
 their chains were too heavy, and their hands too  
 tender could not keep their hold on the cord, but  
 with themselves beat down many another, who  
 else perhaps might have held fast enough; nay  
 many a one was forcibly pulled off by another  
 who yet could not himselfe get at it; so mutually  
 envious were we even in this our great misery  
 But

Ignorance.  
Industry great

But they of all others most moved my compassion  
 whose weight was so heavy, that they tore their very-  
 hands from their bodies, and yet could not get up.  
 Thus it came to passe that at these first times very  
 few were drawn up. For as soon as the sign was-  
 given, the servants were so nimble at the draught  
 that the most part tumbled one upon another, and  
 the Cord at this time especially was drawn up very-  
 empty. whereupon the greatest part, and soon of my-  
 selfe, despaired of Redemption, and called upon God  
 that he would have pittie upon vs, and (if possible)  
 deliver vs out of this obscurity, who also then heard  
 some of vs: for when the Cord came down the sixth  
 time; some of them hung themselves fast upon it  
 and

ssxta

Vulnus ex  
turre Cocita=  
tis.

Septima.  
Adspirare to  
to helpfull  
to those not  
deft.

and whilst in the drawing up the Cord swung from  
 one side to the other, it (perhaps by the will of God)  
 came to me; which I suddenly catching got upper-  
 most above all the rest, and so at length beyond  
 hopes came out; whereat I exceedingly rejoiced,  
 so that I perceived not the wound, which in drawing  
 up, I received on my head by a sharp stone;  
 till I with the rest who were released (as was  
 always before done) was faine to help, at the  
 seventh and last pull, at which time through  
 straining, the Blood ran down all over my  
 cloathes, which I not or thought for joy regarded  
 not. Now when the last draught was on  
 the most of all hang, was finished; the  
 Matron

Magister & q  
Filius. }

Matron caused the cord to be laid away, and  
willed her aged Son (at which I much wonder  
to declare her Resolution to the rest of the  
Prisoners who after he had a little thought  
himself spoke, thus unto them—)

Ye Children dear

All present here,

What is but now compleat and done,

Was long before resolv'd on:

What ere my Mother of great Grace

To each on both sides hath shewen

May never discontent misplace;

The joyfull time is drawing on,

When every one shall squall be,

None—

None—Worthy, none in poverty.  
Who ere receiveth great Commands  
Hath work enough to fill his hands.  
Who ere with much hath trusted been  
'Tis well if he may save his Skin.  
Wherefore your lamentations cease,  
What is to wait for some few days

As soon as he had finished these words, the  
Cover was again put to and locked down, and  
the Trumpets and Kettle drums began afresh,  
yet could not the noise thereof be so loud,  
but that the bitter Lamentation of the  
Prisoners which arose in the Dungeon was  
heard above all, which soon also caus'd my  
eyes—



Humanity- / eyes to run over. presently after the antient Matron,  
 together with her Son sat down upon seats -  
 before prepared, and commanded the Redeemed -  
 should be told. Now as soon as she understood  
 the Number, and had written it down in a -  
 Gold-yellow Tablet, she demanded every ones  
 Name which was also written down by a little  
 Secretary. / page; having viewed us all, she sighed, and -  
 spoke to her son, so as I could well hear her -  
 " Ah how heartily am I grieved for the poor -  
 " men in the Dungeon! I would to God I durst  
 " release them all, Wherunto her Son Replied,  
 " It is mother thus ordained of God, against whom  
 " we may not contend. In case we all of us -  
 were -

Magistra }  
 Scomset }  
 doctos. }

Secretary.

" were Lords, and possessed all the goods upon Earth -  
 " and were seated at Table, who would there then -  
 " be to bring up the service? Wherupon his Mother  
 held her peace, but soon after she said. Well  
 " however let there be food from their fathers; -  
 which was likewise presently done, and I -  
 except a few - was the last; yst could I not  
 refrain, but though I still looked upon the -  
 rest, bowed my self before the antient Matron  
 and thanked God that through her had graciously  
 - ly and fatherly vouchsafed to bring me out  
 of such Darkness into the light. After me  
 the rest did likewise to the satisfaction of the  
 Matron. Lastly to every one was given a piece  
 of Gold

Gratitude }  
 Auctoris }  
 grati. }

Pisty.

Numus }  
 Aursus }  
 ©

for a Remembrance, and to spend by the way, on the  
one side whereof was stamped the Rising Sun, on the  
~~and~~ ~~other~~ other, (as I remember) these

Deus Lux } three Letters D; L; S. And therewith every  
Solis, vel }  
Deo laus }  
Semper } one had License; and was sent to his own business

Mandatu } with this annexed Intimation, That we to the  
Taciturnita }  
tis. }

Glory of God should benefit our Neighbours, &  
reserve in silence what we had been entrusted  
with. Which we also promised to do, and so

departed one from another. But in regard of the  
wounds which the Fetters had caused me, I could  
not well go forward, but halted on both feet,

which the Matron presently spying laughing at it  
and calling me again to her said thus to me,

My Son -

Discessus }  
Auris. }

14  
My Son let not this defect afflict thee, but call  
to mind thy Infirmities, and therewith thank  
God who hath permitted thee even in this world  
and in the state of thy Imperfection to come into

Vulnus ex }  
compeditibus. }

so high a light, and keep these wounds for my  
sake. Whereupon the Trumpets began again

Exprobratio }  
tio. }

to sound which so affrighted me that I awoke,  
and then first perceived that it was only a  
Dream; which yet was so strongly impressed  
upon my Imagination, that I was still per-  
petually troubled about it, and methought I  
was yet sensible of the wounds on my Feet.

Solacium.

Howbeit, by all these things I well under-  
stood that God had vouchsafed that I should  
be

08D488 } be present at this mysterious and hidden Wedding;

Wherofore with childlike confidence I returned thanks  
to his Divine Majesty, and besought him that he  
would further preserve <sup>me</sup> ~~him~~ in his fears that  
he would dayly fill my heart with wisdom and  
understanding, and at length graciously (without my  
desert) conduct me to the desired end. It was upon

Preparatio } I prepared my self for the way, put on my white  
ad Alter. } linnen Coat, girded my Loynes with a blood red

Rosy Crucian } Ribbon bound cross-ways over my Shoulder:

In my Hat I stuck four Red Roses, that I might the  
sooner by this token be taken notice amongst the

048 } throng. For food I took Bread, Salt, and Water  
which by the counsell of an understanding person  
I had

I had at certain times ~~at~~ without profit

on the like occurrences. But before I parted

from my Cottage, I first in this my dress and  
wedding garment, fell down upon my knees, &

besought God, that in case such a thing were,  
he would vouchsafe me a good issue. And

therupon in the presence of God I made a Vow  
that if any thing through his Grace should be

revealed unto me, I would employ it neither  
to my own honour, nor Authority in the

world, but to the spreading of his name, and  
the service of my Neighbour, and with this

Vow ~~and~~ and good hope I departed out of my  
Cell with joy.

ictum.



# The Second Day

Tripudium  
Creaturarum  
ob nuptias }

I was hardly got out of my Cell into a  
Arrest, when methought that the whole Heaven  
and all the Elements had already trimmed them-  
selves against this Wedding. For even the Birds  
in my opinion chanted more pleasantly then  
before, and the young Fawns skipped so merrily  
that they joyced my old Heart, and moved me  
to sing: wherefore with a loud voice I thus  
began:

With mirth thou pretty Birds rejoice,

Thy Maker's praise in hand.

Lift up thy shrill and pleasant voice,

Thy

Thy God is high advanced.

Thy Food before he did provide

And gives it in a fitting tide.

Therewith be thou sufficed.

Why shouldst thou now unpleasant be.

Thy wrath against God venting?

That to a little Bird made thee

Thy silly head tormenting?

Because he made thee not a man

O peace, he hath well thought thereon.

Therewith be thou sufficed.

What is't I'd have poor earthly worm,

By God (as't were) indicting,

That I should thus against Heaven storm

To

To force great Acts by fighting?  
 God will outbrave us by none,  
 Who's good for nought, may hence be gone  
 O man & herowith sufficed.  
 That he no Caesar hath thee fram'd,  
 To pine therefore tis needless  
 His Name perhaps thou hadst defam'd  
 Whose of he was not heedless.  
 Most clear and bright Gods eyes do shine  
 His pieces to thy heart within,  
 And cannot be deceived

This sang I now from the bottom of my Heart -  
 Per Sylvan. / throughout the whole Forrest so that it resounded  
 from all parts, and the Hills repeated my last words  
 untill

Sheet 2

Hermes Nuptials &c

untill at length I espied a curious green Heath  
 whether I betooke my selfe out of this Forrest.  
 Upon this Heath stood 3 lovely tall Cedars,  
 which by reason of their breadth afforded an  
 excellent and desired shade, whereat I greatly  
 joyced; for although I had not hitherto gone  
 far, yet my earnest longing made me very  
 faint; whereupon I hasted to the Trees to rest  
 a little under them, but as soon as I came  
 somewhat higher, I spied a Tablet fastned  
 to one of them, on which (as afterwards I read)  
 in curious Letters the following words were written

3 Cedri  
 3. Tompla.  
 ♀ ♀

Tabella  
 Mercurialis

Hospes salve: si quid tibi for-  
 sitan de Nuptijs Regis auditum,  
 verba

auditum, Verba haec perpende. Quatuor  
Viarum optime per nos tibi Sponsus  
offert, per quas omnes, modo non in  
derivas delabaris, ad Regiam ejus  
1. aulam pervenire possis. Prima brevis  
est, sed periculosa, et quae te in variis  
Scopulos deducet, ex quibus vix te  
2. expedire licebit. Altera longior,  
quae circumducet te, non abducet,  
plana est et facilis, si te Magnetis  
auxilio neque ad dextram, neque sinistram  
3. abduci poteris. Tertia vere Regia est,  
quae per varias Regis nostri delicias,  
et Spectacula viam tibi reddet  
jucundam

18  
sed quod vix millesimo hactenus obtigit.  
Per quartam nemini hominum licebit  
ad Regiam pervenire, utpote quae con-  
sumens et non nisi corporibus incorrup-  
tibilibus conveniens est. Elige nunc  
ex tribus quam velis, et in ea constans  
permane. Scito autem quamcunque  
ingressus fueris, ab immutabili fato  
tibi ita destinatum, nec nisi cum maxi-  
mo vita periculo regredi fas esse.  
Haec sunt quae te scivisse voluimus;  
sed heus cave ignores, quanto cum  
periculo te huic via commiseris, nam  
si te vel minimi delicti contra Regis  
nostri

nostri ~~delicias et spectacula~~ leges.  
nosti obnoxium, quæso dum adhuc  
licet per eandem viam qua acces-  
sisti domum te confer quam citissi-  
me.

Now as soon as I had read this Writing  
all my Joy was now vanished again, and I  
who before Sang merrily, began now inwardly  
to Lament. For although I saw all the three ways  
before me; and understood that hence forward  
it was vouchsafed me to make choice of one of  
them yst it troubled me that in case I went the  
stony and rocky way, I might get a miserable and  
deadly fall, or taking the Long one I might wander  
out

via Auloris  
eligenda

Mineral.

out of it through by wayes, or by other wayes -  
staynd in the great Journey. Neither durst I  
hope; that I amongst thousands should be the way-  
He, who should choos the Royall way. I saw  
likewise the Fourth before me; but it was so  
inverned with Firs and Exhalations, that I durst  
not by much draw nere it, and therefore again  
and again ~~be~~ considered whether I should returne  
back, or take any of the ways before me. I well  
weighed my own unworthyness, but the Dream  
still comforted me that I was deliverd out of  
the Tower, and yst I durst not confidently rely  
upon a dream; whereupon I was so variously  
peplexed, that for very great weariness hunger &  
thirst

Dubium.

Confir-  
matio

Thirst seized me, whereupon I presently drew out

Columba  
Alba  
at Gori  
Mercuriali  
insidens.

my bread, cut a slice of it, which a snow white Dove of whom I was not aware; sitting upon the Tree, espied and therewith (perhaps according to her wonted manner) came down and betooke her selfe very familiarly to me, to whom I willingly imparted my food, which she received, and so with her prettiness did again a little refresh me. But as soon as her Enemy a most

Corvus  
niger.

black Raven perceived it, he straight darted himselfe down upon the Dove; and taking no notice of me, would needs force away the Doves meat, who could no otherwise guard her selfe but

versus  
Meridiam

by flight whereupon they both together flew towards the South.

Autor  
incidit  
in 2. Viam  
incogitauer

South at which I was so hugely incensed and grievous that without thinking what I did, I made haste after the filthy Raven, and so against my will ran into one of the fore mentioned ways a whole Fields length; and thus the Raven being chased away, and the Dove delivered, I then first observed what I had inconsiderately done, and that I was already entred into a way from which under peril of great punishment I durst not retire; And though I had still wherewith in some measure to comfort my selfe, yet that which was worst of all to me was that I had left my bag and bread at the Tree, and could never retrieve them: for as soon as I turned my selfe



Selfe about, a contrary wind was so strong against  
me, that it was ready to fell me. But if I went  
forward on my way, I perceived no hindrance at  
all: From whence I could easily conclude, that it  
would cost me my Life; in case I should set my  
Selfe against the Winds; wherefore I patiently,  
took up my Cross, got upon my feet, and resolved,  
since so it must be, I would use my utmost  
indeavor to get to my Journeys end before  
night. Now although many apparent by ways  
showed themselves, yet I still proceeded with  
Compassus / my Compass, and would not budge one step from  
the Meridian Line; howbeit the way was often  
times so rugged and unpassable, that I was in no  
little

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little doubt of it. In this way I constantly thought  
upon the Dove and Raven, and yet could not  
search out the meaning, untill at length upon  
a high hill afar off I espied a stately Portall,  
to which not regarding how far it was distant  
both from me and the way I was in, I hastned  
because the Sun had already hid himself under  
the Hills, and I (by far) could see where  
I spy no abiding place and this verily I ascribe  
only to God, who might well have permitted me  
to go forward in this way, and withheld my  
eyes, that so I might have gazed besides this  
Gate, To which (as was said) I now made mighty  
hast, and reached it by so much Day light as  
to take

Diversion /  
Solution.

Occasus ☉.  
Dissolved.

take a very competent view of it. Now it was an exceeding Royal beautiful Portal whose work

appearances in work of solution.

carved a multitude of most noble figures & Devices, every one of which (as I afterwards learned) had its

Tabula Inscriptio-

peculiar signification, Above was fixed a pretty large Tablet with these words, Procul hinc, procul ite profani, and other things more

that I was earnestly forbidden to Relate. Now as soon as I was come under the Portal there straight

stopped forth one in a sky coloured habit, whom I in friendly manner saluted, which though he

thankfully returned, yet he instantly demanded

Liters convocatio-

of me my Letter of Invitation. O how glad was

Demonstration of worthiness

I that I had then brought it with me! for how easily

Adapt elect

Woman Authoris

easily might I have forgotten it (as it also chanced to others) as he himselfe told me? I

quickly presented it; where with he was not only satisfied, but (at which I much wondered)

showed me abundances of respect; saying, Come in my brother, an acceptable guest you are to

me; and with all intreated me not to withhold my name from him. Now having replied, y

I was a Brother of the Red Rose Cross, he both wondered and seemed to rejoice at it;

and then proceeded thus, My Brother have you nothing about you wherewith to purchase a

Token? I answered my ability was small, but if he saw any thing about me he had a mind

to

to, it was at his service. Now he having requested

Philoso: of me my Bottle of water, and I granted it he  
Emitur aqua } gives me a golden Token whereon stood no more  
Tessera. }

Sanctitate } but these two Letters, S. C. intreating me that  
Constantia } when it stood me in good stead, I would -  
Sponsus. } remember him. After which I asked him, how  
Charus. } many were got in before me, which he also told -  
Spes. }  
Charitas. }

Diploma. } a Sealed Letter to the second Porter. Now having  
Secret Letter } lingered some time with him, the Night grew on :  
whereupon a great Beacon upon the Gate was -  
immediately fired, that so if any were still upon  
the way, he might make haste thither. But the  
way where it finished at the Castle, was on both  
sides -

The Castle / sides inclosed with walls, and planted with  
all sorts of excellent Fruit Trees, and still on

5 revolutions } every third Tree on each side Lanthorns were  
discoveries. } hung up, where in all the Candles were already  
lighted with a glorious Torch by a beautifull  
virgo lucis } virgin habited in sky colour, which was so noble  
fita. } and Majestick a Spectacle, that I yet delay'd -

The Lady } somewhat longer than was requisite: But at  
Chamber- } length after sufficient Informations and an  
lain or Con } advantageous Instruction, I friendly departed -  
trouler. } from the first Porter. In the way, though I  
would gladly have knowne what was written in  
my Letter, yet since I had no reason to mistrust the  
Porter, I forbore my purpose, and so went on the  
way



coagulation / way, untill I came likewise to the second Gate, which  
 Porta } although it was very like the other, yet was it adorned  
 secunda } with Images and mystick significations. In the  
 Tabella / affixed Tablet stood Date et dabitur vobis. Under  
 mineral. / this Gate lay a horrible grim Lyon chained, who as-  
 Custos } soon as he espied me arose and made at me with  
 2. Portitor. / great roaring: whereupon the second Porter who  
 lay upon a stone of marble, awaked, and wished  
 me not to be troubled or affrighted, and then drove  
 back the Lion, and having received the Letter -  
 which I with trembling reached him, he read it, &  
 with very great respect spake thus to me; Now  
 welcome in Gods name unto me the man whom  
 of long time I would gladly have seen. Mean  
 while -

Philosoph:

Tessera }  
 emptae }  
 Salis - }

Studio }  
 merentis Sal }  
 humor spon= }  
 so mittendus }  
 Sal mineralis }  
 Sal Menstrualis }

while he also drew out a token, and asked me -  
 whether I could purchase it? But I having  
 nothing else left but my Salt, presented it to -  
 him, which he thankfully accepted. Upon  
 this token again stood only two Letters namely,  
 S. M. Being now just about to enter discourse  
 with him, it began to ring in the Castle, where -  
 upon the Porter counsell'd me to run apace, or  
 else all the pains and labour I had hitherto -  
 taken would serve to no purpose; for the lights  
 above began already to be extinguished; whereupon  
 I dispatched with such haste, that I heeded  
 not the porter, in such anguish was I, and  
 truly it was but necessary for I could not  
 run -

run so fast but that the Virgin, after whom all the  
lights were put out, was at my heels, and I should  
never have found the way, had not she with her  
Torch afforded me some Light, I was moreover  
constrained to enter the very next to her, and the  
Gate was so suddenly clapt to, that a part of my  
Coat was locked out, which I verily was forced to  
leave behind me; for neither I nor they who  
stood ready without, and called at the Gate could  
prevail with the porter to open it again, but he  
delivered the Keys to the Virgin, who took them  
with her into the Court. Mean time I again  
surveyed the Gate which now appeared so  
Rich, as the whole world could not equal it,

Porta  
claudere  
coagulation

Elixir

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Pyramides  
Porta.

Comiseratio  
infortunat.

promissum  
tutoris.

at tincture.

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just by the Door were two Columns, on one of them  
stood a pleasant figure with this Inscription, ~  
Congrator. The other having its Countenance  
~~and~~ veiled, was sad, and beneath was written -  
Condolito. In brieve the Inscriptions and  
figures thereon were so dark and mysterious, that  
the most doctrous man upon Earth could not  
have expounded them. But all this (if God  
permit) I shall so long publish and explain  
Under this Gate I was again to give my name,  
which was this last time written down in a  
little Vellum Book, and immediatly with the  
rest dispatched to the Lord Bridesgroom. Here  
it was where I first received the true Guest  
token

token which was somewhat less than the former,  
but yet much heavier, upon this stood these

Sum perfecta }  
naturalia }  
Salus per }  
naturam }  
Sponsi ma- }  
sentandi }  
nuptijs. }

Letters, S. P. N. Besides this a new pair of  
shoes were given me, for the Floor of the Castle  
was laid with pure shining marble; my old shoes  
I was to give away to one of the poor (whom I would

who sat in throngs, howbeit in very good  
order under the Gate. I then bestowed them on

Comites }  
Pubri. }

an old man: after which two pages with as many

Torches conducted me into a little Room; there

they willed me to sit down on a Form, which I  
did, but they sticking their Torches in two holes

made in the pavement, departed and left me

thus sitting alone. Soon after I heard a noise  
but

but saw nothing, and it proved to be certain men  
who stumbled in upon me; but since I could  
see nothing, I was fain to suffer, and  
attend what they would do with me; but

Belvedere. I presently perceiving them to be Barbers, I inter-  
ceded them not to juggle me so, for I was content to do  
what ever they desired, whereupon they quickly let  
me go, and so one of them (whome I could not yet

Superfluitas }  
Capillus }  
detonsus }  
afferivatus. }

see) fine and gently cut away the Hair round  
about from the Crown of my head, but on my  
Forehead, Ears, and Eyes he permitted my Ice gray  
locks to hang. In this first encounter (I must  
confess) I was ready to despair, for inasmuch as  
some of them shoved me so forwardly, and I could  
yet

yet see nothing, I could think no other but that  
God for my curiosity had suffered me to misery.

Now these invisible Barbers carefully gathered  
up the Hair which was ~~cut~~ cut off and carried it -

*Quiritini.* / away with them. After which the two Pages entered

again, and heartily laughed at me for being so  
terrified. But they had scarce spoken a few -

words with me, when again a little Bell began -

to ring; which (as the pages informed me) was to -

give notice for assembling; whereupon they willed

me to rise, and through many walks Doors and

*Triclivium.* / winding stairs lighted me into a spacious Hall.  
*Bookers.*

In this Room was a great multitude of Guests -

Emperors, Kings, Princes, and Lords, Nobles and Ignoble

Rich -

Rich and poor, and all sorts of people at which  
I hugely marvelled, and thought to my self, ah

mistrust. / how gross a fool hast thou been to engage -

upon this Journey with so much bitterness and

toil, when (behold) here are even those followers -

whom thou well knowest, and yet had never

any reason to esteem. They are now all here, and

thou with all thy Prayers and supplications art -

hardly got in at last. This and more the Devil

at that time injected, whom I notwithstanding -

(as well as I could) directed, to this issue. Mean -

time one or other of my acquaintances here and

spoke to me: Oh Brother Rosnerutz! art -

thou here too; you (my Brother) replied, I, the

Great

impiety.

Impietas  
hospitum  
non recta  
via inq[ui]s-  
sorum.

Violent &  
Sophistic  
operations.

humility.

Impudens  
advances  
modesty  
neglected.

the Grace of God hath helped me in also: at which they raised a mighty Laughter looking upon it as ridiculous that there should be need of God in so slight an occasion. Now having demanded each of them concerning his way, and found that most were forced to clamber over the Rocks, certain Trumpets (none which we yet saw) began to sound to the Table, whereupon they all seated themselves, every one as he judged himself above the Rest; so that for me and some other sorry fellows there was hardly a little Nook left at the lowermost Table. Presently the two pages entered, and one of them said Grace in so handsome, and excellent a manner as enjoyed the very heart in my body. Howbeit

Quidam  
præces  
negligunt.  
Dixit ridi-  
culum.

Emissatio.

Ministri  
invisibiles.

Inebriatorum  
gloratio vana.

