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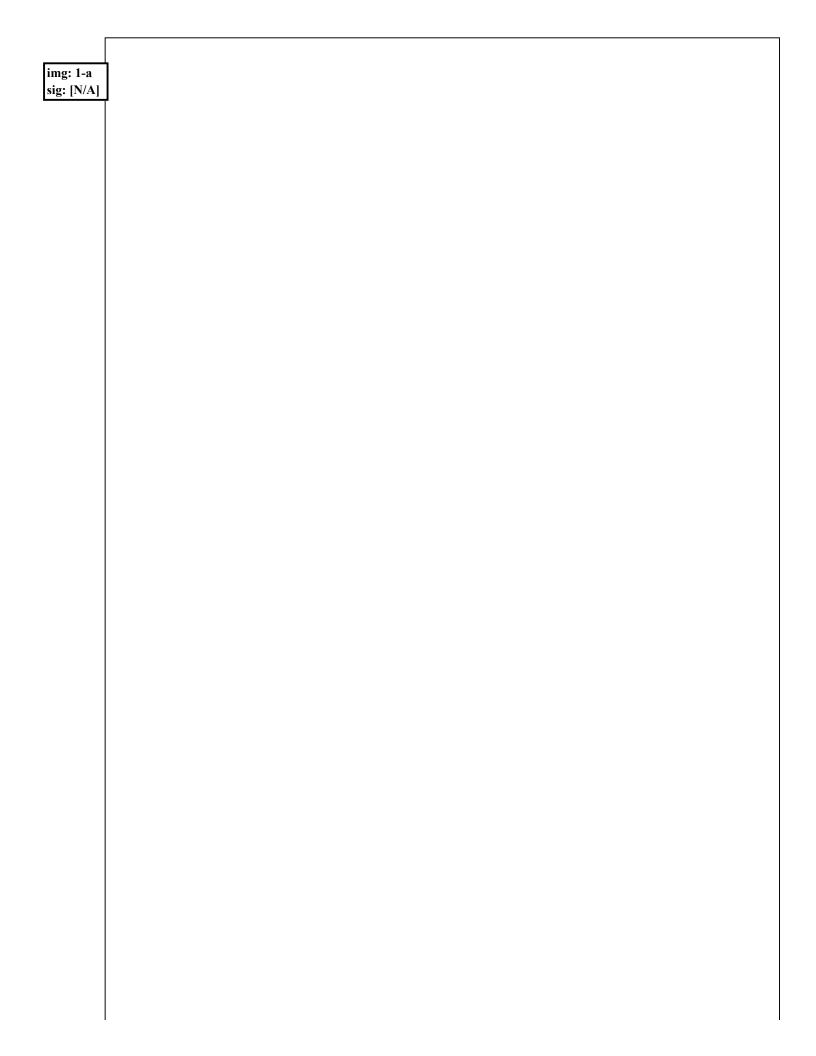
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In 0008 ln 0009 ln 0010 The Roaring Girle.

OR

Moll Cut-Purse.

As it hath lately beene Acted on the Fortune-stage by the Prince his Players. Written by T. Middleton and T. Dekkar.

[Portrait of Moll Cutpurse] My case is alter'd, I must worke for my liuing.

Printed at London for Thomas Archer, and are to be sold at his shop in Popes head-pallace, neere the Royall Exchange. 1611.

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To the Comicke, Play-readers, Venery, and Laughter.

THE fashion of play-making, I can properly compare to nothing, so naturally, as the alteration in apparell: For in the time of the Great-crop-doublet, your huge bombasted plaies, quilted with mighty words to leane purpose was onely then in fashion. And as the doublet fell, neater inventions beganne to set vp. Now in the time of sprucenes, our plaies followe the nicenes of our Garments, single plots, quaint conceits, letcherous iests, drest vp in hanging sleeues, and those are fit for the Times, and the Tearmers: Such a kind of light-colour Summer stuffe, mingled with diuerse colours, you shall finde this published Comedy, good to keepe you in an afternoone from dice, at home in your chambers; and for venery you shall finde enough, for sixepence, but well coucht and you marke it. For Venus being a woman passes through the play in doublet and breeches, a braue disguise and a safe one, if the Statute vntv not her cod-peece point. The book I make no question, but is fit for many of your companies, as well as the person it selfe, and may bee allowed both Gallery roome at the play-house, and chamber-roome at your lodging: worse things I must needs confesse the world

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ha's taxt her for, then has beene written of her; but 'tis the excellency of a Writer, to leaue things better then he finds 'em; though some obscœne fellow (that cares not what he writes against others, yet keepes a mysticall baudy-house himselfe, and entertaines drunkards, to make vse of their pockets, and vent his private bottle-ale at mid-night) though such a one would have ript vp the most nasty vice, that ever hell belcht forth, and presented it to a modest Assembly; yet we rather wish in such discoveries, where reputation lies bleeding, a slackenesse of truth, then fulnesse of slander.

ln 0038

THOMAS MIDDLETON.

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Prologus.

A Play (expected long) makes the Audience looke For wonders: — that each Scæne should be a booke. Compos'd to all perfection; each one comes And brings a play in's head with him: vp he summes, What he would of a Roaring Girle haue writ; If that he findes not here, he mewes at it. Onely we intreate you thinke our Scoene. Cannot speake high (the subject being but meane) A Roaring Girle (whose notes till now neuer were) Shall fill with laughter our vast Theater, That's all which I dare promise: Tragick passion, And such grave stuffe, is this day out of fashion. I see attention sets wide ope her gates Of hearing, and with couetous listning waites, To know what Girle, this Roaring Girle should be. (For of that Tribe are many.) One is shee That roares at midnight in deepe Tauerne bowles, That beates the watch, and Constables controuls; Another roares i'th day time, sweares, stabbes, gives braves, Yet sells her soule to the lust of fooles and slaues. Both these are Suburbe-roarers. Then there's (besides) A ciuill Citty Roaring Girle, whose pride, Feasting, and riding, shakes her husbands state, And leaves him Roaring through an yron grate. None of these Roaring Girles is ours: shee flies VVith wings more lofty. Thus her character lyes, Yet what neede characters? when to give a gesse, Is better then the person to expresse; But would you know who 'tis? would you heare her name? Shee is cal'd madde Moll; her life, our acts proclaime.

Dramatis

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wln 0032	Dramatis Personæ.
wln 0033	Sir Alexander Wentgraue, and Neats-foot his man.
wln 0034	Sir Adam Appleton.
wln 0035	Sir Dauy Dapper.
wln 0036	Sir Bewteous Ganymed.
wln 0037	Lord <i>Noland</i> .
wln 0038	Yong Wentgraue,
wln 0039	<i>Iacke Dapper</i> , and <i>Gull</i> his page.
wln 0040	Goshawke.
wln 0041	Greenewit.
wln 0042	Laxton.
wln 0043	Tilt-yard. \} Ciues & Vxores.
wln 0044	Openworke.
wln 0045	Gallipot.
wln 0046	<i>Mol</i> the Roaring Girle.
wln 0047	Trapdoore.
wln 0048	Sir Guy Fitz-allard.
wln 0049	Mary Fitz-allard his daughter.
wln 0050	Curtilax a Sergiant, and
wln 0051	Hanger his Yeoman.

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The Roaring Girle.

Act. 1. Scoe. 1.

Enter Mary Fitz-Allard disguised like a sempster with a case for bands, and Neatfoot a seruingman with her, with a napkin on his shoulder, and a trencher in his hand as from table.

Neatfoote.

THe yong gentleman (our young maister) Sir *Alexanders* sonne, is it into his eares (sweet Damsell) (embleme of fragility) you desire to haue a message transported, or to be transcendent.

Mary A private word or two Sir, nothing else.

Neat. You shall fructifie in that which you come for: your pleasure shall be satisfied to your full contentation: I will (fairest tree of generation) watch when our young maister is erected, (that is to say vp) and deliuer him to this your most white hand.

Mary Thankes sir.

Neat. And withall certifie him, that I have culled out for him (now his belly is replenished) a daintier bit or modicome then any lay vpon his trencher at dinner — hath he notion of your name, I beseech your chastitie.

Mary One Sir, of whom he be spake falling bands.

Neat.

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The Roaring Girle.

Neat. Falling bands, it shall so be giuen him, — if you please to venture your modesty in the hall, amongst a curlepated company of rude seruingmen, and take such as they can set before you, you shall be most seriously, and ingeniously welcome.

Mary I haue **dyed** indeed already sir.

Neat. — Or will you vouchsafe to kisse the lip of a cup of rich *Orleans* in the buttry amongst our waiting women.

Mary Not now in truth sir.

Neat. Our yong Maister shall then have a feeling of your being here presently it shall so be given him. Exit Neatfoote,

Mary I humbly thanke you sir, but that my bosome

Is full of bitter sorrowes, I could smile,

To see this formall Ape play Antick tricks:

But in my breast a poysoned arrow stickes,

And smiles cannot become me, Loue wouen sleightly

(Such as thy false heart makes) weares out as lightly,

But loue being truely bred ith the soule (like mine)

Bleeds euen to death, at the least wound it takes,

The more we quench this, the lesse it slakes: Oh me!

Enter Sebastian Wengraue with Neatfoote.

Seb. A Sempster speake with me, saist thou.

Neat. Yes sir, she's there, *viua voce*, to deliuer her auricular confession.

Seb. With me sweet heart. What ist?

Mary I have brought home your bands sir.

Seb. Bands: Neatfoote.

Neat. Sir.

Seb. Prithee look in, for all the Gentlemen are vpon rising.

Neat. Yes sir, a most methodicall attendance shall be giuen.

Seb. And dost heare, if my father call for me, say I am busy with a Sempster.

Neat. Yes sir, hee shall know it that you are busied with a needle woman.

Seb. In's eare good Neat-foote,

Neat

sig: B2r The Roaring Girle. wln 0112 It shall be so given him. Neat. wln 0113 Bands, y'are mistaken sweete heart, I bespake none, Seb. wln 0114 when, where, I prithee, what bands, let me see them. wln 0115 Mary Yes sir, a bond fast sealed, with solemne oathes, wln 0116 Subscribed vnto (as I thought) with your soule: wln 0117 Deliuered as your deed in sight of heauen, wln 0118 Is this bond canceld, have you forgot me. wln 0119 Ha! life of my life: Sir Guy Fitz-Allards daughter, wln 0120 What has transform'd my loue to this strange shape? wln 0121 Stay: make all sure, — so: now speake and be briefe, wln 0122 Because the wolfe's at dore that lyes in waite, wln 0123 To prey vpon vs both albeit mine eyes wln 0124 Are blest by thine, yet this so strange disguise wln 0125 Holds me with feare and wonder. wln 0126 *Mary* Mines a loathed sight, wln 0127 Why from it are you banisht else so long. wln 0128 I must cut short my speech, in broken language, wln 0129 Thus much sweete *Moll*, I must thy company shun, wln 0130 I court another *Moll*, my thoughts must run, wln 0131 As a horse runs, thats blind, round in a Mill, wln 0132 Out euery step, yet keeping one path still. wln 0133 Vmh: must you shun my company, in one knot wln 0134 Haue both our hands byt'h hands of heauen bene tyed, wln 0135 Now to be broke, I thought me once your Bride: wln 0136 Our fathers did agree on the time when, wln 0137 And must another bed-fellow fill my roome. wln 0138 Sweete maid, lets loose no time, tis in heauens booke Seb. wln 0139 Set downe, that I must have thee: an oath we tooke, wln 0140 To keep our vowes, but when the knight your father wln 0141 Was from mine parted, stormes began to sit wln 0142 Vpon my couetous fathers brow: which fell wln 0143 From them on me, he reckond vp what gold wln 0144 This marriage would draw from him, at which he swore, wln 0145 To loose so much bloud, could not grieue him more. wln 0146 He then diswades me from thee, cal'd thee not faire,

And askt what is shee, but a beggars heire?

He scorn'd thy dowry of (5000) Markes.

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Exit Neat-foote.

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The Roaring Girle.

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Omnes

If such a summe of mony could be found, And I would match with that, hee'd not vndoe it, Prouided his bags might adde nothing to it, But vow'd, if I tooke thee, nay more, did sweare it, Saue birth from him I nothing should inherit. Marv What followes then, my ship-wracke. Seb. Dearest no: The wildly in a laborinth I go, My end is to meete thee: with a side winde Must I now saile, else I no hauen can finde But both must sinke for euer. There's a wench Cal'd Mol, mad Mol, or merry Moll, a creature So strange in quality, a whole citty takes Note of her name and person, all that affection I owe to thee, on her in counterfet passion, I spend to mad my father: he beleeues I doate vpon this *Roaring Girle*, and grieues As it becomes a father for a sonne, That could be so bewitcht: yet ile go on This croked way, sigh still for her, faine dreames, In which ile talke onely of her, these streames Shall, I hope, force my father to consent That heere I anchor rather then be rent Vpon a rocke so dangerours, Art thou pleas'd, Because thou seest we are way-laid, that I take A path thats safe, tho it be farre about, My prayers with heauen guide thee, Marv Then I will on, Seb. My father is at hand, kisse and begon; Howres shall be watcht for meetings; I must now As men for feare, to a strange Idoll bow. Mary Farewell. Ile guide thee forth, when next we meete, Seb. A story of *Moll* shall make our mirth more sweet. Exeunt Enter Sir Alexander Wengraue, Sir Dauy Dapper, Sir Adam Appleton, Goshake, Laxton, and Gentlemen.

