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Reader,

THe *Author* was an extraordinary Person ; the *Translator* a well qualified Judge ; the *Translation* is Curious ; And the *Book* Entertaining to any sort of *Reader*.

Suspensa hedera nihil opus est.

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THE
HERMETICK
ROMANCE:
OR THE
CHYMICAL
VVEDDINGE

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The Hermetick
ROMANCE, &c.

The first Book.

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 shewn 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 ariseth so horrible a Tempest, that I imagined no other but that through its mighty force, the Hill whereon my little House was founded, would flye in pieces. But in as much as this, and the like from the Devil (who had done me many a spight) was no new thing to me; I took courage,

Meditation

and persisted in my Meditation, till some body (after an unusual manner, touched me on the Back ; whereupon I was so hugely terrified, that I durst hardly look about me ; yet I shewed my self as cheerful as (in the like Occurrences) humane frailty would permit ; Now the same thing still twiching me several times by the Coat, I looked back, and behold it was a fair and glorious *Lady*, whose Garments were all *Skye-colour*, and curiously (like Heaven) bespangled with golden *Stars*, in her right Hand she bare a *Trumpet* of beaten Gold, whereon a Name was ingraven (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 beautiful *Wings*, full of *Eyes* throughout, wherewith she could mount aloft, and flye swifter than any *Eagle*. I might perhaps been able to take further 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

Præconissa.

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 the *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* ecchoed thereof, and for a full *quarter* of a hour after, I could hardly hear my own Words.

In so unlooked for an adventure I was at a loss, how either to advise, or assist my poor self, and therefore fell upon my Knees, and *besought* my Creator to permit nothing contrary to my *Eternal Happiness* to befall me; whereupon with fear and trembling, I went to the Letter, which was now *so heavy*, as had it been meer 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 † VINCES*, was ingraven.

Epistola.

Sigillum.

Now as soon as I espied this Sign I was the more comforted, as not being ignorant that such a Seal was little acceptable, and much less useful to the

Devil. Whereupon I tenderly opened the Letter, and within it, in an *Azure Field*, in *Golden Letters*, found the following Verses written.



*This day, this day, this, this
The Royal Wedding is.*

*Art thou thereto by Birth inclin'd,
And unto joy of God design'd,
Then may'st thou to the Mountain tend,
Whercon three stately Temples stand,
And there see all from end to end.*

*Keep watch, and ward,
Thyself regard;
Unless with diligence thou bathe,
The Wedding can't thee harmless save:
He'll dammage have that here delays;
Let him beware, too light that weighs.*

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*, whereof seven Years before I was acquainted in a *bodily Vision*, and which now so long time I had with great earnest-

earnestness attended, and which lastly, by the account and calculation of the *Planets*, I had most diligently observed, I found so to be, yet could I never fore-see that it must happen under so grievous and perilous conditions. For whereas I before imagined that to be a well-come, 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 self, the more I *examined* my self, 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 Feet, and which I daily conversed with, much less that I should be born to the searching out, and understanding of the *Secrets* of Nature; since in my opinion Nature might every where find a more *vertuous* Disciple, to whom to intrust her precious, though temporary, and changeable Treasures. I found also that my bodily behaviour, and outward good Conversation, and *Brotherly Love* toward my Neighbour, was

Requisita in
hospitibus
Secundum. 7.
Pondera.

1
Electio in-
certa.

2
Inscitia Ix-
norantia Cæ-
citas mentis

3.
4.
Natura Se-
creta.

5.
6.

Mutua
affectio

not duly purged and cleansed; Moreover the tickling of the Flesh manifested it self, whose affection was bent only to Pomp and 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 increase my profit and advantage, rear up stately Palaces, make my self an everlasting Name in the World, and other the like *Carnal* designs. But the 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 self again and again, and finding only my own Frailty and *Impotency*, not being in any wise able to succour my self, and exceedingly amazed at the fore-mentioned threatening; at length I betook my self to my usual and most secure course; after I had finished my earnest and most fervent *Prayer*, I laid me down in my Bed, that so perchance my good *Angel* by the Divine permission might appear

pear, and (as it had sometimes *formerly* happened) instruct me in this doubtful affair, which to the praise of God, my own good, and my Neighbours faithful and hearty warning and amendment did now likewise fall out. For I was yet scarce fallen asleep, when me-thought, I, together with a *numberless multitude* of men lay fettered with great Chains in a *dark Dungeon*, where in without the least glimpse of Light, we swarmed like Bees one over another, and thus rendred each others affliction more grievous. But although neither I, nor any of the rest could see one jot; yet I continually heard one heaving himself *above* the other, when his Chains or Fetters were become ever so little lighter, though none of us had much reason to shove up the other, since we 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 length we heard many *Trumpets* sounding together, and *Kettle-Drums* beating so artificially thereto, that it even revived and rejoiced us in our Calamity.

During

vifio per-
fomium.

Turris Cæ-
citas.

During this Noise the *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 *pelle, melle*, and he who perchance had too much *heaved* up himself, was forced down again under the others Feet. In brief, each one strove to be *uppermost*, neither did I my self linger, but with my weighty Fetters slipt up from under the rest, and then heaved my self upon a *Stone*, which I laid hold of; howbeit, I was several times caught at by others, from whom yet as well as I might, with Hands and Feet I still guarded my self. For we imagined no other but that we should all be set at *Liberty*, which yet fell out quite otherwise. For after the 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 Ancient* Man called to us to be quiet, and having scarce obtained it, began (as I still remember) thus to say on.

Illustratio.

*Lapis
Præfidis.*

*Magister
Carceris.*

If wretched Mankind would forbear
 Themselves so to uphold,
 Then sure on them much good confer,
 My righteous Mother would:
 But since the same will not insue,
 They must in Care and Sorrow rue,
 And still in Prison lie.
 Howbeit, my dear Mother will
 Their Follies over-see,
 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 else would pass for Forgery.
 Wherefore in honour of the Feast
 We this day solemnize,
 That so her Grace may be increast,
 A good deed she'l devise.
 For now a Cord shall be let down,
 And whoso'er can hang thereon,
 Shall freely be releast.

Vide S.
 Bernhard.
 Serm. 3. de
 7. fragmen-
 tis.

He had scarce done speaking, when
 an Antient *Matron* commanded her Ser-
 vants to let down the Cord *seven times* Magistra restis.
 into the Dungeon, and draw up who-
 soever could hang upon it. Good God!
 that I could sufficiently describe the
 hurry Septies.

hurry and disquiet that then arose amongst us; For every one strove to get to the Cord, and yet only hindred each other. But after seven Minutes a sign was given by a little Bell, whereupon 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 mis-fortune, betaken my self 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 an one was forcably *pulled* off by another, who yet could not himself get at it; so mutually *envious* were we even in this our great misery. 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 pass that at these five times
 very

Prima
 vectura.
 4.

Secunda.

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, this time especially, was drawn up very *empty*. Whereupon the greatest part, and even I my self, despaired of Redemption, and called upon *God* that he would have pitty on us, and (if possible) deliver us out of this obscurity, who also then heard some of us: For when the Cord came down the sixth time, some of them hung themselves fast upon it; 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 suddainly catching, got uppermost above all the rest, and so at length beyond hope came out; whereat I exceedingly rejoiced, so that I perceived not the *Wound*, which in the 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 fain to help at the seventh and last pull, at which time through straining, the *Blood* ran down all over my Cloathes, which I nevertheless for joy regarded not.

Now

Sexta

Vulnus ex-
turro Cæci-
tatis

Septima.

Magistræ
filius.

Now when the last draught whereon
the most of all hung, was finished;
The Matron caused the Cord to be laid
away, and willed her aged Son (at
which I much wondred) to declare her
Resolution to the rest of the Prisoners;
who after he had a little bethought him-
self spoke, thus unto them.

To Children dear

All present here,

What is but now compleat and done,
Was long before resolved on:

What er'r my Mother of great Grace
To each on both sides here hath shown,
May never Discontent mis-place;

The joyful time is drawing on,
When every one shall equal be,
None Wealthy, none in Penny.

Who er'e receiveth great Commands
Hath work enough to fill his Hands.

Who er'r with much hath trusted been,
'Tis well if he may save his Skin,

Wherefore your Lamentations cease,
What is't to waite 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

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 caused my 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 were also written down by a little page; having viewed us all, one after another, she sighed, and spoke to her Son, so as I could well hear her, “ Ah how hartily am I grieved for the “ poor Men in the Dungeon! I would “ to God I durst release them all, whereunto her Son replied; “ It is “ Mother thus ordained of God, against “ whom we may not contend. In case “ we all of us were Lords, and possessed “ all the Goods upon Earth, and were “ seated at Table, who would there “ then be to be bring up the Service? whereupon his Mother held her peace, but soon after she said; “ Well, how-

Magistra
recenset
vectos.

Secretarius

Cux bep
omney evcs

“ ever, let these be freed from their
 “ Fetters; which was likewise presently
 done, and I, except a few was the last;
 yet 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 and fatherly vouchsafed to
 bring me out of such Darknes into the
 Light: After me the rest did likewise,
 to the satisfaction of the Matron. Last-
 ly, to every one was given a piece of
 Gold for a Remembrance, and to spend
 by the way, on the one side whereof
 was stamped the rising Sun, on the
 other (as I remember) these three Let-
 ters, *D L S*; And therewith every
 one had License to depart, and was
 sent to his own Business with this annex-
 ed Intimation, *That We to the Glory of
 God should benefit our Neighbours, and
 reserve in silence what we had been intrusted
 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
 espying, laughing at it, and calling
 me

Gratitude
 Auctoris e-
 vecti.

Nummus
 Aureus.

○

Deus Lux
 Solis vel
 Deo laus
 Semp.
 Mandatum
 Tacitur
 miras

me again to her said thus to me, 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 so *high*
 a light, and keep these wounds for my
 sake. Whereupon the Trumpets began
 again to sound, which so affrighted me
 that I *awoke*, and then first perceived
 that it was onely a *Dream*, which yet
 was so strongly impressed upon my ima-
 gination, that I was still perpetually
 troubled about it, and me thought I was
 yet sensible of the wounds on my Feet.
 Howbeit, by all these things I well un-
 derstood that God had vouchsafed that
 I should be present at this *mysterious and*
hidden Wedding; wherefore with *Child-*
like confidence I returned thanks to his
Divine Majesty, & besought him; that he
 would further preserve me in his fear,
 that he would daily fill my Heart with
 Wisdom and Understanding, and at
 length graciously (without my desert)
 conduct me to the desired end. Here-
 upon I prepared my self for the *way*,
 put on my *white linnen Coat*, girded
 my Loyns, with a *Blood-red Ribbon*
 bound cross-ways over my Shoulder:

Discessus Aus-
toris.

Vulnus ex
compedibus.

Expergesa-
tio.

Solutio.

Preca-tio.

Præparatio
ad iter.

In my Hat I stuck *four red Roses*, that I might the sooner by this Token be taken notice of amongst the throng. For food I took *Bread, Salt, and Water*, which by the counsel of an understanding person I had at certain times used, not without profit, in the like occurrences. But before I parted from my *Cottage*, I first in this my dress, and wedding Garment, fell down upon my *Knees*, and besought *God*, that in case such a thing were, he would vouchsafe me a good issue. And thereupon 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 good hope I departed out of my Cell with joy.

Votum.

The Second Day.

I was hardly got out of my Cell into
 a Forreſt, when me thought that the
 whole *Heaven* and all the Elements had
 already trimmed themſelves againſt
 this *Wedding*. For even the Birds in
 my opinion chanted more pleaſantly
 then before, and the young Fawns skip-
 ped ſo merrily, that they rejoyced my *old*
Heart, and moved me to ſing: where-
 fore with a loud Voice I thus began :

Tripudium
 Creatura-
 rum ob
 nuptias.

With mirth thou pretty Bird rejoice,
 Thy Maker's praise in-hanced.
 Lift up thy ſhrill and pleaſant Voice,
 Thy God is high advanced.
 Thy food before he did provide,
 And gives it in a fitting ſide,
 Therewith be thou ſufficed,
 Why ſhould'ſt thou now unpleaſant be,
 Thy wrath againſt God venting?
 That he 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 'twere) inditing,
 That I should thus 'gainst Heaven storm
 To force great arts by fighting?
 God will out-braved be by none,
 Who's good for naught, may hence be gone,
 O man b^t herewith sufficed.
 That he no Cæsar hath thee fram'd,
 To pine therefore 'tis needless
 His Name perhaps thou hadst defam'd
 Whereof he was not heedless.
 Most clear and bright Gods eyes do shine,
 He pierces to thy heart within,
 And cannot be deceived.*

This sang I now from the bottom of
 my Heart throughout the whole Forrest,
 so that it resounded from all parts, and
 the Hills repeated my last words, until
 at length I espyed a curious green
 Heath, whither I betook my self out of
 the Forrest. Upon this Heath stood
 three lovely tall Cedars, which by rea-
 son of their breadth afforded an excel-
 lent and desired shade, whereat I great-
 ly rejoiced ; for although I had not hi-
 therto gone far, yet my earnest longing
 made me very faint, whereupon I hasted
 to the Trees to rest a little under them,
 but

Per Sylvam.

In Campum.

3. Cedri.

3. Templum.

but as soon as I came somewhat nigher, I espyed a *Tablet* fastned to one of them, on which (as afterwards I read) in curious Letters the following words were written :

Tab. ella Mer-
curialis.
1. ♀

Hospes salve : si quid tibi forsitan de nuptijs *Regis* auditum, Verba hæc perpende. *Quatuor viarum* optionem per nos tibi *Sponsus* offert, per quas omnes, modo non in devias delabaris, ad *Regiam* ejus aulam pervenire possis. Prima brevis est, sed periculosa, et quæ te in varios *scopulos* deducet, ex quibus vix te expedire licebit. Altera *longior*, quæ circumducet te, non abducet, *plana* est et *facilis*, si te *Magnetis* auxilio neque ad dex-

B 3

trum

trum, neque sinistrum ab-
 duci patiaris. Tertia vere
Regia est, quæ per varias *Re-*
gis nostri delicias et specta-
 cula viam tibi reddet jucun-
 dam. Sed quod vix millesi-
 mo hæctenus obtigit. Per
 quartam *nemini hominum* lice-
 bit ad *Regiam* pervenire, ut-
 pote quæ consumens et non
 nisi corporibus *incorruptibili-*
bus conveniens est. Elige nunc
 ex tribus quam velis, et in ea
constans permane. Scito au-
 tem quamcunque ingressus
 fueris, ab immutabili *fato* tibi
ita destinatum, nec nisi cum
 maximo vitæ periculo regre-
 di fas esse. Hæc sunt quæ te
 scivisse volumus; sed heus
 cave!

cave ignores, quanto cum periculo te huic viæ commiseris, nam si te vel minimi delicti contra Regis nostri leges nosti obnoxium, quæso dum adhuc licet per eandem viam qua accessisti domum te confer quam citissime.

Now as soon as I had read this Writing, all my joy was near 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; yet 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 of it through *by-ways*, or be otherway's detained in the great Journey. Neither durst I hope, that I amongst thousands should be the very He, who should choose the *Royal* way, I saw likewise the *Fourth* before me, but it was so invironed with *Fire* and
Exha-

Va Autoris exigenda.