Howbeit, certain great S.<sup>r</sup> Johns made but little reckoning of them, but floured & winked one at another, biting their Lips within their Hats, & using more the like unseemly gestures. After this meat was brought in, and albeit none could go soon, yet every thing was so orderly managed, that it seemed to me as if every Guest had had his proper Attendant. Now my Artists having somewhat recruited themselves, and the Wine having a little removed shame from their hearts, they presently began to vaunt & brag of their abilities: one would prove this, another that, and commonly the most sorry Idiots made the loudest noise. Ah when I call to mind what



what preternatural and impossible enterprises I -  
then heard, I am still ready to vomit at it. In -  
fine they never kept <sup>in</sup> their order, but when ever one  
cheat. Rascal here, another there, could insinuate him -  
self in between the Nobles; then pretended they  
the finishing of such adventures as neither Sampson,  
nor yet Hercules with all their strength could ever  
have atchiev'd: This would discharge Atlas of -  
his burthen; the other would again draw forth  
the three headed Cerberus out of Hell. In brief,  
every man had his own prate, and yet the great  
Lords were so simple that they believed their  
pretences, and the Rogues so audacious, that altho -  
one or other of them was here and there rapped

catcht in }  
his roguery }

over

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over the fingers with a knife, yet they flinch'd not  
at it; but when any one perchance had filch'd  
a Gold Chain, then would all hazard for the  
like. I saw one who heard the rustling  
of the Heavens: The second could see Plato's  
Ideas. A third could number Democritus's  
Atoms. There was also not a few pretenders  
to the perpetual motion. Many a one (in  
my opinion) had good understanding but assumed  
too to much to himselfe to his own destruction.  
Lastly, there was one also who would needs out  
of hand persuade us that he saw the Servitors  
who attended, and would still have pursued his  
contention, had not one of those Invisible waiters

boasting }  
Impostors }

Minister }  
Invisibles }

reach'd

reached him so handsome a cuff upon his lying  
muzzle; that not only he but many who were  
by him, became as mute as mice. But it best of  
all pleased me; that all those; of whom I had any  
esteem were very quiet in their business, and made  
no loud outcry of it, but acknowledged themselves

modestia  
proborum  
hominum.

to be misunderstanding men to whom the mysteries  
of Nature were too high, and they themselves much

Impatience } too small. In this Tumult I had almost --

curst the day wherein I came hither; for I could --

not but with anguish behold that those loud, vain

people were above at the Board but I in so sorry a

place could not, however rest in quiet, one of those

scorned by } Rascals scornfully reproaching me for a motly Fool.  
ignorant. } Now

Now I thought not that there was <sup>yet</sup> any Gate behind  
through which we must pass, but imagined I was --  
during the whole Wedding, to continue in this scorn  
contempt and indignity, which yet I had at no time

deserved, either of the Lord Bridegroom or the Bride;

And therefore (in my opinion) he should have done --

well to have sought out some other Fool to his

Wedding than me. Behold to such impatience

Impatientia  
ex iniquitate  
hominum.

} both the Iniquity of this world reduce simple --

hearts. But this really was one part of my

lament, whereof as, is before mentioned I dreamed.

And truly this clamor the longer it lasted, the

more it increased. For there was already --

those who boasted of false and imaginary Visions,  
and

It would persuade us of palpably lying Dreams.

Ascepor }  
modestus }

Now there sat by me a very fine quiet Man,  
who oftentimes discoursed of excellent matters, at  
length he said Behold my Brother, if any one  
should now come who were willing to instruct

these blockish people in the right way, would he  
be heard? No, verily, replied I. The word,

Mundus }  
vult }  
decepi: }

said he is now resolved (what ever comes on it)  
to be cheated and cannot abide to give ears  
to those who intend its good. Seest thou also

that same Cockscomb with what whimsical  
figures and foolish Conceits he allures others to  
him. There one makes Mouths at the people

with unheard of Mysterious Words. Yet  
believe

believe me in this, the time is now coming

when those shamefull Vizards shall be plucked  
off, and all the World shall know what  
Vagabonds Impostors were concealed behind  
them, then perhaps that will be valued  
which at present is not esteemed.

Whilst he was thus speaking, and the Clamour  
the longer it lasted, the worse it was, all  
on a sudden there began in the Hall such  
excellent and stately Musick as all the

musica. /

Days of my life I never heard the like; —  
whereupon every one held his peace, &  
attended what would become of it: Now  
there was in this Musick all sorts of stringed  
Instruments



Instruments imaginables, which sounded together

Power of musick and harmony.

in such harmony, that I forgot my selfe and sat

so unmovably, that those that sat by me were

amazed at me, and this lasted now halfe an

hour, wherein none of vs spoke one word,

For as soon as ever any one was about to open

Multa non attenti dentium.

his mouth he got an unexpected blow, neither

knew he from whence it came: Me thought

since we were not permitted to see the Mu-

sicians, I should have been glad to view only

all the Instruments they made use of.

After halfe an hour this Musick ceased

unexpectedly, and we could neither see

nor heare any thing further.

Presently

Presently after before the Door of the Hall

began a great noise sounding and beating of

Trumpets, Shams and Kettles Drums, also Master

like, as if the Emperour of Rome had been

entering: whereupon the Door opened of it selfe

and then the noise of the Trumpets was so

loud that we were hardly able to endure

it. Mean while (to my thinking) many

thousands small Tapers) came into the hall,

all which of themselves marched in so very

exact an order, as altogether amazed us, till

at last the two fore mentioned Pages with bright

Faculae ad lectum.

Lights of reason.

Virgo Luciferia The Lady Chamberlain or Controller

Torches, lighting in a most beautiful Virgin,

all drawn on a gloriously gilded Triumphant

Selfe

Self-moving Throns entered the Hall. It seemed to  
me she was the very same who before on the way  
kindled, and put out the lights, and that these her  
Attendants were the very same whom she formerly  
placed at the Trees. She was not now as before in  
albedo. / Sky-colour, but arrayed in a snow white glittering  
Robe, which sparkled of pure Gold, and cast  
such a lustre that we durst not steadily behold it  
Both the Pages were after the same manner habited  
(albeit somewhat more slightly) as soon as  
they were come into the middle of the Hall,  
and were descended from the Throne, all the  
small Tapers made obeisance before her: —  
Whereupon we all stood up from our Benches,  
yet

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yet every one staid in his own place.

Now she having to us, and we again to her, showed  
all respect and Reverence in a most pleasant Tone  
she began thus to speak.

Salubatoria?  
Hospitium }

♁ Philosoph:

The King my Lord most gracious,  
Who now's not very far from <sup>us</sup> ~~hence~~

♀ Philosoph:

As also his most lovely Brides,  
To him in truth and honour tied;  
Already with great Joy indu'd,  
Have your arrival hither view'd:  
And do to every one, and all  
Promise their Grace in Special;  
And from their very hearts desires,  
You

You may it at this time acquire;

That so their future Nuptial Joy

May mixed be with nones annoy.

Hereupon with all her small Tapers she again

courteously bowed and presently after began

thus —

Propositio }  
Actionis }

In th<sup>e</sup> Invitation writ; you know

That no man called was hereto

Who of Gods rarest Gifts good store

Had not received long before,

Adorned with all requisits,

As in such cases it befits,

How though they cannot well conceit

That any mans so desperate,

Under Conditions so hard,

How to intrude without regard;

Unless he have been first of all,

Prepared for this Nuptial;

And therefore in good hopes do dwell

That with all you it will be well;

Yst men are grown so bold, and rude;

Not weighing their ineptitude,

As still to thrust themselves in place

Where to none of them called was:

No Cocks Comb how himselfe may sell,

No Rascall in with others steal;

For they resolve without all let

A Wedding pure to celebrate.

So then —

Probatio  
Artificum. }

Examination  
of the Candi:  
Dates. — }

So then the Artists for to weigh,  
Scales shall be fixt th' ensuing Day;  
Wherby each one may lightly finde  
What he hath left at home behind.  
If here be any of that Rout  
Who have good cause themselves to doubt,  
Let him pack quickly hence aside;  
For that in case he longer tides,  
Of grace foretorn, is quite undone  
Betimes he must the Gantlet run:  
If any now his Conscience gall  
He shall to night be left in th' Hall  
And be again releas'd by morn,  
Yet so he hithe'r ne'er returns.

If—

If any man have confidence,  
He with his waiter may go hence,  
Who shall him to his Chamber light  
Where he may rest in peace to night,  
And there with praise await the Scales  
Or else his sleep may chance to fail.  
The others here may take it well,  
For who aim's bene what's possible,  
'T were better much he hence had pass'd  
But of you all we'd hope the best.

As soon as she had done speaking this, she  
again made reverence and sprung cheerfully  
into her Throne, after which the Trumpets  
began again to sound, which yet was not of  
force to

take from many their grievous sighs  
so they again conducted her invisibly  
away, but the most part of the small  
Tapers remained in the Room, and  
still one of them accompanied each  
of us. In such perturbation tis  
not well possible to express what  
pensive Thoughts & gestures were  
amongst us. Yet the most part resolved  
to await the Scale, and in case things  
sorted not well, to depart (as they hoped)  
in peace. I had soon cast up my reckoning  
and being my Conscience convicted me of all  
Ignorance and unworthiness I purposed to  
stay.

Autos  
humiliat se }

stay with the rest in the Hall, and choose  
much rather to content my selfe with  
the Meal I had already taken, than to  
run the Risk of a future repulse.  
Now after that every one by his small  
Taper had severally been conducted into  
a Chamber (such as I since understood into a  
peculiar one) These staid nine of us &  
amongst the rest he also, who discoursed  
with me before at the Table. But  
although our small Tapers left us not  
yet soon after within an hours time,  
one of the four mentioned pages came in  
and bringing a great bundle of Cards  
with



with him, first demanded of us whether  
we had concluded to stay there, which  
when we had with sighs affirmed, he desired  
each of us in a severall place and so went  
away with our small apers, and left us  
poor wretches in darkness. Then first  
began some to perceive the eminent danger,  
and I my self could not refrain tears.  
For although we were not <sup>for</sup> bidden to speak,  
yet anguish and affliction suffered none of us  
to utter one word. For the cords were so  
wonderfully made yet none could cut them,  
much less get them off his foot: yet this  
comforted me, that still the future gain of  
many

Connotatio?  
tuffis.

Somnium  
Tupicum

What will be  
the issue of  
the probatory  
Rodem. How  
climbs high  
hath a great  
fall

-----  
a one who had not now betaken himself  
to rest, would prove very little to his  
satisfaction. But we by <sup>our</sup> only  
Nights Penance might expiate all our  
presumption: till at length in my sorrow full  
thoughts I fell asleep; during which I had  
a Dream; Now although there be no  
great matter in it, yet I esteem it not  
importinent to recount it: Methought I  
was upon an high Mountain, and saw before  
me a large & great Valley, in this Valley  
In this Valley was gathered together an  
unspeakable multitude of people such of  
which had at his head a thread by which  
he way

hanging up towards Heaven, now one-  
hung high and the low, some stood even-  
humble / quite upon the earth. But in the air  
there flew up and down an ancient man  
who had in hand a pair of shears, where  
with he cut one's, and there another  
threads. Now he that was nigh the Earth  
was so much the easier, and fell with-  
out noise, but when it hapned to one of  
presumptuous / the high ones, he fell so that the Earth-  
quaked. To some it came to pass that  
presumption / their threads was so stretched, that they came  
so abated / to the Earth before the thread was cut.  
I took pleasure in this tumbling, & it joyed  
me

me at the heart, when he that had over-  
exalted himself in the air, of his  
Wedding, got so thankfull a fall, that  
it carried even some of his Neighbours  
along with him. In like manner it  
also rejoiced me, that he who had all  
this while kept himself near the earth  
could come down so gently  
that even his next men perceived it  
not. But being now in my highest fit  
Exposition / of Jollity, I was unawares jogged by one  
of my fellow Captives, upon which I was  
awaked and was very much discontented  
with him; Howbeit I considered my dream  
and

and recounted it to my brother, who lay  
by me on the other side; who was not  
dissatisfied with it, but hoped, some Comfort  
might thereby be pretended. In such discourse  
we spent the remaining part of the night,  
and with longing expected the Day.

## The Third Day

Now as soon as the lovely day was  
broken, and the bright Sun, having raised  
himself above the Hills, had again  
betaken himself, in the high Heaven, to  
his appointed Office; My good Champions  
began to

Colloquium  
Surgontium

39  
to rise out of their beds, and leisurely to make  
themselves ready unto the Inquisition, whereupon  
one after another, they came again into the Hall  
and giving us a good morrow, demanded  
how we had slept to night; and having desired  
our Bonds, there were some that reproved us  
for being so cowardly, and that we had not  
(much rather) as they, hazarded upon all  
adventures. Howbeit some of them whose  
Hearts still smote them made no loud cry of the  
business. We excused our selves with our  
ignorance, hoping we should now soon be set  
at liberty, and loosed wit by this disgrace? that  
they on the contrary had not yet altogether  
escaped.

Escaped, and perhaps their greatest danger was still to be expected: At length each one being Cantus. / again assembled, The Trumpets began now again to sound and the Kettle Drums to beat as formerly, and we then imagined no other but that the Bridegroom was ready to present himself; which nevertheless ~~was~~ was a huge mistake. For it was

Virgo Luciferia  
The Lady Chamberlain  
or Controuler

again the Yesterdays Virgin, who had arrayed her selfe all in red Velvet, and girded her selfe with a white Scarfe. Upon her Head she had a green Wreath of Laurel, which hugely became her. Her train was now no more of small of Tapes but consisted of two hundred Men in Harness, who

multiplicity / were all (like her) clothed in red and white  
Now as soon as they were alighted from the Throne, she comes straight to us prisoners, and after she had Saluted us she said in few words, That some of you have been sensible of your wretched condition. is hugely pleasing to my most mighty Lord, and he is also resolved you shall fare the better for it; And having spied me in my Habit, she laughed and spake, good-lack! haste thou also submitted to the yoke; I imagined thou wouldst have made thy selfe very smug with which words she caused my eyes to run over after which comanded we should be unbound, and cuppled together and placed in a

Solatur  
humilis.



Hermes Nuptials &c.

every band chose one for their proper weight;  
and then again sprang up into her high Throne  
Now as soon as she had made her reverence,  
with a very shrill Tone she began thus to speak:

Who int<sup>r</sup> a painters room does go.

And nothing does of painting know,

Yet does in prating thereof, pride it;

Shall be of all the world derided.

Who into th<sup>r</sup> Artists order goes;

And thereunto was never cho<sup>s</sup>e

Yet with pretence of skill does pride it;

Shall be of all the World derided.

Who at a Wedding does appear,

And yet was never intended there;  
yet.

in a station where we might well behold the  
Scales. For said she, it may yet fare better, than will  
the presumptuous, who yet stands here at Liberty

tibia aurea. / Meane time the Scales which were intirely of Gold  
were hung up in the midst of the Hall; There was  
also a little Table covered with red Velvet, and

7. pondera } seven weights placed thereon First of all stood  
7. virtuos. } a pretty great one, next four little ones; lastly two  
great ones severally; And these Weights in propor

tion to their bulke were so heavy that no man  
can believe or comprehend it: But each of the

Satellites. } Harnised men had together with a naked sword  
a strong rope; these the distributed according to the  
Number of weights into seven bands, and out of  
every band



~~And~~ Yet does in coming highly pride it;

Shall be of all the world decided.

Who now into this Scale ascends,

The Weights not proving his fast Friends,

And that it bounces so does ride it

Shall be of all the World decided.

Ponderantur } As soon as the Virgin had done speaking, one of the  
Artificers } pages commanded each one to place himself according

to his order, and one after another to step in

1. Caesar. } which one of the Emperors made no scruple-  
of, but first of all bowed himself a little

towards the Virgin, and afterwards in all his stately  
attire went up: whereupon each Captain laid in

his weight; which (to the wonder of all) he  
stood

stood out. But the last was too heavy for him  
so that forth he must; and that with such  
anguish that (as it seemed to me) the Virgin  
her selfe had pittie on him, who also beckned  
to her people to hold their peace, yet was the  
good Emperour bound and delivered over to the

2. Caesar.

Sixth band. Next him again came forth  
another Emperour, who stepped hautilly into the  
Scale, and having a great thick book under

Dan. 5 }

his Gowne, he imagined not to fail; but being  
scarcely able to abide the third Weight, and being  
unmercifully flung down, and his Book in that  
affrightment slipping from him, all the Soldiers  
began to laugh, and he was delivered up bound to  
the third

3. alij }  
Caesars }

band. Thus it went also with some others of the Emperours, who were all shamefully laughed at & captived.

4. Caesar - }  
probatissimus }

After these comes forth a little short man with a curld brown Beard an Emperour too, who after the usual routines got up also and held out so steadfastly, that methought, had there been more weights ready, he would have outstood them; To whom the Virgin immediately arose, and bowed before him, causing him to put on a Gown of red Velvet, and at last reached him a branch of Laurel, having good store of them upon her Throne, upon the Steps whereof she willed him to sit down.

Now how, after him it fared with the rest of the

Emperours, Kings and Lords, would be too long to recount; but I cannot leave unmentioned, y<sup>e</sup> few of those great personages held out. Howbeit sundry eminent Vertues (beyond my hopes) - were found in many. One could stand out this, the second another, some two, some three, four or five, but few could attain to the just perfection; but every one who failed, was miserably laughed at by the bands.

After the Inquisition had also passed over the Gentry, the learned and the unlearned, & the rest, and in each condition perhaps one, it may be, two, but for the most part none, was found perfect, it came at length to these honest Gentlemen

Proba  
falsariorum }

Gentlemen, the Vagabond Cheaters, and rascally-  
Lapidem Spitalauficum makers, who were set  
upon the Scale with such Scorn, that I my self  
for all my Grief was ready to burst my belly  
with laughing, neither could the very prisoners  
themselves refrain. For the most part could  
not abide that severe triall, but with whips and  
scourges were jerked out of the Scales, and led  
to the other prisoners, yst to a suitable band.  
Thus of so great a throng so few remained, that  
I am ashamed to discover their Number.

Nobiles  
nihilominus  
ornantur. }

Howbeit there were Persons of quality also  
amongst them, who notwithstanding were (like  
the rest) honoured with velvet Robes and  
wraths

wraths of Lawrell.

The Inquisition being compleatly finished, and  
now but wt poor coupled hounds standing aside;  
at length, one of the Captains stepped forth, and  
~~stepped~~ said Gracious Madam, if it please your  
Ladyship let these poor men, who acknowledged  
their misunderstanding, be set upon the scales  
also without their incurring any danger of  
penalty, and only for recreation's sake, if  
perchance any thing that is right may be found  
amongst them.

Proon  
Humilium }

diffidence.

In the first place I was in great perplexity  
for in my anguish this was my only comfort, that  
I was not to stand in such ignominy, or to be  
lashed

lashed out of the scale. For I nothing doubted -  
but that many of the prisoners wished that they -  
had stayed ten nights with us in the Hall. Yet  
since the Virgin consented, so it must be, and we  
being untied were one after another set up: Now  
although the most part misarrived, yet they were  
neither laught at, nor scourged, but peartably -  
placed on one side.

My Companion was the  
fifth, who held out bravely, whereupon all, but  
especially the Captain who made the request for  
us, applauded him, and the Virgin showed him  
the usuall respect. After him again two -  
more were dispatched, in an instant. But I -

was the Eight; Now as soon as (with trembling)  
I stepped

socius ?  
autoris. }

Autor 8. }  
us?

I stepped up, my Companion who already sat -  
by in his Velvet, looked friendly upon me; and  
the Virgin her selfe smiled a little. But  
for as much as I out stayed all the weights,  
the Virgin commanded them to draw me up by -  
force, wherefore three men hung on the other -  
side of the Beam, and yet could nothing pre -  
vail. Whereupon one of the pages immediately -  
stood up, and cryed out exceeding loud THAT'S  
HE; upon which the other replied, Then let  
him gain his Liberty, which the Virgin accorded;  
and being received with due Ceremonies, the  
choice was given me to release one of the Captives,  
whosoever I pleased; whereupon I made no longer  
deliberation

That's he. /

Probabilissimus. /

Liberat- }  
1. Caesarum }

but slaked the first Emperour whom I had long-  
pitted, who was immediately set free, and with all-  
respect seated amongst us. Now the last being set  
up, and the Weights proving too heavy for him, in

Actus 20am }  
Suam Donat }  
virgini. }

the mean while the Virgin espied my Rosts, w.<sup>ch</sup>  
I had taken out of my hat into my hands, and  
therupon presently by her Page graciously  
requested them of me which I readily sent her.

Hora 10. }  
Actus. 1. }

And so this first Act was finished about 10 in-  
the forenoon. Wherupon the Trumpets began  
to sound again, which notwithstanding we could not  
as yet see. Mean time the Bands were to step  
aside with their prisoners, and expect the Judgment.  
after which a Council of the Seven Captains and -  
us -

us was set, and the business was propounded by  
the Virgin as president, how the prisoners were  
to be dealt with.

judicium de }  
reprobatis }

The first opinion was, That they should all be  
put to death, yet one more severely than another;  
namely those who had presumptuously intruded  
themselves contrary to the express conditions;  
others would have them kept close prisoners. Both  
which pleased neither the president nor me:

Retum 1. d

Retum 2. d

At length by one of the Emperours (the same whom  
I had freed) my Companion and myself  
the affair was brought to this point; That first  
of all the principall Lords should with a befitting  
respect be led out of the Castle; others might  
be -

3.



be carried, out somewhat more scornfully.

*Punishments due to Country* Those should be stripped, and caused to run out

naked. The fourth with Rods, whips, or dogs,

should be hunted out. Those who the day before

willingly surrendered themselves, might be suffered

to depart without any blame. And last of all

those presumptuous ones, and they who behaved

themselves so unbecomingly at Dinner the Day before,

should be punished in body and life according

to each mans demerit. This opinion pleased

the Virgin well, and obtained the upper hand.

There was moreover another Dinner vouchsafed

them, which they were soon acquainted with.

But the Execution was deferred till 12 at  
noon

noon. Here with the Senate arose, and the

Virgin also, together with her attendants returned

to her usual quarter. But the Execution was

~~deferred till twelve at noon. It was the Senate~~

~~arose, and the Virgin also together with her~~

~~attendants returned to her usual quarter. But~~

the uppermost Table in this Room was allotted to

us, they requesting us to take it in good part till

the business were fully dispatched. And then we

should be conducted to the Lord Brides-groom, and

the Bride, with which we were at present well

content. Meane time the prisoners were again

Prandium. / brought into the Hall and each man seated

according to his quality; they were likewise  
injoined

enjoyed to behave themselves, somewhat more civilly  
 than they had done the day before, which yet they  
 needed not to have been admonished for without  
 this they had already put up their pipes. And  
 this I can boldly say, not with flattery, but in  
 the love of truth; that commonly those persons  
 who were of the highest rank, best understood  
 how to behave themselves in so unexpected a  
 misfortune. Their Treatment was but indifferent,  
 yet with respect neither yet could they <sup>yet see their</sup> Attendants  
 but to us they were visible; whereas I was exceeding  
 joyfull: Now although Fortune had exalted us  
 yet we took not upon us more than the rest, advising  
 them to be of good cheer, the event would not be so  
 ill

Ministri  
 invisibiles  
 visibiles }

Procerum  
 exaltatio }

Remuneratio  
 a Sponso }

Now although they would gladly have understood  
 the sentences of us, yet we were so deeply  
 obliged that none durst open his mouth about  
 it. Nevertheless we comforted them as  
 well as we could, drinking with them to try  
 if the wine might make them any thing  
 cheerfuller.  
 Our Table was covered with red velvet, beset  
 with drinking Cups of pure silver and Gold,  
 which the rest could not behold without  
 amazement and very great anguish. But  
 ere we had seated our selves, in came the  
 two pages, presenting every one in the Bridgroom  
 behalfe, the Golden Fleece, with a flying  
 Lyon—

Lyon requesting us to wear them at the Table, -  
 and as became us to observe the Reputation and  
 Dignity of the Order, which his Majesty had now  
 vouchsafed us, and should suddenly be  
 ratified with suitable Ceremonies. This we  
 received with profoundest submission, promising  
 obediently to perform whatsoever his Majesty  
 should please. Besides these, the noble Page  
 had a Schedule; wherein we were set down  
 in order. And for my part I should not  
 otherwise be desirous to conceal my place; -  
 if perchance it might not be interpreted to  
 Pride in me, which yet is expressly against  
 the fourth weight. Now because our  
 entertainment

entertainment was exceeding stately, we demanded  
 one of the pages, whether we might not have  
 leave to send some choice bit to our Friends and  
 Acquaintance, who making no difficulty of it -  
 gave me sent plentifully to his acquaintances  
 by the waiters howbeit they saw none of  
 them; and forasmuch as they know not  
 whence it came, I was my selfe desirous to  
 carry somewhat to one of them, but as soon  
 as I was risen, ~~was~~ one of the Waiters was  
 presently at my foots Elbow, saying, He desired  
 me to take friendly warning, for in case one of  
 the pages had seen it, it would have come to the  
 Kings ear, who would certainly have taken it  
 away -

Autori  
 denegante  
 communicatio  
 erga reprobat.

because  
 against  
 virtue of  
 verity.

amidst of me; but since none had observed it but  
 himself, he purpos'd not to betray me; but that  
 I ought for this time to come to have better regard  
 to the dignity of the order: with which words the  
 servant did really so astonish me, that for a long  
 time after I scarce mov'd upon my seat, yet I  
 returned him thanks for his faithfull warning  
 as well as in haste and affrightment I was able  
 Soon after the Drums began to beat again,  
 to which we were already accustomed: For  
 we will know it was the Virgin, wherefore we  
 prepared our selves to receive her, who was now  
 coming in with her usuall Train upon her  
 high Seat, one of the pages bearing before her  
 a very

Virgo  
 Lucifera the  
 Lady  
 Chamberlain  
 or Controulle

Calix  
 obambulans.