Thanks good Sir *Alexander* for our bounteous cheere:

Alex.

sig: B3r The Roaring Girle. wln 0186 Fy, fy, in giuing thankes you pay to deare. Alex. wln 0187 When bounty spreades the table, faith t'were sinne, S. Dap. wln 0188 (at going of) if thankes should not step in. wln 0189 No more of thankes, no more, I mary Sir, wln 0190 Th'inner roome was too close, how do you like wln 0191 This Parlour Gentlmen? wln 0192 Oh passing well. **Omnes** wln 0193 Adam What a sweet breath the aire casts heere, so coole, wln 0194 Gosh. I like the prospect best. wln 0195 See how tis furnisht. Lax. wln 0196 S. Dap. A very faire sweete roome. wln 0197 Alex. Sir Dauy Dapper, wln 0198 The furniture that doth adorne this roome, wln 0199 Cost many a faire gray groat ere it came here, wln 0200 But good things are most cheape, when th'are most deere, wln 0201 Nay when you looke into my galleries, wln 0202 How brauely they are trim'd vp. you all shall sweare wln 0203 Yare highly pleasd to see whats set downe there: wln 0204 Stories of men and women (mixt together wln 0205 Faire ones with foule, like sun-shine in wet wether) wln 0206 Within one square a thousand heads are laid wln 0207 So close, that all of heads, the roome **seeemes** made, wln 0208 As many faces there (**fiil'd** with blith lookes) wln 0209 Shew like the promising titles of new bookes, wln 0210 (Writ merily) the Readers being their owne eyes, wln 0211 Which seeme to moue and to give plaudities, wln 0212 And here and there (whilst with obsequious eares, wln 0213 Throng'd heapes do listen) a cut pursepurse thrusts and leeres wln 0214 With haukes eyes for his prey: I need not shew him, wln 0215 By a hanging villanous looke, your selues may know him, wln 0216 The face is drawne so rarely, Then sir below, wln 0217 The very flowre (as twere) waves to and fro, wln 0218 And like a floating Iland, seemes to moue,

Vpon a sea bound in with shores aboue.

I'le shew you all,

Omnes.

These sights are excellent.

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wln 0222

Since we are met, make our parting Comicall. Seba-

Enter Sebastian and

M. Greene-wit.

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Sir

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The Roaring Girle.

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Sir *Dap*. Good tales do well, In these bad dayes, where vice does so excell.

Adam. Begin sir Alexander.

Alex. Last day I met

An aged man vpon whose head was scor'd,

A debt of iust so many yeares as these,

Which I owe to my graue, the man you all know.

Omnes. His name I pray you sir.

Alex. Nay you shall pardon me,

But when he saw me (with a sigh that brake,

Or seem'd to breake his heart-strings) thus he spake:

Oh my good knight, saies he, (and then his eies

Were richer euen by that which made them poore,

They had spent so many teares they had no more.)

Oh sir (saies he) you know it, for you ha seene

Blessings to raine vpon mine house and me:

Fortune (who slaues men) was my slaue: her wheele

Hath spun me golden threads, for I thanke heauen,

I nere had but one cause to curse my starres,

I ask't him then, what that one cause might be.

Omnes. So Sir.

Alex. He paus'd, and as we often see,
A sea so much becalm'd, there can be found
No wrinckle on his brow, his waues being drownd
In their owne rage: but when th'imperious wind,
Vse strange inuisible tyranny to shake
Both heauens and earths foundation at their noyse:
The seas swelling with wrath to part that fray
Rise vp, and are more wild, more mad, then they.
Euen so this good old man was by my question
Stir'd vp to roughnesse, you might see his gall
Flow euen in's eies: then grew he fantasticall.

Sir *Dap*. Fantasticall, ha, ha.

Alex. Yes, and talke odly.

Adam. Pray sir proceed,

How did this old man end?

Alex. Mary sir thus.

He

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The Roaring Girle.

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He left his wild fit to read ore his cards, Yet then (though age cast snow on all his haires) He ioy'd because (saies he) the God of gold Has beene to me no niggard: that disease (Of which all old men sicken) Auarice Neuer infected me.

Lax. He meanes not himselfe i'me sure.

Alex. For like a lamp,

Fed with continuall oyle, I spend and throw My light to all that need it, yet haue still Enough to serue my selfe, Oh but (quoth he) Tho heauens dew fall, thus on this aged tree, I haue a sonne thats like a wedge doth cleaue, My very heart roote,

S, Dap. Had he such a sonne,

Seb, Now I do smell a fox strongly.

Alex. Lets see: no Maister Greene-wit is not yet

So mellow in yeares as he; but as like Sebastian,

Iust like my sonne Sebastian, — such another.

Seb. How finely like a fencer my father fetches his by-blowes to hit me, but if I beate you not at your owne weapon of subtilty.

Alex. This sonne (saith he) that should be The columne and maine arch vnto my house, The crutch vnto my age, becomes a whirlewind Shaking the firme foundation,

Adam Tis some prodigall.

Seba. Well shot old Adam Bell.

Alex. No citty monster neither, no prodigall,

But sparing, wary, ciuill, and (tho wiuelesse)

An excellent husband, and such a traueller,

He has more tongues in his head then some haue teeth,

S. Dap, I have but two in myne

Gosh. So sparing and so wary,

What then could vex his father so.

Alex. Oh a woman.

Seb. A flesh fly, that can vex any man.

Alex.

img: 8-b sig: C1r	The Roaring Girle.	
wln 0332	Alex. A scuruy woman,	
wln 0333	On whom the passionate old man swore he doated:	
wln 0334	A creature (saith he) nature hath brought forth	
wln 0335	To mocke the sex of woman. — It is a thing	
wln 0336	One knowes not how to name, her birth began	
wln 0337	Ere she was all made. Tis woman more then man,	
wln 0338	Man more then woman, and (which to none can hap)	
wln 0339	The Sunne giues her two shadowes to one shape,	
wln 0340	Nay more, let this strange thing, walke, stand or sit,	
wln 0341	No blazing starre drawes more eyes after it.	
wln 0342	S. Dap. A Monster, tis some Monster.	
wln 0343	Alex. Shee's a varlet.	
wln 0344	Seb. Now is my cue to bristle.	
wln 0345	Alex. A naughty packe.	
wln 0346	Seb. Tis false.	
wln 0347	Alex. Ha boy.	
wln 0348	Seb. Tis false.	
wln 0349	Alex. Whats false, I say shee's nought.	
wln 0350	Seb. I say that tongue	
wln 0351	That dares speake so (but yours) stickes in the throate	
wln 0352	Of a ranke villaine, set your selfe aside. —	
wln 0353	Alex. So sir what then.	
wln 0354	Seb. Any here else had lyed.	
wln 0355	I thinke I shall fit you —	aside.
wln 0356	Alex. Lye.	
wln 0357	Seb. Yes.	
wln 0358	Sir <i>Dap</i> . Doth this concerne him.	
wln 0359	Alex. Ah sirra boy.	
wln 0360	Is your bloud heated: boyles it: are you stung,	
wln 0361	Ile pierce you deeper yet: Oh my deere friends,	
wln 0362	I am that wretched father, this that sonne,	
wln 0363	That sees his ruine, yet headlong on doth run.	
wln 0364	Adam. Will you loue such a poyson.	
wln 0365	S. Dap. Fye, fye.	
wln 0366	Seb. Y'are all mad.	
wln 0367	Alex. Th'art sicke at heart, yet feelst it not: of all these,	
wln 0368	What Gentleman (but thou) knowing his disease	
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Mortall

sig: C1v The Roaring Girle. wln 0369 Mortall, would shun the cure: oh Maister *Greenewit*, wln 0370 Would you to such an Idoll bow. wln 0371 Greene. Not I sir. wln 0372 Alex. Heer's Maister Laxton, has he mind to a woman wln 0373 As thou hast. wln 0374 Lax. No not I sir. wln 0375 Alex. Sir I know it. wln 0376 Lax. There good parts are so rare, there bad so common, wln 0377 I will have nought to do with any woman. wln 0378 Tis well done Maister *Laxton*. Sir *Dap*. wln 0379 Alex. Oh thou cruell boy. wln 0380 Thou wouldst with lust an old mans life destroy, wln 0381 Because thou seest I'me halfe way in my graue, wln 0382 Thou shouelst dust vpon me: wod thou mightest haue wln 0383 Thy wish, most wicked, most vnnaturall. wln 0384 Why sir, tis thought, sir Guy Fitz-Allards daughter Dap. wln 0385 Shall wed your sonne Sebastian. wln 0386 Sir Dauy Dapper. Alex. wln 0387 I have vpon my knees, wood this fond boy, wln 0388 To take that vertuous maiden. wln 0389 Seb. Harke you a word sir. wln 0390 You on your knees have curst that vertuous maiden, wln 0391 And me for louing her, yet do you now wln 0392 Thus baffle me to my face: were not your knees wln 0393 In such intreates, giue me *Fitz-Allards* daughter. wln 0394 Alex. Ile giue thee rats-bane rather. wln 0395 Seb. Well then you know wln 0396 What dish I meane to feed vpon. wln 0397 Alex. Harke Gentlemen, wln 0398 He sweares to have this cut-purse drab, to spite my gall. wln 0399 Omnes. Maister Sebastian. wln 0400 I am deafe to you all. wln 0401 Ime so bewitcht, so bound to my desires, wln 0402 Teares, prayers, threats, nothing can quench out those fires wln 0403 That burne within me. wln 0404 Her bloud shall quench it then, Alex.

Loose him not, oh diswade him Gentlemen.

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Sir Dap.

Exit Sebastian.

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The Roaring Girle.

Sir *Dap*. He shall be weand I warrant you.

Alex. Before his eyes

Lay downe his shame, my griefe, his miseries.

Omnes. No more, no more, away.

Exeunt all but sir

Alex. I wash a Negro,

Alexander.

Loosing both paines and cost: but take thy flight,

Ile be most neere thee, when I'me least in sight.

Wilde Bucke ile hunt thee breathlesse, thou shalt run on,

But I will turne thee when I'me not thought vpon.

Enter Ralph Trapdore:

Now sirra what are you, leaue your Apes trickes and speake.

Trap. A letter from my Captaine to your Worship.

Alex. Oh, oh, now I remember tis to preferre thee into my seruice.

Trap. To be a shifter vnder your Worships nose of a clean trencher, when ther's a good bit vpon't.

Alex. Troth honest fellow — humh — ha — let me see,

This knaue shall be the axe to hew that downe

At which I stumble, has a face that promiseth

Much of a villaine, I will grind his wit,

And if the edge proue fine make vse of it.

Come hither sirra, canst thou be secret, ha.

Trap. As two crafty Atturneys plotting the vndoing of their clyents.

Alex. Didst neuer, as thou hast walkt about this towne Heare of a wench cal'd *Moll*, mad merry *Moll*.

Trap. Moll cutpurse sir.

Alex. The same, dost thou know her then,

Trap. Aswell as I know twill raine vpon *Simon* and *Iudes* day next, I will sift all the tauerns ith citty, and drinke halfe pots with all the Watermen ath bankside, but if you will sir Ile find her out.

Alex. That task is easy, doot then, hold thy hand vp. Whats this, ist burnt?

Trap. No sir no, a little sindgd with making fire workes.

Alex. Ther's mony, spend it, that being spent fetch more.

Trap. Oh sir that all the poore souldiers in *England* had

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such a leader. For fetching no water Spaniel is like me.

Alex. This wench we speake of, straies so from her kind Nature repents she made her. Tis a Mermaid Has told my sonne to shipwracke.

Trap. Ile cut her combe for you.

Alex. Ile tell out gold for thee then: hunt her forth,

Cast out a line hung full of siluer hookes

To catch her to thy company: deepe spendings

May draw her thats most chast to a mans bosome.

Trap. The gingling of Golden bels, and a good foole with a hobbyhorse, wil draw all the whoores ith towne to dance in a morris,

Alex. Or rather, for thats best, (they say sometimes Shee goes in breeches) follow her as her man.

Trap. And when her breeches are off, shee shall follow me.

Alex. Beate all thy braines to serue her.

Trap. Zounds sir, as country wenches beate creame, till butter comes.

Alex. Play thou the suttle spider, weaue fine nets To insnare her very life.

Trap. Her life.

Alex. Yes sucke

Her heart-bloud if thou canst, twist thou but cords

To catch her, Ile finde law to hang her vp.

Trap. Spoke like a Worshipfull bencher.

Alex. Trace all her steps: at this shee-foxes den

Watch what lambs enter: let me play the sheepeheard To saue their throats from bleeding, and cut hers.

Trap. This is the goll shall doot.

Alex. Be firme and gaine me

Euer thine owne. This done I entertaine thee:

How is thy name.

Trap. My name sir is *Raph Trapdore*, honest *Raph*.

Alex. Trapdore, be like thy name, a dangerous step For her to venture on, but vnto me.

Trap. As fast as your sole to your boote or shooe sir.

Alex. Hence then, be little seene here as thou canst.

Ile

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The Roaring Girle.

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Ile still be at thine elbow.

Trap. The trapdores set.

Moll if you budge y'are gon: this me shall crowne,

A Roaring Boy, the Roaring Girle puts downe,

Alex. God a mercy, loose no time.

Exeunt.

The three shops open in a ranke: the first a Poticaries shop, the next a Fether shop: the third a Sempsters shop: Mistresse Gallipot in the first, Mistresse Tiltyard in the next, Maister Openworke and his wife in the third, to them enters Laxton, Goshawke and Greenewit.

Mi. Open. Gentlemen what ist you lacke. What ist you buy, see fine bands and ruffes, fine lawnes, fine cambrickes, what ist you lacke Gentlemen, what ist you buy?

Lax. Yonders the shop.

Gosh. Is that shee. Lax. Peace.

Green Shee that minces Tobacco.

Lax. I: shees a Gentlewoman borne I can tell you, tho it be her hard fortune now to shread Indian pot-hearbes.

Gosh. Oh sir tis many a good womans fortune, when her husband turns bankrout, to begin with pipes and set vp againe.

Lax. And indeed the raysing of the woman is the lifting vp of the mans head at all times, if one florish, tother will bud as fast I warrant ye.

Gosh. Come th'art familiarly acquainted there, I grope that.

Lax. And you grope no better ith dark you may chance lye ith ditch when y'are drunke.

Gosh. Go th'art a misticall letcher.

Lax. I will not deny but my credit may take vp an ounce of pure smoake.

Gosh. May take vp an ell of pure smock; away go, tis the closest striker. Life I think he cōmits venery 40 foote deepe, no mans aware on't, I like a palpable smockster go to worke so openly, with the tricks of art, that I'me as aparantly seen as a naked boy in a viall, & were it not for a guift of trechery that I haue in me to betray my friend whē he puts most trust in me (masse yonder

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The Roaring Girle.

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hee is too —) and by his iniurie to make good my accesse to her, I should appeare as defectiue in courting, as a Farmers sonne the first day of his feather, that doth nothing at Court, but woe the hangings and glasse windowes for a month together, and some broken wayting woman for euer after. I find those imperfections in my venerie, that were't not for flatterie and falshood, I should want discourse and impudence, and hee that wants impudence among women, is worthy to bee kickt out at beds feet. — He shall not see me yet.