Exhalations, that I durst not (by *much*) draw near it, and therefore again and again considered, whether I should return back, or take any of the ways before me. I well weighed my own *unworthiness*, but the Dream still comforted me, that I was delivered out of the Tower, and yet I durst not confidently rely upon a Dream; whereupon I was so variously perplexed, that for very great weariness, hunger and thirst seized me, whereupon I presently drew out 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 betook her self 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 *black Raven* perceived it, he streight darted himself down upon the Dove, and taking no notice of me, would needs force away the Dove's meat, who could no otherwise guard her self but by *flight*; whereupon they both together flew toward the *South*, at which I was so hugely incensed and grieved,

Dubium.

Confirmatio.

Columba
Alba arbori
Mercuriali
insidens.Corvus Ni-
ger.Versus Meri-
dem.

that without thinking what I did, I made hast after the filthy Raven, and so against my will ran into *one* of the forementioned 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 self, 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 self 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 hinderance at all: From whence I could easily conclude, that it would cost me my life, in case I should set my self against the *Wind*; wherefore I patiently took up my cross, got upon my feet, and resolved, since so it must be, I would use my utmost endeavour to get to my Journeys end before night. Now although many apparent *by-ways* shewed themselves, yet I still proceeded with my *Compass*, and would not budge one Compassus. step

Autor incidit in 2. Viam incogitanter.

step from the Meridian Line; howbeit the way was oftentimes so *rugged* and unpassable, that I was in no little doubt of it. On this way I constantly thought upon the *Dove* and *Raven*, and yet could not search out the meaning, until at length upon a high Hill afar of I espyed a stately Portal, to which not regarding how far it was distant both from me and the way I was in, I hastened, because the Sun had already *hid* himself under the *Hills*, and I (by far) could elsewhere espy 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 beside this Gate. To which (as was said) I now made mighty haste, and reached it by so much *Daylight*, as to take a very competent view of it. Now it was an exceeding *Royal beautiful Portal*, whereon were carved a multitude of most *noble Figures* and Devices, every one of which (as I afterwards learned) had its 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

Diverforium

Occasus ☉

Tabula inscripionis.

Atritor.

there streight stepped forth one in a
Sky-coloured habit, whom I in friendly
 manner saluted, which though he thank-
 fully returned, yet he instantly demand-
 ed of me my Letter of Invitation.

Literæ con-
 vocationis.

O how glad was I that I had then
 brought it with me! For how easi-
 ly might I have forgotten it (as it
 also chanced to others) as he himself
 told me? I quickly presented it, where-
 with he was not only Satisfied, but (at
 which I much wondred) shewed me
 abundance of respect, saying, Come in
 my *Brother*, an acceptable Guest you
 are to me; and withal intreated me not
 to with-hold my Name from him. Now
 having replied, that I was a Brother of
 the *Red-Rosie Cross*, he both wondred,
 and seemed to rejoyce at it, and then
 proceeded thus, My Brother have you
 nothing about you wherewith to pur-
 chase a Token? I answered my ability
 was small, but if he saw any thing
 about me he had a mind to, it was
 at his service. Now he having request-
 ed of me my *Bottle of Water*, and I
 granted it, he gives me a *golden Token*
 whereon stood no more but these two

Nomen Au-
 toris.

Emitor a-
 qua Tessera.

Letters, *S. C.* intreating me that when
 it stood me in good stead, I would

Sanctitate
 Constantia
 Sponsus

remem-

Charus.
Spes.
Charitas.

Diploma.

The Castle.

virgo Luci-
fera.

The Lady
Chamber-
lain or Con-
troulor.

remember him. After which I asked him, how many were got in before me, which he also told me, and lastly out of meer Friendship gave me a *sealed Letter* to the second Porter. Now having 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 inclosed with *Walls*, and planted with all sorts of excellent Fruit-Trees, and still on every third Tree on each side Lant-horns were hung up, wherein all the Candles were already lighted with a glorious Torch by a *beautiful Virgin*, habited in *Skye-colour*, which was so noble and Majestick a Spectacle, that I yet delayed somewhat *longer* then was requisite. But at length after sufficient Information, and an advantageous Instruction, I friendly departed from the first Porter. On the way, though I would gladly have known 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, until I came likewise to the *second Gate*, which

which although it was very like the other, yet was it adorned with Images & mystick significations. In the affixed Tablet stood *Dare & dabitur vobis*. Under this Gate lay a terrible grim *Lion* chain'd, who as soon as he espi'd me arose & made at me with 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, and with very great respect spake thus to me; Now well-come in Gods Name unto me the man whom of long time I would gladly have seen. Mean 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, whereupon the Porter counselled me to run apace, or else all the paines and labour I had hitherto taken would serve to no purpose, for the *Lights* above began already to be *extinguished*; where-

Porta
Secunda.

Tabella.

Custos Leo.

2 Portitor.

Tessera
empta sale.Studio
mercuris Sal
humor spon-
so mittendus
Sal mine-
ralis
Sal menstru-
alis.

upon

upon I dispatched with such haste that he heeded not the Porter, in such anguish was I, and truly it was but necessary, for I could not 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 more-over constrained to enter the very next to her, and the Gate was so suddainly clap't to, that a part of my *coate* 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; just by the Door were two Columns, on one of them stood a pleasant Figure with this Inscription, *Congratulor*. The other having its Countenance veiled was sad, and beneath was written, *Candoleo*. In brief, the Inscriptions and Figures thereon, were so dark and mysterious, that the most dextrous man upon Earth could

Porta clauditur.

Pyramides
Portæ.

could not have expounded them. But all these (if God permit) I shall e'er 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 immediately with the rest dispatched to the Lord *Bridegroom*. Here it was where I first received the *true* Guest-token, which was somewhat less than the former, but yet much heavier, upon this stood these 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 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 saw nothing, and it proved to be certain men who tumbled in upon me; but since I could

Promissura
Autobis.

Salus per
Naturam.
Sponsi præ-
sentandus
Nuptijs.

* Comes
puer.

see nothing, I was fain to suffer, and attend what they would do with me ; but presently perceving them to be

Salneatores. Barbers, I intreated them not to juttle me so, for I was content to do whatever they desired, whereupon they quickly let me go, and so one of them (whom I could not yet see) fine and gently cut away the *Hair* round about from the

Capillus detonsus as servatus. *Crown of my Head*, but on my Fore-head, Ears and Eyes he permitted my *Ice-grey Locks* to hang. In this first incounter (I must confess) I was ready to despair, for inasmuch as some of them shovd me so forceably, and I could yet see nothing, I could think no other but that God for my *Curiosity* had suffered me to miscarry. Now these invisible *Barbers* carefully gathered up the *Hair* which was cut off, and carried it away with them. After which the *two Pages* entred 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 wind

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Fueri bini.

ing Stairs lighted me into a spacious *Hall*. In this Room was a great multitude of guests, Emperors, Kings, Princes, and Lords, Noble and Ignoble, Rich; and Poor, and all sorts of People, at which I hugely marvelled, and thought to my self; ah, how gross a fool hast thou been to ingage upon this Journey with so much bitterness and toil, when (behold) here are even those fellows whom thou well know'st, and yet hadst 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 the issue. Mean time one or other of my acquaintance here and there spake to me: Oh Brother *Rosencreutz!* art thou here too; yea, (my Brethren) replied I, 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

Triclinium.

Impietas
hospitum
non recta
via ingres-
sorum.

the *Rocks*, certain Trumpets (none of 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 entred, and one of them said Grace in so handsom and excellent a manner, as rejoiced the very Heart in my Body. Howbeit, certain great *Sr John's* made but little reckoning of them, but fleired and winked one at another, biting their Lips within their Hats, and using more the like unseemly Gestures. After this Meat was brought in, and albeit none could *be seen*, 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 and 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 *preternatural* and

Quidam
preces neg-
ligunt.

Commissa-
rio.

Ministri
invisibiles.

Inebriato-
rum glori-
a Vana.

and impossible enterprizes I then heard, I am still ready to vomit at it. In fine, they never kept in their order, but when ever one Rascal here, another here, could insinuate himself 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 achieved: This would discharge *Atlas* of his burden; 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 although one or other of them were and there rapped over the Fingers with a Knife, yet they flinched not at it, but when any one perchance had filched 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 were also not a few pre-enders to the perpetual motion: Many n one (in my opinion) had good understanding, but assumed too to much to

himself, to his own destruction. Lastly, there was one also who would needs out of hand perswade us that he saw the *Servitors* who attended, and would still have pursued his Contention, had not one of those invisible waiters reached him so handsom 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 cry of it, but acknowledged themselves to be *mis-understanding* men, to whom the mysteries of Nature were too high, and they themselves much too small. In this Tumult I had almost cursed the day wherein I came hither; For I could not but with anguish behold that those lewd vain People were above at the Board, but I in so *sorry* a place could not, however rest in quiet, one of these Rascals scornfully reproaching me for a motly Fool. Now I thought not that there was yet one Gate *behind*, through which we must pass, but imagined I was during the whole Wedding, to continue in this scorn, contempt and indignity, which

Ministri invisibiles.

Modestia Proborum hospitum.

which yet I had at no time deserved, either of the Lord Bride-groom or the Bride; And therefore (in my opinion) we should have done well to have sought out some other Fool to his Wedding than me. Behold, to such *impatience* both the Iniquity of this World reduce simple hearts. But this really was one part of my *Lameness*, whereof (as is before mentioned) I dreamed. And truly this clamour the longer it lasted, the more it increased. For there were already those who boasted of false and imaginary *Visions*, and would persuade us of palpably lying Dreams. Now there fate 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 *stupidish People in the right way*, would he be heard? No, verily, replied I. The world, said he, is now resolved (whatever comes on it) to be cheated, and cannot abide to give Ear to those who intend good. Seest thou also that same *Cock-scomb*, with what whimsical Figures and *polish Conceits* he allures others to him. Here one makes Mouthes at the People with

Impatien-
tia ex ini-
quitate ho-
minum.

Affector mo-
destus.

Mundus
vult decipi.

unheard of *Mysterious Words*. Yet believe me in this, the time is now coming when those shameful *Vizards* shall be plucked off, and all the World shall know what *Vagabond Imposters* 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 suddain there began in the Hall such excellent and stately *Musick*, as all the days of my Life I never heard the like; whereupon every one held his peace, and attended what would become of it: Now there were in this *Musick* all sorts of *stringed Instruments* imaginable, which sounded together in such harmony, that I forgot myself, and sat so unmovably, that those who sat by me were amazed at me, and this lasted near half an hour, wherein none of us spake one word, For as soon as ever any one was about to open his Mouth, he got an unexpected blow, neither knew he from whence it came: Me thought since we were not permitted to see the *Musicians*, I should have been glad to view only all the *Instruments* they made use of.

Musica.

Mulcta, non
attendenti-
um.

of. After half an hour this Musick
ceased unexpectedly, and we could nei-
 ther see *nor* hear any thing further.
 Presently after, before the Door of
 the Hall began a great *noise* found-
 ing and beating of *Trumpets*, Shalms
 and Kettle-Drums, also Master-like,
 as if the Emperor of *Rome* had been
 entering: whereupon the Door open-
 ed of it self, and then the noise of the
 Trumpets was so loud, that we were
 hardly able to indure it. Mean while
 (to my thinking) many thousand *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 Torches, lighting in a
 most beautiful *Virgin*, all drawn on a
 gloriously gilded Triumphant Self-
 moving Throne, entred 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 Skye-colour,
 but arrayed in a *snow-white* glittering
 Robe, which sparkled of pure Gold,

Facula ad
 lectum.

virgo Luci-
 fera.
 The Lady
 Chamber-
 lain or Con-
 trolour.

Albedo.

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, & were descended from the
Throne, all the small Tapers made obei-
fance before her: Whereupon we all
stood up from our Benches, yet every
one staid in his own place. Now she
having to us, and we again to her, shew-
ed all Respect and Reverence; in a most
pleasant Tone she began thus to speak;

*The King my Lord most gracious,
Who now's not very far from us.
As also his most lovely Bride,
To him in troth and honour ti'd;
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 desire,
You may it at the time acquire;
That so their future Nuptial joy
May mixed be with none's annoy.*

Hereupon with all her small Tapers she again courteously bowed, and presently after began thus :

*In th' Invitation writ, you know,
That no man called was hereto
Who of God's rarest gifts good store
Had not received long before,
Adorned with all requisit's,
As in such cases it besit's.
How though they cannot well conceit
That any man's so desperate,
Under conditions so hard,
Here to intrude without regard ;
Unles 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 :
Yet men are grown so bold, and rude,
Not weighing their ineptitude,
As still to thrust themselves in place
Whereto none of them called was:
No Cocks-comb here himself may sell,
No Rascal in with others steal ;
For they resolve without all let
A Wedding pure to celebrate.
So then the Artists for to weigh,
Scales shall be fix't th' ensuing day ;*

Propositio
Actionis.

Probatio
artificum.

Whereby

Whereby each one may lightly find
 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 bide,
 Of grace forelor'n, and 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't by morn,
 Yet so he hither ne'er return.
 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 awaite the Scale
 Or else his Sleep may chance to faile.
 The others here may take it well,
 For who aim's 'bove what's possible,
 'Twere better much he hence had pass't,
 But of you all wee'l hope the best.

As soon as she had done speaking
 this, she again made reverence, and
 sprung chearfully into her Throne, af-
 ter 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 and 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 convinced me of all ignorance, and *unworthiness*, I purposed to stay with the rest in the Hall, and chose much rather to content my self with the Meal I had already taken, than to run the Risco of a *future repulse*. Now after that every one by his small Taper had severally been conducted into a Chamber (each as I since understood into a peculiar one) There staid *nine* of us, and 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 fore-mentioned Pages came in, and bringing a great bundle of *Cords* with him, first demanded of us whether

Auto: humili-
liat 12.

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ther we had concluded to stay there, which when we had with Sighs affirmed, he *bound* each of us in a several place, and so went away with our small Tapers, and left us poor Wretches in *Darkness*. Then first began some to perceive the imminent danger, and I my self could not refrain Tears. For although we were not forbidden 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, muchless get them off his Feet : yet this comforted me, that still the future gain, of many an one, who had now betaken himself to rest, would prove very little to his satisfaction. But we by one only Nights Pennance might expiate all our presumption : till at length in my sorrowful thoughts I fell asleep ; during which I had a *Dream* ; Now although there be no great matter in it, yet I esteem it not impertient to recount it : Me thought I was upon an *high Mountain*, and saw before me a great & large Valley, in this Valley were gathered together an unspeakable *multitude* of People, each of which had at his
Head

Pernocatio
tristis.

Somnium
Typicum.

What will
be the issue
of the pro-

Head a *Thread*, by which he was hang-
 ed up towards Heaven, now one hang
 high, another low, some stood even
 quite upon the Earth. But in the Air
 there flew up and down an *ancient Man*,
 who had in his hand a pair of Sheers,
 wherewith here he cut one's, and
 there another's thread. Now he that
 was nigh the Earth was so much the
 readier, & fell without noise, but when
 it happened to one of the *high ones*, he
 fell, so that the Earth quaked. To
 some it came to pass that their Thread
 was so stretched, that they came to the
 Earth before the *Thread* was cut. I
 took pleasure in this tumbling, and it
 joyed me at the Heart, when he who
 had *over-exalted* himself in the Air, of
 his Wedding, got so shameful a fall,
 that it carried even some of his Neigh-
 bours 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 fine and gently, that
 even his next men perceived it not.
 But being now in my highest fit of Jol-
 lity, I was unawares jogged by one of
 my fellow Captives, upon which I
 was awaked, and was very much dis-
 contented

batory beam.
He that
climbs high
hath a great
fall.