Ornatus  
 Virginis.

a very tall Goblet of Gold. And the other a  
 Patent in parchment: Being now after a  
 marvellous artificial manner alighted from the  
 Seat, she takes the Goblet from the Page, and  
 presents the same in the Kings behalf, saying, That  
 it was brought us from his Majesty, and that in  
 honour of him we should cause it to go round.  
 Upon the Cover of this Goblet stood Fortune,  
 curiously cast in Gold, who had in her hand a  
 red flying Ensign, for which cause I drank some  
 what the more sadly, as having been but too  
 well acquainted with Fortunes waywardness.  
 But the Virgin as well as we, was adorned with  
 the Golden Fleece and Lyon, whome I observed  
 that

That perhaps she was the president of the order  
 Wherof we demanded of her how the Order  
 might be named? She answered that it was not  
 yet reasonable to discover it, till the affair with  
 the prisoners was dispatched. And therefore  
 their eyes were still hold; and what had hitherto  
 hapned to us, was to them only for an offence and  
 scandal, although it were to be accounted as  
 nothing, in regard of the honour that attended  
 us. Hereupon she began to distinguish the

Patent which the other pages hold into two  
 different parts, out of which about thus much  
 was read before the first Company.

That they should confess that they had too  
 lightly

Reprobi  
 dividuntur }

Accusatio  
 inus partis }

Affectibus  
 mundanis }

lightly given credit to false fictitious Books,  
 had assumed too much to themselves, and so  
 came into this Castle, albeit they were never  
 invited into it; and perhaps the most part  
 had presented themselves with design to  
 make their Markets here; and afterward  
 to live in the greater Pride and Lordlings;  
 And thus one had seduced another, & plunged  
 him into this disgrace and ignominy, wherof  
 they were deservedly to be soundly punished.

Which they with great humility readily  
 acknowledged, and gave their hands upon it.  
 After which a severer check was given to the  
 rest much after this purpose.

That



Altrius?  
partis.

That they very well know, and were in their  
consciences convinced. that they had forged false  
fictitious Books, had befooled others, and cheated  
them, and thereby had diminished Regal dignity  
amongst all. They know in like manner —  
what ungodly deceitfull Figures they had  
made use of, in so much as they spared not  
even the Divine Trinity, but accustomed  
to cheat people all this Country over. It was  
also now as clear as Day with what practices  
they had indavoured to encrease the true  
Guests, and introduce the ignorant: in like  
manner, that it was manifest to all the  
world that they wallowed in open Whoredoms  
Adultery

Adultery, Gluttony and other Vice Bancesses.  
All which was against the express Orders —  
of our Kingdoms. In brief they know they  
had disparaged Kingly Majesty, even amongst  
the comon sort, and therefore they should  
confess themselves to be manifest convicted,  
Vagabond Cheaters, Knaves and Rascalls whereby  
they deserved to be cashiered from the company  
of civil people and severely to be punished

Confessio  
invita.

The good Artists were loath to come to  
this Confession, but in as much as not only  
the Virgin her self threatened and swore  
their Death, but the other party also vehement-  
ly raged at them, and unanimously cried  
out

out, that they had most wickedly seduced them  
out of the Light: they at length, to prevent a  
huge misfortune, confessed the same with  
with dolour, and yst withall alledged that  
what had herein happened was not to be  
animadverted upon them in the worst sense  
Excusatio. / For in as much as the Lords were absolutely  
resolved to get into the Castle, and had  
promised great Sums of money to that  
effect, each one had used all Craft to seize  
upon something, and so things were brought  
to that pass, as was now manifest before  
their Eyes. But that it succeeded not,  
cc They in their opinion had deserved  
no

cc no more than the Lords themselves; As  
cc who should have had so much understanding  
cc as to consider that in case any one had  
cc been seerd of getting in, he would not, in  
cc so great Peril, for the sake of a slight  
cc gain, have clambered over the wall with  
them. / Their Books also sold so mightily;  
that whoever had no other mean to maintain  
himselfe was faine to engage in such a Course  
They hoped moreover, that if a right Judgment  
were made, they should be found no way to  
have miscarried, as having behaved themselves  
towards the Lords, as becoms Servants, upon  
cc their earnest entreaty. But Answer was  
made them

them that his Royal Majesty had determined  
 to punish all and every man, albeit one more  
 severely than another. For although what had  
 been alledged by them was partly true, and  
 therefore the Lords should not wholly be indulged,  
 yet they had good reason to prepare themselves  
 for Death, who had so presumptuously obtruded  
 themselves, and perhaps seduced the more  
 ignorant against their will; As likewise  
 they who with false Books had violated  
 Royal Majesty, as the same might be evinced  
 out of their very writings and Books.

Dolor de  
 Sententia.

It was upon many began most piteously to lament  
 cry weep, intreat, and prostrate themselves, all  
 which

Executio  
 Sententiaru.

which notwithstanding could avail them nothing,  
 and I much marvelled how the Virgin could  
 be so resolute; when yet their misery caused  
 our Eyes to run over, and moved our Compassion  
 (although the most part of them had  
 procured us much trouble; and vexation)  
 For she presently dispatched her Page, who  
 brought with him all the Curiaffiors which  
 had this day been appointed at the Scales,  
 who were comanded each of them to take his  
 own to him, and in an orderly procession, so  
 as still each Curiaffior should go with one of  
 the prisoners, to conduct them into her great  
 Garden. At which time each one so exactly  
 recognised

recognised his own man, that I marvelled at it:

Leaves also was likewise given to my Yesterday,

Companions to go out into the Garden unbound,

and to be present at the Execution of the sentences.

*Speditores.* / Now as soon as every man was come forth,

The Virgin mounted up into her High Throne,

requesting us to sit down upon the Steps, and

to appear at the Judgment, which we refused.

not, but left all standing upon the Table (except

the Goblet which the Virgin committed to the Pages-

keeping) and went forth in our Robes upon

the Throne, which of it self moved so gently

as if we had passed in the Air, till in this

manner we came into the Garden where we

crossed.

*Hortus.* /

crossed altogether. This Garden was not

extraordinary curious only it pleased me that

the Trees were planted in so good order. Besides

there ran in it a most costly Fountain, adorned

with wonderfull Figures and Inscriptions, &

strange Characters whereof you shall have an

Account with their Explanation. In this Garden

was raised a wooden Scaffold, hung about with

figured Coverlets which were curiously painted.

Now there were four Galleries made one over

another, the first was more glorious than any

of the rest, and therefore covered with a white

Taffata Curtain; so that at that time we

could not perceive who was behind it.

The

The second was empty and uncovered. Again the two last were covered with red & blue Taffeta. Now as soon as we were come to the Scaffold, The Virgin bowed her self down to the ground at which we were mightily terrified: For we might easily guess that the King and Queen must not be far off; Now we also having dutely performed our Reverences. The Virgin led us up by the winding staires into the second Gallery, where she placed her self uppermost, and vs in our former Order. But how the Emperour whom I had released, behav'd himself towards me, both at this time, as also before at the Table, I cannot without slaunder of wicked

Gratitudo  
Caesaris  
regis  
liberatorum.

Præcomissa

Fama

Oratio ad  
iudicandos.

wicked Tongues well relate. For he might well imagine in what Anguish and Sollicitude he now should have been, in case he were at present to attend the Judgment with such ignominy, & that only through me he had now attained such Dignity and Worthiness. Mean time the Virgin who first of all brought me the Invitation, and whom hitherto I had never since ~~yet~~ seen stepped in; First she gave one blast upon her Trumpet, and then with a very loud voice declared the sentence in this manner. The Kings Majesty my most gracious Lord could from his heart wish that all and every one



one how assembled, had upon his Majesties  
Invitation presented themselves so qualified  
as that they might (to his honour) with  
greatest frequency have adorned this his  
appointed Nuptials and joyfull Feast.  
But since it hath otherwise pleased Almighty  
God, his Majesty hath not whosat to murmur  
but must be forced contrary to his own  
Inclination, to abide by the ancient and  
laudable Constitutions of this Kingdom  
But now, that his Majesty's innate Clemency  
may be celebrated over all the world, he  
hath thus far absolutely dealt with his Councils  
and Estates that the usual Sentence shall be  
considerably

Sheet 3

sententia  
magnatum }

Hermes Nuptials &c

considerably lenified. So that in the first  
place he is willing to vouchsafe to the Lords and  
Potentates, not only their lives intirely, but also  
freely and frankly to dismiss them; friendly  
and courtiously intreating your Lordships  
not at all to take it in evil part that you cannot  
be present at his Majesties Feast of Honour;  
but to remember that there is notwithstanding  
more imposed upon your Lordships by God  
Almighty (who in the distribution of his  
Gifts hath an incomprehensible Consideration)  
then you can duly and easily sustain.  
Neither is your Reputation hereby prejudiced,  
although you be rejected by this our Order,  
since

since we cannot at once all of vs do all things.  
But for as much as your Lordships have been  
seduced by base rascals, it shall not on our part  
passe unreuenged. And furthermore his  
Majesty resolveth shortly to communicate with  
your Lordships a Catalogue of Hersticks or Index  
Expurgatorius that you may henceforward be able  
with better Judgment discern between the good  
and the Evil. And because his Majesty  
is long also purposeth to rumage his Library  
and offer up the seductive Writings to Vulcan  
he friendly, humbly and courtously intreats  
every one of your Lordships to put the same in  
Execution with your own, whereby it is to be  
hoped

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hoped that all evil and mischief may for this time  
to come be remedied. And you are withall to  
be admonished, never henceforth to be inconfidant  
to covet an Entrance hither, least the former  
excuse of Seducers be taken from you, and  
you fall into Disgrace and Contempt with all  
men. In fine for as much as the Estates  
of the Land have still somewhat to demand  
of your Lordships, his Majesty hopes that no  
man will think much to redeeme himself  
with a Chain or what else he hath about him,  
and so in friendly manner to depart from vs  
and through our safe conduct to betake  
himselfe home again.

The  
others

Sententia }  
2.

The others who stood not at the first, third, and fourth Weight, his Majesty will not so lightly dismiss. But that they also may now experience his Majesty's gentleness, it is his command, to strip them stark naked and so send them forth.

3. Those who in the second and fifth weight were found too light shall besides Stripping shall be noted with one, two, or more Brand marks, according as each one was lighter or heavier.

4. They who were drawn up by the sixth or seventh, and not by the rest shall be somewhat more graciously dealt withall and so forward.

forward.. For unto every Combination — there was a certain punishment ordained — which were here too long to recount:

5. They who yesterday separated themselves — freely of their own accord shall go out at Liberty without any blame.

6. Finally, the convicted Vagabond Cheaters — who could move up none of the Weights — shall as occasion serves be punished in Body and Life, with the Sword, Halter — water and rods. And such Execution of Judgment shall be inviolably observed for an Example unto others.

Herewith our Virgin broke her Wand, —  
and

they stood severally before us, so I diligently —  
 numbered and noted them down in my Table —  
 Book; and it is very admirable that amongst  
 all those who weighed any thing, none was —  
 equal to another. For although amongst those  
 who weighed three, there were thirty five; yet  
 one of them weighed the first, second and third,  
 another the third, fourth and fifth / a third, —  
 the fifth, sixth and seventh, and so on. It is —  
 likewise very wonderful that amongst one —  
 hundred twenty six who weighed any thing, none  
 was equal to another; And I would very —  
 willingly name them all with each mans weight  
 were it not as yet forbidden me, But hereafter —  
 I shall —

Prædictatis }  
 addi. }

and His other who read the Sentence blowed  
 her Trumpet and stepped with most profound  
 Reverence towards those who stood behind  
 the Curtain. But by the way Observe the  
 Number of our Prisoners; of whom those who  
 weighed one were seven; those who weighed two  
 were twenty one, they who three, thirty five,  
 they who ~~four~~ four 35; those who five, twenty  
 one; those who six, seven; but he that came  
 to the seventh, and yet could not well raise it,  
 He was only one, and indeed the same whom I  
 released. Besides, of them who wholly failed  
 there were many. But of those who drew all the  
 weights from the ground, but few, And those as  
 they

Finis }  
 habiti }  
 judicij }

Summa }  
 ponderatorum }  
 7.21.35.35 }  
 21.7.1.130. }  
 125. }

at large set it forth with the Interpretation.

Reorum }  
mores.

Now this Judgment being read over, the Lords in the first place were well satisfied, because in such severity they durst not look for a mild sentence. For which cause they gave more than they were desired, and each one redreived himself with Chains, Jewells, Gold, Monies and other things, as much as they had about them, and with reverence took their leave. Now although

Ministerum }  
mores.

the Kings Servants were forbidden to jear any at his going away yet some unlucky Birds could not hold laughing, and certainly it was sufficiently ridiculous to see them pack away with such speed, without once looking behind them.

Some

Some desired that the Catalogue, I mentioned might with the first be dispatched after them, and then they would take such order with their Bookes as should be pleasing to his Majesty; which was again assured.

At the Door was given to each of them out of a Cup a Draught of Forgetfulness, that so he might have no further memory of misfortune.

After these the Voluntiers departed, who because of their Ingenuity were suffered to pass, but yet so as never to return again in the same fashion; But if to them (as likewise to the others) any thing further were revealed then

Haustus }  
oblivionis }



then they should be welcome Guests.

Damnati.

Mean while others were stripping, in which also ~~observed~~ was an inequality (according to each mans demerit) was observ'd. Some were sent away naked without other hurt. Others were driven out with small Bells. Some were scourged forth. In brief the punishments were so various, that I am not able to recount them all. In the end it came to the last — also with whom somewhat a longer time was spent, for whilst some were hanging, some beheading, some forced to leap into the water, and the rest otherwise dispatching, — much time was consumed. Vailly at this Execution

Execution my eyes ran over, not indeed in regard of the punishment, which they otherwise for their impudence well deserved but in contemplation of humane blindness, in that we are continually busying our selves

Comiserationis }  
expositio.

in that which ever since the first Fall hath been hitherto sealed up to us.

Thus the Garden which so lately was quite full was soon emptied; so that besides the Soldiers there was not a man left. Now as soon

Entertainment }  
at night.

Vnicorna /

as this was done, and silence had been kept for the space of five minutes; There came forward a beautifull snow white Vnicorne with a golden collar (having in it certain Letters) about

about his neck: In the same place he bowed  
 himselfe down upon both his knees, as if  
 hereby he had shown honore to the Lyon,  
 who stood so immovably upon the fountain,  
 that I took him to be of stone or brass, who  
 immediately took the naked sword which he  
 bare in his Paw, and brake it in the middle in  
 two, the pieces whereof to my thinking sunk  
 into the ~~water~~ Fountain: after which he so  
 long roared, untill a white Dove brought a  
 branch of Olive in her Bill, which the Lyon  
 devoured in an instant, and so was quieted.  
 And so the Unicorn returned to his place  
 with joy. How upon our Virgin load us down  
 again

7 Leo.

0 Mechaz

7.

Columba  
oo

Discessus }  
ab hoc }  
actu.

again by the winding stairs from the Scaffold,  
 and so we again made our reverencie towards  
 the Curtain. We went to wash our hands and  
 heads in the Fountain, and there a little  
 while to wait in our order, till the King  
 through a certain secret Gallery was again  
 returned into his Hall, and then we also  
 with choice Musick, Pomp, State & pleasant  
 discourse were conducted into our former  
 Lodging: and this was done, about four  
 in the afternoon. But that in the <sup>while</sup> meantime  
 the time might not seem too long to us, the  
 Virgin bestowed on each of us a noble page,  
 who were not only richly habited, but also  
 exceeding

exceeding learned, so that they could so aptly -  
discourse upon all subjects, so that we had good  
reason to be ashamed of our selves.

Discessus }  
Virginis }  
Luciferæ.)

Those were comanded to lead us up and  
down the Castle (yet but into certain places)  
and if possible to shorten the time according  
to our desire: Mean time the Virgin took  
leave with this consolation, that at supper she  
would be with us again, and after that celebrat  
the Ceremonies of the hanging up of the  
Weights, requesting that we would in patience  
wait till the next day, for on the morrow we  
must be presented to the King.

Hospitum }  
modi in }  
delschamentis)

She being thus departed from us, each of us did  
what

Autor.

what best pleased him. One part viewed the  
excellent paintings which they copied out for  
themselves, and considered also what the  
wonderfull Characters might signify. Others  
were fain to recruit themselves again with  
meat and drink. I indeed caused my  
Page to conduct me (together with my  
Companion) up and down the Castle ~~of~~  
~~whereof~~ of which walk it will never report  
me, as long as I have a day to live. For  
besides many other glorious Antiquities, the  
Royal Sepulcher was also showed me, by which  
I learned more than is extant in all Books.  
There in the same place stands also the  
glorious -

glorious Phoenix. whereof I intend to write a  
peculiar Treatise, as also concerning the Lyon, Eagle,  
Griffon, Falcon and the like together with their  
 Draughts and Inscriptions. It grieves me also for  
my other Consorts, that they neglected such precious  
Treasures. And yet I cannot but think it was  
the special will of God it should be so.

I indeed reaped the most benefit by my Page,  
for according as each ones Genius lay, so he led  
his intrusted into the quarters and places  
which were pleasing to him.

Now the Keys herunto belonging were com-  
mitted to my Page, and therefore this good  
Fortune hapned to me before the rest, For  
although

Ufus  
forum quæ  
autor  
videt.

For although he invited others to come in, yet  
they imagining such Tombs to be only in the  
Church yard thought they should well enough  
get thither, when ever any thing was to be seen  
there. Neither shall these Monuments and learned  
Antiquities which we copied & transcribed be  
concealed, being of admirable use to the world.

The other thing that was showed us two was  
the Noble Library as it was altogether before  
the Reformation. Of which (although it rejoices  
my heart as often as I call it to minde) I shall  
shortly publish the Catalogue thereof. At the  
Entry of this famous ~~Library~~ Library stands a  
great Book, the like whereof I never saw, in w<sup>ch</sup>  
all

Bibliotheca

all the Figures, Rooms, Portals, also all the Writings,  
Riddles, and the like to be seen in the whole Castle  
are delineated. Now although we have made  
some promise concerning this also, yet at present  
I must contain my self and first labour to know  
the World better. In every Book stands its  
Authors painted; whereof (as I understood) many  
were to be burnt, that so even their memory  
may be blotted out from amongst the Righteous.  
Now having taken a full view hereof; and being  
scarcely gotten forth, another Page came running to us,  
and having whispered something in our pages ear, he  
delivered up the Keys to him, who immediately carryt them  
up the winding Stairs; But our page was very much  
out

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out of countenance, and we setting hard upon  
him with Intreaties, He declared to us that the Kings  
Majesty would by no means permit that either  
of the two, namely the Library and Sepulchres  
should be seen by any man, and therefore he  
besought us as we tenderd his life to discover  
it to no man, he having already utterly denyed it.  
Whereupon both of us stood hovering between  
joy and fear, yet it continued in silence, and  
no man made further inquiry about it.  
Thus in both places we consumed three  
hours, which does not at all repent me.  
Now although it had already stricken  
seven yet nothing was hitherto given us to  
see



eat  
 Howbeit our hunger was easily to be abated by  
 constant Revivings, and I could be well content  
 to fast all my life long with such entertain-  
 ment. About this time the curious  
 Fountains, Mines, and all kind of Art Shops,  
 were also shown us, of which there was none  
 but surpassed all our Arts, though they should  
 all be melted into one Mass. All their Cham-  
 bers were built in Semi-circles that so they might  
 have before their eyes the costly Clock-work  
 which was erected upon a fair Turret in the  
 Center, and regulate themselves according to  
 course of the Planets, which were to be seen on  
 it in a glorious manner. And hence  
 I could-

Fastidium  
 pulsum  
 oregij &  
 spectaculis

Officinaru  
 constitutaru  
 finis.

I could easily conjecture whom our Artists  
 feiled, howbeit its none of my duty to inform  
 them. At length I came into a spacious  
 Room (shown indeed to the rest a great while  
 before) in the middle whereof stood a Terrestrial  
 Globe, whose Diameter contained thirty foot,  
 albeit near half of it, except a little which  
 was covered with the stops was let into the  
 Earth. Two men might readily turn this Globe  
 about with all its Furnitures, so that more of it  
 was never to be seen, but so much as was above  
 the Horizon. Now although I could easily  
 conceive that this was of some special use, yet  
 could I not understand whereto those Ringlets  
 of Gold

Globus  
 terrenus.

of Gold (which were upon it in several places) served; at which my Page laughed, and advised me to view them more narrowly. In brief, I found there my Native country noted with Gold also; whereupon my Companion sought his and found that so too. Now for as much as the same hapned in like manner to the rest that stood by, The Page told us of a certaim that it was yesterday declared to the Kings Majesty by thour old Atlas (so is the Astronomer named) that all the gilded points did exactly answer to thour native Countries, according as had been shown of each of them. And therefore he also, as soon as he perceived, that I undervalued myself, and that notwithstanding there stood a point upon

Excellentia }  
patria }  
Autoris.

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upon my native Country, moved one of the Captains to intreat for us, that we should be set upon y<sup>e</sup> Scales (without our Peril) at all adventures; Especially seeing one of four Native Countries had a notable good mark. And truly it was not without cause, that He, the Page who had the greatest power of all the rest, was bestowed on me. For this I then returned him thanks, & immediately looked more dilligently upon my native Country and found moreover that besides the Ringlet, there were certain delicate streaks upon it, which never thelesse I would not be thought to speak to my own praise or glory. I saw much more too upon this Globe then I am willing to discover. Let  
each

Hermes Nuptials &c.

Let each Man take into consideration why every City  
 produceth not a Philosopher. After this he load-  
 us quite into the Globe; which was thus made;  
 On the Sea (there being a large Square besides it)  
 was a Tablet whereon stood three Dedications, &  
 the Authors name, which a Man might gently  
 lift up, and by a little joyned Board, go into the  
 Center, which was capable of four persons, being  
 nothing but a round Board whereon we could  
 sit and at ease by broad day light (it was now  
 already dark) contemplate the Stars, to my  
 thinking they were more Carbuncles which glittered  
 in an agreeable Order, and moved so gallantly,  
 that I had scarce any mind ever to go out again,  
 as the



Reverentia  
 in convivio  
 exhibita  
 Auctoris.

modesty.

as the Page afterwards told the Virgin, with which  
 she often twitted; For it was already Supper time  
~~that she was seated~~ and I had so much amused  
 my self in the Globe, that I was almost the last  
 at Table, wherefore I made no longer delay,  
 but having again put on my Gown (which I had  
 before laid aside) and stopping to the Table;  
 the waiters treated me with so much reverence  
 and honore, that for shame I durst not  
 look up, and so unawares permitted the Virgin  
 who attended me on one side to stand, which she  
 soon perceiving twitched me by the Gown, and led  
 me to the Table to speak any further concerning  
 the Musick or the rest of that magnificent enter-  
 -tainment

entertainment, I hold it needlesse both because  
 it is not possible sufficiently to expresse it, &  
 I have above reported it according to my power.  
 In brief there was nothing there but Art and  
 Amenity. Now after we had each to other  
 related our Employment since noon (howbeit,  
 not a word was spoken of the Library & Monu-  
 ments) being already merry with the Wine,  
 the Virgin began thus: My Lords, I have a great  
 contention with one of my Sisters: In our Chamber  
 we have an Eagle, Now we cherish him with  
 such diligence, that each of us is desirous to be  
 the best beloved, and upon that score have  
 many a Squabble. On a Day we concluded to  
 go

The Lady  
 Chamberlain  
 or Controulle

♀

Complexed  
 patches or  
 intricate  
 questions.

go both together to him, and toward whom  
 he should show himselfe most friendly, how  
 should he properly be; this we did, and I (as  
 comonly) bare in my hand a branch of Laurel;  
 but my Sister had none. Now as soon as he  
 espied us both, he immediately gave my Sister  
 another branch which he had in his Boak, and  
 offered at mine; which I gave him, Now each  
 of us hereupon imagined her selfe to be best  
 beloved of him; which way am I to resolve  
 my selfe?