Greene. Troth this is finely shred.

Lax. Oh women are the best mincers.

Mist. Gal. 'Thad bin a good phrase for a Cookes wife sir.

Lax. But 'twill serue generally, like the front of a newe Almanacke; as thus: Calculated for the meridian of Cookes wiues, but generally for all Englishwomen.

Mist. Gal. Nay you shall ha'te sir, I haue fild it for you. Shee puts it to the fire.

Lax. The pipe's in a good hand, and I wish mine alwaies so.

Gree. But not to be vs'd a that fashion.

Lax. O pardon me sir, I vnderstand no french.

I pray be couerd. Iacke a pipe of rich smoake.

Gosh. Rich smoake; that's 6. pence a pipe ist?

Green. To me sweet Lady.

Mist. Gal. Be not forgetful; respect my credit; seem strange; Art and Wit makes a foole of suspition: — pray be warie.

Lax. Push, I warrant you: — come, how ist gallants?

Green. Pure and excellent.

Lax. I thought 'twas good, you were growne so silent; you are like those that loue not to talke at victuals, tho they make a worse noyse i'the nose then a common fidlers prentice, and discourse a whole Supper with snuffling; — I must speake a word with you anone.

Mist. Gal. Make your way wisely then. (ners,

Gosh. Oh what else sir, hee's perfection it selfe, full of man-But not an acre of ground belonging to 'em.

Green. I and full of forme, h'as ne're a good stoole in's chamber.

Gosh.

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The Roaring Girle.

Gosh. But aboue all religious: hee prayeth daily vpon elder brothers.

Green. And valiant aboue measure; h'as runne three streets from a Serieant.

Lax. Puh, Puh. he blowes tobacco in their faces.

Green. Gosh. Oh, puh, ho, ho.

Lax. So, so.

Mist. Gal. Whats the matter now sir?

Lax. I protest I'me in extreame want of money, if you can supply mee now with any meanes, you doe mee the greatest pleasure, next to the bountie of your loue, as euer poore gentleman tasted.

Mist. Gal. What's the summe would pleasure ye sir? Tho you deserue nothing lesse at my hands.

Lax. Why 'tis but for want of opportunitie thou know'st; I put her off with opportunitie still: by this light I hate her, but for meanes to keepe me in fashion with gallants; for what I take from her, I spend vpon other wenches, beare her in hand still; shee has wit enough to rob her husband, and I waies enough to consume the money: why how now? what the chin-cough?

Gosh. Thou hast the cowardliest tricke to come before a mans face and strangle him ere hee be aware, I could find in my heart to make a quarrell in earnest.

Lax. Poxe and thou do'st, thou know'st I neuer vse to fight with my friends, thou'l but loose thy labour in't.

Iacke Dapper! Enter I. Dapper, and his man Gull.

Greene. Mounsier Dapper, I diue downe to your anckles.

I. Dap. Saue ye gentlemen all three in a peculiar salute.

Gosh. He were ill to make a lawyer, hee dispatches three at once.

Lax. So wel said: but is this of the same Tobacco mistresse *Gallipot*?

M. Gal. The same you had at first sir.

Lax. I wish it no better: this will serue to drinke at my chamber.

Gosh. Shall we taste a pipe on't?

Lax.

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The Roaring Girle.

Lax. Not of this by my troth Gentlemen, I have sworne before you.

Gosh. What not *Iacke dapper*.

Lax. Pardon me sweet *Iacke*, I'me sorry I made such a rash oath, but foolish oathes must stand: where art going *Iacke*.

Iac. Dap. Faith to buy one fether.

Lax. One fether, the foole's peculiar still.

Iac. Dap. Gul.

Gul. Maister.

Iac. Dap. Heer's three halfepence for your ordinary, boy, meete me an howre hence in Powles.

Gul. How three single halfepence; life, this will scarce serue a man in sauce, a halporth of mustard, a halporth of oyle, and a halporth of viniger, whats left then for the pickle herring: this showes like small beere ith morning after a great surfet of wine ore night, hee could spend his three pound last night in a supper amongst girles and braue baudy-house boyes, I thought his pockets cackeld not for nothing, these are the egs of three pound, Ile go sup 'em vp presently.

Exit Gul.

Lax. Fight, nine, ten Angels, good wench ifaith, and one that loues darkenesse well, she puts out a candle with the best tricks of any drugsters wife in England: but that which mads her I raile vpon oportunity still, and take no notice on't. The other night she would needs lead me into a roome with a candle in her hand to show me a naked picture, where no sooner entred but the candle was sent of an arrant: now I not intending to vnderstand her, but like a puny at the Innes of venery, cal'd for another light innocently, thus reward I all her cunning with simple mistaking. I know she cosens her husband to keepe me, and Ile keepe her honest, as long as I can, to make the poore man some part of amends, an honest minde of a whooremaister, how thinke you amongst you, what a fresh pipe, draw in a third man.

Gosh. No your a horder, you ingrose bith ounces.

At the Fether shop now.

Iac. Dap. Puh I like it not.

M. Tiltyard What fether ist you'ld haue sir.

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The Roaring Girle.

These are most worne and most in fashion. Amongst the Beuer gallants the stone Riders. The private stages audience, the twelu peny stool Gentlemen, I can enforme you tis the generall fether. *Iac. Dap.* And therefore I mislike it, tell me of generall. Now a continual Simon and Iudes raine Beate all your fethers as flat downe as pancakes. Shew me — a — spangled fether, Oh to go a feasting with, Mist. Tilt. You'd haue it for a hinch boy, you shall. At the Sempsters Maist. Open. Masse I had quite forgot, shop now. His Honours footeman was here last night wife, Ha you done with my Lords shirt. Mist. Open. Whats that to you sir. I was this morning at his Honours lodging, Ere such a snake as you crept out of your shell. Oh 'twas well done good wife. Maist. Open. I hold it better sir, then if you had don't your selfe. Mt. Op. *Ma. Op.* Nay so say I: but is the Countesses smocke almost donne mouse. Mi. Op. Here lyes the cambricke sir, but wants I feare mee. Ile resolue you of that presently, *Ma. Op.* Haida, Oh audacious groome, Mi. Op. Dare you presume to noble womens linnen, Keepe you your yard to measure sheepeheards holland, I must confine you I see that. At the Tobacco shop now. What say you to this geere. Gosh. I dare the arrants critticke in Tobacco Lax. To lay one falt vpon't. Enter Mol in a freese Jerkin and Life vonders Mol. a blacke sauegard. Gosh. Lax. Mol which Mol. Gosh. honest Mol. Prithee lets call her — *Mol*. Lax.

All.Mol, Mol, pist Mol.

Mol.How now, whats the matter.

A pipe of good tobacco *Mol*. Gosh.

Mol.I cannot stay.

Gosh. Nay *Moll* puh, prethee harke, but one word ifaith.

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Mol

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The Roaring Girle.

Mol. Well what ist.

Green. Prithee come hither sirra.

Lax. Hart I would giue but too much money to be nibling with that wench, life, sh'as the Spirit of foure great parishes, and a voyce that will drowne all the Citty, me thinkes a braue Captaine might get all his souldiers vpon her, and nere bee beholding to a company of mile-end milke sops, if hee could come on, and come off quicke enough: Such a Moll were a maribone before an Italian, hee would cry bona roba till his ribs were nothing but bone. Ile lay hard siege to her, mony is that Aqua fortis, that eates into many a maidenhead, where the wals are flesh & bloud Ile euer pierce through with a golden auguer.

Gosh. Now thy judgement Moll, ist not good?

Mol. Yes faith tis very good tobacco, how do you sell an an ounce, farewell. God b'y you Mistresse *Gallipot*,

Gosh. Why Mol, Mol.

Mol. I cannot stay now ifaith, I am going to buy a shag ruffe, the shop will be shut in presently.

Gosh. Tis the maddest fantasticalst girle: — I neuer knew so much flesh and so much nimblenesse put together.

Lax. Shee slips from one company to another, like a fat Eele between a Dutchmãs fingers: — Ile watch my time for her.

Mist. Gal. Some will not sticke to say shees a man And some both man and woman.

Lax. That were excellent, she might first cuckold the husband and then make him do as much for the wife.

The Fether shop againe.

Moll. Saue you; how does Mistresse Tiltyard?

I. Dap. Mol.

Mol. Tacke **Dappper**.

I. Dap. How dost Mol.

Mol. Ile tell the by and by, I go but toth' next shop.

I. Dap. Thou shalt find me here this howre about a fether.

Mol. Nay and a fether hold you in play a whole houre, a goose will last you all the daies of your life. Let me see a good shag ruffe.

The Sempster shop.

Mist. Open.

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Maist. Open. Mistresse *Mary* that shalt thou ifaith, and the best in the shop.

Mist. Open. How now, greetings, loue tearmes with a pox betweene you, haue I found out one of your haunts, I send you for hollands, and you're ith the low countries with a mischiefe, I'me seru'd with good ware byth shift, that makes it lye dead so long vpon my hands, I were as good shut vp shop, for when I open it I take nothing.

Maist. Open. Nay and you fall a ringing once the diuell cannot stop you, Ile out of the Belfry as fast as I can — *Moll*.

Mist. Open. Get you from my shop.

Mol. I come to buy.

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Mist. Open. Ile sell ye nothing, I warne yee my house and

Mol. You goody Openworke, you that prick out a poore liuing

And sowes many a bawdy skin-coate together,

Thou private pandresse betweene shirt and smock,

I wish thee for a minute but a man:

Thou shouldst neuer vse more shapes, but as th'art

I pitty my reuenge, now my spleenes vp,

Enter a fellow with
a long rapier by his side.

I would not mocke it willingly — ha be thankfull.

Now I forgiue thee.

Mist. Open. Mary hang thee, I neuer askt forgiuenesse in my life.

Mol. You goodman swinesface.

Fellow What wil you murder me.

Mol. You remember slaue, how you abusd me t'other night in a Tauerne.

Fel. Not I by this light.

Mol. No, but by candlelight you did, you have trickes to save your oathes, reservations have you, and I have reserved somewhat for you, — as you like that call for more, you know the signe againe.

Fel. Pox ant, had I brought any company along with mee to haue borne witnesse on't, 'twold ne're haue grieu'd me, but to be strucke and nobody by, tis my ill fortune still, why tread vpon a worme they say twill turne taile, but indeed a Gentle-

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man should have more manners.

Exit fellow.

Lax. Gallantly performed ifath *Mol*, and manfully, I loue thee for euer fort, base rogue, had he offerd but the least counter-buffe, by this hand I was prepared for him.

Mol. You prepared for him, why should you be prepared for him, was he any more then a man.

Lax. No nor so much by a yard and a handfull London measure.

Moll. Why do you speake this then, doe you thinke I cannot ride a stone horse, vnlesse one lead him bith snaffle.

Lax. Yes and sit him brauely, I know thou canst Mol, twas but an honest mistake through loue, and Ile make amends fort any way, prethee sweete plumpe Mol, when shall thou and I go out a towne together.

Mol. Whether to Tyburne prethee.

Lax. Masse thats out a towne indeed, thou hangst so many iests vpon thy friends stil. I meane honestly to *Brainford*, *Staines* or *Ware*.

Mol. What to do there.

Lax. Nothing but bee merry and lye together, I'le hire a coach with foure horses.

Mol. I thought 'twould bee a beastly iourney, you may leaue out one wel, three horses will serue, if I play the iade my selfe.

Lax. Nay push th'art such another kicking wench, prethee be kind and lets meete.

Mol. Tis hard but we shall meete sir.

Lax. Nay but appoint the place then, there's ten Angels in faire gold Mol, you see I do not trifle with you, do but say thou wilt meete me, and Ile haue a coach ready for thee.

Mol. Why here's my hand Ile meete you sir.

Lax. Oh good gold, — the place sweete *Mol*.

Mol. It shal be your appointment.

Lax. Somewhat neere Holborne *Mol*.

Mol. In Graies-Inne fields then.

Lax. A match. Mol. Ile meete you there.

Lax. The houre. Mol. Three.

Lax.

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The Roaring Girle.

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Lax. That will be time enough to sup at *Braineford*.

Fall from them to the other.

I am of such a nature sir, I cannot endure the house *Ma. Op.* when shee scolds, sh'has a tongue will be hard further in a still morning then Saint Antlings-bell, she railes vpon me for forraine wenching, that I being a freemã must needs keep a whore ith subburbs, and seeke to impouerish the liberties, when we fall out, I trouble you still to make all whole with my wife.

Gosh. No trouble at all, tis a pleasure to mee to ioyne things together.

Maist. Open. Go thy waies, I doe this but to try thy honesty Goshawke. The Fether shop.

Iac. Dap. How lik'st thou this *Mol*.

Oh singularly, your fitted now for a bunch, he lookes for all the world with those spangled fethers like a noblemans bedpost: The purity of your wench would I faine try, shee seemes like Kent vnconquered, and I beleeue as many wiles are in her — oh the gallants of these times are shallow letchers, they put not their courtship home enough to a wench, tis impossible to know what woman is throughly honest, because shee's nere thoroughly try'd, I am of that certaine beleefe there are more queanes in this towne of their owne making, then of any mans prouoking, where lyes the slacknesse then? many a poore soule would downe, and ther's nobody will push Women are courted but nere soundly tri'd, (em:

As many walke in spurs that neuer ride.

The Sempsters shop.

Mist, Open. Oh abominable.

Gosh. Nay more I tell you in private, he keeps a whore ith subburbs.

Mist. Open. O spittle dealing, I came to him a Gentlewoman borne. Ile shew you mine armes when you please sir.

I had rather see your legs, and begin that way.

Tis well knowne he tooke me from a La-Mist. Openworke dies seruice, where I was well beloued of the steward, I had my Lattine tongue, and a spice of the French before I came to him, and now doth he keepe a subberbian whoore vnder my nostrils.

> D3Gosh.

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The Roaring Girle.

Gosh. There's waies enough to cry quite with him, harke in thine eare.

Mist. Open. There's a friend worth a Million.

Mist. Open. Theres a friend worth a Million.

Mol I'le try one speare against your chastity Mist. *Tiltyard* Though it proue too short by the burgh.