Expergef.

contented with him; Howbeit, I considered my Dream, 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 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 espied our Bonds, there were some that reproved us for being so cowardly, and that we had not (much rather) as they,

huzarded

hazarded upon all adventures. Howbe-
 it, 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 learn wit
 by this disgrace? that they on the con-
 trary had not yet altogether escaped, &
 perhaps their greatest *danger* was still to
 be expected: At length each one being
 again assembled, the *Trumpets* began
 now again to sound & the Kettle Drums
 to beat as formerly, and we then ima-
 gined no other but that the Bride-groom
 was ready to present himself; which
 nevertheless was a huge mistake. For
 it was again the *yesterday's Virgin* who
 had arrayed her self all in *red Velvet*,
 and girded her self 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*
Tapers, but consisted of two hundred
 Men in *Harnis*, who were all (like her)
 cloathed in *red* and *white*. Now as
 soon as they were alighted from the
 Throne, she comes streight to us Pri-
 ners, and after she had Saluted us,
 she said in few words; That some of
 you

Cantus.

Virgo In-
 cifera.
 The Lady
 Chamber-
 lain or Co-
 trolor.

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 espied me in my Habit, she laughed and spake, good lack ! hast thou *also* submitted thy self to the Yoke, I imagined thou wouldst have made thy self very smug ; with which Words she caused my Eyes to run over. After which she commanded we should be unbound, and cuppled together and placed in a station where we might well behold the Scales. For, said she, it may yet fare better with them, than with the Presumptious, who yet stands here at Liberty. Mean 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 *seven weights* placed thereon. First of all stood a pretty great one, next four little ones ; lastly, two great ones severally ; And these Weights in proportion to their bulk were so *heavy*, that no man can believe or comprehend it : But each of the *Harnised men* had together with a naked Sword a *strong rope* ; These she distributed according

solatur
humiles.

Libra au-
rea.

7. Pondera

Satellites.

o the number of Weights into seven
bands, and out of every band chose
one for their proper weight ; and then
again sprung up into her high Throne,
Tow as soon as she had made her reve-
rence, with a very *Shrill Tone* she be-
gan thus to speak :

*Who int' a Painters room does go
And nothing does of painting know,
It does in prating thereof, pride it ;
Shall be of all the World derided.*

*Who into th' Artists order goes,
And thereunto was never chose ;
It with pretence of skill does pride it ;
Shall be of all the World derided.*

*Who at a Wedding does appear,
And yet was ner'e intended there ;
It does in coming highly pride it ;
Shall be of all the World derided.*

*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 derided.*

As soon as the Virgin had done speak-
g, one of the Pages commanded
each one to place himself according
to his order, and one after another to
step in: which one of the Emperors
made

*Ponderare
the Artifi-
ces.*

Orfac.

made no scruple of, but first of all bowed himself a little towards the Virgin, and afterwards in all his state-ly Attire went up: where upon *each* Captain laid in his weight; which (to the wonder of all) he 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 self had pitty on him, who also beckned to her people to hold their peace, yet was the good Emperor bound and delivered over to the Sixth band. Next him again came forth *another* Emperor, who stept hautily into the Scale, and having a great *thick* Book under his Gown, he imagined not to fail; But being scarce able to abide the third weight, and being unmercifully slung 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 band.

Thus it went also with some others of the Emperors, who were all shamefully laughed at and captived. After these comes forth a little *short* Man with a curld brown Beard, *an* Emperor too, who after the usual reverence got up
also

2. Caesar.

3. 1.

4. 1.

4. Caesar
probably

also, and held out so steadfastly, that me thought, 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 *Lawrel*, 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 Emperors, Kings and Lords, would be too long to recount; but I cannot leave unmentioned that 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 unlearned, and 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 those honest Gentlemen the vagabond *Cheats*,

Proba fallaciorum.

sers, and rascally *Lapidem Spitalanficum* 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 trial, but with *Whips* and *Scourges* were jerked out of the Scale, and led to the other Prisoners, yet to a suiteable band. Thus of so great a throng so few remained, that I am ashamed to discover their number. Howbeit there were Persons of quality also amongst them, who notwithstanding were (like the rest) honoured with *Velvet Robes* and wreaths of *Law-rel*.

Noiiles nihilominus ornantur.

The Inquisition being compleatly finished, and none but we poor coupled hounds standing aside; At length one of the Captains stepped forth, and said, Gracious Madam, if it please your Ladyship let these poor men, who acknowledged their mis-understanding, be set upon the Scale 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

Proba Humilium.

amongst them. 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 out of the Scale. For I nothing doubted but that many of the Prisoners wished that they had stay'd 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 miscarried, yet they were neither laught at, nor scourged, but peaceably 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 shewed him the usual respect. After him again two more were dispatched in an instant. But I was the *eighth*; Now as soon as (with trembling) I stepped up, my *Companion* who already sat by in his *Velvet*, looked friendly upon me, and the Virgin her self smiled a little. But for as much as I outstayed *all the Weights*, the Virgin commanded them to draw me up by force, wherefore three *men* moreover hung on

Socius Autoris.

Autor 8.

the otherside of the Beam, and yet could nothing prevail. Whereupon one of the Pages immediately stood up, and cryed out exceeding loud, *T H A T's H E*: 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 long deliberation, but elected the *first Emperor* whom I had long pittied, 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 the mean while the Virgin espied my *Rose*, which I had taken out of my Hat into my Hands, and thereupon presently by her Page graciously requested them of me, which I readily sent her. And to this first *Act* was finished about *ten* in the fore-noon. Whereupon the Trumpets began to sound again, which nevertheless 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

That's he.

Probatissimi-
mus.

Liberat
i. Cæsarem.

Autor rosam
suam donat
Virgini.

Hora 10.
Actus.

seven Captains and us was set, and the business was propounded by the Virgin as President, who desired each one to give his opinion, how the Prisoners were to be dealt with. 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. At length by one of the Emperors (the same whom I had freed) my Companion, and my self the affair was brought to this point; That first of all the principal *Lords* should with a befitting respect be led out of the Castle; others might be carried out somewhat more scornfully. These 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 unseemly at Dinner the day before, should be punished

Judicium
de reprobatis.

Votum 1.

Votum 2.

3.

shed 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 twelve at noon, Herewith the *Senate* arose, and the *Virgin* also, together with her Attendants returned to her usual quarter. But the uppermost Table in the 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 Bridegroom* and the *Bride*, with which we were at present well content. Mean time the Prisoners were again brought into the Hall, and each Man seated according to his Quality; they were likewise enjoyned 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

Prandium.

to behave themselves in so unexpected a misfortune. Their Treatment was but indifferent, yet with respect, neither could they yet see their *Attendants*, Ministri invisibiles, visibiles. but to us they were visible, whereat I was exceeding joyful. 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. Now although they would gladly have understood the Sentence 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 V.V.* Roborum Exaltatio 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 *Bridegroom's* behalf, the *Golden Fleece* with a flying *Lion*, 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 vouch-

Remuneratio a Sp...

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 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, every one sent plentifully to his acquaintance by the waiters, howbeit they saw none of them; and forasmuch as they knew not whence it came, I was my *self* desirous to carry somewhat to one of them, but as soon as I was risen, one of the Waiters was presently at my 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 King's Ear, who would certainly have taken it*

Autori de-
negatur
communica-
tio erga re-
probos.

amiss

amiss of me; but since none had observed
 it but himself, he purposed not to betray me,
 but that I ought for the time to come to
 have better regard to the dignity of the
 order: With which words the Ser-
 vant did really to astonish me, that for
 a long time after I scarce moved upon
 my Seat, yet I returned him Thanks
 for his faithful warning, as well as in
 haste and affrightment I was able.
 Soon after the Drums began to beat
 again, to which we were already ac-
 customed: For we well knew it was
 the *Virgin*, wherefore we prepared
 our selves to receive her, who was now
 coming in with her usual Train, upon
 her high Seat, one of the Pages bear-
 ing before her a very tall Goblet of
 Gold. And the other, a Patent in
 Parchment: Being now after a mar-
 vellous *artificial* manner alighted from
 the Seat, she takes the Goblet from the
 Page, and presents the same in the
 King's 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

Virgo Luci-
fera.

The Lady
Chamber-
lain or Con-
tronler.

Calix
Obambulus

Ornatus vir-
ginis

cause I drunk somewhat the more sadly, as having been but too well acquainted with Fortune's way-wardness. But the Virgin as well as we, was adorned with the Golden *Fleece* and Lyon, whence I observed, that perhaps she was the president of the Order. Wherefore we demanded of her how the Order might be named? she answered, That it was not yet seasonable to discover it, till the affair with the Prisoners were dispatched. And therefore their Eyes were still held; and what had hitherto happened 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 Page held into two different parts, out of which about thus much was read before the first company.

Reprobi
videntur.

Accusatio
vnius par-
tis.

That they should confess that they had too 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

and afterwards to live in the greater Pride and Lordliness; And thus one had seduced another, and plunged him into this disgrace and ignominy, wherefore they were deservedly to be soundly punished.

Affectibus
Mundanis

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

That they very well knew, and were in their Conscienses convinced, that they had forged false fictitious Books, had befooled others, and cheated them, and thereby had diminished Regal dignity amongst all. They knew in like manner what ungodly deceitful Figures they had made use of, in so much as they spared not even the Divine Trinity, but accustomed themselves to cheat People all the Country over. It was also now as clear as Day with what Practices they had indeavoured to ensnare the true Guests, and introduce the Ignorant: in like manner, that it was manifest to all the World, that they wallowed in open Whoredom, Adultery, Gluttony, and other Unleannesses: All which was against the express Orders of our Kingdom. In brief, they knew they had disparaged Kingly Majesty,

Alterius
partis.

jeſty, even amongſt the common ſort, and therefore they ſhould confeſs themſelves to be manifeſt convicted Vagabond-Cheaters, Knaves and Rascals, whereby they deſerved to be caſhiered from the company of civil People; and ſeverely to be puniſhed.

Confefſio
invita.

The good *Artiſts* were loath to come to this Confefſion, but in aſmuch as not only the *Virgin* her ſelf threated, and ſware their death; but the other party alſo vehemently raged at them, and unaniſmouſly cryed out, that they had moſt wickedly ſeduced them out of the Light: They at length, to prevent a huge miſfortune, confeſſed the ſame with dolour, and yet withal alledged that what had herein happened was not to be animadverted upon them in the worſt ſenſe. For in as much as the

Excufatio

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,

“*They in their opinion had diſ-deſerved no*
“*more than the Lords themſelves; As*
“*who ſhould have had ſo much under-*

ſtandnig

standing as to consider that in case
 ny one had been sure of getting in,
 e would not, in so great Peril, for the
 sake of a slight gain, have clambered
 ver the Wall with them. Their
 oks also *sold so mightily*, that who-
 r had no other mean to maintain
 himself, was fain to ingage in such a
 usenage. They hoped moreover,
 t if a right Judgment were made,
 y should be found no way to have
 carried, as having behaved them-
 es towards the Lords, as became
 vants, upon their *earnest entreaty*.
 answer was made them, that his Refutatio Royal Majesty had determined to pu-
 nish all, and every man, albeit one
 re severely than another. For al-
 ough what had been alledged by
 m was partly true, and *therefore the*
ds should not wholly be indulged, yet
 y had good reason to prepare them-
 ves for Death, who had so presump-
 tuously obtruded themselves, and per-
 s seduced the more ignorant against
 ir will; As likewise they who with
 e *Books* had violated Royal Majesty,
 the same might be evinced out of
 in *very Writings* and Books.

Here:

Dolor de
sententiâ.

Hereupon many began most pitteously to lament, cry, weep, intreat, and prostrate themselves, all 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 *Curiaffiers* which had this day been appointed at the Scales, who were commanded each of them to take his own to him, and in an orderly Procession, so as still each Curiaffier should go with one of the *Prisoners*, to conduct them into her great Garden. At which time each one so exactly recognised his own Man, that I marvelled at it. Leave also was likewise given to my yesterday *Companions* to go out into the Garden unbound, and to be present at the Execution of the Sentence. 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

Executio
Sententiarum.

Spectatores.

not

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 arose 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 wonderful Figures and Inscriptions, and strange Characters, (which God willing I shall mention in a future *Book*) In this Garden was raised a wooden Scaffold, hung about with curiously painted figured Coverlets. 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-Taffa* a *Curtain*, so that at that time we could not perceive who was behind it. The second was empty and uncovered. Again the two last were covered with *red* and *blew Taffata*. Now as soon as we were come to the Scaffold, the Virgin bowed her self *down* to the ground, at which we

Hortus.

Author promittit alta librum.

were mightily terrified: For we might easily guess that the *King* and *Queen* must not be far off; Now we also having duely performed our Reverence, The Virgin lead us up by the winding Stairs into the second Gallery, where she placed her self uppermost, and us in our former order. But how the *Emperor* whom I had released, behaved himself towards me, both at this time, as also before at the Table, I cannot, without slander of 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, and 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 seen, stepped in; First she gave one blast upon her Frumpet, and then with a very loud Voice declared the Sentence in this manner.

Gratitudo
Cæsaris erga
liberatore[m].

Præmissa.

Gratitudo ju-
dicandos.

The Kings Majesty my most gracious Lord could from his heart wish, that all and every one here Assembled, had upon his

his Majesties Invitation presented themselves so qualified, as that they might (to his honour) with greatest frequency have adorned this his appointed Nuptial and joyful Feast. But since it hath otherwise pleased Almighty God, his Majesty hath not whereat to murmur, but must be forced, contrary to his own Inclination, to abide by the antient 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 Council and Estates, that the usual Sentence shall be 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 courteously 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) than you can duely and easily sustain. Neither is your Reputation hereby prejudiced, although you be rejected by this our Order, since we

Sententia.
Magnatum.

cannot at once all of us, do all things. But for as much as your Lordships have been seduced by base Rascals, it shall not on their part, pass unrevenge'd. And furthermore his Majesty resolveth shortly to communicate with your Lordships a Catalogue of Hereticks or index Expurgatorius, that you may henceforward be able with better judgment to discern between the Good and the Evil. And because his Majesty e're long also purposeth to rummage his Library, and offer up the seductive Writings to Vulcan, he friendly, humbly, and courteously intreats every one of your Lordships to put the same in Execution with your own, whereby it is to be hoped that all evil and Mischief may for the time to come be remedied. And you are withal to be admonished, never henceforth so inconsiderately 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 redeem himself with a Chain or what else he hath about him, and so in friendly manner to depart from us, and through our safe conduct to betake himself home again. The

The others who stood not, at the first, Sententia.
 third, and fourth weight, his Majesty 2.
 will not so lightly dismiss. But that they
 also may now experience his Majesty's gen-
 tleness, it is his Command, to strip them
 stark naked, and so send them forth.