This modest proposal of the Virgin pleased us  
 all mighty well, and each one would gladly  
 have heard the Solution, but in as much as  
 they

Autoris  
yeip@  
griphus.

they all looked upon me, and desired to have  
the beginning from me, my mind was so extremely  
confounded that I know not what else to do with  
it but propound another in its stead, & therefore  
said Gracious Lady, your Ladyships question was  
easily to be resolved if one thing did not perplex

The Author  
Counter-  
demands.

me. I had two companions both which loved  
me exceedingly; now they being doubtful which  
of them was most dear to me, concluded to run  
to me unawares, and that he whom I should then  
embrace should be the right; this they did, yet one  
of them could not keep pace with the other, so  
he staid behind and wept, the other I embraced  
with amazement. Now when they had after-  
ward

afterwards discovered the business to me I  
know not, I know not how to resolve my-  
self, and have hitherto let it rest in this  
manner, until I may find some good advice  
herein. The Virgin wondered at it, and  
well observed whereabout I was where  
upon <sup>she</sup> replied, well then let us both be-  
quit, and then desired the solution from  
the rest. But I had already made them  
wife. Wherefore the next began thus.

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In the City where I live a Virgin was  
lately condemned to death, but the Judge  
being something pittifull towards her, caused  
it to be proclaimed that if any man desired  
to become



become the Virgins Champion, he should have first  
leave to do it. Now she had two ~~lovers~~ <sup>lovers</sup>  
the one presently made himself ready and came  
into the lists to expect his adversary, afterward  
the other also presented himself, but coming  
somewhat too late, he resolved notwithstanding to  
fight, and willingly suffer himself to be  
vanquished, that so the Virgins life might be  
preserved, which also succeeded accordingly.  
Whereupon each challenged her: Now my Lords  
instruct me, to which of them of right belongeth  
she? The Virgin could hold no longer,  
but said, I thought to have gained much  
information, and am my self gotten into the  
Net.

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Net, but yet would gladly hear whether there  
be any more behind; yes, that there is, answered  
the third, a Stranger Adventure hath not yet  
been recounted than that which ~~hath~~ happened  
to my self. In my youth I loved a  
worthy  
Maid: Now that this my Love might attain  
its wished end, I was fain to make use of  
Menstruum. / an ancient Matron, who easily brought  
me to her. Now it happened that the Maids  
Brethren came in upon us just as we three  
were together, who were in such a rage that  
they would have taken my life, but upon  
my vehement Supplication they at length  
forced me to swear to take each of them for  
a year

a year, to my wedded wife. Now tell me my  
Lords, should I take the old, or the young one first  
We shall laugh sufficiently at this Riddle, &  
though some of them muttered one to another  
thereupon, yet none would undertake to undertake  
to unfold it. Hereupon the fourth began

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In a certain City there dwelt an honourable  
Lady who was beloved of all, but especially by a  
young noble Man, who would needs be too  
importunate with her; at length she gave  
him this determination, that in case he would,  
in a cold Winter, lead her into a fair green  
Garden of Roses, then he should obtain, but if  
not, he must resolve never to see her more.  
The

9. Sheet.

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The noble Man travelled into all Counties  
to find such a man as might perform this,  
till at length he light upon a little old man  
that promised to do it for him in case he  
would assure him of half his Estate; which  
he having consented to, the other was as good  
as his word. Whereupon he invited the  
foresaid Lady home to his Garden, whose con-  
trary to her expectation she found all things  
green, pleasant, and warm, and withall  
remembering her promise, she only requested if  
she might once more return to her Lord,  
to whom with sighs and Tears she bewailed  
her lamentable condition: but for as much  
as he

as he sufficiently perceiv'd her faithfulness, he  
 dispatched her back to her Lord, who had so  
 dearly purchased her that she might give him  
 satisfaction. This Husband's integrity did  
 so mightily affect the Nobleman, that he thought  
 it a sin to touch so honest a wife; so he sent  
 her home again with honour to her Lord. Now  
 the little Man perceiv'ing such Faith in both  
 these; would not, how poor soever he were;  
 be the least, but restor'd the Nobleman all  
 his goods again, and went his way. Now  
 (my Lords) I know not which of these persons  
 may have shown the greatest Ingenuity?  
 How our Tongues were quite cut off. Neither  
 would

2<sup>o</sup> 6.

the stone.

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Virg ♀  
 of mat. D  
 Virg. ♀

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would the Virgin make any other reply, but only  
 that another should go. Whosoever the <sup>Sixth</sup> Fifth  
 would without any delay began. My Lords,  
 I desire not to make long works; Who hath the  
 greater joy to that beholdeth what he loveth, or he  
 that only thinketh on it? He that beholdeth it,  
 said the Virgin; nay, answered I; here upon  
 arose a Contest, whosoever the Sixth called out,  
 My Lords, I am to take a wife; now I have before  
 me a Maid, a Married Wife, and a Widdow; save  
 me of this doubt, and I will afterwards help to  
 order the rest. It goes well thus replied the  
 Seventh, whoso a man hath his choice, but with  
 me the Case is otherwise; In my youth I loved  
 a fair

a fair and vertuous Virgin from the bottom of  
 my Heart, and she me in like manner: howbeit  
 because of her Friends denyal we could not come  
 together in wedlock: Whereupon she was married  
 to another, yet an honest and discreet Person, who  
 maintained her honourably, and with affection,  
 untill she came into the pains of Child Birth,  
 which went so hard with her that all thought she  
 had been dead, so with much state and great  
 mourning she was interred. Now I thought with  
 my self; during her Life thou couldst have no  
 part in this Woman, but yet now dead as she is  
 thou mayst embrace and Kiss her sufficiently;  
 whereupon I took my Servant with me, who dug  
 her

<sup>her</sup> up by night; Now having opened the Coffin, and  
 and locked her in my Arms, and feeling about  
 her Heart, I found still some little motion in it,  
 which increased more and more from my warmth,  
 till at last I perceived that she was indeed still  
 alive wherefore I quietly bare her home; and after  
 I had warmed her chilled Body with a costly  
 Bath of Herbs, I committed her to my Mother untill  
 she brought forth a fair Son, whom (as the Mother)  
 I caused faithfully to be nursed. After two days  
 (she being then in a mighty amazement) I discovered  
 to her all the forepassed affair, requesting her that  
 for the time to come she would live with me as a  
 wife, against which she thus excepted, in case it  
 should

should be grievous to her Husband who had well and  
honourably maintained her. But if it could  
otherwise be, she ~~would~~ <sup>at</sup> was the present obliged, in  
Love to one as well as the other. Now after two-  
Months (being then to make a Journey, she<sup>l</sup> whos)  
I invited her Husband as a Guest, and amongst  
other things demanded of him, whether if his  
deceased wife should come home again he could  
be content to receive her, and he affirming it with  
Tears and Lamentations, at length I brought him  
his wife together with his Son, and an account of  
all the fore-passed business, intreating him to ratify  
with his consent my fore-purposed Espousals. After  
a long dispute he could not beat me from my right  
but

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but was fain to leave me the Wife. But still the  
contest was about the Son. Here the Virgin  
interrupted him, and said, it makes me wonder  
how you could double the afflicted mans griefs.  
How, answered he, was I not then concerned?  
Upon this there arose a dispute amongst us,  
yet the most part affirmed, that he had done but  
right. Nay, said he, I freely returned him both  
his wife and Son. Now tell me (my Lords)  
was my honesty, or this mans Joy the greater?  
These words had so mightily cheered the  
Virgin that (as if it had been for the sake of  
these two) she caused a Health to go round.  
After which the rest of the proposals went  
on



on somewhat perplexedly, so that I could not  
 retain them all, yet this comes to my mind, y.  
 one said, that a few years before he had seen a  
 Physician, who bought a parcell of wood against  
 Winter, with which he warmed himself all  
 Winter; <sup>long</sup> but as soon as the Spring returned he  
 sold the very same Wood and so had the use of  
 it for nothing; Here must needs be skill, said  
 the Virgin, but the time is now past. You,  
 replied my Companion, who ever understands not  
 how to resolve all the Riddles may give each  
 Man notice of it by a proper Messenger, I conceive  
 he will not be denied. At this time they began  
 to say Grace, and we arose altogether from the  
 Table

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Table, rather satisfied and merry than gluttied; &  
 it were to be wished that all Invitations and  
 Feastings were thus to be kept. Having  
 now taken some few turns up and down the  
 Hall again, The Virgin asked us whether  
 we desired to begin the Wedding. Yes, said  
 one, noble and vertuous Lady; whereupon she  
 privately dispatched a Page, and yet in the  
 mean time proceeded in discourse with us; &  
 I was, in short become so familiar with her,  
 that I adventured, and requested her Name.  
 The Virgin smiled at my Curiosity, but yet  
 was not moved, but Replyed, My name  
 contains five and fifty & yet hath  
 only

The Lady  
 Chamberlain  
 Virg. Lucif.  
 Gratiositas.

Enigma de  
 Nomine.

only eight Letters, the third is the third part  
of the fifth, which added to the sixth will  
produce a Number, whose root shall exceed  
the third it self by just the first, and it is  
the half of the fourth. now the fifth and the  
seventh are equal, the last and the first are  
also equal, and make with the second as  
much as the sixth hath, which contains  
just four more than the third tripled. Now  
tell me my Lord, how am I called? The  
Answer was intricate enough to me, yet  
I left not off so, but said, Noble and vertuous  
Lady may I not obtain one only Letter? yea  
(said she) that may well be done. What  
then

then (replied I) may the seventh contain?  
It contains (said she) as many as there are  
Lords here. With this I was content, & easily  
found her name; at which she was well pleased  
with assurance that much more should yet be  
revealed to us. Mean time certain  
Virgins had made themselves ready, and came  
in with great Ceremony. First of all 2 Youths  
carried Lights before them, one of them was  
of a jocund Countenance sprightly Eyes and  
gentle proportion. The other lookt ~~worse~~  
something angrily what ever he would have  
must be as I afterwards perceived. After them  
first followed four Virgins; one lookt shame  
facedly -

60. sc.  
quot. Virgi-  
nis.

The Author  
will skill in  
Algebra

Redduntur  
pondera  
choro  
Virginum.

2. Juvenes.

4. Virgines.

Shamefacedly towards the Earth, very humble in  
 behaviour, the second was also a modest bashfull  
 Virgin; The third as she entered the Room seemed  
 amazed at somewhat, and as I understood she  
 cannot well abide where there is too much  
 mirth. The fourth brought with her certain  
 small wreaths thereby to manifest her kindness, &  
 liberality. After these four came two w.  
 were somewhat more gloriously Apparell'd; they  
 saluted us courteously; One of them had a  
 Gown of Skye Colour spangled with golden Stars;  
 The other was Green, beautified with red & white  
 Stripes. On their Heads they had thin flying  
 Tiffanies which did most becomingly adorn  
 them.

2. Virgins /

Virgo  
priestess }  
Urania /

the Dutchess /

At last came one alone who had on her head a  
 Crown, but rather looked up towards Heaven,  
 than towards the Earth. We all thought it had  
 been the Bride, but were much mistaken,  
 although otherwise in honour, Riches & State  
 she much surpassed the Bride; and she after-  
 wards ruled the whole Wedding. Now on  
 this occasion we all followed our Virgin, &  
 fell down on our knees, howbeit she showed  
 her selfe extremely humble offering every  
 one her hand, and admonishing us not to be  
 too much surprized at this, for this was one  
 of her smallest Bounties, but to lift up our eyes  
 to our Creator and learn hereby to acknowledge  
 his

his Omnipotency, and so proceed in our —  
 enterprised Course, employing this Grace to the —  
 praise of God and the Good of Man. In sum —  
 her words were quite different from those of —  
 our Virgin, who was somewhat more worldly.  
 They pierced even through my bones and marrow  
 And thou, said she further to me; hast —  
 received more than others, soe that thou also —  
 make a larger return. This to me was a very  
 strange Sermon; for as soon as we saw the —  
 Virgins with the Musick we imagined we —  
 must presently fall to Dancing but that time —  
 was not as yet come.

Now the Weights wherof mention hath been  
 before

Pondus in  
 repositio in  
 locum suum.  
 The Dutchess.

before made stood still in the same place, wherof  
 the Queen (I yet know not who she was) commanded  
 each Virgin to take upon, but to our Virgin  
 she gave her own, which was the last and —  
 greatest, and commanded vs to follow behind;  
 our Majesty was then somewhat abated, for  
 I well observed that our Virgin was but too —  
 good for us, and that we were not so highly —  
 reputed as we our selves were almost in part —  
 willing to phantise. So we went behind in —  
 our order and were brought into the first

Regina }  
 habitatio }  
 The Dutchess

Chamber, wher our Virgin in the first place  
 hung up the Queens weight, during which an —  
 excellent Spirituall Hymn was sung; there  
 was

supplex. / There was nothing costly in this Room, save  
 only certain curious little Prayer Books  
 which should never be missing. In the midst  
 was erected a Pulpit, very convenient for  
 Prayer, where the Queen knelt down, about  
 her we were all fain to kneel and pray after  
 the Dutcheffe. / The Virgin, who read out of a Book, That  
 Sponsalia. / This Wedding might tend to the honour of  
 God and our own benefit. Afterwards  
 we came into the second Chamber where the  
 first Virgin hung up her waight also, and so  
 forward till all the Ceremonies were finished.  
 Thereupon the Queen again presented her hand  
 to everyone, and departed thence with her  
 Virgin.

Shost. 3

virgo  
 castra  
 seddit  
 ubitum

vororum  
 mitum  
 ficium

Autoris  
 thalamus.

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virgin Our president stayed yet a while with us.  
 But because it had been already two hours  
 night, she would no longer detain us; me-  
 thought she was glad of our Company, yet  
 she bid us good night and wished us  
 quiet rest, and so departed friendly  
 although unwillingly from us. Our Pages were  
 well instructed in their business, and therefore  
 showed every man his Chamber; and stayed also  
 with us in another Pallot; that in case we  
~~needed~~ any thing we might make use of  
 them. My Chamber (of the rest I am not able  
 to speak) was royally furnished with rare  
 Tapestries, and hung about with paintings.  
 But



# The Fourth Day.

I still lay in my Bed and leisurely surveyed -  
 all the noble Images and Figures up and down  
 about my Chamber, during which on a sudden -  
 I heard the Musick of Coronets as if they  
 had been already in Procession. My Page  
 skipped out of the Bed as if he had been at  
 his wits end, and looked more like one dead than  
 living; In what case I then was is easily  
 imaginable, for said he, The rest are already  
 presented to the King; I know not what  
 else to do, but weep outright, and curse my own  
 sloathfulness; Yet I dressed my selfe, but my  
 Page

Autor  
 Longiuscule  
 dormiens  
 exprogesit.

But above all things I delighted in my Page, who  
 was so excellently spoken, and experienced in  
 the Arts, that he yet spent me another hour, &  
 it was halfe an hour after threes when first  
 I fell asleep. And this indeed was the first  
 night that I slept in quiet, and yet a scurry  
 Dream would not suffer me to rest; For I was  
 all the night troubled with a Door which I  
 could not get open, but at last I did it. With  
 these Phantasies I passed the time, till at length  
 towards Day I awaked.

Somnium  
 de porta  
 difficulte

Finis Tertij Diei  
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Page was ready long before me and ran out of the Chamber howe ever his right yet stand.

But he soon returned, and brought with him

this joyfull news that the time indeed was not

yet past, only I had over slept my Breakfast, they

being unwilling to waken me because of my

Age; But that now it was time for me to go

with him to the Fountain where the most part

were assembled; with this consolation my spirit

returned again, wherefore I was soon ready with

my habit, and went after the Page to the Fountain

in the aforementioned Garden where I found that

the Lyon instead of his Sword had a pretty large

Tablet by him. Now having well viewed it,

I found

Jentaculo  
privatar.

Lionis  
Tabula

I found that it was taken out of the ancient Monuments

and placed here for some special purpose.

The Inscription was somewhat worn out w<sup>th</sup> Age

and therefore I am minded to set down here

as it is, and give every one leave to consider it.

HERMES PRINCEPS.

POST TOT ILLATA

GENERI HUMANO DAMNA

DEI CONSILIO:

ARTISQUE ADMINICULO,

MEDICIN<sup>A</sup> SALUBRIS FACT?

HEIC FLUO.

Bibat ex me qui potest: lavet,

qui vult: turbet qui audet.

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# BIBITE FRATRES, ET VIVITE

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Scriptura }  
facilis }

This Writing might well be read and understood, and may therefore fitly be here placed, because easier than any of the rest. Now ~~after~~ after we had first washed our selves out of the Fountain and every man had taken a draught out of an ~~intire~~ Golden Cup, we were once more again to follow the Virgin into the Hall, and there put on new Apparel which was all of Gold gloriously set out with Flowers, There was also given to every one another a Golden Trossee which was set about with precious stones, and various workmanship -

Potus /

vestitus /

Clinodia /

Musici

Accessus }  
ad Regis }  
Aulam - }

according to the utmost skill of each Artificer On it hung a weighty Medal of Gold, whereon were figured the Sun and Moon in opposition, but on the other side stood this Poëse.  
The light of the Moon shall be as the light of the Sun, and the light of the Sun shall be seven times lighter than at present. But our former Jewels were laid in a little Casket, and committed to one of the waiters. After this the Virgin led us out in our order where the Musicians waited ready at the door, all apparelled in red velvet with white Guards. After which a Door (which I never saw before) to the Royal winding styes was

was unlocked; There the Virgin led us together  
 365 Days. / with the Musick, up these hundred sixty five  
 stairs, there we saw nothing but what was of extreme  
 costly and artificial Workmanship; and still the  
 further we went, the more glorious still was the  
 Furniture, untill at length at the top we came  
 under a painted Arch, where the sixty Virgins  
 attended us all Richly Appareled; Now as soon  
 as they had bowed to us and we as well as we  
 could, had returned our reverence, our Musicians  
 were dispatched away, who were fain to go down the  
 winding stairs again the Door being shut after them.  
 After this a little Bell was tolled; then came in a  
 beautiful Virgin who brought every one a wreath  
 of

Laboratorium  
 arcuatum  
 60. Virgines

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of Laurel; But our Virgins had Branches given;  
 Mean time a Curtain was drawn up; Where I saw  
 the King and Queen as they sat there in their  
 Majesty, and had not this yesterday Queen so faith-  
 fully warned me, I should have forgotten my  
 self, and have squall'd this unspeakable glory to  
 Heaven. For besides that the Room glister'd of  
 more Gold and precious stones; the Queens Robes  
 were moreover so made, that I was not able to  
 behold them. And whereas I before esteem'd  
 any thing for handsom, how all things so much  
 surpass'd the rest, as the Stars in Heaven are  
 elevated. In the mean time the Virgin stoop'd,  
 and so each of the Virgins taking one of us  
 by

Hymn of  
 Virgines  
 gloria.

Virgo Lucif.  
presentat  
hospites  
Regi.

By the hand with most profound Reverence pre-  
sented us to the King. Whereupon the Virgin began  
thus to speak. That to honour your Royall  
Majesties (most gracious <sup>King &</sup> Queen) these Lords here  
present have adventured hither with peril of  
Body and Life; your Majesties have reason to  
rejoyce, especially since the greatest part are  
qualified for the enlarging of your Majesties Estates  
and Empire, as you will finde the same by a most  
gracious and particular Examination of each of  
them. Herewith I was desirous thus to have them  
in Humility presented to your Majesties, with most  
humble suit to discharge me of this my Commission  
and most graciously to take sufficient Informa-  
tion

Information from each of them concerning both  
my Actions and Omissions.  
Hereupon she laid down her Branch upon the  
ground. Now it would have been very fitting  
for one of us to have put in and spoken some-  
what on this Occasion, but seeing we were all  
troubled with the falling of the ~~World~~  
Utrula, at length the old Atlas stopt forward  
and spake on the Kings behalfe; Their Royal  
Majesties do most graciously rejoyce at your  
arrival, and will that their Royal Graces be  
assured to all, and every man, And with thy  
Administration Gentle Virgin they are most gracious-  
ly satisfied & accordingly a royal reward shall  
therefor

Hospites  
nascunt  
respondere  
Atlas  
respondet



therefore be provided for thee; yet it is still their intention, that thou shalt this day continue with them in as much as they have no reason to mistrust thee. Hereupon the Virgin humbly took up the Branch again. and so we for this first time went to step aside with our Virgin.

Descriptio? Laboratorij

This Room was square on the Front, five times broader then it was long; but towards the West it had a great Arch like a Porch, where in stood in Circle three glorious Royal Thrones, yet the middlemost was somewhat higher then the rest. Now in each Throne sat two persons in the first sat a very antient King with a Grey Beard

Rex  
senex  
Conjux  
juvenis

Rex et  
Conjux senes

Juvenis

camna.  
Noves

qualis nam;  
num illa?  
infantes?

yet his Consort was extraordinary fair & young In the third Throne sat a black King of Middle age, and by him a dainty old Matron, not crown'd but covered with a Veil. But in the middle sat the 2 young Persons, who though they had likewise Wreaths of Laurell upon their Heads, yet over them hung a large and costly Crown. Now albeit they were not at this time so fair as I had before imagin'd to my selfe, yet so it was to be. Behind them on a round Form sat for the most part antient men, yet none of them (at which I wonder'd) had any sword, or other Weapon about him; Neither saw I any other Lifeguard, but certain Virgins which were

were with us the Day before - who sat on the sides  
of the Arch, Here can I not pass in silence how

Cupido.

The little Cupid flew to and again there, but for  
the most part he hovered and played the wanton  
about the great Crown; sometimes he seated him-  
self in between the two Lovers, somewhat smiling  
upon them with his Bow. Nay, sometimes he made  
as if he would shoot one of us; In brief, this Knave  
was so full of his waggery, that he would not spare

Arts.

even the little Birds, which in multitudes flew up  
and down the Room, but tormented them all he

Virgins.

could. The Virgins also had their pastimes with him,  
but whosoever they could catch him, it was not so  
easy a matter for him to get from them again.

Thus

supplices in }  
Aula. }  
Altars. }  
Book. }

1. Taper.

3. Spheres.

4. Watch

5. little }  
Fountain }

Thus this little knave made all the sport and  
mirth.

Before the Lusion stood a small but unexpressedly  
curious Altar, where in lay a Book covered with  
black Velvet, only a little overlaid with Gold;  
By this stood a small Taper in an Ivory Candelstick  
now although it were very small, yet it burnt  
continually, and stood in that manner that had  
not Cupid, in sport, now and then puffed upon  
it, we could not have conceived it to be Fire.

By this stood a Sphere or Celestial Globe  
of it self turned clearly about. Next this a  
small striking Watch, By that a little Christall  
Pip or Syphon Fountain out of which  
perpetually

perpetually with a clear blood red Liquor; and last of all

6. Scul.  
Serpent.

Scul or Deaths head; in this way a white serpent, which was of such a length, that though she crept circle-wise about the rest of it, yet her Tail still remained in one of the Eye-holds, untill her head again entered at the other, so she never stirred from her scull, unless it happened that Cupid twitched a little at her, for then she slept in so suddenly, that we all could not choose but marvel at it: Together with this Altar there were up and down the Room

Imagins.

wonderfull Images, which moved themselves, as if they had been alive, and had so strange a contrivance, that it would be impossible for me to relate it all. Likewise as we were passing out, there began such a

13. Sheet

Musica.

Discantus  
Laborato =

\* Virgins  
cantus  
et sonis  
tutoris.