Trap. Masse here she is. Enter Ralph Trapdore I'me bound already to serue her, tho it be but a sluttish tricke. Blesse my hopefull yong Mistresse with long life and great limbs, send her the vpper hand of all balifes, and their hungry adherents.

Mol. How now, what art thou?

Trap. A poore ebbing Gentleman, that would gladly wait for the yong floud of your seruice.

Mol. My seruice! what should moue you to offer your seruice to me sir?

Trap. The loue I beare to your heroicke spirit and masculine womanhood.

Mol. So sir, put case we should retain you to vs, what parts are there in you for a Gentlewomans seruice.

Trap. Of two kinds right Worshipfull: moueable, and immoueable: moueable to run of arrants, and immoueable to stand when you haue occasion to vse me.

Mol. What strength haue you.

Trap. Strength Mistresse *Mol*, I haue gon vp into a steeple, and staid the great bell as 'thas beene ringing; stopt a windmill going. *Mols* trips vp his heels he fals.

Mol. And neuer strucke downe your selfe.

Trap. Stood as vpright as I do at this present.

Mol. Come I pardon you for this, it shall bee no disgrace to you: I have strucke vp the heeles of the high Germaines size ere now, — what not stand.

Trap. I am of that nature where I loue, I'le bee at my mistresse foot to do her seruice.

Mol. Why well said, but say your Mistresse should receive iniury, have you the spirit of fighting in you, durst you second her.

Trap. Life I haue kept a bridge my selfe, and droue seuen

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img: 15-b The Roaring Girle. at a time before me. *Mol.* But they were all Lincolneshire bullockes by my Trap.

troth. Mol. Well, meete me in Graies-Inne fields, between three

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and foure this afternoone, and vpon better consideration weele retaine you.

I humbly thanke your good Mistreship, Trap. Ile crack your necke for this kindnesse. Exit Trapdore

Remember three. Mol meets Laxton Lax.

Nay if I faile you hange me. Moll.

Good wench Ifaith. Lax. then Openworke.

Moll. Whose this.

Maist. Open. Tis I *Mol*.

Prithee tend thy shop and preuent bastards. Moll.

Wele haue a pint of the same wine if aith *Mol*. Maist. Open.

The bel rings.

aside.

Harke the bell rings, come Gentlemen. *Iacke Dapper* where shals all munch.

Iae. Dap. I am for Parkers ordinary.

Hee's a good guest to'm, hee deserues his boord,

He drawes all the Gentlemen in a terme time thither,

Weele be your followers *lacke*, lead the way,

Looke you by my faith the foole has fetherd his nest well.

Exeunt Gallants.

Enter Maister Gallipot, Maister Tiltyard, and seruants with water Spaniels and a ducke.

Maist. Tilt. Come shut vp your shops, where's *Maister* Openworke.

Nav aske not me Maister Tiltyard. Mist. Gal.

Maist. Tilt. Wher's his water dog, puh — pist — hur — hur—pist

Maist. Gal. Come wenches come, we're going all to Hogs-

den.

Mist. Gal. To Hogsden husband.

I to Hogsden pigs ny. Maist. Gal.

Mist. Gal. I'me not ready husband. spits in the dogs mouth

Maist. Gal. Faith thats well — hum — pist — pist.

Come

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The Roaring Girle.

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Maist. Gal. Come Mistresse *Openworke* you are so long. I have no ioy of my life Maister Gallipot. Mist. Open. Push, let your boy lead his water Spaniel along, Maist. Gal. and weele show you the brauest sport at parlous pond, he trug, he trug, he trug, heres the best ducke in England, except my wife, he, he, fetch, fetch, fetch, come lets away

Of all the yeare this is the sportfulst day.

Enter Sebastian solus.

Seb. If a man haue a free will, where should the vse

More perfect shine then in his will to loue.

All creatures have their liberty in that,

Tho else kept vnder seruile yoke and feare, The very bondslaue has his freedome there,

Amongst a world of creatures voyc'd and silent.

Must my desires weare fetters — vea are vou

So neere, then I must breake with my hearts truth;

Meete griefe at a backe way — well: why suppose.

The two leaud tongues of slander or of truth

Pronounce *Mol* loathsome: if before my loue

Shee appeare faire, what iniury haue I,

I have the thing I like? in all things else

Mine owne eye guides me, and I find 'em prosper,

Life what should aile it now? I know that man

Nere truely loues, if he gainesayt he lyes,

Alex.

That winkes and marries with his fathers eyes.

Ile keepe myne owne wide open.

Here's braue wilfulnesse,

Enter Mol *and a porter* with a viall on his backe.

Enter Sir Alexander

and listens to him.

A made match, here she comes, they met a purpose.

Por. Must I carry this great fiddle to your chamber Mistresse Mary.

Fiddle goodman hog-rubber, some of these porters Mol.beare so much for others, they have no time to carry wit for themselues.

To your owne chamber Mistresse *Mary*. Por.

Moll.Who'le heare an Asse speake: whither else good-

man

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The Roaring Girle.

man pagent-bearer: the're people of the worst memories.

Exit Porter.

Seb. Why 'twere too great a burthen loue, to haue them carry things in their minds, and a'ther backes together.

Mol. Pardon me sir, I thought not you so neere.

Alex. So, so, so.

Seb. I would be neerer to thee, and in that fashion, That makes the best part of all creatures honest. No otherwise I wish it.

Mol. Sir I am so poore to requite you, you must looke for nothing but thankes of me, I haue no humor to marry, I loue to lye aboth sides ath bed my selfe; and againe ath' other side, a wife you know ought to be obedient, but I feare me I am too headstrong to obey, therefore Ile nere go about it, I loue you so well sir for your good will I'de be loath you should repent your bargaine after, and therefore weele nere come together at first, I haue the head now of my selfe, and am man enough for a woman, marriage is but a chopping and changing, where a maiden looses one head, and has a worse ith place.

Alex. The most comfortablest answer from a Roaring Girle, that euer mine eares drunke in.

Seb. This were enough now to affright a foole for euer from thee, when tis the musicke that I loue thee for,

Alex. There's a boy spoyles all againe.

Mol. Beleeue it sir I am not of that disdainefull temper, but I could loue you faithfully.

Alex. A pox on you for that word. I like you not now, Y'are a cunning roarer I see that already.

Mol. But sleepe vpon this once more sir, you may chance shift a minde to morrow, be not too hasty to wrong your selfe, neuer while you liue sir take a wife running, many haue run out at heeles that haue don't: you see sir I speake against my selfe, and if euery woman would deale with their suter so honestly, poore yonger brothers would not bee so often gul'd with old cosoning widdowes, that turne ore all their wealth in trust to some kinsman, and make the poore Gentleman worke hard for a pension, fare you well sir.

E Seb.

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The Roaring Girle.

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Seb. Nav prethee one word more.

Alex. How do I wrong this girle, she puts him of still.

Moll. Thinke vpon this in cold bloud sir, you make as much hast as if you were a going vpon a sturgion voyage, take deliberation sir, neuer chuse a wife as if you were going to *Virginia*.

Seb. And so we parted, my too cursed fate.

Alex. She is but cunning, gives him longer time in't.

Enter a Tailor:

Taylor Mistresse *Mol*; Mistresse *Mol*: so ho ho so ho.

Mol. There boy, there boy, what dost thou go a hawking after me with a red clout on thy finger.

Taylor I forgot to take measure on you for your new breeches.

Alex. Hoyda breeches, what will he marry a monster with two trinckets, what age is this? if the wife go in breeches, the man must weare long coates like a foole.

Mol. What fidlings heere, would not the old patterne haue seru'd your turne.

Taylor. You change the fashion, you say you'le haue the great Dutch slop Mistresse *Mary*.

Mol. Why sir I say so still.

Taylor. Your breeches then will take vp a yard more.

Mol. Well pray looke it be put in then.

Taylor. It shall stand round and full I warrant you,

Mol. Pray make em easy enough.

Taylor. I know my fault now, t'other was somewhat stiffe betweene the legges, Ile make these open enough I warrant you.

Alex. Heer's good geere towards, I have brought vp my sonne to marry a Dutch slop,. and a French dublet, a codpice daughter.

Taylor. So, I have gone as farre as I can go.

Mol. Why then farewell.

Taylor. If you go presently to your chamber Mistresse *Marry*, pray send me the measure of your thigh, by some honest body.

Mol.

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The Roaring Girle.

wln 0993 Well sir, Ile send it by a Porter presently. Exit Mol. Mol.wln 0994 So you had neede, it is a lusty one, both of them Taylor. wln 0995 would make any porters backe ake in England. Exit Taylor. wln 0996 I have examined the best part of man, wln 0997 Reason and judgement, and in loue they tell me, wln 0998 They leave me vncontrould, he that is swayd wln 0999 By an vnfeeling bloud, past heat of loue wln 1000 His spring time must needes erre, his watch nere goes right wln 1001 That sets his dvall by a rusty clocke. wln 1002 So, and which is that rusty clocke sir you. Alex. wln 1003 The clocke at Ludgate sir, it nere goes true. Seb. wln 1004 Alex. But thou goest falser: not thy fathers cares wln 1005 Can keepe thee right, when that insensible worke, wln 1006 Obayes the workemans art, lets off the houre wln 1007 And stops againe when time is satisfied, wln 1008 But thou runst on, and judgement, thy maine wheele, wln 1009 Beats by all stoppes, as if the worke would breake wln 1010 Begunne with long paines for a minutes ruine, wln 1011 Much like a suffering man brought vp with care. wln 1012 At last bequeath'd to shame and a short prayer, wln 1013 I tast you bitterer then I can deserue sir. Seb. wln 1014 Who has bewitch thee sonne, what diuell or drug, Alex. wln 1015 Hath wrought vpon the weaknesse of thy bloud, wln 1016 And betrayd all her hopes to ruinous folly? wln 1017 Oh wake from drowsy and enchanted shame, wln 1018 Wherein thy soule sits with a golden dreame wln 1019 Flatred and poysoned, I am old my sonne, (mine owne wln 1020 Oh let me preuaile quickly, for I haue waightier businesse of wln 1021 Then to chide thee: I must not to my graue, wln 1022 As a drunkard to his bed, whereon he lyes wln 1023 Onely to sleepe, and neuer cares to rise, wln 1024 Let me dispatch in time, come no more neere her. wln 1025 Not honestly, not in the way of marriage, Seb. wln 1026 What sayst thou marriage, in what place, the Alex. wln 1027 Sessions house, and who shall give the bride, prethe, an inditewln 1028 ment. wln 1029 Seb. Sir now yee take part with the world to wrong her. E2

Alex.

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The Roaring Girle.

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Why, wouldst thou faine marry to be pointed at. Alex. Alas the numbers great, do not o're burden't, Why as good marry a beacon on a hill, Which all the country fixe their eyes vpon As her thy folly doates on. If thou longst To have the story of thy infamous fortunes, Serue for discourse in ordinaries and tauernes Th'art in the way: or to confound thy name, Keepe on, thou canst not misse it: or to strike Thy wretched father to vntimely coldnesse, Keepe the left hand still, it will bring thee to't. Yet if no teares wrung from thy fathers eyes, Nor sighes that flye in sparkles, from his sorrowes, Had power to alter what is wilfull in thee. Me thinkes her very name should fright thee from her, And neuer trouble me.

Seb. Why is the name of *Mol* so fatall sir.

Alex. Many one sir, where suspect is entred, For seeke all London from one end to t'other, More whoores of that name, then of any ten other.

Seb. Whats that to her? let those blush for themselues. Can any guilt in others condemne her? I'ue vowd to loue her: let all stormes oppose me, That euer beate against the brest of man, Nothing but deaths blacke tempest shall diuide vs.

Alex. Oh folly that can dote on nought but shame.

Seb. Put case a wanton itch runs through one name More then another, is that name the worse, Where honesty sits possest in't? it should rather Appeare more excellent, and deserue more praise, When through foule mists a brightnesse it can raise. Why there are of the diuels, honest Gentlemen, And well descended, keepe an open house, And some ath (good mans) that are arrant knaues. He hates vnworthily, that by rote contemnes, For the name neither saues, nor yet condemnes, And for her honesty, I haue made such proofe an't,

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In seuerall formes, so neerely watcht her waies, I will maintaine that strict, against an army, Excepting you my father: here's her worst, Sh'has a bold spirit that mingles with mankind, But nothing else comes neere it: and oftentimes Through her apparell somewhat shames her birth, But she is loose in nothing but in mirth, Would all *Mols* were no worse.

Alex. This way I toyle in vaine and giue but ayme

To infamy and ruine: he will fall,
My blessing cannot stay him: all my ioyes
Stand at the brinke of a deuouring floud
And will be wilfully swallowed: wilfully.
But why so vaine, let all these teares be lost,
Ile pursue her to shame, and so al's crost.

Exit Sir Alexander

Seb. Hee is gon with some strange purpose, whose effect

Will hurt me little if he shoot so wide, To thinke I loue so blindly: I but feed His heart to this match, to draw on th'ot

His heart to this match, to draw on th'other.

Wherein my ioy sits with a full wish crownd;

Onely his moode excepted which must change.

By opposite pollicies, courses indirect,

Plaine dealing in this world takes no effect.

This madde girle I'le acquaint with my intent,

Get her assistance, make my fortunes knowne,

Twixt louers hearts, shee's a fit instrument,

And has the art to help them to their owne,

By her aduise, for in that craft shee's wise,

My loue and I may meete, spite of all spies.

Exit Sebastian.

Enter Laxton in Graies-Inne fields with the Coachman.

Lax. Coachman.

Coach. Heere sir.

Lax. There's a tester more, prethee driue thy coach to the hither end of Marybone parke, a fit place for Mol to get in.

Coach. Marybone parke <u>fir</u>.

E3 Lax.

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The clocke

striks three.

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Lax. I, its in our way thou knowst.

Coach. It shall be done sir.

Lax. Coachman.

Coach. A non sir.

Lax. Are we fitted with good phrampell iades.

Coach. The best in Smithfield I warrant **vour** sir.

Lax. May we safely take the vpper hand of any coacht veluet cappe or tuftaffety iacket, for they keepe a vilde swaggering in coaches now a daies, the hye waies are stopt with them.

Coach. My life for yours and baffle em to sir, — why they are the same iades beleeue it sir, that haue drawne all your famous whores to *Ware*.

Lax. Nay then they know their businesse, they neede no more instructions.