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

They who were drawn up by the sixth or
 seventh, and not by the rest, shall be some- 4.
 what more graciously dealt withal, and
 so forward. For unto every combination
 there was a certain punishment ordained,
 which were here too long to recount.

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

Finally, the convicted vagabond-Chea- 6.
 ters 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 the other who read the Sentence, blowed her Trumpet, and stepped with most profound Reverence towards those who stood behind the Curtain. But here I cannot omit to discover somewhat to the Reader concerning the number of our Prisoners; of whom those who weighed *one*, were *seven*; those who weighed *two*, were *twenty one*; they who weighed *three*, *thirty five*; they who weighed *four*, *thirty five*; those who weighed *five*, *twenty one*; those who weighed *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 these as they stood severally before us, so I diligently numbred, 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,

Finis habitus
judicij.

Summa ponderatorum.
7.21.35.35.
21.7.1.130.
#25.

Varietatis
modi.

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 I hope it may hereafter be published with the *Interpretation*.

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 redeemed himself with Chains, Jewels, Gold, Monies and other things, as much as they had about them ; and with reverence took leave. Now although the King's Servants were forbidden to jeer 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 desired that the promised *Catalogue* might with the first be dispatched after them, and then they would take such order with their Books

Reorum mor-
res.

Ministorum
mores.

as should be pleating 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 they should be well-come Guests.

Mean while others were stripping, in which also 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. Verily at this execution my Eyes ran over, not indeed in regard of the

the punishment, which they otherwise for their impudency well deserved, but in contemplation of *humane blindness*, in that we are continually busying our selves in that which ever since the first Fall hath been hitherto *Scaled* up to us. Thus the Garden which so lately was quite full, was soon emptied; so that besides the Souldiers there was not a man left. Now as soon as this was done, and silence had been kept for the space of five minut's; There came forward a beautiful *snow-white Unicorn* with a golden collar (having in it certain Letters) about his neck: In the same place he bowed himself down upon both his fore-feet, as if hereby he had shown honour to the Lyon, who stood so immoveably 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 *Fountain*: after which he so long roared, until 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

Commiserationis expositio.

Entertainment at Night.
Unicornæ.

Leo.

Machæra.

Columba.

to

to his place with joy. Hereupon our Virgin lead us down again by the winding staires from the Scaffold, and so we again made our reverence towards the Curtain. We were 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 were again returned into his Hall, and then we also with choice Musick, Pomp, State and pleatant discourse were conducted into our former lodging: And this was done about four in the afternoon. But that in the meanwhile 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 learned, so that they could so aptly discourse upon all subjects, that we had good reason to be ashamed of our selves.

These were commanded to lead us up and down the Castle (yet but into certain places) and if possible, to shorten the time according to our desire. Meantime the Virgin took leave with this consolation, that at Supper she would be with us again, and after that celebrate the Ceremonies of the hanging up
of

Discessus
ab hoc actu.

Discessus
virginis Lu-
ciferæ.

of the *Weights*, requesting that we would in patience waite till the next day, for on the morrow we must be presented to the King. She being thus departed from us, each of us did what best pleased him. One part viewed the excellent paintings, which they copied out for themselves, and considered also what the wonderful Characters might signifie. 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 which walk it will never repent me as long as I have a day to live. For besides many other glorious Antiquities, the Royal *Sepulcher* was also shewed me, by which I learned more than is extant in *all Books*. There in the same place stands also the glorious *Phenix* (of which two years since I published a particular small discourse) And am resolved (in case this my narration shall prove useful) to set forth several and peculiar Treatises, concerning the *Lyon, Eagle, Griffon, Falcon* and other like, together with their Draughts and Inscriptions. It grieves me

Hospitum
modi in de-
lectamentis.

Autoris.

Libellus de
Phœnice.

me also for my other Consorts, that they neglected such pretious 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 *Kyes* hereunto belonging were committed to my Page, and therefore this good Fortune happened to me before the rest; 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* (as both of us copied and transcribed them) be *withheld* from my thankful Schollars. The other thing that was shewed us two was the Noble *Library* as it was altogether before the *Reformation*. Of which (albeit it rejoyces my Heart as often as I call it to mind) I have so much the less to say, because the *Catalogue* thereof is very shortly to be published. At the entry of this Room stands a *great Book*, the like whereof I never saw, in which all the *Figures, Rooms, Portals,*

Ufus eorum
quæ Autor
vidit.

Bibliotheca.

tals; 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 learn to know the World better. In every Book stands its *Author* 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 scarce gotten forth, another *Page* came running to us, and having whispered somewhat in our *Pages* ear, he delivered up the *Keys* to him, who immediately carried them up the winding *Stairs*; But our *Page* was very much out of *Countenance*, and we setting hard upon him with *Intreaties*, He declared to us that the *King's Majesty* would by no means permit that either of the two, namely the *Library* and *Sepulchers*, should be seen by any *Man* and therefore he besought us as we tendered 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

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 eat, howbeit our hunger was easie to be abated by constant *Revivings*, and I could be well content to fast all my Life long with such Entertainment. 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 Chambers were built in *semi-circle*, 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 the course of the *Planets*, which were to be seen on it in a glorious manner. And hence I could easily conjecture wherein our *Artists* failed, 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 steps.

was

Fastidium
pulum e-
gregijs spec-
taculis.

Officinarum
constituta-
rum finis.

Globus ter-
renus.

was let into the Earth. Two Men might readily turn this Globe about with all its Furniture, 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 (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 hapened in like manner to the rest who stood by, The Page told us of a certain that it was yesterday declared to the Kings Majest^y by their old *Atlas* (so is the Astronomer named) that all the gilded points did exactly answer to their native Countries, according as had been shown of each of them. And therefore He also, as soon as he perceived that I *undervalued my self*, and that nevertheless there stood a point upon my *native Country*, moved one of the Captains to intreat for us, that we should be set upon the Scale (without our Peril)

ril) at all Adventures; Especially seeing *one of our 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, and immediately looked more diligently upon my native Country, and found more over that besides the *Ringlet*, there were also certain delicate *streaks* upon it, which nevertheless I would not be thought to speak to my own praise or glory. I saw much more too upon this Globe than I am willing to discover. Let each Man take into consideration why every City produceth not a Philosopher. After this he lead 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, and the Author's 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-daylight (it was now already dark) contemplate the Stars, to my thinking they

Excellentia
Patriæ Au-
toris.

Said in
Glob.

they were mere *Carbuncles* which glittered in an agreeable order, and moved so gallantly, that I had scarce any mind ever to go out again, as the Page afterwards told the Virgin, with which she often twitted me: For it was already Supper time, 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 layd aside) and stepping to the Table, the waiters treated me with so much reverence and honour, 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 so led me to the table to speak any further concerning the Musick, or the rest of that magnificent entertainment, I hold it needless both because it is not possible sufficiently to express it, and I have above reported it according to my power. In brief, there was nothing there but Art and Amænity. Now after we had each to other related our employment since

Reverentia
in convivio
exhibita
Auctoris.

noon (howbeit, not a word was spoken of the Library and Monuments) 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 both together to him, and toward whom he should shew himself most friendly, hers should he properly be; this we did, and I (as commonly) bare in my hand a branch of Lawrel; 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 Beak, and offered at mine, which I gave him. Now each of us hereupon imagined her self to be best beloved of him; which way am I to resolve my self? 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 all looked upon me, and desired to have the beginning

from

The Lady
Chamber-
lain or Con-
troller.

Perplexed
Speeches, or
intricate
Questions.

from me, my mind was so extreemly confounded that I knew not what else to do with it but propound another in its stead, and therefore said Gracious Lady, your Ladyships question were easily to be resolved if one thing did not perplex 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 unawars, 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 afterwards discovered the business to me; I knew 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 where about I was, whereupon she replied, well then let us both be quit; and then desired the solution from the rest. But I had already made them wise. Wherefore the next began thus.

In the City where I live, a Virgin was lately condemned to death, but the

Autoris
P^{re}griphus.

The Authors
counter-de-
mand.

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Judge being something pittiful towards her, caused it to be proclaimed that if any Man desired to become the Virgins Champion, he should have free leave to do it. Now she had two Lovers, the one presently made himself ready, and came into the lists to expect his adversary, afterwards the other also presented himself, but coming somewhat too late, he resolved nevertheless to fight, and willingly suffer himself to be vanquished, that so the Virgin's life might be preserved, which also succeeded according. *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, but yet would gladly hear whether there be any more behind ; yes, that there is, answered the third, a Stranger adventure hath not been yet recounted then that which 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 an ancient Matron, who easily brought me to her. Now

it happened that the Maid's 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*, to my wedded Wife. Now tell me my Lords; should I take the old, or the young one first? We all laughed sufficiently at this riddle, and though some of them muttered one to another thereupon, yet none would undertake to unfold it. Hereupon the fourth began. 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 noble Man travelled into all Countries to find such a Man as might perform this, till at length he lite 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

the other was as good as his word. Whereupon he invited the foresaid Lady home to his Garden, where contrary to her expectation she found all things green, pleasant and warm, and withal remembering her promise, she only requested that 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 sufficiently perceived her faithfulness, he dispatched her back to her Lover, who had so dearly purchased her, that she might give him Satisfaction. This Husband's integrity did so mightily affect the noble man, 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 perceiving such Faith in both these, would not, how poor soever he were, be the least, but restored the noble Man all his Goods again, and went his way. Now (my Lords) I know not which of these persons may have shown the greatest ingenuity? Here our Tongues were quite cut off. Neither would the Virgin make any other reply, but only that another should go on. Wherefore

fore the fifth, without delay, began. 287. 6.
 My Lords, I desire not to make long
 work; who hath the greater joy, he
 that beholdeth what he loveth, or he
 that only thinketh on it? He that be-
 holdeth it, said the Virgin; nay an-
 swered I; hereupon arose a contest,
 wherefore the sixth called out, My 7.
 Lords I am to take a Wife; now I
 have before me a maid, a married
 Wife, and a Widdow; ease me of
 this doubt, and I will afterwards help
 to order the rest. It goes well there,
 replied the seventh; where a man hath 8.
 his choice, but with me the case is o-
 therwise; in my youth I loved a fair
 and vertuous Virgin from the bottom
 of my Heart, and she me in like man-
 ner: howbeit because of her Friends
 denial we could not come together in
 wedlock: Whereupon she was married
 to another, yet an honest and discreet
 Person, who maintained her honoura-
 bly and with affection, until she came
 into the paines 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

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 up by Night ; Now having opened the Coffin 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 until 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 be grievous to her Husband who had well and honourably maintained her. But if it could otherwise be, she was the present obliged in love to one as well as the other. Now after two Months (being then to make a Journey elsewhere)

elsewhere) 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 ratifie with his consent my fore-purposed espousals. After a long dispute he could not beat me from my right, 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 grief. 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 Man's joy the greater? These words had so mightily cheared 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

6. went on somewhat perplexedly, so that I could not retain them all, yet this comes to my mind, that one said, that a few years before he had seen a Physitian, who bought a parcel of Wood against Winter, with which he warmed himself all Winter long; but as soon as the Spring returned he sold the very same Wood again, and so had the use of it for nothing; Here must needs be skill, said the Virgin, but the time is now past. Yea, 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, rather satisfied and merry than gluttred; and 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. In

The Lady
Chamber-
lain
Virg. Lucif.
Gratiositas.

brief

brief she was already become so familiar with us, that I adventured and requested her Name. The Virgin smiled at my Curiosity, but yet was not moved, but replied, *My Name contains five and fifty, and yet hath 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 tripl'd. 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 (replied I again) may the seventh contain? It contains (said she) as many as there are Lords here. With this I was content, and 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*

Ænigma de
Nominē.

60.
Sc. quæ Vir-
gines.

Reddunt
pondera
choro Vir-
ginum.

Cere-

2. Juvenos. Ceremony. First of all two Youths carried Lights before them, one of them was of a jocond Countenance, sprightly Eyes and gentile Proportion. The other lookt something angerly, whatever he would have, must be, as I
4. Virgines. afterwards perceived. After them first followed four Virgins; one looked shame-facedly towards the Earth, very humble in Behaviour; The second also was a modest, bashful Virgin; The third, as she entered the Room seem'd 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 and
4. Virgines. Liberality. After these four came two which were somewhat more gloriously Apparelled; they saluted us courteously; One of them had a Gown of Skye colour spangled with golden Stars; The others was green, beautified with red and white stripes. On their Heads they had thin flying Tiffanies, which did most becomingly adorn them. At last came one alone, who had on her head a Coronet, but rather looked up towards Heaven, than towards
1. Virgo præstans. Earth.

Earth. We all thought it had been the
 the Bride, but were much mistaken,
 though otherwise in Honour, Riches
 and State she much surpassed the *Bride*; the Dutches.
 and she afterwards ruled the whole
 Wedding. Now on this occasion we
 all followed our Virgin, and fell down
 on our Knees, howbeit she shewed her
 self extream 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 here-
 by to acknowledge 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 diffe-
 rent 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, see*
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 immagined we must pre-
 sently fall to Dancing, but that time
 as not as yet come. Now the Weights,
 whereof

whereof mention hath been before made, stood still in the same place, wherefore the Queen (I yet knew not who she was) commanded each Virgin to take up one, but to our Virgin she gave her own, which was the last and greatest, and commanded us to follow behind; our Majesty was then somewhat abated, for I well observed that our Virgin was but too good for us, & that we were not so highly reputed as we ourselves were almost in part willing to phantise. So we went behind in our order, and were brought into the first Chamber, where our Virgin in the first place hang up the *Queen's* weight, during which an excellent spiritual Hymn was Sung; 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 in the *Queen* kneeled down, about her we were all fain to kneel and pray after the Virgin, who read out of a Book, That 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

Ponderam
repositio in
locum suum.
the Dutches.

Reginæ habi-
tatio.
the Dutches.

Supellex.

the Dutches.

up her weight also, and so forward till
 all the Ceremonies were finished. Here-
 upon the *Queen* again presented her
 Hand to every one, and departed
 thence with her Virgin. Our Presi-
 dent staid yet a while with us. But
 because it had been already two hours
 night, she would no longer detain us ;
 we thought she was glad of our Com-
 pany, 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 shewed every
 Man his Chamber, and staid also with
 us in another Pallet, that in case we
 wanted any thing we might make use of
 them. My Chamber (of the rest I am
 not able to speak) was royally furnish-
 ed with rare *Tapistries*, and hung about
 with Paintings. 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, and it was half an hour after three
 when first I fell asleep. And this indeed
 was the first night that I slept in quiet,
 and yet a scurvy Dream would not suf-
 fer me to rest ; For I was all the night
 troubled

Virgo Lucif.
 discedit
 cubatara.

Puerorum
 comitum
 Officium.

Auctoris
 chalamus.

Somnium
de portá
difficili.

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.

The fourth Day.

Autor longiuscule dormiens ex-
pergefit.

I Still lay in my Bed, and leisurely surviueghed 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 Proceffion. 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 immaginable, for, said he, *The rest are already presented to the King*; I knew not what else to do, but weep out-right, and Curst my own sloathfulness; yet I dressed my self, but my Page was ready long before me, and ran out of the Chamber to see how affairs might yet stand. But he soon returned, and brought with him this joyful news, that

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 afore-mentioned 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 that it was taken out of the ancient Monuments, and placed here for some especial Honour. The Inscription was somewhat worn out with age, and therefore I am minded to set it down here, as it is, and give every one leave to consider it.