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marvellous kind of vocal Musick, that I could certainly tell whether it were performed by the Virgins who yet stayed behind or by the Images themselves. Now we being for this time satisfied went thence with our Virgins, who, the Musicians being already present, led us down the winding stairs again, but the Door was diligently locked and bolted. As soon as we were come again into the Hall; one of the Virgins began: I wonder, Sister, that you durst adventure your self amongst so many Persons: My Sister, replied our President, I am fearfull of none so much as of this man, pointing at me. This speech went to the Heart of me: For I well understood that she mockt at my age,

Age, and indeed I was the oldest of them all. Yet she comforted me again with promise, That in case I behaved myself well towards her, she would easily rid me of this burden. Mean time a

Convivium cum Virginitibus.

Collation was again brought in, and every one's Virgin seated by him, who well know how to shorten the time with handsome Discourses: But what

Sermones Convivales.

their Discourses and Sports were I dare not blab out of School. But most of the Questions were about the Arts, whereby I could lightly gather that both young and old were conversant in the Sciences. But still it run in my thoughts how I might become young again, whereupon I was somewhat the sadder; This the Virgin perceived, and

Autor matus ob senium.

therefore

Procosum solatium accipit a Virginitibus

sois. /

Virg. Lucif. /

Virg. Lucif. /

Therefore began, I dare lay any thing, if I lye with him to night he shall be pleasanter in the morning.

Hereupon they began to laugh, and albeit I blushed all over, yet I was fain to laugh too at my own ill-luck.

Now there was one there that had a mind to returne my disgrace again upon the Virgin; whereupon he said, I hope not only we, but the Virgins too themselves will beare witness in behalfe of our Brother, that our Lady President hath promised herselfe to be his Bed fellow to Night I should be well content with it, Replied the Virgin, if I had not reason to be afraid of these my sisters, there would be no hold with them should I chuse the best, and

and handfomest for my selfe, against their will.

My Sister, presently began another, We find hereby  
that thy high Office makes thee not proud; wherefore  
if by thy permission we might be let part the beds  
now present amongst us for Bed-followers, they should  
with our Good will have such a Privilege. We did

this passe for a Jest, and began again to discourse  
together. But our Virgin could not leave tormenting

us, and therefore began again, My Lords, how if we  
should permit fortune to decide which of us must  
lye together to Night? Well said I, if it may be no-

otherwise, we cannot refuse such a proffer, Now because  
it was concluded to make this tryal after meat, we

resolved to sit no longer at <sup>Table</sup> meat so we arose, and  
sack-

Ludicra - }  
clatio una - }  
dormitorium }

sack one walked up, and down with his Virgin.

May, said the Virgin, it shall not be so yet, but let us  
see how Fortune will couple us; Upon which

we were separated asunder: But now first arose  
a dispute how the business should be carried, but

this was only a premeditated device, for the Virgin

instantly made the proposall that we should mix  
our selves together in a Ring, and that she beginning

to count from her self, the seventh, was to be content  
with the following seventh, whether it were a Virgin

or a Man; for our parts we were not awares of any  
craft and therefore permitted it so to be; but when

we thought we had very well mingled our selves, the  
Virgins notwithstanding were so subtil that each one  
knew



knew her station before hand: The Virgin began  
to reckon, the seventh next her was again a Virgin  
the third seventh a Virgin likewise, and thus hap-  
pened so long till (to our amazement.) all the Virgins  
came forth, and none of us was hit; Thus we poor  
pittifull Wretches remained standing alone, and were  
moreover forced to suffer our selves to be joured too  
and confess we were very handsomely couzened.  
In short, who ever had seen us in our Order, might  
sooner have expected the Skye to fall, than that it  
should never have come to our turn. Here with our  
Sport was at an end, and we were fain to satisfy our  
selves with the Virgins waggery. In the interim,  
the little wanton Cupid came also in unto us; but  
because

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because he presented himself on behalfe of their  
Royal Majesties, and delivered us a Health (as  
from them) out of a golden Cup, and was to call  
our Virgins to the King, with all declaring his  
could at this time carry no longer with them.  
we could not sufficiently sport our selves with  
him: So with a due returne of our most humble  
we let him flye forth again. Now because  
(in the Interim) the mirth began to fall into  
my Consorts feet, and the Virgins were nothing  
a merry dance / sorry to see it, they quickly lead up a civil Dance  
whome I rather behold with pleasure, than  
assisted. For my Mercurialists were so ready with  
their postures, as if they had been long of the Trade.  
After

Hospites  
invitantur  
a Virgine  
Lucif. ad  
comediam.

After some few Dances our president came in again, and told us how the Artists & Students had offered themselves to their Royall Majesties, for their Honour and Pleasure; before their Departure to act a merry Comedy; and if we thought good to be present at it, and to wait upon their Royal Majesties to the House of the Sun, it would be acceptable to them, and they would most graciously acknowledge it: Hereupon in the first place we returned our most humble thanks for the Honour vouchsafed us, not only so, but moreover most submissively tendered our small Service, which the Virgin related again, and presently brought word to attend their Royal Majesties -

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Hermes Nuptials. &c 3

Proventus  
Regis ad  
Spectandum  
Comediam.

Majesties (in our Order) in the Gallery, whither we were soon lead, and stayd not long there for - the Royal Procession was just ready yet without any Musick at all. The unknown Queen, who was yesterday with us, went foremost with a small and costly Coronet, apparell'd in white - Sattin, she carried nothing but a small - Crucifix which was made of a pearl, and this - very day wrought between the young King and his Bride. After her went the six fore mentioned Virgins in two ranks, who carried the Kings - Jewels belonging to the little Altar: next to - these came the three Kings. The Bride-groom was in the midst of them in a

in a plain dress, only in black Sattin after the Italian Mode. He had on a small round black Hat, with a little black pointed Feather, which he courteously put off to us, thereby to signify his favour towards us. To him we bowed ourselves, as also to the first, as we had been before instructed. After the Kings came the three Queens two whoso of was richly habited, — only she in the middle went likewise all in black, and Cupid hold up her Train; After intimation was given to us to follow, and after us the Virgins, till at last old Atlas brought up the rear. In such Procession, through many stately Walks we at length came to — the —

statio  
Spectatorum.

Præcipua  
quæ  
tagantur  
Actus. 1.

the Sun, there next to the King and Queen upon a richly furnished Scaffold to behold the fore-ordained Comedy: We indeed — though separated, stood on the right hand of the Kings, but the Virgins on the left, — except those to whom the Royal Ensigns were committed. To them was allotted a peculiar standing at top of all. But the rest of the attendants were fain to stand below between the Columns, and thence with to be content. Now because there are many remarkable Passages in this Comedy, I will not omit in brief to run it over. First of all came forth a very ancient King —

King, with some Servants, before whose Throne  
was brought a little Chest, with mention that  
it was found upon the Water, Now it being  
opened, there appeared in it a lovely Babe,  
together with certain Jewels, and a small Letter  
of parchment sealed, and superscribed to the  
King. Which the King thereupon presently  
opened, and having read it, wept, and then  
declared to his Servants how injuriously the  
King of the Moors had deprived his Aunt of  
her Country, and had extinguished all the  
Royall Seed even to this Infant with the  
Daughter of which Country he had now  
purposed to have ~~the~~ matched his Son.

Hereupon

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Hereupon he swore to maintain perpetual  
enmity, with the Moors and his Allies, and to  
revenge this upon him; and therewith  
commanded that the Child should be tenderly  
nursed; and to make preparation against  
the Moor; Now this provision and the  
Discipline of the young Lady (who after she  
was grown up was committed to an ancient  
Tutor) continued all the first Act,  
with many very fine and laudable sports  
besides.

Interludium! In this Interlude a Lyon and a Griffon  
were set at one another, to fight, and the  
Lyon got the Victory; which was also a pretty  
sight

Actus 2. In the second Act, the Moor a very black  
treacherous fellow, came forth also, who having  
with vexation understood that his Murder was  
discovered, and that too a little Lady was craftily  
stollen from him began thereupon to consult  
how by Stratagem he might be able to encounter  
so powerful an adversary, whereof he was at  
length advised by certain Fugitives who by reason  
of famine fled to him: So the young Lady  
contrary to all mens expectation fell again  
into his hands: Whom had he not been  
wonderfully deceived by his own Servants, he  
had like to have caused to be slain. Thus this  
Act<sup>too</sup> was concluded with a marvellous triumph  
of

Act. 3.

of the Moore.

In the third Act a great Army on the  
Kings party was raised against the Moors,  
and put under the conduct of an ancient  
valiant Knight who fell into the Moors  
Country, till at length he forcibly rescued  
the young Lady out of the Tower, & apparat-  
led her anew: After this in a trice they  
erected a glorious Scaffold & placed their  
young Lady upon it: presently came twelve  
Royal Embassadors amongst whom the fore  
mentioned Knight made a Speech alledging  
that the King his most gracious Lord had  
not only heretofore delivered her from  
Death.



death, and even hitherto caused her to be  
royally brought up (though she had not  
behaved her selfe altogether as became her.)  
But now over his Royal Majesty had, before  
others elected her, to be a Spouse for the  
young Lord his Son: and most graciously desired  
that the said Espousals might be <sup>executed</sup> really ~~executed~~  
in case they would be sworn to his Majesty  
upon the following Articles. Hereupon out  
of a Patent he caused certain glorious conditions  
to be read, which if it were not too long were  
well worthy to be here recounted. In briefe  
the young Lady took an Oath inviolably to  
observe the same returning thanks with  
in

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in most soonly sort for this so high a Grace.  
Whereupon they began to sing to the Praise  
of God, of the King, and the young Lady, and  
so for this time departed.

Interludium! For sport, in the mean while, the four Beasts  
of Daniel, as he saw them in the Vision, and  
hath at large described them, were brought in  
all which had its certain signification.

Actus 4. In the fourth Act the young Lady was again  
restored to her lost Kingdom, and crowned,  
and for a space, in this array conducted  
about the place with extraordinary Joy;  
after this many and various Embassadors  
presented themselves, not only to wish her  
prosperity

prosperity but also to behold her Glory. Yet it  
was not long that she preserved her Integrity,  
but soon began again to look wantonly about  
her, and to wink at the Embassadors and Lords,  
whom she truly acted her part to the Life.  
These her manners were soon known to the  
Moore, who would by no means neglect such  
an opportunity, and because her Steward had  
not sufficient regard to her, she was easily  
blinded with great promises, so that she had  
no good confidence in her King, but privily  
submitted her selfe to the intire disposall of  
the Moore. Hereupon the Moore made haste,  
and having (by her consent) gotten her into his  
Hands

blackness }  
29<sup>n</sup>

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Hands, he gave her good words so long till all her  
Kingdome had subjected it selfe to him: After  
which in the third Scene of this Act, he caused  
her to be lead forth, and first to be stript stark  
naked, and then upon a scurvy wooden Scaffold  
to be bound to a Post, and well scourged, and at  
last sentenced to Death. This was so woofull a  
Spectacle, that it made the eyes of many to run  
over. Hereupon thus naked as she was, she  
was cast into Prison, there to expect her Death  
which was to be procured by Poyson, which yet  
killed her not, but made her leprous all over:  
Thus this Act was for the most part lamentable.  
Interludium. / Between, they brought forth Nebuchadnezzars  
Image.

Image; which was adorned with all manner of Ornaments,  
on the Head, Breast, Belly, Legs, and Feet, and the  
like; of which more hereafter in our future Explication.

Actus 5.

In the fifth Act the young King was acquainted with  
all that had passed between the Moor, and his future  
Spouse; who first interceded with his father  
for her, intreating that she might not be left in  
that Condition; which his Father having agreed  
to, Embassadors were dispatched to comfort her in  
her sickness and Captivity; but yet withall to give  
her notice of her inconsiderateness. But she  
would not yet receive them, but consented to be  
the Moor's Concubine; which was also done; and  
the young King was acquainted with it.

After—

Interludium. 1 After this comes a band of Fools, each of which  
brought with him a Cudgel wherewith in a trice; they  
made a great Globe of the World, and as soon undid  
it again, it was a fine sportive Phantasia.

Actus 6.

In the sixth Act the young King resolved to bid  
battle to the Moor; which also was done. And  
albeit the Moor was discomfited, yet all held  
the young King too for dead. At length he  
came to himselfe again, released his spouse,  
and committed her to his Steward and Chaplain.  
The first wherof tormented her mightily, at last  
the Leaf turned over, and the Priest was so  
insolently wicked that he would needs be above  
all, untill the same was reported to the young  
King.

King, who hastily dispatched one who took the note  
of the Priest's mightiness, and adorned the Bride in  
some measure for the Nuptials.

Interludium.

After the Act a vast artificial Elephant was  
brought forth: he carried a great Tower with  
Musicians which was also well pleasing to all.

Act us. 7.

In the last Act the Bridegroom appeared in  
such pomp as is not well to be believed, and  
I was amazed how it was brought to pass. The  
Bride met him in the like Solemnity. Where  
upon all the people cryed out *Vivat*  
*Sponsus, Vivat Sponsa.* So that  
by this Comedy, they did withall congratulate  
our King and Queen in the most stately manner:  
which

Comædiorum  
applausus  
orga-  
Regem et  
Reginam.

which (as I well observed) pleased them extraordinary  
well.

At length they made some passes about the  
stage in such Procession, till at last they altogether  
began thus to sing.

Cantilena.

I.  
This time full of Love  
Does our Joy much improve  
Because of the Kings Nuptial;  
And therefore let's Sing  
That from all parts it may ring,  
Blest be he that granted us all  
II.

The Bride most exquisitely fair  
Whom we attended with long care!  
To

To him in troths now plighted:  
We fully have at length obtain'd,  
The same for which we did contend:  
He's happy, that's foresighted.

### III

Now the Parents Kind and good  
By intreaties are subdu'd:  
Long enough in hold was she mow'd:  
In honour increase  
Till Thousands arise.  
And spring from your own proper Blood.

Epilogus. / After this Thanks were returned, and the Comedy  
was finished with Joy, and the particular good liking  
of the Royal Persons, wherefore ~~the Royal Persons~~  
the

Hospites  
invitantur  
ad canam  
Reis et  
Reginae.

(the Evening also being already hard by) they  
departed together in their forementioned order.  
But we were to attend the Royal Persons up the  
winding stairs into the forementioned Hall,  
where the Tables were already richly furnished,  
and this was the first time that we were invited  
to the Kings Table. The little Altar was  
placed in the midst of the Hall, and the six  
forenamed Royal Ensigns were laid on it.

Rex Adolese: / At this time the young King behaved himselfe  
very graciously towards us but yet he could not  
be heartily merry; But howbeit he now and  
then discoursed a little with us, yet he often  
sighed, at which the little Cupid only mocked, &  
play'd



played his waggish tricks. The old King and Queen

Reges }  
Adulti }

were very serious, only the Wife of one of the ancient Kings was gay enough, the cause whereof I yet under-

Ordo Dis-  
cumben-  
tium.

stood not. During this, the Royal Persons took up the first Table, at the second we only sat. At

the third, some of the principal Virgins played themselves: The rest of the Virgins and men,

were all fain to wait. This was performed with such state and solemn stillness, that I am

Ornatus }  
vestium.

afraid to make many words of it. Here I cannot leave untouched how that all the Royal Persons,

before Meat, attired themselves in snow white glittering Garments, and so sat down to Table.

Over the Table hung the formentioned great golden

Corona }  
supra }  
mensam }

golden Crown, the precious Stones whereof

without any other Light, would have sufficiently illuminated the Hall. However all the

Lights were kindled at the small Taper upon the Altar; what the reason was I did not

certainly know. But this I took very good notice of that the young King frequently sent

meat to the white Serpent upon the little Altar, which caused me to muse. Almost

all the Prattle at this Banquet was made by little Cupid, who could not leave us (and me indeed,

Cupido was }  
the merriest }

especially) untormented. He was indeed always producing some strange matter. However there

was no considerable mirth, all went silently on; from

from whence I, by my selfe, could imagin some  
 great imminent Peril. For there was no Musick  
 at all heard, but if we were demanded any thing  
 we were faine to give round short answers, and  
 so let it rest. In short all things had so strange  
 a face, that the sweat began to trickle down all  
 over my body; and I am apt to believe that the  
 stout heartedst Man alive would then have lost  
 his courage. Supper being now almost ended,  
 the young King commanded the Book to be  
 reached him from the little Altar. This he  
 opened & caused it once again by an old man to be  
 propounded to us whether we resolved to abide  
 with him in prosperity and adversity; which we  
 having

Secundus }  
 orator.

Oratio }  
 Regis }  
 Adoleſcentis }

having with trembling consented to, he further  
 caused us sadly to be demanded, whether we would  
 give him our Hands on it, which when we could  
 find no evasion, was faine so to be. Here upon  
 one after another arose, and with his own hand  
 writ himself down in this Book. When this  
 also was performed, the little Christal Fountain,  
 together with a small Christal Glass was brought  
 near, out of which all the Royal Persons one  
 after another Drank, afterward it was  
 reached to us too, and so forward to all persons,  
 and this was called the Draught of Silence.  
 Here upon all the Royal Persons presented us their  
 Hands, declaring that in case we did not now  
 stick

A Health.

Haustus }  
 de silentio }

stick to them, we should now or never more.  
 hereafter see them; which verily made our Eyes  
 run over. But our president engaged her self  
 and promised very largely on our behalfe, which  
 gave them satisfaction. Mean time a little  
 Bell was tolled, at which all the Royal Prisons  
 waxed so mighty black that we were ready  
 utterly to despair. They quickly put off their  
 white Garments again, and put on intirely black  
 ones; The whole Hall likewise was hung about  
 with black Velvet, the Floor was covered with  
 black Velvet, with which also the Ceiling above  
 (all this being before prepared) was over spread.  
 After that the Tables were removed away, and  
 all

Fidei jubetur  
 Virgo  
 Lucifera.

Mors  
 Regulorum

metalis.

† of

Decollatio  
 Regum.

all had soaked themselves round about upon the  
 Form, and we also had put on black habits; in  
 comes our President again, who was before  
 gone out, and brought with her six Black Taffeta  
 Scarfs with which she bound the six Royal  
 Persons Eyes. Now when they could no longer  
 see, there were immediately brought in by the  
 Servants six covered Coffins, and set down in  
 the Hall, also a low black seat placed in the  
 midst. Finally, there stepped in a very cold black  
 tall man who bare in his hand a sharp axe.  
 Now after that the old King had been first  
 brought to the Seat his head was instantly  
 reapt off, and wrapped up in a black Cloth,  
 but

But the Blood was received into a great Golden Goblet,  
and placed with him in the Coffin that stood by,  
which being covered was set aside. Thus it went  
with the rest also, so that I thought it would at  
length have come to me too, but it did not;  
For as soon as the six Royal Persons were  
beheaded, the black man went out again; after  
whom another followed, who Beheaded him  
too just before the Door, and brought back his  
head together with the ax, which were laid in a  
little Chest. This indeed to me seemed a bloody  
Wedding, But because I could not tell what would  
yet be the event, I was fain for that time to  
capitulate my understanding untill I were further  
resolved.

Carnificis.

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Hospites  
marant.

Solatium.

Cura  
nocturna  
mortuorum.

Hospites  
cubitum.

Hermes Nuptials &c. 3

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For the Virgin too, seeing that some of us were faint  
hearted, and wept, bid us be content. For said  
she to us, The Life of those standeth now in your  
hands, and in case you follow me, this Death-  
shall make many alive. Herewith she  
intimated we should go sleep, and trouble our  
selves no further on our part, for they should  
be sure to have their due right; and so she  
bade us all Good night, saying, That she  
must watch the dead Corps this night: We  
did so, and was each of us conducted by our  
Pages into our Lodgings. My Page talked with  
me of sundry and various matters (which I still  
very well remember) and gave me cause enough  
to

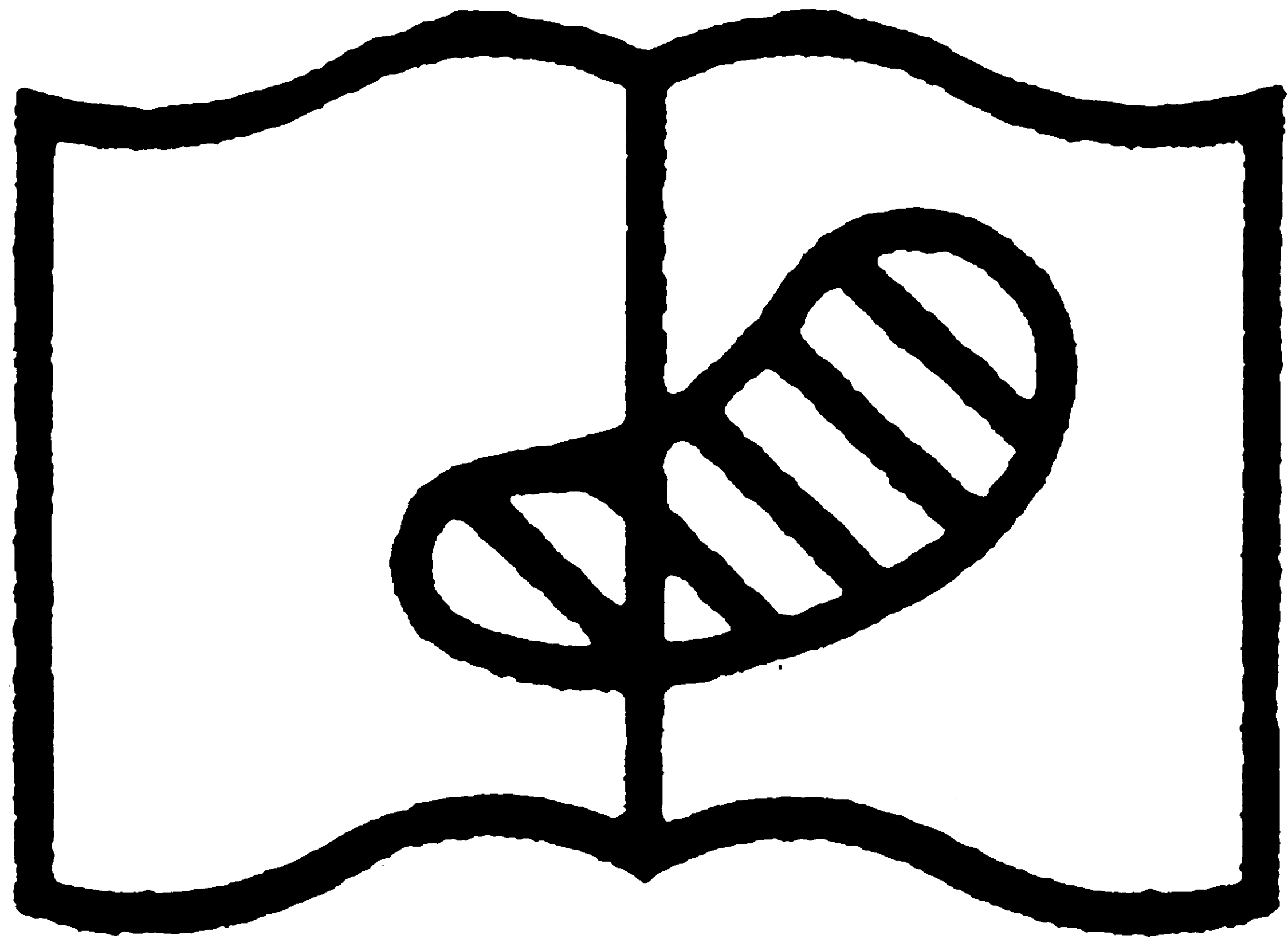
to admire at his understanding: But his intention  
was to lull me asleep, which at last I well-  
observed, whereupon I made as though I was  
fast asleep, but no sleep came into my eyes, &  
I could not put the *beheaded* out of my-  
Cubiculum / *mind*. Now my Lodging was directly over-  
against the great Lake, so that I could well-  
look upon it, the Windings being nigh the *door*  
About midnight as soon as it had struck-  
*visio nocturna* } twelve on a sudden I espied on the Lake a  
a great Fire, wherefore out of fear I quickly  
opened the Window to see what would-  
become of it; then from far, I saw seven-  
ships making forward, which were all  
stuck

stuck full of Lights. Above on the top of  
sack of them hovered a Flame that passed to and  
fro, and sometimes descended quite down, so  
that I could lightly judge that it must needs  
be the Spirits of the Beheaded. Now these  
Ships gently approached to Land, and each  
of them had no more than one Mariner.  
As soon as they were now gotten to shore,  
I presently espied our Virgin with a Torch-  
going towards the Ships, after whom the six  
covered Coffins together with the little Chest,  
were carried; and each of them privily laid  
in a Ship. Wherefore I awaked my Page too,  
who hugely thanked me, for having run much-  
up & -



Cadavera  
abthuntur  
trans  
lacum

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**Day**

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Now after  
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the stairs, it was

in the  
Hall

Cadavera  
adhuc  
trans  
lacum

& down all the day he might quite have overslept  
this, tho' he well know it. Now as soon as the  
Coffins were laid in the Ships, all the Lights  
were extinguished and the six flames passed on  
together over the Lake; so that there was no  
more but one light in each Ship for a Watch.  
There were also some hundreds of watchmen who  
had encamped themselves on the shore; and sent  
the Virgin back again into the Castle; who  
carefully bolted all up again, so that I could  
well judge that there was nothing more to be done  
this night, but that we must expect the day;  
so we again betook our selves to rest. And I  
only of all my Company had a Chamber towards  
the

Autor  
solus  
hinc  
vidit.

the Lake; and saw this, so that now I was also  
extream weary, and so fell asleep in my  
many fold Speculations.