Coach. The're so vsd to such iourneis sir, I neuer vse whip to em; for if they catch but the sent of a wench once, they runne like diuels.

Exit Coachman with his whip.

Lax. Fine *Cerberus*, that rogue will have the start of a thousand ones, for whilst others trot a foot, heele ride prauncing to hell vpon a coach-horse.

Stay, tis now about the houre of her appointment, but yet I see her not, harke whats this, one, two three, three by the clock at Sauoy, this is the houre, and Graies-Inne fields the place, shee swore she'ed meete mee: ha yonders two Innes a Courtmen with one wench, but thats not shee, they walke toward Islington out of my way, I see none yet drest like her, I must looke for a shag ruffe, a freeze ierken, a shortsword, and a safeguard, or I get none: why *Mol* prethee make hast, or the Coachman will cursse vs anon.

Enter Mol like a man.

Mol. Oh heeres my Gentleman: if they would keepe their daies as well with their Mercers as their houres with their harlots, no bankrout would giue seuen score pound for a seriants place, for would you know a catchpoole rightly deri-

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The Roaring Girle.

riu'd, the corruption of a Cittizen, is the generation of a seriant, how his eye hawkes for venery. Come are you ready sir.

Lax. Ready, for what sir.

Mol. Do you aske that now sir, why was this meeting pointed.

Lax. I thought you mistooke me sir,

You seeme to be some yong barrister,

I have no suite in law — all my land's sold

I praise heauen for't; t'has rid me of much trouble,

Mol. Then I must wake you sir, where stands the coach,

Lax. Whose this, *Mol*: honest *Mol*.

Mol. So young, and purblind, your an old wanton in your eyes I see that.

Lax. Th'art admirably suited for the three pigions at *Brainford*, Ile sweare I knew thee not.

Mol. Ile sweare you did not: but you shall know me now.

Lax. No not here, we shall be spyde efaith, the coach is better, come. Mol. Stay.

Lax. What wilt thou vntrusse a point *Mol*.

Shee puts of her cloake and drawes.

Mol. Yes, heere's the point that I vntrusse, 'thas but one tag, 'twill serue tho to tye vp a rogues tongue.

Lax. How. (here's her pace,

Mol. There's the gold with which you hir'd your hackney,

Shee rackes hard, and perhaps your bones will feele it,

Ten angels of mine own, I'ue put to thine, win em, & weare em,

Lax. Hold *Moll*, Mistresse *Marv*.

Mol. Draw or Ile serue an execution on thee

Shall lay thee vp till doomes day.

Lax. Draw vpon a woman, why what dost meane Mol?

Mol. To teach thy base thoughts manners: th'art one of those

That thinkes each woman thy fond flexable whore,

If she but cast a liberall eye vpon thee,

Turne backe her head, shees thine, or amongst company,

By chance drinke first to thee: then shee's quite gon,

There's no meanes to help her: nay for a need,

Wilt sweare vnto thy credulous fellow letchers.

That

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wln 1210

The Roaring Girle.

Would the spirits of al my slanders, were claspt in thine.

wln 1174 That th'art more in fauour with a Lady at first sight wln 1175 Then her monky all her life time, wln 1176 How many of our sex, by such as thou wln 1177 Haue their good thoughts paid with a blasted name wln 1178 That neuer deserued loosly or did trip wln 1179 In path of whooredome, beyond cup and lip. wln 1180 But for the staine of conscience and of soule, wln 1181 Better had women fall into the hands wln 1182 Of an act silent, then a bragging nothing, wln 1183 There's no mercy in't — what durst moue you sir, wln 1184 To think me whoorish? a name which Ide teare out wln 1185 From the hye Germaines throat, if it lay ledger there wln 1186 To dispatch priuy slanders against mee. wln 1187 In thee I defve all men, there worst hates, wln 1188 And their best flatteries, all their golden witchcrafts, wln 1189 With which they intangle the poore spirits of fooles, wln 1190 Distressed needlewomen and trade-fallne wives. wln 1191 Fish that must needs bite, or themselues be bitten, wln 1192 Such hungry things as these may soone be tooke wln 1193 With a worme fastned on a golden hooke. Those are the letchers food, his prey, he watches wln 1194 wln 1195 For quarrelling wedlockes, and poore shifting sisters, Tis the best fish he takes: but why good fisherman, wln 1196 wln 1197 Am I thought meate for you, that neuer yet wln 1198 Had angling rod cast towards me? cause youl'e say wln 1199 I'me giuen to sport, I'me often mery, iest, wln 1200 Had mirth no kindred in the world but lust? wln 1201 O shame take all her friends then: but how ere wln 1202 Thou and the baser world censure my life, wln 1203 Ile send 'em word by thee, and write so much wln 1204 Vpon thy breast, cause thou shalt bear't in mind, wln 1205 Tell them 'twere base to yeeld, where I have conquer'd. wln 1206 I scorne to prostitute my selfe to a man, wln 1207 I that can prostitue a man to mee, wln 1208 And so I greete thee. wln 1209 Lax. Heare me.

Mol.

That

sig: F1r The Roaring Girle. wln 1211 That I might vexe an army at one time. wln 1212 I do repent me, hold, Lax. wln 1213 You'l die the better Christian then. Mol.wln 1214 Lax. I do confesse I haue wrong'd thee *Mol*. wln 1215 Confession is but poore amends for wrong, Mol.wln 1216 Vnlesse a rope would follow. wln 1217 I aske thee pardon. Lax. wln 1218 Mol.I'me your hir'd whoore sir. wln 1219 Lax. I yeeld both purse and body. wln 1220 Mol.Both are mine, and now at my disposing. wln 1221 Lax. Spare my life. wln 1222 Mol.I scorne to strike thee basely. wln 1223 Lax. Spoke like a noble girle i'faith. wln 1224 Heart I thinke I fight with a familiar, or the Ghost of a fencer, Sh'has wounded me gallantly, call you this a letcherous viage? wln 1225 wln 1226 Here's bloud would have seru'd me this seuen yeare in broken wln 1227 heads and cut fingers, & it now runs all out together, pox athe wln 1228 three pigions, I would the coach were here now to carry mee wln 1229 to the Chirurgions. wln 1230 If I could meete my enemies one by one thus, Mol.wln 1231 I might make pretty shift with 'em in time, wln 1232 And make 'em know, shee that has wit, and spirit, wln 1233 May scorne to liue beholding to her body for meate, wln 1234 Or for apparell like your common dame, wln 1235 That makes shame get her cloathes, to couer shame. wln 1236 Base is that minde, that kneels vnto her body, wln 1237 As if a husband stood in awe on's wife, wln 1238 My spirit shall be Mistrsse of this house, wln 1239 As long as I have time in't. — oh wln 1240 Heere comes my man that would be: 'tis his houre. wln 1241 Faith a good well set fellow, if his spirit wln 1242 Be answerable to his vmbles; he walkes stiffe, wln 1243 But whether he will stand to't stifly, there's the point; wln 1244 Has a good calfe for't, and ye shall haue many a woman

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wln 1245

wln 1246

wln 1247

I do not know their trickes in't, faith he seemes A man without; I'le try what he is within, F Trap.

Choose him shee meanes to meke her head, by his calfe;

They fight.

Exit Laxton.

Enter Trapdore.

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The Roaring Girle.

Shee told me Graies-Inne fields twixt three & foure. Ile fit her Mistreship with a peece of seruice, I'me hir'd to rid the towne of one mad girle. Shee iustles him What a pox ailes you sir? He beginnes like a Gentleman, Mol.Heart, is the field so narrow, or your eye-sight: Trap. Life he comes backe againe. She comes towards him. Was this spoke to me sir. Mol.Trap. I cannot tell sir. Mol.Go y'are a coxcombe. Coxcombe. Trap. Mol.Y'are a slaue. Trap. I hope there's law for you sir. Mol.Ye, do you see sir. Turne his hat. Heart this is no good dealing, pray let me know what Trap. house your off. One of the Temple sir. Mol.Philips him. Trap. Masse so me thinkes. Mol. And yet sometime I lye about chicke lane. I like you the worse because you shift your lodging Trap. Ile not meddle with you for that tricke sir. (so often A good shift, but it shall not serue your turne. Mol.You'le giue me leaue to passe about my businesse sir. Trap. Mol.Your businesse, Ile make you waite on mee before I ha done, and glad to serue me too. Trap. How sir, serue you, not if there were no more men in England. But if there were no more women in England Moll. I hope you'd waite vpon your Mistresse then, Trap. Mistresse. Mol.Oh your a tri'd spirit at a push sir, What would your Worship haue me do. Trap. You a fighter. Mol.No, I praise heauen, I had better grace & more maners. Trap. As how I pray sir. Mol.Life, 'thad bene a beastly part of me to haue drawne my weapons vpon my Mistresse, all the world would a cry'd

shame

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The Roaring Girle.

shame of me for that.

Mol. Why but you knew me not.

Trap. Do not say so Mistresse, I knew you by your wide straddle, as well as if I had bene in your belly.

Mol. Well, we shall try you further, ith meane time wee giue you intertainement.

Trap. Thanke your good Mistreship.

Mol. How many suites haue you.

Trap. No more suites then backes Mistresse.

Mol. Well if you deserue, I cast of this, next weeke,

And you may creepe into't.

Trap. Thanke your good Worship.

Mol. Come follow me to S. *Thomas Apostles*,

Ile put a liuery cloake vpon your backe, the first thing I do,

Trap. I follow my deere Mistresse. Exeunt omnes

Enter Mistresse Gallipot as from supper, her husband after her.

Maist. Gal. What Pru, Nay sweete Prudence.

Mist. Gal. What a pruing keepe you, I thinke the baby would haue a teate it kyes so, pray be not so fond of me, leaue your Citty humours, I'me vext at you to see how like a calfe you come bleating after me.

Maist. Gal. Nay hony *Pru*: how does your rising vp before all the table shew? and flinging from my friends so vnciuily, fiye *Pru*, fye, come.

Mist. Gal. Then vp and ride ifaith.

Maist. Gal. Vp and ride, nay my pretty *Pru*, thats farre from my thought, ducke: why mouse, thy minde is nibbling at something, **whats** ist, what lyes vpon thy Stomach?

Mist. Gal. Such an asse as you: hoyda, y'are best turne midwife, or Physition: y'are a Poticary already, but I'me none of your drugs.

Maist. Gal. Thou art a sweete drug, sweetest *Pru*, and the more thou art pounded, the more pretious.

Mist. Gal. Must you be prying into a womans secrets: say ye? Maist. Gal. Womans secrets.

F2 Mist. Gal.

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The Roaring Girle.

Mist. Gal. What? I cannot have a qualme come vpon mee but your teeth waters, till your nose hang ouer it.

Maist. Gal. It is my loue deere wife.

Mist. Gal. Your loue? your loue is all words; giue mee deeds, I cannot abide a man thats too fond ouer me, so cookish; thou dost not know how to handle a woman in her kind,

Maist. Gal. No Pru? why I hope I haue handled. —

Mist. Gal. Handle a fooles head of your owne, — fih — fih.

Maist. Gal. Ha, ha, tis such a waspe; it does mee good now to haue her **sing** me, little rogue.

Mist. Gal. Now fye how you vex me, I cannot abide these aperne husbands: such cotqueanes, you ouerdoe your things, they become you scuruily.

Maist. Gal. Vpon my life she breeds, heauen knowes how I haue straind my selfe to please her, night and day: I wonder why wee Cittizens should get children so fretfull and vntoward in the breeding, their fathers being for the most part as gentle as milch kine: shall I leaue thee my *Pru*.

Mist. Gal. Fye, fye, fye.

Maist. Gal. Thou shalt not bee vext no more, pretty kind rogue, take no cold sweete Pru. Exit Maist. Gallipot.

Mist. Gal. As your wit has done: now Maister Laxton shew your head, what newes from you? would any husband suspect that a woman crying, Buy any scurui-grasse, should bring loue letters amongst her herbes to his wife, pretty tricke, fine conueyance? had iealousy a thousand eyes, a silly woman with scuruy-grasse blinds them all; Laxton with bayes crown I thy wit for this, it deserues praise.

This makes me affect thee more, this prooues thee wise, Lacke what poore shift is loue forc't to deuise? (toth' point)

She reads the letter.

O Sweete Creature — (a sweete beginning) pardon my long absence, for thou shalt shortly be possessed with my presence; though Demophon was false to Phillis, I will be to thee as Pan-da-rus was to Cres-sida: tho Eneus made an asse of Dido, I will dye to thee ere I do so; o sweetest creature make much of me, for no man

beneath

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The Roaring Girle.

beneath the siluer moone shall make more of a woman then I do of thee, furnish me therefore with thirty pounds, you must doe it of necessity for me; I languish till I see some comfort come from thee, protesting not to dye in thy debt, but rather to liue so, as hitherto I haue and will.

Thy true *Laxton* euer.

Alas poore Gentleman, troth I pitty him, How shall I raise this money? thirty pound? Tis thirty sure, a 3 before an 0, I know his threes too well; my childbed linnen? Shall I pawne that for him? then if my marke Be knowne I am vndone; it may be thought My husband's bankrout: which way shall I turne? Laxton, what with my owne feares, and thy wants, I'me I[...] a needle twixt two adamants.

Enter Maister Gallipot hastily.

Nay, nay, wife, the women are all vp, ha, how, Maist. Gal. reading a letters? I smel a goose, a couple of capons, and a gammon of bacon from her mother out of the country, I hold my life, — steale, — steale. Mist. Gal. O beshrow your heart. Maist. Gal. What letter's that? I'le see't. *She teares the letter.* Mist. Gal. Oh would thou had'st no eyes to see the downefall of me and thy selfe: I'me for euer, for euer I'me vndone. Maist. Gal. What ailes my *Pru*? what paper's that thou tear'st? Mist. Gal. Would I could teare

My very heart in peeces: for my soule

Lies on the racke of shame, that tortures me

Beyond a womans suffering.

Maist. Gall: What meanes this?

Mist. Gall. Had you no other vengeance to throw downe, But euen in heigth of all my ioyes?

Maist. Gal. Deere woman.

Mist. Gal. When the full sea of pleasure and content seem'd to flow ouer me.