Jentaculo
privatue.

Leonis Ta-
bula.

G

HERMES

HERMES PRINCEPS.

POST TOT ILLATA

GENERI HUMANO DAMNA,

DEI CONSILIO:

ARTISQUE ADMINICULO,

MEDICINA SALUBRIS FACTUS

HEIC FLUO.

*Bibat ex me qui potest: lavet, qui vult:
turbet qui audeat:*

BIBITE FRATRES, ET VIVITE.

∞ S:XXIC: W7:

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 we had first washed our selves out of the Fountain, and every Man had taken a draught out of an intirely Golden Cup, we were once more again to follow the Virgin into the Hall, and there put on new Apparel,

Pctus.

Apparel, which was all of Cloth of vestitus.
Gold gloriously set out with Flowers.
 There was also given to every one another Golden *Fleece*, which was set about with pretious Stones, and various Workmanship 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 Poësie, *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 Clinodia.
 our former Jewels were layed in a little Casket, and committed to one of the Waiters. After this the Virgin lead us out in our order, where the Musiti- Musici.
 ans waited ready at the door, all appa-
 ralled in *red Velvet* with white Guards.
 After which a *Door* (which I never saw open before) to the Royal winding- Accessus
ad Regis
Aulam.
 Stairs was unlocked; There the Vir-
 gin led us together with the Musick, up
three hundred sixty five Stairs, there we
 saw nothing but what was of extream
 costly and artificial Workmanship;
 and still the further we went, the more
 glorious still was the Furniture, until
 at length at the top we came under a
 G 2 *painted*

Laborato-
rium arcua-
tuni 60. Vir-
gines.

Virg. Lucif.

Regis & Re-
ginae gloria.

Painted Arch, where the *sixty* Virgins attended us, all Richly Apparelled; 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 Laurel; But our Virgins had Branches given them: Mean while a Curtain was drawn up; Where I saw the *King* and *Queen* as they sat there in their Majesty, and had not the yesterday *Queen* so faithfully warned me, I should have forgotten my self, and have equalled this unspeakable glory to Heaven. For besides that the Room glistered of meer Gold and pretious Stones; the *Queen's* Robes were moreover so made, that I was not able to behold them. And whereas I before esteemed any thing for handsom, here all things so much surpassed the rest, as the Stars in Heaven are elevated. In the mean time the Virgin stept in, and so each of the Virgins taking one of us by the hand, with most profound Re-
verence

verence presented us to the King; Whereupon the Virgin began thus to speak. *That to honour your Royal Majesties, (most gracious King and 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 find the same by a most gracions 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 graciosly to take sufficient 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 somewhat on this occasion, but seeing we were all troubled with the falling of the Uvula, at length the old Atlas stept forward and spoke on the King's behalf; Their Royal Majesties do most graciosly rejoyce at your arrival, and will that their Royal Grace be assured to all, and every Man. And wish thy Administration, gen-*

Virgo Lucif.
præsentat
hospites
Regi.

Hospites ne-
sciunt re-
spondere-At-
las respon-
det.

the Virgin, they are most graciously satisfied, & accordingly a Royal Reward shall therefore be provided for thee; yet it is still their intention, that thou shalt this day also 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 were to step aside with our Virgin. This room was square on the front, five times broader than it was long; but towards the West it had a great Arch like a Porch, wherein stood in circle three glorious Royal Thrones, yet the middlemost was somewhat higher than the rest. Now in each Throne sat two persons, in the first sat a very antient King with a gray Beard, yet his Consort was extraordinary fair and young. In the third Throne sat a black King of middle Age, and by him a dainty old Matron, not Crowned, but covered with a Vail. But in the middle sat the two young Persons, who tho' they had likewise Wreaths of Laurel 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 imagined to my self, yet so it was to be.

Behind

Descriptio
Laboratorij.

Subcellia.

1. Rex se-
rex Conjux
Joven.

3. Rex et
conjux senes

2. Juvencs.

Behind them on a round Form *fat* for Scamna. Alleffores.
 the most part *antient* Men, yet none of
 them (at which I wondered) had any
 Sword, or other Weapon about him; [Quales-
nam;] num
illæ virtu-
tum?
 Neither saw I any other Life-guard,
 but certain Virgins which were with us
 the day before, who sate on the sides of
 the Arch. Here can I not pass in silence
 how the little *Cupid* flew to and again
 there, but for the most part he dived
 and played the wanton about Cupido. the
 great *Crown*; sometimes he seated him-
 self in between the two Lovers, some-
 what 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 spair even the *little Birds*,
 which in multitudes flew up and down Aves.
 the Room, but tormented them all he
 could. The Virgins also had their pa- Virgines.
 stimes with him, but whensoever they
 could catch him, it was not so ealie a
 matter for him to *get from* them again.
 Thus this little *Knave* made all the
 sport and mirth. Before the *Queen* Supellex in
Aulâ
Altare.
I. Book.
 stood a small, but unexpressibly curious
Altar: wherein lay a *Book* covered with
 black *Velvet*, only a little overlaid

2. Taper.

with *Gold*; by this stood a small *Taper* in an *Ivory Candlestick*, 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

3. Sphere.

conceived it to be *Fire*. By this stood a *Sphere* or *Celestial Globe*, which of its self turned clearly about. Next

4. Watch.

this, a small *striking-Watch*, by that a little *Christal Pipe* or *Syphon-Fountain*,

5. little Fountain.

out of which perpetually ran a clear *blood-red Liquor*; and last of all a *Scull*, or *Death's-Head*;

6. Scull. Serpent.

in this was a *white Serpent*, which was of such a length, that though she crept circle-wise about the rest of it, yet her *Taile* still remained in one of the *Eye-holes*, until 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 slipt in so suddenly, that we all could not choose but marvel at it: Together with this *Altar*, there were up and down the *Room* wonderful *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:

Images.

like-

likewise as we were passing out, there began such a marvellous kind of vocal Musick, that I could not 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 fearful 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 mocked at my Age, and indeed I was the oldest of them all. Yet she comforted me again with promise, That in case I behaved my self well towards her, she would easily rid me of this burden. Mean time a Collation was again brought in, and every one's Virgin seated by him, vvhovvell knew how to shorten the time with handsom discourses: But what their discourses*

Musica

Disceditur
ex laborato-
rio.Virgines jo-
cantur de se-
nio Autoris.Convivium
cum Virgini-
bus.

and

and sports vvere 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 vvas somewhat the sadder; This the Virgin perceived, and 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 vvas fain to laugh too at my ovvn ill-luck.

Now there vvas one there that had a mind to return my disgrace again upon the Virgin; vwhereupon he said, *I hope not only we, but the Virgins too themselves will bear witness in behalf of our Brother, that our Lady President hath promised her self 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 handsomest for my self, 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 by*

lot

Sermones
Convivales.

Autor
Maestus ob
Senium.

Jocosum so-
larium
accipit a
Virgine.

Socio.

Virg. Lucif.

lot part the Lords here present, amongst us,
 for Bed-fellows, thou shouldst with our good-
 will have such a Prerogative. We let
 this pass thus for a Jeast, and began a-
 gain to discourse together. But our
 Virgin could not leave tormenting us,
 and therefore began again, *My Lords,* Ludicra
electio uná-
dormientiu.
*how if we should permit Fortune to decide
 which of us must lie together to Night?*
 Well, said I, if it may be no other-
 wise, vve cannot refuse such a proffer.
 Now because it vvas concluded to make
 this tryal after Meat, vve resolved to
 sit no longer at Table, so we arose, and
 each one vvalked up and down vwith
 his Virgin. *Nay,* said the Virgin, *It
 shall not be so yet, but let us see how For-
 tune will couple us;* upon vvhich vve
 vvere separated asunder: But now first
 arose a dispute how the business should
 be carried, but this was only a pre-
 meditated device, for the Virgin instantly
 made the proposal 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 man; for our parts we
 were not aware of any craft, and
 therefore

therefore permitted it so to be ; but when we thought we had very well mingled our selves, the Virgins nevertheless were so subtil, that each one 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 this happened so long till (to our amazement) all the *Virgins* came forth, and *none* of us was hit ; Thus we poor pittiful Wretches remained standing alone, and were moreover forced to suffer our selves to be *jeared* too, and confess we were very handsomly couzened. In short, who ever had seen us in our order, might sooner have expected the Skye to fall, then that it should never have come to our turn. Herewith our sport was at an end, and we were fain to satisfie our selves with the Virgins Waggery. In the interm, the little wanton *Cupid* came also in unto us ; But because he presented himself on behalf 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, withal declaring he could at this time tarry no longer
with

with them, we could not sufficiently sport our selves with him: So with a due return of our most humble thanks we let him flye forth again. Now because (in the interm) the mirth began to fall into my Consort's Feet, and the Virgins were nothing sorry to see it, they quickly lead up a civil Dance, whom I rather beheld with pleasure, then assisted. For my Mercurialists were so ready with their Postures, as if they had been long of the Trade. After some few Dances, our president came in again, and told us how the Artists and Students had offered themselves to their Royal 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 waite upon their Royal Majesties to the House of the *Sun*, it would be acceptable to them, and they would most graciously acknowledge it: Here-upon 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

A merry
dance

Hospites
invitantur
a virginæ
Lucif. ad
comædiam

Processus
Regis ad
Spectandam
Comædiam

attend their Royal Majesties (in our order) in the Gallery, whither we were soon led, and staid 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, apparrelled 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 King's Jewels belonging to the little Altar: next to these came the three Kings, The Bridegroom was in the midst of them 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 our selves, as also to the first, as we had been before instructed. After the Kings came the three Queens, two whereof were richly habited, only she in the middle went likewise all in *black*, and Cupid held up her Train; after
this

this 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 House of 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 Ensignes 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 therewith to be content. Now because there are many remarkable Passages in this Comedy, I will not omit in brief to run it over.

Statio
Spectato-
rum.

First of all came forth a very *ancient 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 therefore presently opened, and having read

a Principia
quæ
agebantur;
Actus. 1.
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it, wept; and then declared to his Servants how injuriously the King of the *Moore*s had deprived his Aunt of her Country, and had extinguished all the Royal Seed even to this Infant, with the Daughter of which Country he had now purposed to have matched his Son. Hereupon he Swore to maintain perpetual enmity with the *Moore*, 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 *Moore*. Now this provision and the discipline of the young Lady (who after she was a little grown up was committed to an ancient Tutor) continued all the first *Act*; with many very fine and laudable sports besides.

Interludium.

In the interlude a *Lyon* and *Griffon* were set at one another, to fight, and the *Lyon* got the victory; which was also a pretty fight.

Actus 2.

In the second *Act*, the *Moore*, 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 stolen from him; began thereupon to consult how by stratagem he might

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* too was concluded with a marvelous triumph of the *Moore*.

In the third *Act* a great *Army* on the *King's* party was raised against the *Moore*; and put under the conduct of an antient valiant Knight, who fell into the *Moore's* Country, till at length he forceably rescued the young *Lady* out of the Tower, and Apparrelled her a new. After this in a *trice* they erected a glorious Scaffold, and 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, and even hitherto caused her to be royally brought up (though she had not behaved her self altogether as became her) But moreover his Royal

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Majesty.

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 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 brief, the young Lady took an Oath inviolably to observe the same; returning thanks withal in most seemly 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.

Interkudium

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 & various Embassadors presented themselves, not only to wish her prosperity, but also
to

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; wherein 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 self to the intire disposal of the *Moore*. Hereupon the *Moore* made haste, and having (by her consent) gotten her into his Hands, he gave her good words so long till all her Kingdom had subjected it self to him: After which in the third Scene of this *Act*, he caused her to be led 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 woful 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 *Peyson*, 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 *Nebuchadnezzar's* Image, which was adorn'd with all manner of Arms, on the Head, Breast, Belly, Legs and Feet, and the like; of which too more shall be spoken in the future explication.

Actus. 5.

In the fifth *Act* the young King was acquainted with all that had passed between the *Moore* 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 withal to give her notice of her inconsiderateness. But she would not yet receive them, but consented to be the *Moore's* Concubine, which was also done, and the young King was acquainted with it.

Interludium.

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

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In the sixth *Act* the young King resolved to bid battle to the *Moore*, which also was done. And albeit the *Moore* was discomfitted, yet all held the young King too for dead. At length he came to himself again, released his Spouse, and committed her to his Steward and Chaplain.

The first whereof tormented her mightily; at last the leaf turned over, and the Priest was so insolently wicked, that he would needs be above all, until the same was reported to the young King, who hastily dispatched one who broke the Neck of the Priest's mightiness, and adorned the Bride in some measure for the Nuptials.

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

In the last *Act* the Bride-groom appeared in such pomp as is not well to be believed, and I was amazed how it was brought to pass: The Bride met Act. 7.

him in the like Solemnity. Whereupon all the People cried out *VIVAT SPONSUS, VIVAT SPONSA*. Comædorum applausus erga Regem & Reginam. So that by this Comedy they did with all congratulate our King and Queen in the

most stately manner : Which (as I well observed) pleased them most extraordinary well.

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

Cantilena.

*This time full of love
Does our joy much improve
Because of the King's Nuptial;
And therefore let's Sing
That from all parts 't may ring,
Blest be he that granted us all.*

*The Bride most exquisitely faire :
Whom we attended with long care
To him in troth's now plighted :
We fully have at length obtain'd,
The same for which we did contend :
He's happy, that's fore-sighted.*

III

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

Epilogus.

After this thanks were returned, and
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The Comedy was finished with joy, and the particular good liking of the Royal Persons wherefore (the Evening also being already hard by) they departed together in their fore-mentioned 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 fore-named Royal Ensignes were laid on it. At this time the young King behaved himself 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 sighd, at which the little Cupid only mocked, and playd his waggish tricks. The old King and Queen were very serious, only the *Wife* of one of the ancient Kings was gay enough; the cause whereof I yet understood not. During this; the Royal Persons took up the first Table, at the second we only Sate. At the third, some of the principal Virgins placed themselves: The rest of the Virgins, and Men, were all fain to

Hospites invitantur ad
cenam Regis et Regine.

Rex Adulter.

Reges Adulteri.

Ordo discumbatum.

wait. This was performed with such state and solemn stilness, that I am 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 sate down to Table. Over the Table hang the fore-mentioned great Golden Crown, the pretious 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 especially) untormented. He was perpetually producing some *Strange* matter. However, there was no considerable Mirth, all went silently on; from whence I, by my self, could imagin some great imminent Péril. For there was no Musick at all heard; but if we were demanded any thing,

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Ornatus
vestium.

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Corona
Super
Menfam.

Cupido was
the Merriest

we were fain to give short round an-
 swers, 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,
 and 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 with
 trembling consented to, he further
 caused us sadly to be demanded, whe-
 ther we would give him our Hands on
 it, which, when we could find no evasi-
 on, was fain so to be. Hereupon 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
 very small Christal Glass was brought
 near, out of which all the Royal Persons
 one after another Drank, afterwards it
 was reached to us too, and so forward
 to all Persons, and this was called, *the*
Dracht of Silence. Hereupon all the
 Royal

Sermones
brevés

Oratio Re-
gis Adolef-
centis.