# The fifth Day

Obambulatio  
antelucata

**T**he night was over and the day wished for  
day broken, when hastily I got me out of bed,  
more desirous to know what might yet ensue;  
then that I had ~~restfully slept~~ Now after  
that I had ~~my Cloaths~~, and according  
to my custom ~~up the stairs~~, it was  
still so early, and ~~by~~ from the  
Hall

Hall, wherefore I intreated my page, to lead me a  
little about in the Castle; and show me somewhat  
that was rare; who was now (as always) willing

Thalamus }  
Veneris }  
Sepulchris }

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This I thus copied, and set down in my Table  
Book. Now after this Door was opened,

the Page led me by the hand through a very  
dark Passage till we came again to a very  
little Door, that was now only put too, For  
(as the Page informed me) it was first opened  
but yesterday when the Coffin was taken out,  
and had not been since shut. Now as soon  
as we stopped in, I espied the most precious  
thing that Nature ever created: For this  
Vault had no other light but from certain  
huge great Carbuncles; And this (as I  
was informed) was the Kings Treasury.  
But the most glorious and principal thing, that  
I had

and presently down certain streets under ground  
at a great distance on which the following  
Words in great Copper Letters were fixed.

W'2p 8-299 d p q x d p o

VENVS

d-2p b h o o f s x w b o o x o h p o  
H o p u o i u  
u o d g s v k p h s b p q r o u o b w o s f  
x s q q p d s x h q h x q q

This I-

Thefaurus } how saw, was a Sepulcher (which stood in the  
Rogis. } middle) so rich that I wondered it was no better  
guarded whereunto the Page informed me, that  
I had good reason to be thankful to my Planet,  
by whose influence it was, that I had now seen  
certain pieces which no humane Eye else (except  
the Kings Family) had ever had a view of.

Descriptio } This Sepulcher was triangular and had in the  
Sepulchri. } middle a Kettle of polished Copper, the rest  
was of pure Gold and precious stones; In the  
Kettle stood an Angel, who ~~was~~ held in his Arms  
an unknown Tree, from which it continually  
dropped into the Kettle and as oft as the Fruit  
fell into the Kettle it turned into water too, & ran  
out

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8  
7  
7

Alind  
Triclinium. }

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Hermes Nuptials &c. }  
out from thence into three small Golden Kettles,  
standing by. This little Altar was supported by  
three three Animals, an Eagle an Ox & a Lyon,  
which stood on an exceeding costly Base. I  
asked my Page what this might signify:  
How, said he, lies buried Lady Venus, that  
Beauty which hath undone many a great Man,  
both in Fortune, Honour, Blessing and Prosperity.  
After which he showed me a Copper Door on  
the Pavement. How (said he) if you please,  
we may go further down; I still follow you  
(replied I) so I went down the steps, where  
it was exceeding dark, but the Page immediately  
opened a little Chest, wherein stood a small  
overburning

over burning Taper, at which he kindled one of  
 the many Torches which lay by. I was mightily  
 terrified, and seriously asked how he durst do  
 this? He gave me for an Answer, As long as  
 the Royal Persons are still at rest, I have nothing  
 to fear. How with I espied a rich Bed,  
 ready made, hung about with curious Curtains, one  
 of which he drew, where I saw the Lady Venus  
 stark-naked (for he heaved up the Coverlets too)  
 lying there in such Beauty, and a fashion so  
 surprizing that I was almost beside my self, neither  
 do I yet know whether it was a piece thus  
 carved, or an humane Corps that lay dead there;  
 for she was altogether immortal, and yet I  
 durst

Descriptio  
 corporis  
 Veneris  
 dormientis.

durst not touch her. So she was again covered  
 and the Curtain drawn before her, yet she  
 was still (as it were) in my Eye. But I soon  
 espied behind the Bed a Tablet, on which  
 it was thus written.

Wxö GSP Jsv, hg öp-zögß  
 dxvös wvsg vö88pöbß  
 vpsß-höp8dpö, wpsßp-zh  
 xvfwxihpö vöbß-zö  
 övqpsßp-zö p-zöpß  
 köö-zgß

I asked my Page concerning this Writing,  
 but he laughed, with promise that I should  
 know



know it too. So he putting out the Torch we  
 again ascended: Then I better viewed all  
 the little Doors, and first found, that on  
 every corner there burned a small Taper  
 of Pyrites, of which before I had taken no  
 notice; for the fire was so clear, that it looked  
 much like a Stone than a Taper. From  
 this heat the Tree was forced continually  
 to melt, yet it still produced new fruit.  
 Now, ~~what~~, (said the Page) what I heard  
 Revealed to the King by Atlas, When the  
 Tree (said he) shall be quite melted down,  
 Then shall Lady Venus awake, and be the  
 Mother of a King. Whilst he was  
thus

Arboris  
color  
ex  
facibus

Mulcta  
facta  
hujus  
obambula  
= houis

thus speaking, in flew the little Cupid, who at  
 first was somewhat abashed at our presence,  
 but seeing us both look more like the Dead than  
 the Living, he could not at length refrain from  
 Laughing, Demanded, what Spirit had brought  
 me thither, whom I with trembling answered,  
 that I had lost my way in the Castle, and  
 was by chance come thither, and that the Page  
 likewise had been looking up and down for  
 me, and at last liked upon me here, I  
 hoped he would not take it amiss. Nay then  
 'tis well enough, yet said Cupid, my old busie  
 Grand sir, but you might lightly have served  
 me a Scurvy me a Scurvy trick, had you been  
 aware

aware of this Door. Now I must look  
 better to it, and so he put a strong lock on  
 the Upper Door, where we before descended.  
 I thanked God that he libed upon us no sooner,  
 My Page too was the more jocund, because I  
 had so well helped him at this pinch.  
 Yet can I not (said Cupid) let it pass unre-  
 venged, that you were so near stumbling  
 upon my Dear Mother; with that he put  
 the point of his Dart into one of the little  
 Tapers, and heating it a little, pricked me  
 with it on the hand, which at that time  
 I little regarded, but was glad that it went  
 so well with us, and that we came off  
 without

Cupido }  
 illudit }  
 Autori.

mira }  
 Cupidinis }  
 letitia.

Praesidiſſae }  
 vestitus }  
 legibus.

without further danger: Mean time my  
 Companions were gotten out of bed too, &  
 were again returned into the Hall. To whom  
 I also joynd my selfe making as if I were  
 then risen first. After Cupid had care-  
 fully made all fast again, he came  
 likewise to us, and would needs have me  
 shew him my hand, where he still found  
 a little drop of blood, at which he heartily  
 laughed, and bad the rest have a care of me,  
 I would shortly end my days. We all wondered  
 how Cupid could be so merry, and have no  
 sense at all of the yesterdays sad passages.  
 Now our President had in the means time  
 made

made her self ready for the Journey coming all  
in black Velvet, yet she still bare her branch of  
Laural, her Virgins too ~~had~~ had their branches.  
Now all things being in readiness, the Virgin  
bid us first drink somewhat, and then presently  
prepare for the procession; wherefore we made  
no long tarrying, but followed her out of  
the Hall into the Court. In the Court stood  
six Coffins, and my Companions thought no  
other but that the six Royal Persons lay in  
them, but I well observed the Device.  
Yet I know not what was to be done with  
those other. by each Coffin were eight  
muffled men. Now as soon as the  
Musick

Musick went (it was so mournfull & dolorous  
a Tune, that I was astonish'd at it) they took  
up the Coffins, and we (as we were order'd) were  
fain to go after them into the foresaid  
Garden, in the midst of which was erected, a  
wooden Edifice; having round about the roof  
a glorious Crown, and standing upon seven  
Columns; within it were formed six  
Sepulchers, and by each of them a stone;  
but in the middle it had a round hollow rising  
stone: In these Graves the Coffins were  
quietly and with many Ceremonies layd:  
The Stones were shov'd over them, and they  
shut fast. But the little Chest was to lye in  
the

the middle. Herewith were my Companions  
 deceived, for they imagined no other but that the  
 Dead Corps were there. Upon the top of all  
 there was a great Flag, having a Phoenix  
 painted on it, perhaps therewith the more  
 to delude us. Here I had great occasion  
 to thank God that I had soon more than the  
 rest. Now after the Funerals were done, the  
 Virgin having placed her self upon the middle-  
 most Stone, made a short Oration, That we  
 should be constant to our engagements and not  
 repine at the pains we were hereafter to under-  
 go, but be helpfull in restoring the present  
 buried Royal Persons to Life again, and  
 therfore

Hospitii  
 vocantur  
 ad labores  
 pro vita  
 Regum.

therfore without delay to rise up with her, to  
 make a Journey to the Tower of Olympus, to  
 fetch from thence Medicines usefull & necessary  
 for this purpose. This we soon agreed to  
 and followed her through another little door  
 quite to the show.  
 There the seven forementioned Ships stood all  
 empty; on which all the Virgins stuck up  
 their Laurel Branches, and after they had  
 distributed us in the six ships, they raised  
 us in Gods name; thus to begin our Voyage  
 and looked upon us as long as they could have  
 us in sight, after which they with all the  
 watchmen returned into the Castle. Our  
 ships

Virgines  
 remanent  
 in arce.

Our Ships had each of them a peculiar device. Five of them indeed had the five regular Bodies, each a severall one, but mine in which the Virgin too sat, carried a Globt. Thus we sayed on in a singular order, and each had only two Mariners.

a ||  
b || c || d ||  
e || f ||  
g ||

Foremost went the Ship (a) in which as I conceive the Moor lay, in this were twelve Musicians who played excellently well, its device was a Pyramid. Next followed three a breast, b, c, and d, in which we were disposed, I sat in (c.) In the midst behinde these came the two fairest & stateliest Ships, e, and f, stuck about with many

many Branches of Laurel, having no Passengers in them; Their Flags were the Sun and Moon. But in the rear only one Ship (g) in this were Forty Virgins Now being thus passed over this Lake, we first came through a narrow Arm, into the right Sea, where all the Syrens, Nymphs, and Sea Goddesses had attended us; wherefore they immediately dispatched a Sea Nymph to deliver their Present and Offering of Honour to the Wedding. It was a costly, great, set, round, and Orient Pearl; the like to which hath not at any time been seen, since in ours or yet in the New World. Now

40 Virgins & comites.

Excipientur & Nymphis.



Now the Virgin having friendly received it,  
the Nymph further intreated that audience  
might be given to these Divertisements, and  
to make a little stand, which the Virgin  
was content to do, and commanded the two  
great Ships to stand into the middle and with  
the rest to encompass them in Pentagon, thus -

\*  
c  
\*//b    =    //d\*  
e//f//  
\*//g    //h\*

After which the Nymphs fell into a Ring  
about them and with a most delicate sweet  
voice began thus to sing.

## I

There's nothing better here below  
Than

Than beautiful, noble, noble, Love;  
Wheroby we like to God do grow,  
And none to grief do move.  
Wherofore lets chant it to the King,  
That all the Sea thereof may ring.  
We question; Answer you

## II

What was it that at first us made?

'Twas Love.

And what hath Grace a fresh conveyd?

'Tis Love

Whence wast (pray tell us) we were born?

Of Love.

How came we then again forlorn?

Sans

Sans Love.

### III

Who was it (say) that us conceiv'd?

'Twas Love.

Who suckled, Nurst, and Releiv'd?

'Twas Love.

What is it we to our Parents owe?

'Tis Love.

Why do they us such Kindness show?

Of Love.

### IV

Who gets hors in the Victory?

'Tis Love.

Can Love by search obtained be?

By

By Love.

How may a Man good works perform?

Through Love.

Who into one can two transform?

'Tis Love.

### V

Then let our Song sound,

Till its' Echo rebound.

To Loves honour and praise,

Which may ever increase

With our noble Princess the King's <sup>Queen</sup> ~~Queen~~

The Soul is departed, their Bodies within

### VI

And as long as we live,

God

God graciously give;

That as great Love & Amity

They bear each other mightily;

So we likewise, by Love's own Flame,

May recompose them once again.

VII.

Then this annoy

Into great Joy

(If many thousand younglings design)

Shall change and ever so remain.

Autori  
perplacent  
Nymphes.  
St. Cantus.

They having with most admirable concert  
and melody finished this Song, I no more

wondered at Ulysses for stopping the ears  
of his Companions; for I seemed to my-  
self

selfe the most unhappy man alive that Nature  
had not made me too so trim a Creature.

But the Virgin soon dispatched them, and  
comanded to set sail from thence; where

The Nymphs  
are swar-  
led.

for the Nymphs too after they had been  
presented with a long red Scarff for a Gratuity;

went off, and dispersed themselves in the Sea.

I was at this time sensible, that Cupid began  
to work with me too, which yet touched but

very little to my credit, and for as much as

Autori  
desunt  
adhas  
duc.

my giddiness will profit none I am resolved to

let it rest as it is. This was the way wound I

received on the Head in a Dream: and let every

one take warning by me of loitering about

Venus bed,

Venus Bell, for Cupid can by no means brook it.

After some hours, having in friendly Discourse  
made a good way, we came within Ken of  
the Tower of Olympus, wherefore the Virgin  
commanded by the Discharge of some Pieces to give  
the signal of our approach, which was also done;

Turris }  
Olympi. }

and immediately we espied a great white Flag  
thrust out and a small gilded pinnace sent  
forth to meet us. Now as soon as this was  
come to us, we perceiv'd in it a very ancient

Custos. /

man, the Warden of the Tower, with certain  
Guards cloathed in white of whom we were  
friendly received, and so conducted to the Tower.  
This Tower was situated upon an Island exactly  
square

structura. / square, which was environed with a wall so firm  
and thick, that I my self counted two hundred  
Dits. / and sixty paces over. On the other side of  
the Wall was a fine meadow with certain  
little Gardens, in which grew strange, and  
to me unknown, Fruits; and then again an  
inner wall round about the Tower. The Tower  
of it self was just as if seven round Towers  
had been built one by another, yet the middle  
most, was somewhat the higher, and within  
they all enter'd one into another, and had  
seven stories one above another. Being thus  
come to the Gates of the Tower we were led  
a little aside on the Wall, that so as I well  
observed

observed, the Coffins might be brought into the Tower without our taking notice; of this the rest knew nothing. This being done, we were

1. Conclave / conducted into the Tower at the very bottom, which albeit it were excellently painted, yet we had here little recreation, for this was

Labores }  
hospitum }

nothing but a Laboratory, where we were fain to beat and wash Plants, and precious stones, & all sorts of Things, and extract their juice and essence, and put up the same in Glasses, and deliver them to be laid up. And truly our Virgin was so busie with us, and so full of her Directions, that she knew how to give each of us Employment enough, so that in this Island

Cibus }  
potus. }

Lectus }  
tenuis. }

Island we were fain to be meeke drudges, till we had atcheived all that was necessary for the restoring of the Beheaded Bodies. Mean time (as I afterward understood) these Virgins were in the first Apartment washing the Corps with all Diligence. Now having at length almost done with this our preparation, nothing more was brought us but some breath with a little draught of wine, whereby I well observed, that we were not here for our pleasures; for when we had finished our day-work too, every one had only a Mattress laid on the Ground for him, where with we were to content our selves. /



Autor  
speculatur  
calum pro  
somno.

For my part I was not very much troubled —  
with sleep, and therefore walked out into the  
Garden and at length came as far as the wall;  
and because the Heaven was at that time  
very clear, I could well drive away the time in  
contemplating the Stars; By chance I came to a  
great pair of Stone-Stairs, which led up to the  
top of the Wall. And because the Moon shone  
very bright, I was so much the more confident,  
and went up, and looked too a little upon the Sea  
which was now exceeding calm; and thus having  
good opportunity, to consider better of Astronomy,  
I found that this present night there would happen  
such a Conjunction of the Planets, the like to which  
was not

31<sup>th</sup> Sheet.

Hermes Nuptials. &c.

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was not otherwise suddenly to be observed.

Now having looked a good while into the Sea,  
and it being just about Midnight as soon as  
it had struck Twelve, I beheld from far the  
seven Flames passing over Sea hitherward, and  
betaking themselves to the top of the Spire of  
the Tower. This made me somewhat affraid,  
for as soon as the Flames had settled them-  
selves, the Winds arose, and began to make  
the Sea very Tempestuous. The Moon also  
was covered with Clouds, and my Joy succeeded  
with such fear, that I had scarce time  
enough to hit upon the stairs again and  
betake my selfe again to the Tower.

Now =

Now whether the Flames tarried any longer, or  
passed away again. I cannot say. For  
in this obscurity I durst no more venture  
abroad: So I laid me down upon my  
Mattress, and there being besides in the  
Laboratory a pleasant and gently purling  
Fountain I fell asleep so much the sooner  
And thus this Fifth Day too was concluded  
with Wonders.

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# The Sixth Day

Dubious  
opinions

Next morning, after we had awaked one  
another, we sat together a while to discourse  
what Might yet be the Event of things.  
For some were of opinion that they should all  
be inhoused again together. Others contradicted  
it; because the disease of the Antients was not  
only to destroy Life, but increase too to the young  
ones. Some imagined that they were not put to  
Death, but that others were beheaded in their  
stead. We having now talked together  
a pretty

Custos. a pretty while. in comes the Old man to us, and  
first Saluting us, looks about him to see if all  
things were ready, and his Prayers & enough done.

We had herein so behaved our selves that he had

Pyrotechnia } no fault to find with our Diligence; whereupon  
hospitum }  
laudatur. }

he placed all the Glasses together, and put them in  
a case. Presently some certain youths bringing  
with them some Ladders, Ropes, and large Wings  
which they laid down before us and departed.

Then the old man began thus My Dear Sons,  
one of these three things must each of you this  
day constantly bear about with him. Now it  
is free for you either to make a choice of one  
of them, or to cast Lots about it. We replied

we.

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sons. / we would chuse. Nay said he let it rather go  
by Lot. Hereupon he made three little Schedules,  
in one he writ Ladder, on the second Rope, on  
the third Wings; These he laid in an Hat, and  
each man must draw, and what ever he hapned  
upon that was to be his. Those who got the  
Ropes, imagined themselves to be in the best  
case, but I chanced on a Ladder which hugely  
afflicted me, for it was twelve foot long, and  
pretty weighty, and I must be forced to carry it,  
whereas the others could handsomely cogle their  
Ropes about them: and as for the Wings, the  
old man joynd them so neatly on to the third  
sort, as if they had grown upon them.  
Hereupon

Hereupon he turned the Cock, and then the Fountain ran no longer, and we were faine to remove it from the middle out of the way.

After all things were carried off he taking with him the Casket with the Glasses, took leave, and locked the Door fast after him, so that we imagined no other, but that we had been imprisoned in this Tower.

Ascensus } But it was hardly a quarter of an hour before  
in 2. Conclavi } a round Hole at the very top was uncovered, where we saw our Virgin, who called to us, and bid us Good morrow, desiring us to come up.

They with the Wings were instantly above through the Hole. Only they with the Ropes were in  
evil

Restis }  
difficultas }

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evil plight. For as soon as ever one of us was up, he was commanded to draw up the Ladder to him. At last each Mans rope was hanged on an Iron Hook, so every one was faine to climb up by his Rope as well as he could which indeed was not compassed without Blisters.

Now as soon as we were all well up, the Hole was again covered, and we were friendly received by the Virgin. This Room was the whole breadth of the Tower it selfe, having six very stately Vestries a little raised above the Room, and to be entered by the Ascent of three Steps. In these Vestries we were distributed there to pray for the life of the King and  
Queens

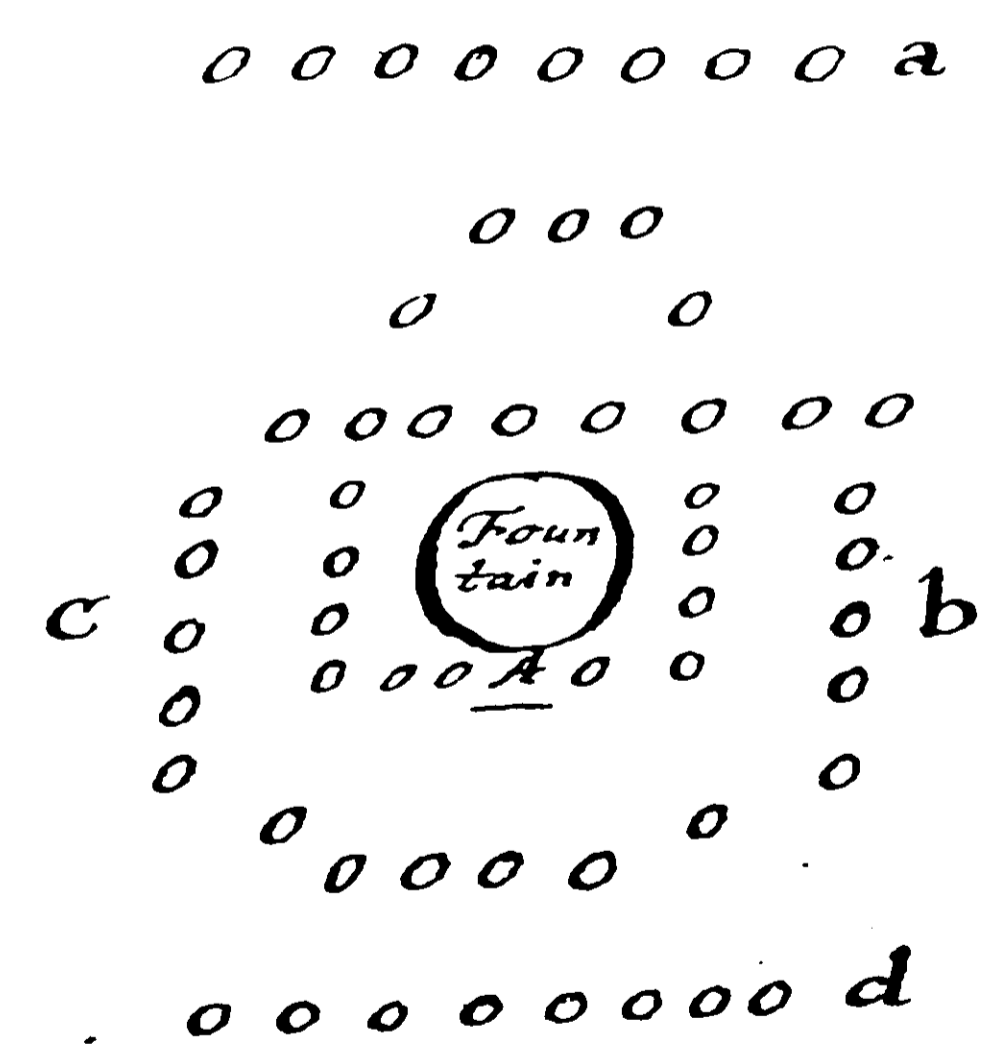
Descriptio }  
2. Conclavi }

Queen, mean while the Virgin went in and out at the little Door (a) till we had done. For as soon as our Process was absolved there was brought in and placed in the middle through the little Door, by twelve persons (which were formerly our Musicians) a wonderful full thing of a longish shape, which my Companions took only to be a Fountain. But I well observed that the Corps lay in it, for the inner chest was of an oval Figure, so large that six persons might well lye in it one by another. After which they again went forth fetched their Instruments, and conducted in our Virgin together with her Six Attendants with a most

most delicate noise of Musick. The Virgin carried a little Casket, but the rest only Branches and small Lamps, and some too lighted Torches. The Torches were immediately given into our Hands, and we were to stand about the Fountain in this Order.