Maist. Gal. As thou desirest to keepe mee out of bedlam,

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sig: F3v The Roaring Girle. wln 1391 tell what troubles thee, is not thy child at nurse falne sicke, or wln 1392 dead? wln 1393 Mist. Gal. Oh no. wln 1394 Maist. Gal. Heauens blesse me, are my barnes and houses wln 1395 Yonder at Hockly hole consum'd with fire, wln 1396 I can build more, sweete Pru. wln 1397 Mist. Gal. Tis worse, tis worse. wln 1398 Maist. Gal. My factor broke, or is the *Ionas* suncke. wln 1399 Mist. Gal. Would all we had were swallowed in the waves. wln 1400 Rather then both should be the scorne of slaues. wln 1401 Maist. Gal. I'me at my wits end. wln 1402 Mist. Gal. Oh my deere husband, wln 1403 Where once I thought my selfe a fixed starre, wln 1404 Plac't onely in the heauen of thine armes. wln 1405 I feare now I shall proue a wanderer, wln 1406 Oh Laxton, Laxton, is it then my fate wln 1407 To be by thee orethrowne? wln 1408 Defend me wisedome. Maist. Gal. wln 1409 From falling into frenzie, on my knees. (thy bosome. wln 1410 Sweete Pru, speake, whats that Laxton who so heavy lyes on wln 1411 I shall sure run mad. Mist. Gal. wln 1412 Maist. Gal. I shall run mad for company then: speak to me, wln 1413 I'me Gallipot thy husband, — Pru, — why Pru. wln 1414 Art sicke in conscience for some villanous deed wln 1415 Thou wert about to act, didst meane to rob me, wln 1416 Tush I forgiue thee, hast thou on my bed wln 1417 Thrust my soft pillow vnder anothers head? wln 1418 Ile winke at all faults *Pru*, las thats no more, wln 1419 Then what some neighbours neere thee, have done before, wln 1420 Sweete hony *Pru*, whats that *Laxton*? wln 1421 Mist. Gall. Oh. wln 1422 Maist. Gal. Out with him. wln 1423 Mist. Gall. Oh hee's borne to be my vndoer, wln 1424 This hand which thou calst thine, to him was given,

To him was I made sure ith sight of heauen.

Yes, yes, before

I neuer heard this thunder.

Maist. Gal.

Mist. Gall.

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wln 1464

The Roaring Girle.

I was to thee contracted, to him I swore, Since last I saw him twelve moneths three times told. The Moone hath drawne through her light siluer bow, For ore the seas hee went, and it was said, (But Rumor lyes) that he in France was dead. But hee's aliue, oh hee's aliue, he sent, That letter to me, which in rage I rent, Swearing with oathes most damnably to have me, Or teare me from this bosome, oh heauens saue me, My heart will breake, — sham'd and vndone Maist. Gal. for euer Mist. Gal. So black a day (poore wretch) went ore thee neuer. *Maist. Gal.* If thou shouldst wrastle with him at the law, Th'art sure to fall, no odde slight, no preuention. Ile tell him th'art with child. Mist. Gal. Vmh Maist. Gall. Or give out one of my men was tane a bed with thee. Mist. Gal. Vmh. vmh. Before I loose thee my deere *Pru*, Maist. Gal. Ile driue it to that push. Worse, and worse still, Mist. Gal. You embrace a mischiefe, to preuent an ill. Ile buy thee of him, stop his mouth with Gold, Maist. Gal. Think'st thou twill do. Mist. Gall. Oh me, heauens grant it would, Yet now my sences are set more in tune, He writ, as I remember in his letter, That he in riding vp and downe had spent, (Ere hee could finde me) thirty pounds, send that, wln 1458 Stand not on thirty with him. wln 1459 Maist. Gal. Forty *Pru*, say thou the word tis done, wee wln 1460 venture liues for wealth, but must do more to keepe our wiues, wln 1461 thirty or forty *Pru*. wln 1462 Mist. Gal. Thirty good sweete wln 1463 Of an ill bargaine lets saue what we can,

Ile pay it him with my teares, he was a man

When

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The Roaring Girle.

When first I knew him of a meeke spirit,

All goodnesse is not yet dryd vp I hope.

Maist. Gall. He shall have thirty pound, let that stop all: Loues sweets tast best, when we have drunke downe Gall.

Enter Maister Tiltyard, and his wife, Maister Goshawke, and Mistresse Openworke.

Gods so, our friends; come, come, smoth your cheeke;

After a storme the face of heauen looks sleeke.

Maist. Tilt. Did I not tell you these turtles were together?

Mist. Tilt. How dost thou sirra? why sister Gallipot?

Mist. Open. Lord how shee's chang'd?

Gosh. Is your wife ill sir?

Maist. Gal. Yes indeed la sir, very ill, very ill, neuer worse,

Mist. Tilt. How her head burnes, feele how her pulses work.

Mist. Open. Sister lie downe a little, that alwaies does mee good.

Mist. Tilt. In good sadnesse I finde best ease in that too, Has shee laid some hot thing to her Stomach?

Mist. Gal. No, but I will lay something anon.

Maist. Tilt. Come, come fooles, you trouble her, shal's goe Maister *Goshawke*?

Gosh. Yes sweete Maister *Tiltyard*; sirra *Rosamond* I hold my life *Gallipot* hath vext his wife.

Mist. Open. Shee has a horrible high colour indeed.

Gosh. Wee shall haue your face painted with the same red soone at night, when your husband comes from his rubbers in a false alley; thou wilt not belieue me that his bowles run with a wrong byas.

Mist. Open. It cannot sinke into mee, that hee feedes vpon stale mutten abroad, having better and fresher at home.

Gosh. What if I bring thee, where thou shalt see him stand at racke and manger?

Mist. Open. Ile saddle him in's kind, and spurre him till hee kicke againe.

Gosh. Shall thou and I ride our iourney then.

Mist. Open.

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wln 1534

The Roaring Girle.

Mist. Open. Heere's my hand.

Gosh. No more; come Maister *Tiltyard*, shall we leape into the stirrops with our women, and amble home?

Maist. Tilt. Yes, yes, come wife.

Mist. Tilt. In troth sister, I hope you will do well for all this.

Mist. Gal. I hope I shall: farewell good sister: sweet Maister *Goshawke*.

Maist. Gal. Welcome brother, most kindlie welcome sir.

Omnes Thankes sir for our good cheere.

Exeunt all but Gallipot and his wife.

Maist. Gal. It shall be so, because a crafty knaue

Shall not out reach me, nor walke by my dore

With my wife arme in arme, as 'twere his whoore,

I'le giue him a golden coxcombe, thirty pound:

Tush *Pru* what's thirty pound? sweete ducke looke cheerely.

Mist. Gal. Thou art worthy of my heart thou bui'st it deerely.

Enter Laxton muffled.

Lax. Vds light the tide's against me, a pox of your Potticarishp: oh for some glister to set him going; 'tis one of Hercules labours, to tread one of these Cittie hennes, because their cockes are stil crowing ouer them; there's no turning tale here, I must on.

Mist. Gal. Oh, husband see he comes.

Maist. Gal. Let me deale with him.

Lax. Blesse you sir.

Maist. Gal. Be you blest too sir if you come in peace.

Lax. Haue you any good pudding Tobacco sir?

Mist. Gal. Oh picke no quarrels gentle sir, my husband

Is not a man of weapon, as you are,

He knowes all, I have opned all before him, concerning you.

Lax. Zounes has she showne my letters.

Mist Gal. Suppose my case were yours, what would you do.

At such a pinch, such batteries, such assaultes,

Of father, mother, kinred, to dissolue

The knot you tyed, and to be bound to him?

G How

sig: G1v The Roaring Girle. wln 1535 How could you shift this storme off? wln 1536 Lax. If I know hang me. wln 1537 Besides a story of your death was read Mist. Gal. wln 1538 Each minute to me. wln 1539 What a pox meanes this ridling? Lax. wln 1540 Maist. Gal. Be wise sir, let not you and I be tost wln 1541 On Lawiers pens; they have sharpe nibs and draw wln 1542 Mens very heart bloud from them; what need you sir wln 1543 To beate the drumme of my wifes infamy, wln 1544 And call your friends together sir to prooue wln 1545 Your **precontact**, when sh'has confest it? wln 1546 Lax. Vmh sir, — has she confest it? wln 1547 Maist. Gal. Sh'has 'faith to me sir, vpon your letter sending. wln 1548 Mist. Gal. I haue, I haue. wln 1549 If I let this yron coole call me slaue, Lax. wln 1550 Do you heare, you dame *Prudence*? think'st thou vile woman wln 1551 I'le take these blowes and winke? wln 1552 Mist. Gal. Vpon my knees. wln 1553 Lax. Out impudence. wln 1554 Maist. Gal. Good sir. wln 1555 You goatish slaues, wln 1556 No wilde foule to cut vp but mine? wln 1557 Maist. Gal. Alas sir, wln 1558 You make her flesh to tremble, **frighr** her not, wln 1559 Shee shall do reason, and what's fit. wln 1560 I'le haue thee, wert thou more common wln 1561 Then an hospitall, and more diseased. wln 1562 Maist. Gal. But one word good sir. wln 1563 So sir. Lax. wln 1564 Maist. Gal. I married her, haue <u>line</u> with her, and got wln 1565 Two children on her body, thinke but on that; wln 1566 Haue you so beggarly an appetite wln 1567 When I vpon a dainty dish haue fed wln 1568 To dine vpon my scraps, my leauings? ha sir? wln 1569 Do I come neere you now sir? wln 1570 Be lady you touch me.

Maist. Gal.

Would not you scorne to weare my cloathes sir?

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wln 1571

Lax.

sig: G2r The Roaring Girle. wln 1572 Right sir. Lax. wln 1573 Maist. Gal. Then pray sir weare not her, for shee's a garment wln 1574 So fitting for my body, I'me loath wln 1575 Another should put it on, you will vndoe both. wln 1576 Your letter (as shee said) complained you had spent wln 1577 In quest of her, some thirty pound, I'le pay it; wln 1578 Shall that sir stop this gap vp twixt you two? wln 1579 wln 1580 The mony being paid sir, I am gon: Farewell, oh women happy's hee trusts none. wln 1581 wln 1582 Mist. Gall. wln 1583 Maist. Gal. wln 1584 Thou shalt in wine drinke to him, wln 1585 wln 1586 Mist. Gal. wln 1587 Rarely, that wile Lax. wln 1588 By which the Serpent did the first woman beguile, wln 1589 Did euer since, all womens bosomes fill; wln 1590 Y'are apple eaters all, deceiuers still. wln 1591 wln 1592 wln 1593 Alex. wln 1594 A Knaue is in mine eie deepe in my debt. wln 1595 Sir Da. wln 1596 Alex. wln 1597 Trap. wln 1598 wln 1599 wln 1600 wln 1601 sonne Sebastian. wln 1602 Alex. Be quicke. wln 1603 Trap. As the tongue of an oister wench. wln 1604 And see thy newes be true. Alex. wln 1605 Trap. wln 1606

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Well if I swallow this wrong, let her thanke you: Dispatch him hence sweete husband. Yes deere wife: pray sir come in, ere Maister (Laxton part Exit Maister Gallipot and his wife. With all my heart; — how dost thou like my wit? Exit Laxton. Enter Sir Alexander Wengraue: Sir Dauy Dapper, Sir Adam Appleton, at one dore, and Trapdore at another doore. Out with your tale Sir *Dauy*, to Sir *Adam*. Nay: if hee be a knaue sir, hold him fast. Speake softly, what egge is there hatching now. A Ducks egge sir, a ducke that has eaten a frog, I haue crackt the shell, and some villary or other will peep out presently; the ducke that sits is the bouncing Rampe (that Roaring Girle my Mistresse) the drake that must tread is your As a barbars euery satterday night — mad *Mol*. Alex. Ah. G2 Trap. img: 26-a sig: G2v

The Roaring Girle.

wln 1607 Must be let in without knocking at your backe gate. Trap. wln 1608 Alex. wln 1609 Your chamber will be made baudy. Trap. wln 1610 Alex. Good. wln 1611 Shee comes in a shirt of male. Trap. wln 1612 Alex. How shirt of male? wln 1613 Yes sir or a male shirt, that's to say in mans apparell. Trap. wln 1614 Alex. To my sonne. wln 1615 Trap. Close to your sonne: your sonne and her Moone wln 1616 will be in coniunction, if all Almanacs lie not, her blacke wln 1617 saueguard is turned into a deepe sloppe, the holes of her vpper wln 1618 body to button holes, her wastcoate to a dublet, her placket to wln 1619 the ancient seate of a codpice, and you shall take 'em both with wln 1620 standing collers. wln 1621 Art sure of this? Alex. wln 1622 As every throng is sure of a pick-pocket, as sure as Trap. a whoore is of the clyents all Michaelmas Tearme, and of the wln 1623 wln 1624 pox after the Tearme. wln 1625 Alex. The time of their tilting? wln 1626 Trap. Three. wln 1627 Alex. The day? wln 1628 Trap. This. wln 1629 Alex. Away ply it, watch her. wln 1630 As the diuell doth for the death of a baud, I'le watch Trap. her, do you catch her. wln 1631 wln 1632 Alex. Shee's fast: heere weaue thou the nets; harke, wln 1633 (maintain't. Trap. They are made. wln 1634 I told them thou didst owe mee money; hold it vp: Alex. wln 1635 Stifly; as a Puritan does contention, Trap. wln 1636 Foxe I owe thee not the value of a halfepenny halter. wln 1637 Thou shalt be hang'd in't ere thou scape so. Alex. wln 1638 Varlet I'le make thee looke through a grate. wln 1639 I'le do't presently, through a Tauerne grate, drawer: Trap. wln 1640 pish. Exit Trapdore wln 1641 Has the knaue vext you sir? <u> Ad[*]m</u>. wln 1642 Askt him my mony, wln 1643 He sweares my sonne receiu'd it: oh that boy

Will

sig: G3r The Roaring Girle. wln 1644 Will nere leave heaping sorrowes on my heart. wln 1645 Till he has broke it quite. wln 1646 Is he still wild? Adam. wln 1647 Alex. As is a russian Beare. wln 1648 Adam. But he has left wln 1649 His old haunt with that baggage. wln 1650 Worse still and worse, Alex. wln 1651 He laies on me his shame, I on him my curse. wln 1652 My **sonnne** *Iacke Dapper* then shall run with him, S. Dauv. wln 1653 All in one pasture. wln 1654 Proues your sonne bad too sir? Adam. wln 1655 S. Dauy. wln 1656 Doates but on one drabb, mine on a thousand, wln 1657 A novse of fiddlers, Tobacco, wine and a whoore, wln 1658 A Mercer that will let him take vp more, wln 1659 Dyce, and a water spaniell with a Ducke: oh, Bring him a bed with these, when his purse gingles, wln 1660 wln 1661 Roaring boyes follow at's tale, fencers and ningles, wln 1662 (Beasts Adam nere gaue name to) these horse-leeches sucke wln 1663 My sonne, he being drawne dry, they all liue on smoake. wln 1664 Tobacco? Alex. wln 1665 S. Dauv Right, but I haue in my braine wln 1666 A windmill going that shall grind to dust wln 1667 The follies of my sonne, and make him wise, wln 1668 Or a starke foole; pray lend me your aduise. wln 1669 Both. That shall you good sir *Dauy*. wln 1670 S. Dauv. Heere's the sprindge wln 1671 I ha set to catch this woodcocke in: an action wln 1672 In a false name (vnknowne to him) is entred. wln 1673 I'th Counter to arrest *lacke Dapper*. wln 1674 Ha, ha, he. Both. wln 1675 S. Dauv. wln 1676 Breake him? Adam. Yes and breake's heart too if he lie there long. wln 1677 wln 1678 S. Dauv. wln 1679

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wln 1680

As villany can make him: your Sebastian Thinke you the Counter cannot breake him? I'le make him sing a Counter tenor sure. No way to tame him like it, there hee shall learne What mony is indeed, and how to spend it. G3

S. Davv

img: 27-a sig: G3v wln 1681 wln 1682 wln 1683 wln 1684 wln 1685 wln 1686 wln 1687 wln 1688 wln 1689 wln 1690 wln 1691 wln 1692 wln 1693 wln 1694 wln 1695 wln 1696 wln 1697 wln 1698 wln 1699 wln 1700 wln 1701 wln 1702 wln 1703 wln 1704 wln 1705 wln 1706 wln 1707 wln 1708 wln 1709

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wln 1715

The Roaring Girle.