A Health.

Haustus
de silentio.

Fidejubetur
Virg. Lucif.

Royal Persons presented us their Hands, declaring that in case we did not now stick to them, we should now and *never more hereafter* see them; which verily made our Eyes run over. But our president engaged her self and promised very largely on our behalf, which gave them Satisfaction. Mean time a little Bell was tolled, at which all the Royal Persons waxed so mighty bleak, that we were ready utterly to despair.

Mors Re-
gularum.

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 Cieling above (all this being before Prepared) was overspread. After that the Tables were also removed away, and all had seated 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 Taffata Scarffs, with which she bound the *six* Royal Person Eyes. Now when they could no longer see, there were immediately brought in by the Servants six covered *Coffins*, and
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set down in the Hall, also a low black
 seat placed in the midst. Finally, there
 stept in a very *sole-black* tall Man, who
 bare in his hand a sharp Ax. Now af-
 ter that the old King had been first
 brought to the Seat, his *Head* was in-
 stantly whipt off, and wrapped up in a
 black Cloth, but the *Blood* was received
 into a great *golden Goblet*, and placed
 with him in the Coffin that stood by,
 which being covered, vvas 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 Be-
 headed, the black Man vvent out again;
 after vvhom another folloved, vvhom
 Beheaded *him* too just before the Door,
 and brought back his Head together
 vwith the Ax, vvhich vvere laid in a
 little Chest. This indeed to me seem-
 ed a bloody Wedding, but because I
 could not tell vvhath vould yet be the
 event, I vvas fain for that time to cap-
 tivate my understanding until I vvere
 further resolved. For the Virgin too,
 seeing that some of us vvere faint-hearted
 and vvept, bid us be content. For,
 said she to us, *The Life of these standerh*

De collatio
Regum.

Carnificis.

Hospites
Mærent.

Solatiua

now in your hands, and in case you follow me, this Death shall make many alive. Herewith she intimated we should go sleep, & trouble our selves no further on our part, for they should be sure to have their due right; And so she bad us all good night, saying, *That she must watch the dead Corps this night*: We did so, and were 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 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, and I could not put the Be-headed out of my mind. Now my Lodging was directly over against the great *Lake*, so that I could well look upon it, the Windows being nigh the Bed. About midnight, as soon as it had struck twelve, on a sudden I espied on the *Lake* 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 full

Cura No-
cturna mor-
tuorum.

Hospites
eunt cubi-
tum.

Cubiculum

Visio noctur-
na.

full of Lights, Above on the top of each 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 and down all the day, he might quite have over-slept this, tho' he well knew it. Now as soon as the Coffins were laid in the Ships, all the Lights were extinguished, and the six *Flames* passed back 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 Watch-men who had encamped themselves on the Shore, and sent the Virgin back again into the Castle, who carefully bolted all up again;

Cadavera
avehnicur
translacur

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 Lake, and saw this, so that now I was also extream weary, and so fell asleep in my manifold Speculations.

Autor solus
hæc vidit.

The fifth Day.

THe night was over, and the dear wished for day broken, when hastily I got me out of the Bed, more desirous to learn what might yet insue, than that I had sufficiently slept ; Now after that Phad put on my Cloaths, and according to my custom was gone down the Stairs, it was still too early, and I found no body else in the Hall, wherefore I intreated my Page to lead me a little about in the Castle, and shew me somewhat that was rare, who was now (as always) willing, and presently lead me down certain steps under ground, to a great Iron Door, on which the following Words in great Copper Letters, were fixed.

Obambula-
tio antelu-
cana.

This

Wyp 8299 dpgsxdpö

VENVS

dyp bñhōō' fsw, bōōxō'sipö

Hōpōō' rō

vödgs'v'k, phs. bpgpōuocwō'sfxcsg
ypd'sxrhg hxcgg.

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 Coffins were taken out, and had not been since shut. Now as soon as we stepped in, I espied the most pretious 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 *King's Treasury*. But the most glorious and principal thing, that I here saw, was a *Sepulcher* (which stood in the middle) so rich that I wondered it was no better guarded; where-

Thalamus
Veneris se-
putæ.

Thesaurus,
Regis.

unto

unto the Page answered 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 King's Family) had ever had a view of.* This Sepulcher was triangular, and had in the middle of it a Kettle of polished Copper, the rest was of pure Gold and pretious Stones; In the Kettle stood an Angel, who 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, and ran out from thence into three small Golden Kettles standing by. This little Altar was supported by these three Animals, an *Eagle*, an *Ox* and a *Lyon*, which stood on an exceeding costly Base. I asked my Page what this might signifie: *Here, said he, lies Buried Lady Venus, that Beauty which hath undone many a great Man, both in Fourtune, Honour, Blessing and Prosperity.* After which he shewed me a Copper Door on the Pavement. *Here (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 immedi-*
ately

Descriptio
Sepulchri.

Aliud Tri-
linium.

diately opened a little Chest, wherein stood a small *ever-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 answer, *As long as the Royal Persons are still at rest, I have nothing to fear.* Herewith 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 besides 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 immoveable, and yet I 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 espyed behind the Bed a Tablet, on which it was thus written.

Descriptio
corporis
Veneris dor-
micantis.

wxö bsp fsv, hg öp zög b
 dxvös wvsg vö 88pö b b
 vps b h ö p 8 b p ö, wps b p z h
 xv fwx h p ö v ö b p z ö
 ö v g p s b p z ö p z ö p b
 k ö ö z g b

I asked my Page concerning this Writing, but he laughed, with promise that I should 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 I had before taken no notice; for the Fire was so clear, that it looked much liker a Stone than a Taper. From this heat the Tree was forced continually to melt, yet it still produced new Fruit. Now behold (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.

Arboris calor ex facibus.

Whilft

Whilst he was 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 hither, and that the Page like-wife had been looking up and down for me, and at last lited upon me here, I hoped he would not take it amifs. Nay, then 'tis well enough yet, said Cupid, my old busie Gran'sir, but you might lightly have served me a scurvy trick, had you been aware of this Door. Now I must look better to it, and so he put a strong Lock on the Copper Door, where we before descended. I thanked God that he lited upon us no sooner, my Page too was the more jocond, because I had so well helped him at this pinch. Yet can I not (said Cupid) let it pass unrevenge'd, 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 lit-*

Mulsta fa-
sta hujus
obambulati-
onis.

He regarded, but was glad that it went
 so well with us, and that we came off
 without further danger. Mean time my
 Companions were gotten out of Bed
 too, and were again returned into the
 Hall. To whom I also joyned my self,
 making as if I were then first risen.
 After Cupid had carefully 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
 wondred how Cupid could be so merry,
 and have no sence at all of the yester-
 day's sad passages. But he was no whit
 troubled. Now our President had in
 the mean time made her self ready for
 the Journey, coming in all in *black Vel-
 vet*, yet she still bare her branch of Lau-
 rel, her Virgins too had their Branches.
 Now all things being in readiness, the
 Virgin bid us first drink somevvhath, and
 then presently prepare for the proces-
 sion; wherefore we made no long tar-
 rying, 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

Cupido illu-
dit Auctori.

Mira Cupi-
dinis lætitia.

Præsidissæ
Vestitus lu-
gubris.

lay in them, but I well observed the device: Yet I knew not what was to be done with these other. By each Coffin were eight *muffled* Men. Now as soon as the Musick went (it was so mournful & dolesome a tune, that I was astonished at it) they took up the Coffins, and we (as we were ordered) were fain to go after them into the formentioned 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 Cerimonies layed: The stones were shovved over them, and they shut fast. But the little Chest was to lie in 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 *Phenix* painted on it, perhaps therewith the more to delude us. Here I had great occasion to thank God that I had seen more than the rest. Now after the Funerals were done, the Virgin,

Hospites Vo-
cantur ad la-
bores provi-
ta Regum.

having placed her self upon the middlemost Stone, made a short Oration, *That we should be constant to our engagements, and not repine at the pains we were hereafter to undergo, but be helpful in restoring the present buried Royal Persons to Life again, and therefore without delay to rise up with her, to make a Journey to the Tower of Olympus, to fetch from thence Medicines useful and necessary for this purpose.* This we soon agreed to, and followed her through another little door quite to the Shore. There the seven fore-mentioned 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 caused 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 Watch-men returned into the Castle. Our Ships had each of them a peculiar device. Five of them indeed had the five *regular Bodies*, each a several one, but mine in which the Virgin too sat, carried a Globe. Thus we sailed on in a singular order, and each had only two Mariners. Foremost went the Ship *a*, in which, as I conceive the

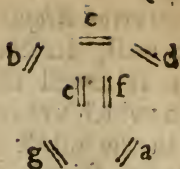
Virgines re-
manent in
1700.

Moor lay, in this were *twelve Musicians*,
 who played excellent well, its device
 was a Pyramid. Next followed three
 a breast, *b*, *c*, and *d*, in vvhich vve were
 disposed, I fate in *c*. In the midst be-
 hind these came the two fairest and
 stateliest Ships, *e* and *f*, stuck about
 with many Branches of Laurel, having
 no Passengers in them; their Flags were
 the *Sun* and *Moon*. But in the rear on-
 ly one Ship *g*, in this vvere *Forty Vir-*
gins. Novv being thus passed over this
 Lake, we first came through a narrow
 Arm, into the right Sea, where all the
 Syrens, Nymphs, and Sea-Goddeses had
 attended us; wherefore they immedi-
 ately dispatched a Sea-Nymph to us to
 deliver their Present and Offering of
 Honour to the Wedding. It was a
 costly, great, set, round, and Orient
 Pearl; the like to vvhich hath not at a
 ny time been seen, either in ours, or
 yet in the neyv World. Novv the Vir-
 gin having friendly received it, the
 Nymph further intreated that audience
 might be given to their Divertisements,
 and to make a little stand, vvhich the
 Virgin vvas content to do, and com-
 manded the tyvo great Ships to stand

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

40 Virgines
 comites.

Excipiuntur
 a Nymphis.



into the middle, and
with the rest to in-
compass them in
Pentagon. After
which the Nymphs
fell into a ring a-
bout them, and with a most delicate
sweet voice began thus to sing.

I

There's nothing better here below
Than beautiful, noble, Love;
Whereby we like to God do grow,
And none to grief do move.
Wherefore let's 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 convey'd?
'Tis Love.

Whence was't (pray tell us) we were born?
Of Love.

How came we then again forlorn?
Sans Love.

III

Who was it (say) that us conceived?
'Twas Love.

Who

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Who Suckled, Nursed, and Reliev'd?

'Twas Love.

What is it we to our Parents owe?

'Tis Love.

Why do they us such kindness show?

Of Love.

IV

Who get's herein the Victory?

'Tis Love.

Can Love by search obtained be?

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 it's Eccho rebound.

To Loves honour and praise,

Which may ever encrease

With our noble Princes, the King, & the Queen,

The Soul is departed, their Body's within.

VI

And as long as we live,

God graciously give;

That, as great Love and Amity,

They bear each other mightily:

So we likewise, by Loves own Flame,

May reconjoyn them once again.

VII.

VII.

Then this annoy

Into great Joy

(If many thousand younglings deign)

Shall change, and ever so remain.

Autori per-
placent
Nymphæ
et cantus.

They having with most admira-
ble concert and melody finished this
Song, I no more Wondred at *Ulisses*
for stopping the Ears of his Com-
panions; for I seemed to my self
the most unhappy man alive, that
Nature had not made me too so
trim a creature. But the *Virgin* soon
dispatched them, and commanded to
set Sail from thence; wherefore the
Nymphs too after they had been pre-
sented with a long red Scarff for a gra-
tuity; went off, and dispersed them-
selves in the Sea. I was at this time
sensible; that *Cupid* began to work
with me too, which yet tended but very lit-
tle to my Credit, and for as much as
my giddiness is likely to be nothing be-
neficial to the Reader, I am resolved to
let it rest as it is. But this was the ve-
ry wound that in the first Book I re-
ceived on the head in a Dream; and
let every one take warning by me of
loitering

The Nymphs
are reward-
ed.

Autori de-
sunt adhuc
quo.

loitering about *Venus's* Bed, for *Cupid* can by no means brook it. After some Hours, having in friendly discourses 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; And immediately we espyed a great white Flag thrust out, and a small gilded Pinnacle sent forth to meet us. Turris Olympi. Now as soon as this was come to us, we perceived in it a very ancient man, the Warden of the Tower, with certain Custos. 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, which was invironed with a Wall Structure. so firm and thick, that I myself counted two hundred and sixty passes over. Dies. 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 middlemost was some,

Somewhat the higher, and within they
 all entred one into another, and had
 seven Storys 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, the Coffins
 might be brought into the Tower with-
 out our taking notice; of this the rest
 knew nothing. This being done, we
 were conducted into the Tower at the
 very bottom, which albeit it were ex-
 cellently painted, yet we had here lit-
 tle recreation, for this was nothing but
 a *Laboratory*, where we were fain to beat
 and wash Plants, and pretious Stones,
 and 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 di-
 rections, that she knew how to give each
 of us employment enough, so that in
 this Island we were fain to be mee-
 drudges, till we had atcheived all that was
 necessary for the restoring of the Be-
 headed Bodies. Mean time (as I after-
 wards understood) three Virgins were
 in the first Apartment washing the
 Corps with all diligence. Now having

1. Concloave

Labores
hospitum.

virginum

at

at length almost done with this our preparation, nothing more was brought us, but some broath with a little draught of Wine, whereby I well observed, that we were not here for our pleasure; for when we had finished our daywork too, every one had only a Mattress laid on the Ground for him, wherewith we were to content our selves. 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 otherwise suddenly to be observed. Now having looked a good while into the Sea, and it being just about

Cibus
Potus

Lectus.
tenuis.

Autor Spe-
culatur cæ-
lum pro-
somnia.

bout Midnight, as soon as it had struck
 Twelve, I beheld from far the *seven*
Flames passing over Sea hitherward, and
 betakeing themselves to the top of the
 Spire of the Tower. This made me
 somewhat affraid; for as soon as the
 Flames had settled themselves, the
 Winds arose, and began to make the
 Sea very Tempestuous. The Moon al-
 so was Covered with clouds, and my
 joy ended with such fear, that I had
 scarce time enough to hit upon the Stairs
 again, and betake my self again to the
 Tower. Now whether the Flames
 tarried any longer, or passed a-
 way again, I cannot say: For in this
 obscurity I durst no more venture a-
 broad: So I laid me down upon my
 Mattress, and there being besides in the
Laboratory a pleasant and gently purling
 Fountain, I fell a Sleep so much the
 sooner. And thus this fifth day too was
 concluded with Wonders.

The Sixth Day.

NExt morning, after we had awak-
 ed 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 inlivened
 again together. Others contradicted
 it, because the decease of the ancients
 was not only to *restore* 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 pret-
 ty while. in comes the Old Man to us,
 and first saluting us, looks about him
 to see if all things were ready, and the
 processes enough done. We had herein
 so behaved our selves, that he had no
 fault to find with our diligence, where-
 upon he placed all the Glasses together,
 and put them into a case. Presently
 come certain youths bringing with them
 some *Ladders, Roapes,* and large Wings,
 which they laid down before us, and
 departed. Then the old Man began
 thus.