The little Casket

Ordo Chori



First stood the Virgin (A) with her attendants in a Ring with the Lamps and branches (c) next



next stood we with our Torches (b,) then -  
 the Musicians (a) in a long rank, last of all  
 the rest of the Virgins (d.) in another long rank  
 too. Now whence the Virgins came, or -  
 whether they dwelt in this Castle, or whether  
 they were brought in by night, I know not  
 for all their Faces were covered with delicate  
 white Linnen, so that I could not know any  
 of them. Hereupon the Virgin opened the  
 Casket in which there was a round thing wrapped  
 up in a piece of green double Taffata. This  
 she layd in the uppermost Kettle, and then  
 covered it with the lid, which was full of holes  
 and had besides a rim, on which she  
 poured -

virgin's  
under.

quid in  
arcula.

poured in some of the Water which we had  
 the day before prepared, whence the Fountain  
 began immediately to run, and through four  
 small pipes to drive into the little Kettles; -  
 beneath the undermost Kettle there were many  
 sharp points, on which the Virgins stuck  
 their Lamps, that so the heat might come to  
 the Kettle, and make the water seeth.  
 Now the water beginning to simmer by many  
 little holes, it fell in upon the Bodies, and  
 was so hot, that it dissolved them all, and  
 turned them into Liqueur. But what the  
 above said round wrapped up thing was, my  
 Companions knew not, but I understood that  
 it was -

it was the Moors head, from which the water  
conceived so great heat: Round about  
the great Kettle there was many holes in  
which they stuck their Branches; now whether  
this was done of necessity, or only for  
Ceremony I know not; However these Branches  
were continually besprinkled by the Fountain  
whence it afterwards dropt somewhat of a  
deeper Yealow into the Kettle. This lasted  
for near two hours, that the Fountain still  
constantly ran of it selfe; but yet the  
longer the fainter it was. Mean time  
the Musicians went their way, and we  
walked up and down in the Room and  
truly

Rami  
Laudos. }

Deliciae  
in Conclavi }

truly the Room was so made that we had  
opportunity enough to passe away <sup>our</sup> the time:  
There was for Images, Paintings, Clockworks,  
Organs, Springing Fountains, and the like  
nothing forgotten.  
Now it was now the time that the Fountain  
ceased, and would run no longer: upon  
which the Virgin commanded a round Golden  
Globe to be brought. But at the bottom of  
the Fountain there was a Tap, by which she  
let out all the matter that was dissolved by  
those hot drops (whereof certain Quarts were  
then very red) into the Globe. The rest  
of the Water which remained above in  
the Kettle

Kettle was poured out. And so this Fountain  
 (which was now become much lighter) was  
 again carried forth. Now whether it was  
 opened abroad, or whether any thing of the  
 Bodies that was further usefull, yet  
 remained, I dare not certainly say: But  
 this I know that the Water that was  
 emptied into the Globe was much heavier  
 then six, or yst more of us wou'd well able  
 to bear, albeit for its bulk it should have  
 seemed not too heavy for one man.

Gravitas?  
 Aquae }

Now this Globe being with much ado gotten  
 out of Doors, we again sat alone. But I  
 perceived a trampling over head, had an eye  
 to my

Autor  
 solus  
 novit veru-  
 que age =  
 tentur }

to my Ladder. How one night takes notice  
 of the strange opinions my Companions had  
 concerning this Fountain: For they not  
 imagining but that the Bodies lay in this  
 Garden of the Castle, knew not what to make  
 of this kind of working, but I thanked God  
 that I awaked in so opportune a time, &  
 saw that which helped me the better in all  
 the Virgins business.

Ascensus in?  
 3. Conclavit }

After one quarter of an hour the Cover  
 above was again lifted off and we Comanded  
 to come up, which was done as before with  
 wings, Ladders, & Ropes. And it did not a  
 little vex me; that whereas the Virgins  
 could

could go up another way we were fain to —  
 take so much toil; yet I could well judge —  
 there must be some special reason in it; and  
 we must leave somewhat for the old man —  
 to do too. For even those with the wings —  
 had no advantage by them but when they were  
 to mount through the Hole. Now being —  
 gotten up thither also, and the Hole shut —  
 again, I saw the Globe hanging by a strong  
 Chain in the middle of the Room.

Descriptio?  
 Conclavis.}

In this Room was nothing else but more —  
 Windows, and still between two Windows —  
 there was a Door which was covered with nothing  
 but a great polished Looking Glass, and there  
 Windows

Artificial?  
 Optics. }

Windows and Looking-Glasses were so optically —  
 opposed one to another that although the Sun —  
 (which now shined exceeding bright) beat only —  
 upon one door, yet (after the Windows towards  
 the Sun were opened, and the Doors before  
 the Looking-Glasses drawn aside) in all quarters  
 of the Room there was nothing but Suns, w<sup>ch</sup>  
 by artificial Refractions beat upon the whole  
 golden Globe hanging in the midst; and —  
 for as much as the same (besides that bright-  
 ness) was polished, it gave such a Lustre, that

Mirar. spec. }

none of us could open our Eyes, but were —  
 therefore forced to look out at Windows till —  
 the Globe was well heated, and brought to  
 the

the desired effect. Here I may well avow  
that in these Mirrors I have seen the most  
wonderfull Spectacle that ever Nature brought  
to light; for there were Suns in all places, &  
the Globe in the middle shined yet brighter,  
so that, but for one twinkling of an Eye, we  
could no more endure it than the Sun it  
selfe. At length the Virgin commanded to shut  
up the Looking Glasses again, and to make fast  
the Windows, and so let the Globe cool again  
a little; and this was done about seven of the  
Clock wherefore we thought good, since we  
might now have leisure a little to refresh our  
selves with a Breakfast; This Treatment  
again

Prandium }  
Philosophicū }

(130)  
again was right Philosophical, and we had no  
needs to be afraid of Intemperance, yet we  
had no want, and the hope of this future Joy  
(with which the Virgin continually comforted us)  
made us so joyous that we regarded not any  
pains or inconvenience. And this I can  
truly say too concerning my Companions of  
high quality, that their minds never ran after  
their Kitchen or Table, but their pleasure  
was only to attend upon this adventurous  
Physick, and hence to Contemplate the  
Creators Wisdom & omnipotency.

After we had taken our Repastion, we again  
settled our selves to work, for the Globe was  
sufficiently



sufficiently cooled; which with toil and labour we were to lift off the Chain and set upon the Floor. Now the dispute was how to get the Globe in sunder

for we were demanded to divide the same in the midst. The Conclusion was that a sharp pointed Diamond would best do it. Now when we had thus opened the Globe, there was nothing of redness now to be seen, but a lovely great Snow white Egg: It most mightily rejoiced us, that this was so well brought to pass.

For the Virgin was in perpetual care least the Shell might still be too tender. We stood round about this Egg as joyous as if we ourselves had laid it. But the Virgin made it presently

Resolutio }  
Glori.

Ovum }  
candidum }

presently be carried forth, and departed her self too from us again, and (as always) locked the Door too. But what she did abroad with the Egg, or whether it were some way privately handled, I know not, neither do I believe it. Yet we were again to pause together for one quarter of an hour, till the third hole was opened, and we by means of our Instruments were come upon the

Conclave. } fourth Stone or Floor.

In this Room we found a great Copper Kettle filled with yellow Sand, which was warmed with a gentle Fire, afterwards the Egg was raked up in it, that it might therein come to perfect

perfect maturity. This Kettle was exactly square  
upon one side stood these two verses writt in  
great Letters.

O. BLI. TO. BIT. MI. LI.

KANT. I. VOLT. BIT.

TO. GOLT.

On the second side were these three  
words.

SANITAS. NIX. HASTA.

The third had no more but this  
one word.

F. I. A. T.

But on the Hindermost part stood an  
invrs Inscription running thus.

QVOD.

Ignis: Aer: Aqua:

Terræ

SANCTIS REGUM

ET REGINARUM

NOSTR: ✓

Cineribus.

Eripere non potuerunt  
Fidelis Chymicorum Turba.



his will upon any of us, he would soon  
 have dispatched him. Now he was wholly  
 black and wild, when for other meat  
 was brought, perhaps the blood of another of  
 the Royal persons, whereupon all his black  
 feathers moulted again, and instead of them  
 there grew out Snow white Feathers. He  
 was somewhat tamer too, and suffered him-  
 self to be more tractable; never the less  
 we did not yet trust him. At the third  
 feeding his Feathers began to be so curiously  
 coloured that in all my Life I never saw the  
 like colours for beauty. He was also exceeding  
 tame, and behaved himself so friendly with  
 us.

Sanguine  
 alij Regis  
 palatium.

Stidestit

liberatur  
 vinculis.

us, that (the Virgin consenting) we released  
 him from his Captivity. 'Tis now reason (begin  
 our Virgin) since by your diligence and the  
 old mans consent, the Bird has attained both his  
 life, and the highest Perfection, that he be also  
 joyfully consecrated by us.  
 Herewith she commanded to bring in Dinner, and  
 that we should again refresh our selves, since  
 the most troublesome part of our Work was now  
 over, and it was fit we should begin to  
 enjoy our passed Labours. We began to make  
 our selves merry together. Howbeit we had  
 still all our Mourning Cloths on, which seemed  
 somewhat reproachfull to our Mirth.  
 Now

Now the Virgin was perpetually inquisitive, perhaps to find to which of us her future purpose might prove servicable. But her discourse was for the most part about melting; and it pleased her well when any one seemed expert

Primus  
usque

Methodia. In such compendious Manuals, as do peculiarly commend an Artist. This Dinner lasted not above three quarters of an hour, which was yet for the most part spent with our Bird, whom we were fain constantly to feed with his Meate. But he still continued much at the same growth. After Dinner we were not long suffered to digest our meat; but after that the Virgin together with the Bird was

Conclaves was departed from us. The fifth Room was ~~preparatus~~ set open to us, whither we got to after the former manner and tendered our services.

Aras  
calvadum

In this Room a Bath was prepared for our Bird, which was so coloured with a fine white Powder, that it had the appearance of fresh milk. Now it was at first cool when the Bird was set into it: He was mighty well pleased with it, drinking of it, and pleasantly sporting in it. But after it began to heat by reason of the lamps that were placed under it, we had enough to do to keep him in the Bath. We therefore clapt a Cover on the Kettle and



and suffered him to thrust his head out through a  
 Hole, till he had in this sort lost all his  
 Feathers in this Bath, and was as smooth as a  
 new born Child, yet the heat did him no further  
 harm, at which I much marvelled; For in  
 this Bath the Feathers were quite consumed,  
 and the Bath was thereby tinged into blew; at  
 length we gave the Bird air, who of himselfe  
 sprung out of the Kettle and was so glitt. & shiny  
 smooth, that it was a pleasure to behold it.  
 But because he was still somewhat wild, we  
 were faine to put a Coller with a Chain about  
 his Neck & foiled him up & down the Room.  
 Mean time a strong fire was made under the  
 Kettle.

Vincitor.

~~Avist~~  
 Balneum  
 coquitur  
 in lapidum

<sup>Bird</sup> Kettle, and the Bath sodden away till it all came  
 to a blew stone, which we took out, and having  
 first poundedit, we were afterwards faine to  
 grind it on a Stone; and finally with this Coloure  
 to paint the Birds whole skin over: Now he  
 lookt much more strangely, for he was all  
 blew except the Head which remained white.  
 Here with our Work on this Story too was  
 performed; And wt (after the Virgin with her  
 blew Bird was departed from us) were called  
 up through the Hole to the sixth Story;  
 which was done too, there wt were mightily  
 troubled, for in the midst a little Altar,  
 every way like that in the Kings Hall above  
 described.

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described, was placed. Upon which stood the  
six forementioned particulars, and he himself  
(the Bird) made the seventh.

First of all the little Fountain was set  
before him, out of which he drank a good  
draught, afterwards he poked upon the white  
Serpent untill she bled mightily. This Blood  
we were to receive into a Golden Cup and pour  
it down the Birds throat, who was mighty  
averse from it, then we dyt the Serpents  
head in the Fountain, upon which she again  
revived and crept into her Deaths head, so  
that I saw her no more for a long time after.  
Mean time the Spheres turned constantly on  
untill

untill it made the desired Conjunction.  
Immediately the Watch struck one, upon which  
there was a going another Conjunction. Then  
the Watch struck two. Finally while we were  
observing the third Conjunction, and the same  
was indicated by the Watch, the poor Bird of  
himselfe submissively laid down his Neck  
upon the Book, and willingly suffered his  
head (by one of us thereto chosen by Lot) to be  
smitten off. How so it he yielded not one drop  
of blood, till he was opened on the breast, &  
then the Blood spun out so fresh and clear  
as if it had been a Fountain of Rubies.  
His Death went to the heart of us, and yet we  
might

Avis  
decollatur.?

might well judge, that a naked bird would stand  
us in little stead. So we let it rest, and removed  
the little Altar away, and assisted the Virgin to  
burn the Body (together with the little Tablet  
hanging by to Ashes, with first kindled at the  
little Taper; afterwards to cleanse the same  
several times, and to lay them in a Box of  
Cypress wood.

Jocus!

Here, I cannot conceal what a trick I and three  
more were served; after we had thus diligently  
taken up the Ashes. The Virgin began to speak  
thus. My Lords, we are here in the sixth  
Room, and have only one more before us, in  
which our trouble will be at an end, and then we  
shall

shall return home again to our Castle, to awaken  
our most gracious Lord and Ladies. Now  
albeit I could heartily wish, that all of you,  
as you are here together, had behaved your  
selves in such sort, that I might have given  
you Comendations to our most renowned  
King and Queen, and you have obtained a  
suitable Reward; yet because, contrary to  
my desire, I have found amongst you three  
four (how with she pointed at me & three  
more) lazy and sluggish Labourers, and yet  
according to my good will to all and every one,  
am not willing to deliver them up to condign  
punishment; However that such negligence  
may

may not remain wholly unpunished, I am  
purposed thus concerning them. That they shall  
only be excluded from the future Seventh  
and most Glorious action of all the rest, and  
too they shall incur no further blame from  
their Royal Majesties.

In what a case we now were at this speech,  
I leave others to consider: For the Virgin  
so well knew how to keep her countenance, that  
the Water soon ran over our Baskets, and we  
esteemed our selves the most unhappy of all  
men.

After this the Virgin by one of her Maids  
(whereof there were many always at hand)  
caused

caused the Musicians to be fetcht, who were  
with Cornets to blow us out of Doors with such  
scorn and derision that they themselves could  
hardly sound for laughing. But ~~it~~ it did  
particularly mightily afflict us, that y<sup>e</sup> Virgin  
so vehemently laughed at our weeping,  
anger and impatience, and that there might  
well perhaps be some amongst our  
Companions who were glad of this our  
misfortune. But it proved otherwise.

Comodum } For as soon as we were come out of the  
& joco. }

Door, the Musicians bid us be of good cheer

& Conclare/ and follow them up the winding stairs;

They led us up to the seventh Floor under

under the Roof, where we found the old man —  
 whom we had not hitherto seen standing upon a  
 little round Furnace. He received us friendly  
 and heartily congratulated us, that we were  
 next to chosen by the Virgin; but after he  
 understood this affright we had conceived,  
 his belly was ready to burst with Laughter, that  
 we had taken such good Fortune so painfully.  
 Hence said he, my Dear Sons learn, That  
 man never knoweth how well God intendeth  
 him. During this Discourse, the Virgin —  
 also with her little Box came running in, who  
 (after she had sufficiently laughed at us) —  
 emptied her Ashes out into another Vessel, and  
 filled

Virgo  
 fuliginea  
 ludit-  
 catros }

4. Conclaves!

utrus  
 labor  
 sub-  
 lecto. }

hers again with other matter, saying she must  
 now go to cast a mist before the other Artists —  
 Eyes, that we in the mean time should obey the  
 old Lord in whatsoever he commanded us, and  
 not remit our former diligence.  
 Herewith she departed from us into the seventh  
 Room whither she called our Companions. —  
 Now what she first did with them there, I  
 cannot tell, for they were not only most earnestly  
 forbidden to speak of it, but we too by reason  
 of our business, durst not peep on them —  
 through the Ceiling. But this was our work,  
 we were to moisten the Ashes with our four-  
 prepared water till they became altogether  
 like





like a very thin Dough. After which we set  
the matter over the Fire, till it was well heated  
then we cast it thus hot as it was into two  
little forms or moulds, and so let it cool a  
little (here we had leisure to look a while  
upon our Companions through certain Glasses  
made in the floor) they were now very busy  
at a Furnace; and each was himselfe faine  
to blow up the Fire with a Pipe, and they  
stood thus blowing about it, as if they were  
ready to loose their breath. Howbeit  
they imagined they were herein wondrously  
preferred before us. And this blowing  
lasted so long till our old Man roused us to  
our

Labor  
Spurius  
in 7. Con-  
clavio.

work again; So that I cannot say what was  
done afterwards

We having opened our little forms, there  
appeared two beautifull bright and almost  
Transparent little Images, the like to which  
mans eye never saw, a Male and a Female,  
each of them only four inches long; and  
that which most mightily surpris'd me, was  
that they were not hard but limber and  
fleshy, as other humane bodies, yet had  
they no Life: So that I do most assuredly  
believe that the Lady Venus Image was  
also made after some such way.

These Angelically fair Babes we first  
laid

Homunculi  
duo.

laid upon two little Sattin Cushions, and beheld  
them a good while till we were almost  
besotted upon so exquisite an object:

Pascuntur  
Janquini  
avis -

The old Lord warned us to forbear, & continually  
to instill the Blood of the Bird (which had  
been received into a little Golden Cup) drop  
after drop into the mouths of the little  
Images, from whence they apparently to  
the eye increased; and whereas they were  
before very small, they were now (according to  
proportion) much more beautiful; so that  
worthily all Limners ought to have been  
and have been ashamed of their Art in  
respect of these productions of Nature.

Now

Now they began to grow so big, that we  
lifted them from the little Cushions, and  
were fain to lay them upon a long Table  
which was covered with white velvet. The  
old man also commanded us to cover them  
over up to the Breast with a fine white  
double Taffata, which because of their  
unspeakable beauty, almost went against  
us; but that I may be brief, before we had  
in this manner quite spent the blood they  
were already in their perfect full growth,  
they had Gold-yellow curled Hair, and the  
above mentioned figure of Venus was  
nothing to them. But there was not yet  
any

Pulcherrimus!

any natural warmth or sensibility in them,  
they were dead Figures, yet of a lively and  
natural colour: and since care was to be  
taken that they grew not too great, the old  
man would not permit any thing more to be  
given them, but quite covered their Faces too  
with the silk, and caused the Table to be  
stuck round about with Tapers. But how  
I would not have you imagine that these  
Lights were of necessity, for the old mans  
intent hereby was only that we should not  
observe when the Soul entered into them,  
as indeed we should not have taken notice  
of it, in case I had not twice before seen  
the flames.

Flames; However, I ~~was~~ permitted the other  
three to remain in their belief, neither  
did the old man know that I had seen any  
thing more. Hereupon he bid us sit  
down on a Bench over against the Table:  
presently the Virgin came in too with  
the Musick and all furniture & carried  
two curious white Garments, the like  
to which I had never seen in the Castle  
neither can I describe them, for I thought  
no other but that they were more Christall,  
but they were gentle and not transparent  
so that I cannot speak of them. These  
she laid down upon a Table and after  
she had

had disposed her Virgins upon a Bench round about, she and the old man began many Legendem tricks about the Table, which was done only to blind us. This (as I told you) was managed under the roof, which was wonderfully formed for on the inside it was arched into seven Hemispheres, of which the middlemost was somewhat the highest, and had at top a little round hole which was nevertheless shut, and was observed by none else.

After many Ceremonies, she put in six Virgins - each of which bore a large Trumpet which was couled about with a green glittering & burning material like a wreath, one of which the old man

spectatoribus }  
 luduntur }  
 Descriptio }  
 facti - }

Ufus }  
 Tubarum. }

foris ex }  
 Cælo }  
 veniens }

Man took, and after he had removed some of the Lights at top, and uncovered their Faces, he placed one of the Trumpets upon the mouth of one of the Bodies in such manner that the upper and wider part of it was directed just against the fore mentioned Hole. Here my Companions always looked upon the Images; but I had other thoughts; For as soon as the foliage or wreath about the Shank of the Trumpet was kindled I saw the hole at top open, & a bright stream of fire shooting down the Tube, & passing into the Body: where upon the hole was again covered and the Trumpet

with this Device my Companions were deluded, so that they imagined that life came into the Image by means of the fire of the foliage, for as soon as he perceived the Soul he twinkled with his eyes, — howbeit he scarce stirred. The second time he placed another Tube upon its Mouth, and kindled it again, and the Soul was let down through the Tube. This was repeated upon each of them three times, — after which all the Lights were extinguished and carried away. The Velvet Carpets of the Table were cast together over them, and immediately a travelling Bed was unlocked.

Homunculi  
anima  
tralis  
transfuerunt

unlocked and made ready, into which thus wrapped up they were born, and so after the Carpets were taken off them, they were neatly laid by each other, whilst with the Curtains drawn before them they slept a good while. (Now was it also time for the Virgin to see how our other Artists behaved themselves, they were well pleased, because (as the Virgin afterwards informed me) they were to work in Gold, which is indeed a piece also of this Art but not the most Principal, most necessary and best: They had indeed too a part of those Ashes, so that they imagined

7. Conclatt.



no other, but that the whole Bird was provided  
 for the sake of Gold, and that Life must thereby  
 be restored to the deceased) during which we  
 sat very still, attending when our married  
 Couple would awake, thus about half an hour  
 was spent. For then the wanton Cupid

Homunculi  
 excitantur  
 a Cupidino.

presented himself again, and after he had  
 saluted us all, flew to them behind the  
 Curtain, tormenting them so long till they  
 awaked. This hapned to them with very great  
 amazement for they imagined no other but that  
 they had hitherto slept from the very hour in  
 which they were betrothed. Cupid after he had  
 awaked them, and renewed their acquaintance  
 one

fuereunt  
 illi qui  
 Decollaban  
 tur.

Coniuges  
 induunt  
 vestimenta  
 ut se con-  
 spiciendos  
 præstant.

one with another stepped aside a little, &  
 permitted them both somewhat better. to  
 recruit themselves, mean time playing his  
 tricks with us; and at length he would needs  
 have the musick fetcht to be somewhat the  
 merrier. Not long after the Virgin her  
 selfe comes: And after she had most humbly  
 saluted the young King, and Quoon (who  
 found themselves somewhat faint) and  
 kissed their hands, she brought them the two  
 forementioned Garments, which they put on  
 and so stepped forth.  
 Now there was already prepared two very  
 curious Chairs, wherein they placed them  
 selves

selves: and so were by us with most profound  
 Reversions congratulated; for which the King in  
 his own person most graciously returned his  
 thanks, and again re-assured us of all Grace.  
 It was already about five of the clock, when  
 for they could make no longer stay, but as  
 soon as were the choicest of their furniture,  
 could be laden, we were to attend the young  
 Royal Persons down the winding Stairs, through  
 all Doors and watches unto the Ship, in which,  
 they imbarqued themselves, together with  
 certain Virgins, and Cupid, and sailed so  
 mighty swift that we soon lost sight of  
 them, yet they were met (as I was  
 informed)

Conjuges  
 vi hunc  
 trans  
 mari.

by certain stately Ships; Thus in four Hours  
 time they had made many Leagues out at Sea.  
 After five of the clock the Musicians were  
 charged to carry all things back again to the  
 Ships, and to make themselves ready for the  
 voyage. But because this was somewhat  
 long a doing, the old Lord commanded forth a  
 party of his concealed Soldiers, who had hitherto  
 been planted in the wall, so that we had taken  
 no notice of any of them, where by I observed  
 that this Tower was well provided against  
 opposition  
 Now these Soldiers made quick work with our  
 stuffe, so that no more remained further to be  
 done

Custos  
 Senex.