S. Dauy. Hee's bridled there.

Alex. I, yet knowes not how to mend it,
Bedlam cures not more madmen in a yeare,

Then one of the Counters does, men pay more deere

There for there wit then any where; a Counter

Why 'tis an vniuersity, who not sees?

As schollers there, so heere men take degrees,

And follow the same studies (all alike.)

Schollers learne first Logicke and Rhetoricke.

So does a prisoner; with fine honied speech

At's first comming in he doth perswade, beseech,

He may be lodg'd with one that is not itchy;

To lie in a cleane chamber, in sheets not lowsy,

But when he has no money, then does he try,

By subtile Logicke, and quaint sophistry,

To make the keepers trust him.

Adam. Say they do.

Alex. Then hee's a graduate.

S. Dauy. Say they trust him not,

Alex. Then is he held a freshman and a sot,

And neuer shall commence, but being still bar'd

Be expulst from the Maisters side, toth' twopenny ward,

Or else i'th hole, beg plac't.

Adam. When then I pray proceeds a prisoner.

Alex. When mony being the theame,

He can dispute with his hard creditors hearts,

And get out cleere, hee's then a Maister of Arts;

Sir Dauy send your sonne to Woodstreet Colledge,

A Gentleman can no where get more knowledge.

S. Dauy. There Gallants study hard.

Alex. True: to get mony.

S. Dauy. 'lies bith' heeles i'faith, thankes, thankes, I ha sent For a couple of beares shall paw him.

Enter Seriant Curtilax and Yeoman Hanger.

Adam. Who comes yonder?

S.Dauy

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The Roaring Girle.

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wln 1752

S. Dauy. They looke like puttocks, these should be they.

Alex. I know 'em, they are officers, sir wee'l leaue you.

S. Dauy. My good knights.

Leaue me, you see I'me haunted now with spirits.

Both. Fare you well sir.

Exeunt Alex. and Adam.

Curt. This old muzzle chops should be he

By the fellowes discription: Saue you sir.

S. Dauy. Come hither you mad varlets, did not my man tell you I watcht here for you.

Curt. One in a blew coate sir told vs, that in this place an old Gentleman would watch for vs, a thing contrary to our oath, for we are to watch for euery wicked member in a Citty.

S. Dauy. You'l watch then **fot** ten thousand, what's thy name honesty?

Curt. Seriant Curtilax I sir.

S. Dauy. An excellent name for a Seriant, Curtilax.

Seriants indeed are weapons of the law.

When prodigall ruffians farre in debt are growne,

Should not you cut them; Cittizens were orethrowne,

Thou dwel'st hereby in Holborne *Curtilax*.

Curt. That's my circuit sir, I coniure most in that circle.

S. Dauy. And what yong toward welp is this?

Hang. Of the same litter, his yeoman sir, my name's Hanger.

S. Dauy. Yeoman Hanger.

One paire of sheeres sure cut out both your coates,

You have two names most dangerous to mens throates,

You two are villanous loades on Gentlemens backs,

Deere ware, this *Hanger* and this *Curtilax*.

Curt. We are as other men are sir, I cannot see but hee who makes a show of honesty and religion, if his clawes can fasten to his liking, he drawes bloud; all that liue in the world, are but great fish and little fish, and feede vpon one another, some eate vp whole men, a Seriant cares but for the shoulder of a man, they call vs knaues and curres, but many times hee that sets vs on, worries more lambes one yeare, then we do in seuen.

S. Dauy. Spoke like a noble Cerberus, is the action entred? Hang. His name is entred in the booke of vnbeleeuers.

S.Dauv.

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The Roaring Girle.

wln 1753 wln 1754 wln 1755 wln 1756 wln 1757 wln 1758 wln 1760 wln 1761 wln 1762 wln 1763 wln 1764 wln 1765 wln 1766

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wln 1789

S. Dauy. What booke's that?

Curt. The booke where all prisoners names stand, and not one amongst forty, when he comes in, beleeues to come out in hast.

S. Da. Be as dogged to him as your office allowes you to be.

Both. Oh sir.

S. Dauy. You know the vnthrift *Iacke Dapper*.

Curt. I, I, sir, that Gull? as well as I know my yeoman.

S. Dauy. And you know his father too, Sir Dauy Dapper?

Curt. As damn'd a vsurer as euer was among Iewes; if hee were sure his fathers skinne would yeeld him any money, hee would when he dyes flea it off, and sell it to couer drummes for children at Bartholmew faire.

S. Dauy. What toades are these to spit poyson on a man to his face? doe you see (my honest rascals?) yonder gray-hound is the dog he hunts with, out of that Tauerne *Iacke Dapper* will sally sa, sa; giue the counter, on, set vpon him.

Both. Wee'l charge him vppo'th backe sir.

S. Dauy. Take no baile, put mace enough into his caudle, double your files, trauerse your ground.

Both. Braue sir.

S. Dauy: Cry arme, arme, arme.

Both. Thus sir.

S. Dauy. There boy, there boy, away: looke to your prey my trew English wolues, and and so I vanish. Exit S. Dauy

Curt. Some warden of the Seriants begat this old fellow vpon my life, stand close.

Hang. Shall the ambuscado lie in one place?

Curt. No nooke thou yonder. Enter Mol and Trapdore.

Mol. Ralph.

Trap. What sayes my braue Captaine male and female?

Mol. This Holborne is such a wrangling streete,

Trap. Thats because Lawiers walkes to and fro in't.

Mol. Heere's such iustling, as if euery one wee met were drunke and reel'd.

Trap. Stand Mistresse do you not smell carrion?

Mol. Carryon? no, yet I spy rauens.

Trap.

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The Roaring Girle.

wln 1790 wln 1791 wln 1792 wln 1793 wln 1794 wln 1795 wln 1796 wln 1797 wln 1798 wln 1799 wln 1800 wln 1801 wln 1802 wln 1803 wln 1804 wln 1805 wln 1806 wln 1807 wln 1808 wln 1809 wln 1810 wln 1811 wln 1812 wln 1813 wln 1814 wln 1815 wln 1816 wln 1817 wln 1818 wln 1819 wln 1820 wln 1821 wln 1822 wln 1823 wln 1824

wln 1825

wln 1826

Trap. Some poore winde-shaken gallant will anon fall into sore labour, and these men-midwiues must bring him to bed i'the counter, there all those that are great with child with debts, lie in.

Mol. Stand vp.

Trap. Like your new maypoll.

Hang. Whist, whew.

Curt. Hump, no.

Mol. Peeping? it shall go hard huntsmen, but I'le spoyle your game, they looke for all the world like two infected maltmen comming muffled vp in their cloakes in a frosty morning to London.

Trap. A course, Captaine; a beare comes to the stake. Enter Iacke Dapper and Gul.

Mol. It should bee so, for the dogges struggle to bee let loose.

Hang. Whew. Curt. Hemp.

Moll. Harke *Trapdore*, follow your leader.

Iacke Dap. Gul.

Gul. Maister.

Iacke Dap. Did'st euer see such an asse as I am boy?

Gul. No by my troth sir, to loose all your mony, yet haue false dice of your owne, why 'tis as I saw a great fellow vsed t'other day, he had a faire sword and buckler, and yet a butcher dry beate him with a cudgell.

Both. Honest Serieant fly, flie Maister *Dapper* you'l be arrested else.

Iacke Dap. Run Gul and draw.

Gul. Run Maister, Gull followes you.

Exit Dapper and Gull.

Curt. I know you well enough, you'r but a whore to hang vpon any man.

Mol. Whores then are like Serieants, so now hang you, draw rogue, but strike not: for a broken pate they'l keepe their beds, and recouer twenty markes damages.

Curt. You shall pay for this rescue, runne downe shoelane and meete him.

H Trap.

sig: H1r The Roaring Girle. wln 1827 Shu, is this a rescue Gentlemen or no? Trap. wln 1828 Mol.Rescue? a pox on 'em, *Trapdore* let's away, wln 1829 I'me glad I have done perfect one good worke to day, wln 1830 If any Gentleman be in Scriueners bands, wln 1831 Send but for *Mol*, she'll baile him by these hands. wln 1832 Enter Sir Alexander Wengraue solus. wln 1833 **Vnahppy** in the follies of a sonne, Alex. Led against iudgement, sence, obedience, wln 1834 wln 1835 And all the powers of noblenesse and wit; wln 1836 Oh wretched father, now *Trapdore* will she come? wln 1837 Trap. In mans apparell sir, I am in her heart now, wln 1838 And share in all her secrets. wln 1839 Alex. Peace, peace, peace. wln 1840 Here take my Germane watch, hang't vp in sight, That I may see her hang in English for't. wln 1841 wln 1842 I warrant you for that now, next Sessions rids her sir, Trap. wln 1843 This watch will bring her in better then a hundred constables. wln 1844 Good *Trapdore* saist thou so, thou cheer'st my heart wln 1845 After a storme of sorrow, — my gold chaine too, wln 1846 Here take a hundred markes in yellow linkes. wln 1847 That will do well to bring the watch to light sir. wln 1848 And worth a thousand of your Headborowes lanthornes. wln 1849 Alex. Place that a'the Court cubbart, let it lie wln 1850 Full in the veiw of her theefe-whoorish eie. wln 1851 Trap. Shee cannot misse it sir, I see't so plaine, that I could wln 1852 steal't my selfe. wln 1853 Alex. Perhaps thou shalt too, wln 1854 That or something as weighty; what shee leaves, wln 1855 Thou shalt come closely in, and filch away, wln 1856 And all the weight vpon her backe I'le lay. wln 1857 You cannot assure that sir. Trap. wln 1858 No, what lets it? Alex. wln 1859 Being a stout girle, perhaps shee'l desire pressing, Trap. wln 1860 Then all the weight must ly vpon her belly. wln 1861 Alex. Belly or backe I care not so I'ue one.

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Trap.

Exeunt.

Enter Trapdore

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wln 1895

wln 1896

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The Roaring Girle.

Trap. You'r of my minde for that sir.

Alex. Hang vp my ruffe band with the diamond at it, It may be shee'l like that best.

Trap. It's well for her, that shee must have her choice, hee thinkes nothing too good for her, if you hold on this minde a little longer, it shall bee the first worke I doe to turne theefe my selfe; would do a man good to be hang'd when he is so wel provided for.

Alex. So, well sayd; all hangs well, would shee hung so too,
The sight would please me more, then all their gilsterings:
Oh that my mysteries to such streights should runne,
That I must rob my selfe to blesse my sonne.

Exeunt.

Enter Sebastian, with Mary Fitz-Allard like a page, and Mol.

Seb. Thou hast done me a kind office, without touch Either of sinne or shame, our loues are honest.

Mol. I'de scorne to make such shift to bring you together else.

Seb. Now have I time and opportunity

Without all feare to bid thee welcome loue.

Kisse.

Mary. Neuer with more desire and harder venture.

Mol. How strange this shewes one man to kisse another.

Seb. I'de kisse such men to chuse Moll,

Me thinkes a womans lip tasts well in a dublet:

Mol. Many an old madam has the better fortune then,

Whose breathes grew stale before the fashion came,

If that will help 'em, as you thinke 'twill do,

They'l learne in time to plucke on the hose too.

Seb. The older they waxe Moll, troth I speake seriously,

As some haue a conceit their drinke tasts better

In an outlandish cup then in our owne,

So me thinkes euery kisse she giues me now

In this strange forme, is worth a paire of two,

Here we are safe, and furthest from the eie

Of all suspicion, this is my fathets chamber,

Vpon which floore he neuer steps till night.

Here he mistrusts me not, nor I his comming,

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The Roaring Girle.

wln 1897 wln 1898 wln 1899 wln 1900 wln 1901 wln 1902 wln 1903 wln 1904 wln 1905 wln 1906 wln 1907 wln 1908 wln 1909 wln 1910 wln 1911 wln 1912 wln 1913 wln 1914 wln 1915 wln 1916 wln 1917 wln 1918 wln 1919 wln 1920 wln 1921 wln 1922 wln 1923 wln 1924 wln 1925 wln 1926 wln 1927 wln 1928 wln 1929 wln 1930 wln 1931 wln 1932

wln 1933

At mine owne chamber he still pries vnto me,

My freedome is not there at mine owne finding,

Still checkt and curb'd, here he shall misse his purpose.