De fine ortu
 dubie opi-
 niones.

Custors.

pyrotechnia
 hospitum
 laudatur

pueri
 armifera

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 would choose. Sons. 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 whatever he happened 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 handfomly coyle their *Ropes* about them: and as for the *Wings*, the old Man joyned them so neatly on to the third fort, as if they had grown upon them. 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 Caske with the Glasses, took leave, and lock

ed the Door fast after him, so that we imagined no other but that we had been imprisoned in this Tower. But it was hardly a quarter of an Hour before a round Hole at the very top was uncovered, where we saw our Virgin, who called to us, and bad 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 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 fain 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 self, having Six very stately Vestries a little raised above the Room, and to be entred by the ascent of three Steps. In these Vestries we were distributed; there to pray for the Life of the King and Queen, mean while the Virgin went in and out at the little Door, till we had done. For as soon as our process was absolved,

Ascensus
in 2. or
clave.

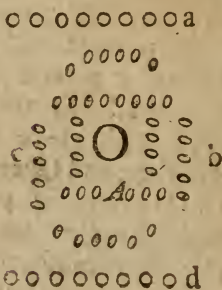
Restis
difficultas

Descriptio
2 Conclav.

there was brought in, and placed in the middle through the little Door, by twelve persons (which were formerly our Musicians) a wonderful thing of a *longish* shape, which my Companions took only to be a Fountain. But I well observed that the *Corps's* lay in it, for the inner Chest was of an oval Figure, so large that six Persons might well lie in it one by another. After which they again went forth, fetched their Instruments, and conducted in our Virgin, together with her she-attendants, with a 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 *Vir-*
gin A with her at-
 tendants in a Ring,
 round about with
 the Lamps & bran-
 ches c, next stood we
 with our Torches b,
 then the *Musicians* a
 in a long rank, last

of

of all the rest of the Virgins *d* in another long rank too. Now whence the Virgins came, or whether they dwelt in the 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 laid 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 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 Kettle; 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 Simper, by many little holes at *a*, it fell in upon the Bodies, and was so hot, that it *dissolved* them all, and turned them into Liquor. But what the abovesaid round wrapt up thing was, my Companions knew not, but I understood

Virgines
unde.

Quid in ar,
cula,

that it was the Moor's Head, from which the Water conceived so great heat. At *b* round about the great Kettle, there were again 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 *Yellow* into the Kettle. This lasted for near two Hours, that the Fountain still constantly ran of it self; but yet the longer, the fainter it was. Mean time the Musicians went their vway, and vve walked up and down in the Room; and truly the Room was somade, that we had opportunity enough to pass away our time: There was, for Images, Paintings, Clock-works, Organs, Springing Fountains, and the like, nothing forgotten. Now it was near 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 cer-

tain

Rami lau-
621.

Delicia in
Couclavi

tain quarts were then *very Red*) into the Globe. The rest of the Water which remained above in the 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 useful, 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 yet more of us were well able to bear, al-
Gravitas aquæ.
beit for its bulk it should have seemed not too heavy for one man. Now this Globe being with much ado gotten out of Doors, we again sate alone. But I perceiving a trampling over head; had an Eye to my Ladder. Hear one might take notice of the strange opinions my Companions had concerning this Fountain: For they not imagining but that the Bodies lay in the Garden of the Castle, knew not what to make of
Autor solus novit verè quæ ageretur.
this kind of working, but I thanked God that I awaked in so opportune a time, and saw that which helped me the better in all the Virgins business. After one quarter of an hour the cover

Ascensus in
3. Conclave.

above was again lifted of, and we commanded to come up, which was done as before vvith Wings, Ladders, and Ropes. And it did not a little vex me, that vvhereas the Virgins could go up another vvay, vve vvere fain to take so much toil; yet I could vvell judge there must be some *special* reason in it, and vve must leave somevvhat for the *Old Man* to do too. For even those vvith the Wings had no advantage by them but vvhen they vvere to mount through the Hole. Novv being gotten up thither also, and the Hole shut again, I savv the Globe hanging by a strong Chain in the middle of the Room. In this Room vvvas nothing else but meer Windowvs, and still betvveen two *Windows* there vvvas a Door, vvich vvvas covered vvith nothing but a great polished Looking-Glass; and these Windowvs and Looking-Glasses were so optically opposed one to another, that although the Sun (vvich novv shined exceeding bright) beat only upon one Door, yet (after the Windowvs tovwards the Sun vvere opened, and the Doors before the Looking-Glasses dravvn aside) in all quarters of the Room

Descriptio
conclavis.

Artif. optic.

Room there vvas nothing but *Suns*; vvhich by artificial *Refractions* beat upon the vvhole golden Globe hanging in the midst; and for as much as the same (besides that brightness) vvas polished, it gave such a Lustre, that none of us could open our Eyes, but vvere therefore forced to look out at Windowvs till the Globe vvas vvell heated, and brought to the desired effect. Here I may vvell avovv that in these Mirroures I have seen the most vvonderful Spectacle that ever Nature brought to light; for there were Suns in all places, and the Globe in the middle shined yet brighter, so that, but for one twinkling of an Eye, we could no more indure it than the Sun it self. At length the Virgin commanded to shut up the Looking-Glasses again, and to make fast the Windowvs, and so let the Globe cool again a little; and this vvas done about seven of the Clock. Wherefore vve thought good, since vve might nowv have leisure a little to refresh our selves vwith a Breakfast: This Treatment again vvas right Philosophical, and vve had no need to be affraid of Intemperance, yet vve had no vvant. And the

Mirac. spec.

Prandium
Philosophi.

hope of the future joy (vvith vvhich the Virgin continually comforted us) made us so jocond that vve 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 vvvas only to attend upon this adventurous Phisick, and hence to contemplate the Creator's Wisdom and Omnipotency. After vve had taken our Refection, we again settled our selves to work, for the Globe was sufficiently cooled; which with toil and labour we vvvere to lift off the Chain and set upon the Floor. Now the dispute was how to get the Globe in sunder, for we were commanded 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 *readness* more to be seen, but a lovely great snow-vvwhite Egg: It most mightily rejoyced us, that this was so vvell brought to pass. For the Virgin vvvas in perpetuall care, least the Shell might still be too tender. We stood round about this Egg as jocond as
if

Resolutio
Globs.

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if vve our selves had laid it. But the Virgin made it presently be carried forth, and departed her self too from us again, and (as all vvays) locked the Door to. But vvhat she did abroad vvith the Egg, or vvwhether it vvwere some vvay privately handled, I knowv not, neither do I believe it. Yet vve vvwere again to pause together for one quarter of an hour, till the third hole vvwere opened, and vve by means of our instruments vvwere come upon the fourth Stone or Floor. In this Room vve found a great Copper Kettle filled vvith *yellow Sand*, vvwhich vvwas vvvarmed vvwith a gentle Fire, aftervvwards the Egg vvwas raked up in it, that it might therein come to perfect maturity. This Kettle vvwas exactly square, upou one side stood these tvvo verses, Writ in great Leters.

Ovum can-
didum.

4. Conclave

O. B. L. I. T. O. B. I. T. M. I. L. I.
K. A. N. T. I. V. O. L. T. B. I. T. T. O. G. O. L. T.

On the second side vvwere these three Words.

SANITAS

SANITAS. NIX. HASTA.

The third had no more but this one
Word.

F. I. A. T.

But on the hindermost part stood an
intire Inscription running thus.

Q V O D.

Ignis : Aer : Aqua : Terra :
SANCTIS REGUM ET REGI-
NARUM NOSTR:

Cineribus.

Eripere non potuerunt.

Fidelis Chymicorum Turba
IN HANC URNAM

Contulit:

• Aö.

1000. LII. XI. OII. III. IN. 25

Now whether the Sand or Egg were
hereby meant, I leave to the learned
to dispute, yet do I my part, and omit
nothing undeclared. Our Egg being

novv

now ready was taken out ; But it need-
 ed no cracking, for the *Bird* that was in
 it soon freed himself, and shewed him-
 self very jocond, yet he looked very
 Bloody and unshapen : We first set him
 upon the warm Sand, so the Virgin
 commanded, that before we gave him
 any thing to eat, we should be sure to
 make him fast, otherwise he would give
 us all work enough. This being done
 too, food was brought him, which sure-
 ly was nothing else than the *Blood* of the
 Beheaded, deluted again with prepared
 water, by which the Bird grew so fast
 under our eyes, that we well saw why
 the Virgin gave us such warning of him.
 He bit and scratcht so devillishly about
 him, that could he have had his will up-
 on any of us, he would soon have dis-
 patched him. Now he was wholly *black*,
 and wild, wherefore other meat was
 brought him, perhaps the blood of a-
 nother 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 himself to be
 more tractable, nevertheless we did
 not yet trust him. At the third feed-
 ing

Pallus im-
 plumis.

Vincitur.

Pascitur.
 sanguine.
 decollator-
 um.

Sanguine.
 alius Regis
 pascitur.

Iridescit.

ing 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, that (the Virgin consenting) we released him from his Captivity. 'Tis now reason (began our Virgin) since by your diligence, and our old man's 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 Cloaths on, which seemed somewhat reproachful to our Mirth. Now the Virgin was perpetually inquisitive, perhaps to find to which of us her future purpose might prove serviceable. But her discourse was for the most part about *meling*; and it pleased her well vwhen any one seemed expert in such compendious Manuals, as do peculiarly commend an Artist. This Dianer lasted not above

three

Liberatur.
vinculis.

Primus usus eius.

Methodia

three quarters of an hour, which vve yet for the most part spent with our Bird, vvhom vve were fain constantly to feed with his meat: But he still continued much at the same growth. After Dinner vve vvere not long suffered to digest our Meat; but after that the Virgin together with the Bird was departed from us. The fifth Room was set open to us, whither we got too after the former manner, and tendred our Service. 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 meer 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, vve had enough to do to keep him in the Bath. vve therefore clapt a cover on the Kettle, 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 vvas as smooth as a nevv-born Child, yet the heat did him no further harm, at vvhich I much marvelled; for

5. De clave.

Avis bal-
neum.

in

in this Bath the Feathers were quite consumed, and the Bath vvas thereby tinged into *blew*; at length vve gave the Bird air, vvho of himself sprung out of the Kettle, and was so glitteringly smooth, that it vvas a pleasure to behold it. But because he vvas still somewhat wild, vve were fain to put a collar, with a Chain, about his Neck, and so led him up and down the Room. Mean time a strong Fire vvas made under the Kettle, and the Bath sodden away till it all came to a *blew* Stone, which vve took out, and having first pounded it, vve vvere afterwards fain to grind it on a Stone, and finally vvith this colour to paint the Bird's whole Skin over: Now he lookt much more strangely, for he vvas all *blew*, except the head, vvich remained *white*. Herewith our work on this Story too vvas performed; And we (after the Virgin with her *blew* Bird was departed from us) were called up through the hole to the sixth Story; which vvas done too, there we were mightily troubled, for in the midst a little Altar, every way like that in the King's Hall above described, vvas placed. Upon which stood the six fore-mention-

Vincitar.

Balscum
coquitar in
lapideis.

6. Conclave.

ed particulars, and he him self (the Bird) made the *seventh*. First of all the little *Fountain* vvas set before him, out of vvhich he drunk a good draught, afterwards he pecked upon the *white Serpens* until she bled mightily. This Blood vve vvere to receive into a Golden Cup, and pour it down the *Birds Throat*, vvho vvas mighty averse from it, then vve dipt the *Serpents* head in the *Fountain*, upon vvhich she again revived, and crept into her *Deaths-head*, so that I savv her no more for a long time after. Mean time the Sphere turned constantly on, until it made the desired conjunction. Immediately the watch Struck one, upon which there was a going another *conjunction*. Then the Watch struck two. Finally, whilst we were observing the third conjunction, and the same vvas indicated by the Watch, the poor Bird of himself submissively laid down his Neck upon the Book, and vvillingly suffered his Head (by one of us thereto chosen by lot) to be *smitten off*. Howbeit he yielded not one drop of *Blood*, till he vvas opened on the Breast, and then the *Blood* spun out so fresh and clear as if it had been a Fountain of Rubies. His

Death

*Anis deollat.
tar.*

Death went to the heart of us, and yet we 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 Fire kindled at the little *Taper*; afterwards to cleanse the same several times, and to lay them in a Box of Cypress-Wood. 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 return home again to our Castle, to awaken our most gracious Lords 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 Commendations 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 these four (herewith she pointed at me and three more) lazy and sluggish Labourers, and yet according to my good-will to all and*

*Avis combu-
ritur.*

Joce.

every one, am not willing to deliver them up to condign punishment; However, that such Negligence 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 so 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 ourselves the most unhappy of all men. After this the Virgin by one of her Maids (whercof there were many always at hand) caused the Musicians to be fetcht, who where with Cornets to blow us out of Doors with such scorn and derision, that they themselves could hardly sound for laughing. But it did particularly mightily afflict us that the Virgin so vehemently laughed at our weeping, anger & impatience, and that there might well perhaps be some amongst our Companions who were glad of this our misfortune. But it proved otherwise. For as soon as we were come out at the Door, the Musicians bid us be of good cheere and follow

Commodus
ejeco.

8. conclave.

low them up the winding Staires; They led us up to the seventh Floor 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 hereto chosen by the Virgin; but after he understood the affright we had conceived, His belly was ready to burst with Laughing, that we had taken such good Fortune so hainously. 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 hers again with other matter, saying, she must now go 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. Here-

Virgo Lucif.
Iudic. care-
ros.

7. Conclave.

with 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

to speak of it, but we too by reason of our business, durst not peep on them through the Cieling. But this was our work, we were to *moisten the Ashes* with our fore-prepared *Water* till they became altogether like a very thin Dough. After which we set the matter over the Fire, till it was well *beated*, 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 leifure to look a while upon our Companions through certain crevises made in the Floor) they were now very busie at a Furnace, & each was himself fain 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 rouzed us to our work again; So that I cannot say what was done afterwards. We having opened our little forms, there appeared two beautiful 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

verus labor
sub teste.

labor spu-
ritus in
7. conclavi.

Homunculi
duo.

surpris'd me, was, that they were not hard, but limber and fleshy, as other human Bodies; yet had they no Life: So that I do most assuredly believe that the Lady *Venus's* Image was also made after some such way: These Angelically fair Babes we first laid upon two little Sattin Cushionets, and beheld them a good while; till we were almost besotted upon so exquisite an object: The old Lord warn'd us to forbear, and continually to instill the *Bood* 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 *encreas'd*; 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 here, and have been ashamed of their Art in respect of these productions of Nature. Now they began to grow so big, that we lifted from the little Cushionets, 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 piece

past
 las. dms
 avic.

of fine *white double Taffata*, which be-
 cause 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 alrea-
 dy 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 natural warmth, or sensibility
 in them, they were dead Figures, ye-
 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 Torches. Here
 I must warn the Reader that he ima-
 gine not these Lights to have been of
necessity, for the old Man's intent hereby,
 was only that we should not observe
 when the *Soul* entred into them, as in-
 deed we should not have taken notice
 of it, in case I had not twice before
 seen the *Flames*; However, I permitted
 the other three to remain in their be-
 lief, neither did the old Man know
 that I had seen any thing more. Here-

Pulcherri-
 mus.

upon he bid us sit down on a Bench over against the Table: presently the Virgin came in too with the Musick and all furniture, and 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 meer *Christal*, 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 disposed her Virgins upon a Bench round about, she and the old Man began many *Leger-demain* 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, stept in *six* Virgins, each of which bare a large Trumpet, which were rouled about with a green glittering and burning material like a wreath, one of which the old Man took, and after he had removed

some

Vestiuntur.