Turris  
 custodia  
 a militibus

but to go to Supper.

Now the ~~table was completely furnished~~

~~Table~~ Table being completely furnished, the

Virgin brings us again to our Companions who were

were to carry our selves, as if we had truly been

in a lamentable condition, and forbear laughing.

But they were always smiling one upon another,

howbeit some of them too sympathized with us.

At this Supper the old Lord was with us too, —

who was a most sharp Inspector over us: —

For none could propound any thing so discreetly,

but that he knew, how either to confute it, or

amend it, or at least to give some good document

upon it. I learned most by this Lord, and it  
was —

Cena.  
Hospit &  
De 7. & 8.  
conclavi  
comesantur

Laus — }  
hujus Senis }

were very good that each one would apply himself

to him, and take notice of his procedure, for

then things would not so often and so unforwardly,

miscarry.

After we had taken our Nocturnal rest,

the old Lord led us into his Closets of Rarities,

which were here and there dispersed amongst

the Bulwarks, where we saw such wonderful

productions of Nature, and other things too which

Mans wit in imitation of nature had invented,

that we needed a Year more sufficiently to

survey them: Thus we spent a good part of the

Night by Candle-light. At last, because we were

more inclined to sleep than see many Rarities  
we —

The old  
Mans-  
Closets.

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 rarities, we were lodged in Rooms in the Wall -  
 where we had not only costly good Beds, but  
 also besides extraordinary handfom Chambers,  
 which made us the more wonder why we were  
 the Day before forced to undergo so many  
 hardships. In this Chamber I had good  
 rest, and being for the most part without  
 care, and weary with continual Labour, the  
 gentle rushing of the Sea helping me to sound &  
 and sweet sleep, For I continued in our Dream  
 from 11 of Clock ~~at night~~ till 8 in the Morning

# The seventh Day

After eight of the clock I awaked, and  
 quickly made my selfe ready, being desirous  
 to returne again into the Tower, but the dark  
 passages in the Wall were so many, & various,  
 that I wandered a good while before I could  
 find the way out. The same hapned to the  
 rest too, till at last we all met again in the  
 nother most Vault, and Habits entirely yellow  
 were given us, together with golden Fleeces.  
 At that time the Virgin declared to us that we  
 were Knights of the Golden Stone, of  
 which

Hospites  
 deponant  
 wishy  
 lugubres.

Salutaris  
 Equites Auri  
 Lapidis.

of which we were before ignorant.

**AC** After we had now thus made our selves ready,

donantur  
a Seno.

and taken our Breakfast, the old man presented each of us with a Medal of Gold, on the one side stood these words.

Arts  
naturæ  
ministra.

**ART. NAT. MI.**

On the other side these,

Temporis  
naturæ  
filia.

**TEM. NA. F.**

Exhorting us moreover that we should undertake nothing beyond and against this token of remembrance. Herewith we went forth to Sea, where our Ships lay so richly equipped, that it was not well possible that such brave things must first have been brought thither

Navis.

vexilla  
12 Signa.

Navis  
Autocis  
Libra.

thither. The ~~Six~~ Ships were twelve in Number, six of ours, and six of the old Lords, who caused his Ships to be freighted with well appointed Soldiers. But he betook himself, to us, into our Ship, where we all were together; In the first the Musicians seated themselves, of which the old Lord had also a great Number, they sailed before us to shorten the time. Our Flags were the twelve Celestial Signs, and we sat in Libra; besides other things our Ship had also a noble and curious Clock, which shewed us all the Minutes. The Sea too was so calm, that it was a singular pleasure to sail.

But



facundia?  
Senis. — }

But that which surpassed all the rest was —  
the old Mans discourse, who so well know —  
how to pass away our time with wonderfull  
Histories, that I could have been content —  
to sail with him all my Life long. /

Obviation?  
ex arc. }

Mean time the Ships passed on a main, for  
before we had sailed two hours the Mariner  
told us that he already saw the whole Lake  
almost covered with Ships, by which we  
could conjecture they were come out to —  
meet us, which also proved true: For as —  
soon, as we were gotten out of the Sea into —  
the by the River, there presently stood into us  
five hundred Ships one of which spark'd  
with

500 Navies. /

with more Gold and pretious stones, in which  
sate the King and Queen, together with other  
Lords, Ladies, and Virgins of high Birth.

As soon as they were well in Ken of us —  
the peeces were discharged on both sides,

Applausus. / and there was such a din of Trumpets,

Shalms and Kettle Drums, that all the  
Ships upon the Sea captred again. Finally,

as soon as we came near they brought about  
our Ships together, and so made a stand,

immediately the old Atlas stepped forth on

Atlas  
oratione  
excipit  
hospites. }

the Kings behalfe, making a short, but  
handsom oration, wherein he welcomed us and  
demanded whether the Royall Presents  
was

were in readings. The rest of my Companions -  
were in an huge amazement, whence this -  
King should arise for they imagined, no -  
other but that they must again waken him.  
We suffered them to continue in their -  
wonderment, and carried our selves as if it  
seemed strange to us too.

Atlanti  
respondet  
Senex.

After Atlas's oration out steps our old -  
man, making somewhat a larger Reply, -  
wherein he wished the King and Queen all -  
happinss and increase, after which he -  
delivered up a curious small Casket, but -  
what was in it, I know not; only it was committed  
to Cupid who hovered between them both to  
keep.

Regis  
conjugis  
bus donu  
affert  
Cupido.

keep. After the oration was finished,  
they again let off a joyfull volle of shot,  
and so we sailed on a good time together,  
till at length we arrived at another Shore.  
This was near the first Gate at which I  
first entered: At this place again there  
attended a great Multitude of the Kings  
Family together with some hundreds of  
Horses.  
Now as soon as we were come to shore,  
and disembarked, the King and Queen  
presented their hands to all of us one  
with another with singular Kindness; and  
so we were to get up on Horse back.  
How

I would desire that you would not interpret the following Narration to any vain glory or pride of mine but to credit me thus far, that if there had not been a special necessity in it, I could very well have utterly concealed this honour which was shewed me.

Honor  
delatus  
Auroi  
cum Sono  
squibat  
juxta  
Regem.

We were all one after another distributed amongst the Lords. But our old Lord and I most unworthy, were to ride even with the King, each of us bearing a snow-white Ensign with a Red Cross: I indeed was made use of because of my Age, for we both had long grey Beards, and hair.

I had besides fastned my tokens round about

about my Hat of which the young King soon took notice; and demanded if I were he, who could at the Gate receive these tokens? I answered in most humble manner, Yea. but he laughed on me, saying, There henceforth needed no Ceremony; I was His Father.

Patet.

Tissias  
solvit  
sali- et  
aqua.

Then he asked me; Wherewith I had redeemed them? I Replied, with Water and Salt: Wherupon he wondered who had made me so wise; upon which I grew somewhat more confident, and recounted unto him how it had happened to me with my Bread, the Dove, and the Raven, and he was pleased with it, and said expressly, That it must needs be, that

that God had herein vouchsafed me a singular  
 happiness. Herewith we came to the first Gate  
 where the Porter with the blew Cloath's waited,  
 who bare in his hand a Supplication. Now as  
 soon as he spied me even with the King he  
 delivered me the Supplication, most humbly  
 beseeching me to mention his Ingenuity towards  
 me before the King: Now in the first place

Primus  
 Custos  
 quis?  
 Ob visam  
 Venerem  
 factus  
 Portitor.

I demanded of the King, what the Condition  
 of this Porter was? who friendly answered me,  
 That he was a very famous and rare Astrologer,  
 and always in high regard with the Lord his  
 Father. But having on a time committed a fault  
 against Venus, and beheld her in her bed  
 of rest

of rest; this punishment was therefore imposed  
 upon him, that he should so long wait at the  
 first Gate, till some one should release him  
 from thence. I replied, may he then be  
 Released? Yes, said the King, if any one  
 can be found that hath as highly trans-  
 gressed as himselfe, he must stand in his  
 stead, and the other shall be free.

Autor  
 ejusdem  
 delicti  
 reus  
 proditur  
 a portitore.

This word went to my heart, for my Consci-  
 ence convinced me that I was the offender,  
 yet I held my peace, and herewith delivered  
 the Supplication. As soon as he had read it,  
 he was mightily terrified, so that the Queen  
 who (with our Virgins, and that other Queen  
 besides

Besides, of whom I made mention at the hanging of the Weights) rid just behind us observed it, and therefore asked him, - what this Letter might signify. But he had no mind that he should take notice of it, but putting up the paper, began to discourse of other matters, till thus in about three hours time we came quite to the Castle, where we alighted, and waited upon the King into his forementioned Hall. Immediately the King called for the old Atlas to come to him in a little Closet, and showed him the Writing, who made no long tarrying but rid out again to the Porter to take better cognisance of

actus  
in arce. }

of this matter. After which the young King with his Spouse, and other Lords, Ladies and Virgins sat down. Then began our Virgin highly to commend the diligence we had used, and the pains and labour we had undergone, requesting we might be Royally rewarded, and that she henceforward might be permitted to enjoy the benefit of her Commission. Then the old Lord stood up too and attested that all that the Virgin had spoken was true, and that it was but equity that we should on both parts be contented. Hereupon we were to step out a little; and it was concluded,

virgo  
lucifera }



concluded that each man should make some possible wish, and accordingly obtain it; for it was not to be doubted, but that those of understanding would also make the best wish.

So we were to consider of it till after supper.

Mean time the King and Queen for recreation sake; began to fall to play together.

It looked not unlike Chess, only it had other Laws; for it was the Vertues and vices one against another,

where it might ingeniously be observed with what plots the Vices lay in wait for the Vertues, and how to reconcounter them again.

This was so properly and artificially performed, that it were to be wished, that we had the like game too.

During

Ludus Regis cum Regina.

Artificio.

Supplicatio scitatoris tradita Autori.

During the game, in comes Atlas again, and makes his report in private, yet I blush'd all over. For my Conscience gave me no rest; After which the King presented me the supplication to read, the Contents whereof, were much to this purpose.

First he wished the King prosperity; and increase; that his seed might be spread abroad far and wide.

Afterwards he remonstrated that the time was now accomplished wherem according to the Royal promise he ought to be Released. Because VENUS was already uncovered by one of his Guests, for his Observations could not lie to him.

And that if his Majesty would please to make a strict and diligent enquiry, he would find that

that

find that she had been uncovered, and in case this should not prove so to be, he would be content to remain before the Gate all days of his life. Then he sued in the most humble manner, that upon peril of Body and Life he might be permitted to be present at this Nights Supper, he was in good hopes to spy out the very Offender, and obtain his wished freedom.

This was expressly and handsomely indicted, by which I could well perceive his Ingenuity, but it was too sharp for me, and I could well have endured never to have seen it.

Now I was casting in my mind, whether he might perchance be helped through my wish, so I asked

asked the King, whether he might not be released some other way? No, replied the King because there is a special consideration in the business.

However, for this Night, we may well gratify him in his desire; so he sent one forth to fetch him in. Mean time the Tables were prepared in a spacious

Inclinium  
praeiosissimum.

Room, in which we had never been before; which was so complet, and in such manner contrived, that it is not possible for me only to begin to describe

it. Into this we were conducted with singular Pomp, and Ceremony. Cupid was not at this time present. For (as I was informed) the Disgrace

Cupido iratus  
ob Venerem  
visam ab  
aurore.

which had happened to his Mother, had somewhat angered him. In brief, my offence, and the

The Supplication which was delivered were an occasion  
 of much sadness, for the King, was in perplexity  
 how to make Inquisition amongst his Guests,  
 and the more because thus even those too, who  
 were yet ignorant of the matter, would come to  
 the knowledge of it. So he caused the Porter  
 himself, who was already come, to make his  
 strict survey, and showed himself as pleasant as  
 he was able. Howbeit at length they began  
 again to be merry, and to converse one another  
 with all sorts of recreative and profitable discourses.  
 Now how the treatment and other Ceremonies  
 were then performed, it is not necessary to declare  
 since it is ~~not~~ not serviceable to my design.  
 But

Latitia  
 discumbentium

Post  
 canam  
 obligantur  
 Equites  
 legibus suis.

But all exceeded more in art, than that we were  
 overcharged with drinking. And this was the  
 last, and noblest meal at which I was present.  
 After the Banquet, the Tables were suddenly  
 taken away, and certain curious Chairs placed  
 round about in circles, in which we together  
 with the King and Queen, both their old  
 Men, the Ladies and Virgins were to sit.  
 After which a very handsome page opened  
 the above mentioned glorious little Book,  
 when Atlas immediately placing himself in the  
 midst began to bespeak us to the ensuing  
 purpose. That his Royal Majesty had not yet  
 committed to oblivion the service we had done  
 him.

him and how carefully we had attended our  
duty, and therefore by way of retribution had  
elected all and each of us Knights of the  
Golden Stone. That it was therefore further  
necessary not only once again to oblige our selves  
towards his Royal Majesty, but to vow too upon  
the following Articles, And then his Royal  
Majesty would likewise know how to behave  
himself towards his Lidge people. Upon  
which he caused the page to read over the  
Articles which were these.

I. You my Lords the Knights shall swear, that  
you shall at no time ascribe your Order either  
unto any Devil, or Spirit, but only to God your  
Creator,

Creator and his handmaid Nature.

II. That you will Abominate all Whoredoms;  
Incontinency and Uncleannesse, and not defile  
your Order with such vices.

III. That you through your Talents will be  
ready to assist all that are worthy, and have  
need of them.

IV. That you desire not to employ this  
Honour to worldly Pride, and high Authority,

V. That you shall not be willing to live longer  
then God will have you.

At this last Article we could not choose  
but laugh sufficiently, and it may well have  
been plac'd after the rest, only for a conceit.  
Now

Privilegia. Now being to vow to them all by the Kings Scepter, we were afterwards with the usual Ceremonies installed and amongst other Priviledges set over Ignorance, Poverty, and Sickness, to handle them at our pleasures.

And this was afterwards Ratified in a little Chappel (whither we were conducted in a Procession) and thanks returned to God for it. Where I also at that time to the Honour of God hung up my Golden Aleece and Hat, and left them there for an Eternal Memorial. And because every one was there to write his Name I writ thus.

Suma —

Summa Scientia nihil Scire.  
Fr. Christianus Rosencreuts.  
Eques aurei Lapidis.

Anno 1459.



Others writ otherwise, and truly such as seemed him good.

After which we were again brought into the Hall, where being <sup>sat</sup> ~~set~~ down, we were admonished quickly to bethink our selves what everyone would wish. But the King and his party retired into a little Closet there to give audience to our Wishes.

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Jam postea =  
tantur. De =  
positiones =  
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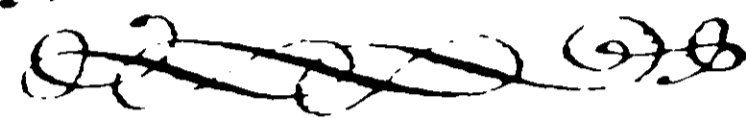
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wish, I thought nothing could be more praise-  
worthy, than in honour of my Order to demonstrate  
some laudable Vertue. And found too that  
none at present could be more famous, and  
cost me more Trouble than Gratitude.

Autor  
optat  
Liberitatem  
Portitoris &  
gratitudinis.

Wherefore not regarding that I might well have  
wished somewhat more dear & agreeable to  
my self, I vanquished my self, and concluded,  
even with my own peril to free the Porter  
my Benefactor.

Wherefore being now called in, I was first of  
all demanded, whether having read the  
Supplication, I had observed, or suspected nothing  
concerning the offender? Upon which I  
began

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Hermes Nuptials &c.

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I began undauntedly to relate how all the  
Business had passed.

Autor  
zeus  
confitens.

How through Ignorance I fell into that mistake,  
and so offered my self to undergo all that I  
had thereby deserved.

Autor  
zeus  
confitens.

The King and the rest of the Lords wondered  
mightily at so unhop'd for confession, and  
so wish'd me to step aside a little. Now as  
soon as I was called for in again, Atlas  
declared to me, that although it were grievous  
to the Kings Majesty, that I whom he loved  
above others, was fallen into such a mischance,  
yet because it was not possible for him to  
Transgress his ancient usages he know not  
how

how else to absolve me; but that the other must  
be at liberty, and I placed in his stead, yet he  
would hope that some other would soon be  
apprehended, that so I might be able to go home  
again.

Audit  
Sententiam }

However, no release was to be hoped for  
till the Marriage feast of his future Son.

This Sentence had near cost me my life, &  
I first hated my self and my bawling tongue,  
in that I could not hold my peace; yet  
at last I took courage, and because I  
considered there was no remedy I related  
how this Porter had bestowed a Token on me  
and commended me to the other, by whose  
assistance

Laus  
Beneficij  
publicis }

assistance I stood upon the Scale, and so was  
made partaker of all the honour and joy already  
received.

And therefore now it was but equal that  
I should show my self gratefull to my  
Benefactor: and because the same could no  
way otherwise done, I returned thanks for the  
Sentence; and was willing gladly to sustain  
some inconvenience for his sake who had been  
helpfull to me in coming to so high a place.

But if by my wish any thing might be effected,  
I wished my self at home again, and that so  
he by me, and I by my wish might be at  
Liberty.

Answer  
was

Answer was made me, that the Wishing, —  
that had not so far.

However I might well wish him free: Yet  
it was very pleasing to his Royal Majesty,

Laudatur  
à Regem }

that I had behaved my self so generously —  
to him, but he was afraid I might still be

ignorant into what a miserable condition I —  
had plunged my self through this my Curiosity.

Hereupon the good man was pronounced —  
free, and I with a sad heart was fain —

to stop aside.

Reliqui  
lati  
vadunt }

After me the rest were called, for too —  
who came joyfully out again, which was still  
more to my smart; for I imagined no other,  
but

but that I must finish my Life under the Gate.

Autor  
melancholus  
est:

I had also many pensive thoughts running —  
up and down in my head, what I should yet

undertake, and wherewith to spend the time,

Spes.

at length I considered that I was now old, and —  
according to the Course of nature had few years

motus.

more to live: And that this Anguish and —  
melancholy Life would easily dispatch me, —

and then my Door keeping would be at an end:

And that by a most happy sleep I might quickly

Solatium.

bring my self into the Grave. I had sundry of —

these thoughts. Sometimes it vexed me that I had

been such gallant things and must be robbed

of them.

Sometimes  
it

it rejoiced me that yet before my end I had  
been accepted to all joy, and should not be forced  
so shamefully to depart.

Thus this was the last and worst shock that I  
sustained: During these my cogitations the rest  
were ready.

Wherefore after they had received a good night  
from the King and Lords, each one was conducted  
into his Lodging.

But I most wretched Man had no body to show  
me the way, and yet must moreover suffer my-  
self to be tormented, and that I might be  
certain of my future function, I was fain  
to put on the Ring, which the other had before  
worn.

Autos  
accipit  
annulum.

worn.

Finally the King exhorted me, that since this  
was now the last time I was like to see him  
in this manner: I should however behave my  
self according to my place, and not against  
the Order: Upon which he took me also in  
his Arms and kissed me, all which I so under-  
stood, as if in the Morning I must sit at  
my Gate.

Now after they had all a while spoken  
friendly to me, and at last presented their  
Hands, committing me to the divine protection:  
I was by both the old Man, the Lord of the  
Tower, and Atlas conducted into a glorious  
Lodging.



Lodging, in which stood three Beds, and each  
of us lay in one of them, where we yet spent  
almost two, &c.

[How ars wanting about two-  
leaves in quarto, and his (the  
Author hereof) who as he  
imagined he must in the Morning  
be Door-keeper, returned home.



F. J. N. S. hujus  
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1714.

## A Table

Containing all the memorable points  
of Philosophie & History in that Learned  
Treatise of Hermes Nuptials &c.

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left

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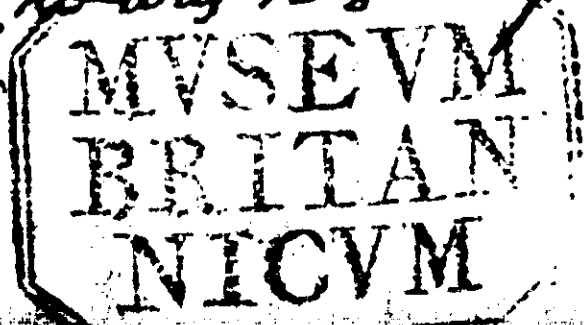
having committed a fault against Venus & behold for in her bed of  
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Author hereupon was found guilty of the same crime & was

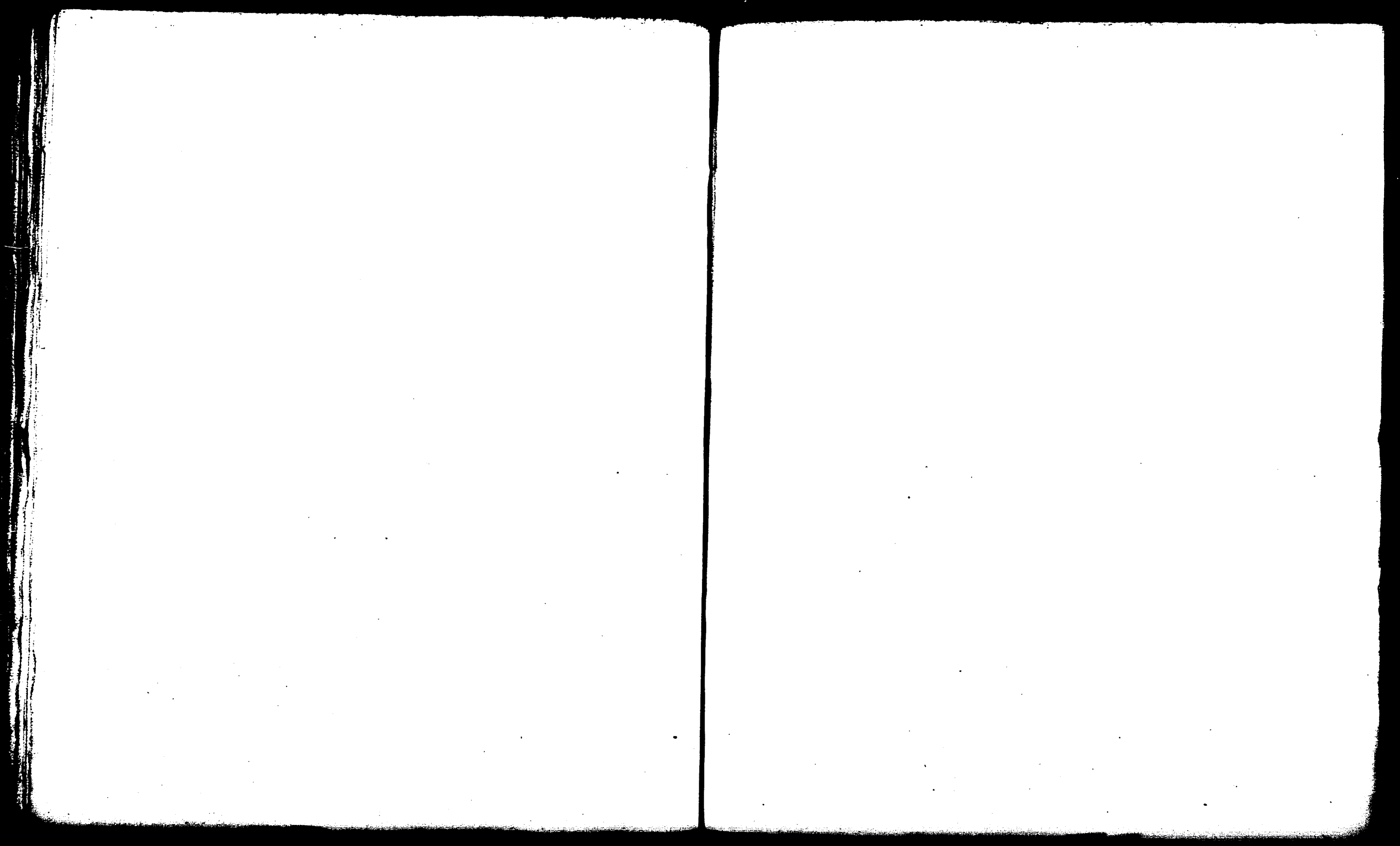
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