Spectatores
Iuduntur.

Descriptio
secti.

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 forementioned 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, and a bright *stream* of Fire shooting down *the Tube*, and passing into the Body : whereupon the hole was again covered, and the Trumpet removed. 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 received the *Soul* he twinckled 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

Ufus tubarum.

Itt ex
salo ven-
ens):

Homunculi
animarum
trans-
feruntur.

villing Bed was 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, where 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 these *Ashes*, so that they imagined 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* presented himself again, and, after he had saluted us all, flew to them behind the Curtain, tormenting them so long till they awaked. This happened to them with very great amazement, for they imagined no other but that they had hitherto slept from the very hour

de 7. scil.

Homunculi
excitantur
a cupiditate.

Fuerunt.
illi qui de-
collabantur.

in which they were beheaded. *Cupid*, after he had awaked them, and renewed their acquaintance one with another, stepped a side a little, and permitted them both somewhat better to *recreuse* themselves, mean time playing his tricks with us; and at length he would needs have the *Musick* fetcht to be somewhat the merriest. Not long after the Virgin her self comes: And after she had most humbly saluted the young King and Queen (who found themselves somewhat faint) and kissed their hands, she brought them the two forementioned curious *Garments*, which they put on, and so stepped forth. Now there were already prepared two very curious *Chaires*, wherein they placed themselves: and so were by us with most profound Reverence congratulated; for which the King in his own Person most gratioously returned his thanks, and again *re-assured* us of all Grace. It was already about five of Clock, wherefore they could make no longer stay, but as soon as ever the chiefest of their furniture could be laden, we were to attend the young Royal Persons down the winding Stairs, through all Doors

Conjuges
induunt
vestimenta
ut se conspi-
ciendos præ-
beant.

Conjuges ve-
huntur trans
mare.

and

and watches unto the Ship, in which they inbarqued 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) by certain stately Ships; Thus in four Hours time they had made many *Leagues* out at Sea. After five of 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, whereby I observed that this Tower was well provided against opposition. Now these Soldiers made quick work with our stuff, so that no more remained further to be done, but to go to Supper. Now the Table being compleatly furnished, the Virgin brings us again to our Companions vvhether vve were to carry our selves as if vve had truly been in a Lamentable condition, and forbear laughing. But they were always siniling one upon another,

how-

Musick.

Custos fenest.

Turris custodia militi-
837.Cœna. Hospites de 7.
et 8. conclavi
comestantur.

howbeit some of them too sympathized
 vvith us. At this Supper the old *Lord*
 vvas vvith us too, vvho vvas 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 vvere 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 untowardly Miscarry. After we
 had taken our nocturnal refection, the
 old Lord led us into his Closets of Ra-
 rities, which were here and there dis-
 persed amongst the Bulworks, 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 surveigh them: Thus we
 spent a good part of the Night by Can-
 dle-light. At last, because we were
 more inclined to Sleep than see many
 Rarities, we were lodged in Rooms in
 the Wall, where we had not only costly
 good Beds, but also besides extraordina-
 ry handson Chambers, which made

*Custos est ins-
 pector.*

*Laus hujus
 lenis.*

*The old
 Mans Closets*

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 helped me to a sound and sweet Sleep, for I continued in one Dream from eleven of Clock till eight in the morning.

Somnium.
prohibet.

The Seventh Day.

After eight of clock I awaked, and quickly made my self ready, being desirous to return again into the Tower, but the dark passages in the Wall were so many, and various, that I wandred a good while before I could find the way out. The same happened to the rest too, till at last we all met again in the neather most Vault, and habits intirely *yellow* were given us, together with our golden Fleeces. At that time the Virgin declared to us that we were Knights of the *Golden Stone*, of which we were before ignorant. After we had now thus made our selves ready, and taken our Breakfast, the old

Hospites
deponunt
vestes lugu-
bres.

Salutantur
Equites.

old Man presented each of us with a medal of Gold ; on the one side stood these Words,

AR. NAT. MI.

On the other these,

TEM. NAT. F.

Donatus
a lene.

Ars natura
ministra

Temporis
natura filia.

Exhorting us moreover we should entreprize nothing beyond and against this token of remembrance. Herewith we went forth to the Sea, where our Ships lay so richly equipped, that it was not well possible but that such brave things must first have been brought thither. The Ships were *twelve in number*, six of ours, and six of the old Lord's, 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 sate in *Libra*; besides other things, our Ship had also a noble and curious Clock, which shewed

Navis r.

Vexilla 12,
signa.
Navis autem
ris libra.
Horolog.

us all the *Minutes*. The Sea too was so calm, that it was a singular pleasure to Sail. But that which surpassed all the rest, was the old Man's discourse, who so well knew how to pass away our time with wonderful Histories, that I could have been content to Sail with him all my Life long. 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 Lake by the forementioned River, there presently stood in to us five hundred Ships, one of which sparkled with mere Gold and pretious Stones, in which fate 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 pieces were discharged on both sides, and there was such a din of Trumpets, Shalms, and Kettle Drums that all the Ships upon the Sea capered again. Finally, as soon as we came near they brought about our Ships together, and

Facundia
lenis.

Obvatio
ex arce.

300 Naves

Applausus.

so made a stand, Immediately the old *Atlas* stepped forth on the King's behalf, making a short, but handfom oration, wherein he wellcomed us, and demanded whether the Royal Presents were in readines. 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 *awaken* him. We suffered them to continue in their wonderment, and carried our selves as if it seemed strange to us too. After *Atlas's* oration out steps our old Man, making somewhat a larger reply, wherein he wished the King and Queen all happiness and iacrease, 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. After the oration was finished, they again let off a joyful 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 entred: At this place again there attended a great Multitude of the King's Family together with some hundreds of
Horses

Atlas oratione excipit hospites.

Atlanti respondet senex.

Regis conjugibus donum offert Cupido.

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 Horseback. Here I desire to have the Reader friendly intreated not to 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. 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 fastened my tokens round about my Hat, of which the young King soon took notice, and demanded if I were he, who could at the Gate redeem these tokens? I answered in most humble manner, Yea. But he laughed on me, saying, *There henceforth needed no Ceremony; I was HIS Father.* Then he asked me, *Wherewith*

Honor de
latus.
atori
Cura sine
equat jur-
ta P. 1001.

Tesseris sol
vit sale et
aqua.

Pater.

I had redeemed them? I replied, with *Water* and *Salt*: whereupon he wondred 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 expressely, *That it must needs be, that God had herein vouch safed me a singular happiness.* Herewith we came to the first gate where the *Porter* with the *blew Cloaths* 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 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*; 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*

Tessers foris
sale & aqua

Primus
Custos sold
26. quis.
Ob visam
Venerem
factus port
titor.

Autor ejus
dem delicti
reus prodi-
tur á porti-
tore.

highly transgressed as himself, he must stand
in his stead, and the other shall be free. This
word went to my Heart, for my Consci-
ence convinced me that I was the offend-
er, yet I held my peace, & herewith deli-
vered 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, of whom I
made mention at the hanging of the
Weights) rid just behind us observed it,
& therefore asked him, what this Letter
might signifie. 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. Immedi-
ately the King called for the old *Atlas* to
come to him in a little Closet, and shew-
ed him the writing, who made no long
tarrying, but rid out again to the Por-
ter to take better Cognizance of the
matter. After which the young King
with his Spouse, and other Lords, La-
dies and Virgins fate down. Then
began our Virgin highly to commend
the diligence we had used, and the
pains

Astus in
arce.

Virg Lucif.

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 both parts be contented. Hereupon we were to step out a little; and it was 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 recrea-
Ludus Regis cum Regina.
 tions 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 re-encounter them again. This was so properly and artificially performed, that it were to be wished, that we had the like game too. During the game, in comes *Atlas* again, and makes his re-
Artificioſus

Supplicatio
portitoris
traditum
Autori.

port in private, yet I blushed 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: After-
wards he remonstrated that the time
was now accomplished, wherein accord-
ing 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 she had been unco-
vered, and in case this should not prove
so to be, he would be content to re-
main before the Gate all days of his
life. Then he sued in the most hum-
ble 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 Of-
fendor, and obtain his wished freedom.
This was expressly and handsomly
indicted, by which I could well per-
ceive his ingenuity, but it was too
sharp

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 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 gratifie him in his desire; so he sent one forth to fetch him in. Mean time the Tables were prepared in a spacious Room, in which we had never been before, which was so compleat, 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 which had happened to his Mother, had somewhat angred him. In brief, my offence, and 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 they too, who were yet ignorant of the matter, would come to the knowledge

Triclinium
preciosiss.
mum.

Cupido iratus
ob Venerem vilam
ab auctore.

Eriam Rex
condolet.

of it. So he caused the Porter himself, who was already come, to make his strict surveigh, and shewed himself as pleasant as he was able. Howbeit at length they began again to be merry, and to bespeak 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 neither the Reader's concern, nor serviceable to my design. But all exceeded more in art, and human invention, than that we were overcharged with drinking. And this was the last, and noblest Meal at which I was present. After the Bancket the Tables were suddainly taken away, and certain curious Chairs placed round about in circle, in which we together with the King, and Queen, both their old Men, the Ladies and Virgins, were to sit. After which a very handsom Page opened the abovementioned 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,

Lætitia discumbentium.

post cœnam obligantur equies legibus suis.

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 liege 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*, and his hand-maid *Nature*.

II. That you will Abominate all Whoredom, Incontinency and Uncleaness, 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 wordly Pride and high Authority.

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

Privilegia.

At this last Article we could not choose but laugh sufficiently, and it may well have been placed after the rest, only for a conceit. Now being to vow to them all by the King's Scepter, we were afterwards with the usual Ceremonies installed Knights, and amongst other Priviledges set over *Ignorance, Poverty, and Sicknes*; to handle them at our pleasure. And this was afterwards ratified in a little Chappel (whither we were couducted in all Procession) and thanks returned to God for it: Where I also at that time to the honour of God hung up my Golden Fleece and Hat, and left them there for an eternal memorial. And because every one was there to write his Name. I writ thus;

Summa Scientia nihil Scire.

Fr. CHRISTIANUS ROSENCREUTS.

*Eques aurei Lapidis.**Anno. 1459.*

Others writ otherwise, and truly each as seemed him good. After which we were again brought into the Hall, where being fate down, we were admonished quickly to bethink our selves what every one would wish. But the King and his party retired into a little Closet, there to give audience to our wishes. Now each man was called in severally, so that I cannot speak of any man's proper 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*. Wherefore not regarding that I might well have wished somewhat more dear and agreeable to my self, I vanquished my self, and concluded, even with my own peril, to free the *Porter* my Benefactor. Wherefore being

I am postu-
lantur de-
positiones
optionum.

Autor op-
tat libera-
tione: a por-
titoris e
gratitudine.

ing 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 undauntedly to relate how all the business had passed. How through Ignorance I fell into that mistake, and so offered my self to undergo all that I had thereby demerited. The King, and the rest of the Lords wondered mightily at so un-hoped for confession, and so wished 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 King's 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 knew not 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. However, no release was to be hoped for, till the Marriage Feast of his future Son. This Sentence had near cost me
my

Autor reus
confitens.

Audit sen-
tentiam.

my life, and I first hated my self and my twatling 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 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 shew my self grateful to my Benefactor : and because the same could no way else be done, I returned thanks for the sentence, and was willing gladly to sustain some inconvenience for his sake, who had been helpful to me in coming to so high 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 made me, that the wishing stretched not so far. However I might well wish him free. Yet it was very pleasing to his Royal Majesty, that I had behaved my self so generously herein, but he

was

Laus benefici-
cij portito-
ris.

was affraid 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 step aside. After me the rest were called for too, who came jocundly out again, which was still more to my smart ; for I imagined no other, but that I must finish my life under the Gate. I had also many pensive thoughts running up and down in my Head, what I should yet undertake, and wherewith to spend the time, at length I considered that I was now old, and according to the course of nature, had few years 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 bring my self into the Grave. I had fundry of these thoughts. Sometimes it vexed me that I had seen such galant things, and must be *robbed* of them. Sometimes it rejoyced me that yet before my end I had been accepted to

all

transitoria
regno.

Reliqui laeti
exierunt.

Autem me-
lancholicus

Sper.

Metus.

Solacium.

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 shew 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. 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 understood, 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 vvas by both the old Men, the Lord of the Towver, and *Atlas* conducted into a glorious Lodging

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lum.

Autor des-

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

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quarto, and he (the Author hereof)
whereas he imagined he must in the
morning be Dóor-Keeper, returned
home.

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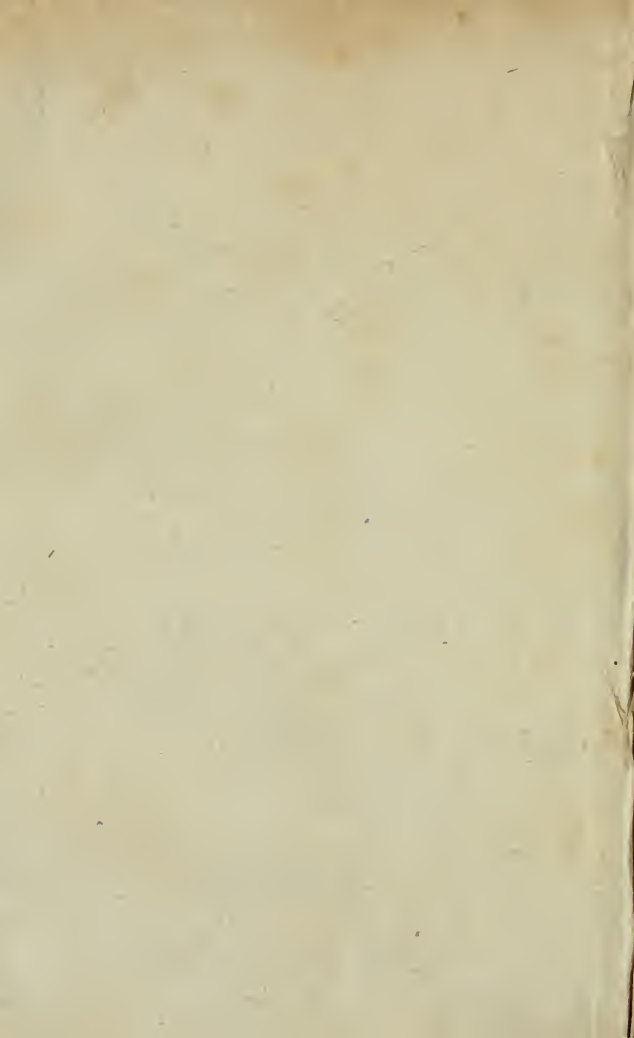
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