Mol. And what's your businesse now, you have your mind sir;

At your great suite I promisd you to come,

I pittied her for names sake, that a Moll

Should be so crost in loue, when there's so many,

That owes nine layes a piece, and not so little:

My taylor fitted her, how like you his worke?

Seb. So well, no Art can mend it, for this purpose,

But to thy wit and helpe we're chiefe in debt,

And must liue still beholding.

Mol. Any honest pitty

I'me willing to bestow vpon poore Ring-doues.

Seb. I'le offer no worse play.

Moll. Nay and you should sir,

I should draw first and prooue the quicker man,

Seb. Hold, there shall neede no weapon at this meeting,

But cause thou shalt not loose thy fury idle,

Heere take this viall, runne vpon the guts,

And end thy quarrell singing.

Mol. Like a swan aboue bridge,

For looke you heer's the bridge, and heere am I.

Seb. Hold on sweete Mol.

Mary. I'ue heard her much commended sir, for one that was nere taught.

Mol. I'me much beholding to 'em, well since you'l needes put vs together sir, I'le play my part as wel as I can: it shall nere be said I came into a Gentlemans chamber, and let his instrument hang by the walls.

Seb. Why well said Mol i'faith, it had bene a shame for that Gentleman then, that would have let it hung still, and nere offred thee it.

Mol. There it should have bene stil then for *Mol*, for though the world iudge impudently of mee, I nere came into that chamber yet, where I tooke downe the instrument my selfe.

Seb. Pish let 'em prate abroad, th'art heere where thou art

knowne

sig: H3r wln 1934 wln 1935 wln 1936 wln 1937 worse quality. wln 1938 Mol.wln 1939 thus I dreame. wln 1940 Seb. wln 1941 Mol.wln 1942 And she layes out the money, wln 1943 wln 1944 wln 1945 wln 1946 wln 1947 wln 1948 wln 1949 Seb. wln 1950 Alex. wln 1951 Mol.wln 1952 wln 1953 wln 1954 wln 1955 wln 1956 wln 1957 I wonder what shee ailes, wln 1958 wln 1959 wln 1960 wln 1961 wln 1962 A pox of all false tayles. wln 1963 Seb. wln 1964 Alex. wln 1965 Mol.wln 1966 wln 1967 wln 1968

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The Roaring Girle.

knowne and lou'd, there be a thousand close dames that wil cal the viall an vnmannerly instrument for a woman, and therefore talke broadly of thee, when you shall have them sit wider to a

Push, I euer fall a sleepe and thinke not of 'em sir, and

Prithee let's heare thy dreame *Mol*.

I dreame there is a Mistresse.

The song.

Shee goes vnto her Sisters,

Shee neuer comes at any.

Enter Sir *Alexander* behind them

Shee sayes shee went to'th Bursse for patternes,

You shall finde her at Saint Katherns,

And comes home with neuer a penny.

That's a free Mistresse 'faith.

I, I, like her that sings it, one of thine own choosing.

But shall I dreame againe?

Here comes a wench will braue ye,

Her courage was so great,

Shee lay with one o'the Nauy,

Her husband lying i'the Fleet.

Yet oft with him she cauel'd,

Her husbands ship lay grauel'd,

When her's could hoyse vp sailes,

Yet shee beganne like all my foes,

To call whoore first: for so do those;

Marry amen say I.

So say I too.

Hang vp the viall now sir: all this while I was in a dreame, one shall lie rudely then; but being awake, I keepe my legges together; a watch, what's a clocke here.

Alex. Now, now, shee's trapt.

> Mol H3

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The Roaring Girle.

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wln 2004

wln 2005

Moll. Betweene one and two; nay then I care not: a watch and a musitian are cossen Germans in one thing, they must both keepe time well, or there's no goodnesse in 'em, the one else deserues to be dasht against a wall, and tother to haue his braines knockt out with a fiddle case, what? a loose chaine and a dangling Diamond.

Here were a braue booty for an euening-theefe now, There's many a younger brother would be glad To looke twice in at a window for't, And wriggle in and out, like an eele in a sandbag, Oh if mens secret youthfull faults should iudge 'em,'Twould be the general'st execution,

That ere was seene in England; there would bee but few left to sing the ballets, there would be so much worke: most of our brokers would be chosen for hangmen, a good day for them: they might renew their wardrops of free cost then.

Seb. This is the roaring wench must do vs good.

Mary. No poyson sir but serues vs for some vse, which is confirm'd in her.

Seb. Peace, peace, foot I did here him sure, where ere he be.

Mol. Who did you heare?

Seb. My father, 'twas like a sight of his, I must be wary,

Alex. No wilt not be, am I alone so wretched

That nothing takes? I'le put him to his plundge for't.

Seb. Life, heere he comes, — sir I beseech you take it, Your way of teaching does so much content me, I'le make it foure pound, here's forty shillings sir. I thinke I name it right: helpe me good Mol,

Forty in hand.

Mol. Sir you shall pardon me,

I haue more of the meanest scholler I can teach,

This paies me more, then you have offred yet.

Seb. At the next quarter

When I receive the meanes my father 'lowes me.

You shall have tother forty,

Alex. This were well now,

Wer't to a man, whose sorrowes had blind eies,

But

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wln 2042

The Roaring Girle.

wln 2006 But mine behold his follies and vntruthes. wln 2007 With two cleere glasses — how now? wln 2008 Seb. Sir wln 2009 Alex. What's he there? wln 2010 Seb. wln 2011 I'de craue vour present kindnesse. wln 2012 Alex. What is he there? wln 2013 Seb. wln 2014 Alex. wln 2015 Seb. wln 2016 Alex. wln 2017 Seb. wln 2018 Alex. wln 2019 Seb. wln 2020 wln 2021 Alex. wln 2022 Seb. I indeed does he sir. wln 2023 Alex. wln 2024 Seb. wln 2025 Alex. wln 2026 wln 2027 wln 2028 Mol.wln 2029 Alex. Where is it you teach? wln 2030 Mol.wln 2031 Alex. wln 2032 Mol.wln 2033 Alex. wln 2034 sing too? wln 2035 Mol.Marry do I sir. wln 2036 Alex. wln 2037 pecially for pricke-song. wln 2038 Mol.wln 2039 Alex. wln 2040 any lesson. wln 2041 At first sight sir. Mol.

You'r come in good time sir, I'ue a suite to you, A Gentleman, a musitian sir, one of excellent fingring:

I, I thinke so, I wonder how they scapt her.

Has the most delicate stroake sir,

A stroake indeed, I feele it at my heart,

Puts downe all your famous musitians.

I, a whoore may put downe a hundred of 'em.

Forty shillings is the agreement sir betweene vs.

Now sir, my present meanes, mounts but to halfe on't.

And he stands vpon the whole.

And will doe still, hee'l nere be in other taile,

Therefore I'de stop his mouth sir, and I could,

Hum true, there is no other way indeed,

His folly hardens, shame must needs succeed.

Now sir I vnderstand you professe musique.

I am a poore seruant to that liberall science sir.

Right against Cliffords Inne.

Hum that's a fit place for it: you have many schollers.

And some of worth, whom I may call my maisters.

I true, a company of whooremaisters; you teach to

I thinke you'l finde an apt scholler of my sonne, es-

I have much hope of him.

I am sory for't, I have the lesse for that: you can play

There's a thing called the witch, can you play that? Alex.

Mol.

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The Roaring Girle.

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Mol. I would be sory any one should mend me in't.
Alex. I, I beleeue thee, thou hast so bewitcht my sonne,
No care will mend the worke that thou hast done,
I haue bethought my selfe since my art failes,
I'le make her pollicy the Art to trap her.
Here are foure Angels markt with holes in them

Fit for his crackt companions, gold he will giue her, These will I make induction to her ruine, And rid shame from my house, griefe from my heart

Here sonne, in what you take content and pleasure, Want shall not curbe you, pay the Gentleman

His latter halfe in gold.

Seb. I thanke you sir.

Alex. Oh may the operation an't, end three,

In her, life: shame, in him; and griefe, in mee. Exit Alexander.

Seb. Faith thou shalt haue 'em 'tis my fathers guift,

Neuer was man beguild with better shift.

Mol. Hee that can take mee for a male musitian,I cannot choose but make him my instrument,And play vpon him.Exeunt omnes.

Enter Mistresse Gallipot, and Mistresse Openworke.

Mi. Gal. Is then that bird of yours (Maister Goshawke) so wild?Mist. Open. A Goshawke, a Puttocke; all for prey: he angles for fish, but he loues flesh better.

Mist. Gal. Is't possible his smoth face should have wrinckles in't, and we not see them?

Mist. Open. Possible? why haue not many handsome legges in silke stockins villanous splay feete for all their great roses?

Mist. Gal. Troth sirra thou saist true.

Mist. Op. Didst neuer see an archer (as tho'ast walkt by Bunhill) looke a squint when he drew his bow?

Mist. Gal. Yes, when his arrowes haue flin'e toward Islington, his eyes haue shot cleane contrary towards Pimlico.

Mist. Open. For all the world so does Maister *Goshawke* double with me.

Mist. Gal.

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The Roaring Girle.

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Mist. Gal. Oh fie vpon him, if he double once he's not for me.

Mist. Open. Because *Goshawke* goes in a shag-ruffe band, with a face sticking vp in't, which showes like an agget set in a crampe ring, he thinkes I'me in loue with him.

Mist. Gal. 'Las I thinke he takes his marke amisse in thee.

Mist. Open. He has by often beating into me made mee beleeue that my husband kept a whore.

Mist. Gal. Very good.

Mist. Open. Swore to me that my husband this very morning went in a boate with a tilt ouer it, to the three pidgions at *Brainford*, and his puncke with him vnder his tilt.

Mist. Gal. That were wholesome.

Mist. Open. I beleeu'd it, fell a swearing at him, curssing of harlots, made me ready to hoyse vp saile, and be there as soone as hee

Mist. Gal. So, so.

Mist. Open. And for that voyage *Goshawke* comes hither incontinently, but sirra this water-spaniell diues after no ducke but me, his hope is hauing mee at *Braineford* to make mee cry quack.

Mist. Gall. Art sure of it?

Mist. Open. Sure of it? my poore innocent *Openworke* came in as I was poking my ruffe, presently hit I him i'the teeth with the three pidgions: he forswore all, I vp and opened all, and now stands he (in a shop hard by) like a musket on a rest, to hit *Goshawke* i'the eie, when he comes to fetch me to the boate.

Mist. Gal. Such another lame Gelding offered to carry mee through thicke and thinne, (*Laxton* sirra) but I am ridd of him now.

Mist. Open. Happy is the woman can bee ridde of 'em all; 'las what are your whisking gallants to our husbands, weigh 'em rightly man for man.

Mist. Gall. Troth meere shallow things.

Mist. Open. Idle simple things, running heads, and yet let 'em run ouer vs neuer so fast, we shop-keepers (when all's done) are sure to haue 'em in our pursnets at length, and when they are in, Lord what simple animalls they are.

Mist. Open.

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The Roaring Girle.

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Mist. Open. Then they hang head.

Mist. Gal. Then they droupe.

Mist. Open. Then they write letters.

Mist. Gal. Then they cogge.

Mist. Open. Then they deale vnder hand with vs, and wee must ingle with our husbands a bed, and wee must sweare they are our cosens, and able to do vs a pleasure at Court.

Mist. Gal. And yet when wee haue done our best, al's but put into a riuen dish, wee are but frumpt at and libell'd vpon.

Mist. Open. Oh if it were the good Lords will, there were a law made, no Cittizen should trust any of 'em all.

Enter Goshawke.

Mist. Gal. Hush sirra, Goshawke flutters.

Gosh. How now, are you ready?

Mist. Open. Nay are you ready? a little thing you see makes vs ready.

Gosh. Vs? why, must shee make one i'the voiage?

Mist. Open. Oh by any meanes, do I know how my husband will handle mee?

Gosh. 'Foot, how shall I find water, to keepe these two mils going? Well since you'l needs bee clapt vnder hatches, if I sayle not with you both till all split, hang mee vp at the maine yard, & duck mee; it's but lickering them both soundly, & then you shall see their corke heeles flie vp high, like two swannes when their tayles are aboue water, and their long neckes vnder water, diuing to catch gudgions: come, come, oares stand ready, the tyde's with vs, on with those false faces, blow winds and thou shalt take thy husband, casting out his net to catch fresh Salmon at Brainford.

Mist. Gal. I belieue you'l eate of a coddes head of your owne dressing, before you reach halfe way thither.

Gosh. So, so, follow close, pin as you go.

Enter Laxton muffled.

Lax. Do you heare?

Mist. Gal. Yes, I thanke my eares.

Lax. I must have a bout with your Poticariship,

Mist. Gal. At what weapon?

Lax.

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wln 2152	Lax. I must speake with you. Mist. Gal. No.	
wln 2153	Lax No? you shall.	
wln 2154	Mist. Gal. Shall? away soust Sturgion, halfe fish, halfe flesh.	
wln 2155	Lax. 'Faith gib, are you spitting, I'le cut your tayle pus-	
wln 2156	cat for this.	
wln 2157	Mist. Gal. 'Las poore Laxton, I thinke thy tayle's cut alrea-	
wln 2158	dy: your worst;	
wln 2159	Lax. If I do not, — Exit Laxton.	
wln 2160	Gosh. Come, ha' you done? Enter Maister Openworke.	
wln 2161	Sfoote <i>Rosamond</i> , your husband. welcome,	
wln 2162	Maist. Open. How now? sweete Maist Goshawke, none more	
wln 2163	I have wanted your embracements: when friends meete,	
wln 2164	The musique of the spheares sounds not more sweete,	
wln 2165	Then does their conferenc: who is this? <i>Rosamond</i> :	
wln 2166	Wife: how now sister?	
wln 2167	Gosh. Silence if you loue mee.	
wln 2168	Maist. Open. Why maskt?	
wln 2169	Mist. Open. Does a maske grieue you sir?	
wln 2170	Maist. Open. It does.	
wln 2171	Mist. Open. Then y'are best get you a mumming.	
wln 2172	Gosh. S'foote you'l spoyle all.	
wln 2173	Mist. Gall. May not wee couer our bare faces with maskes	
wln 2174	As well as you couer your bald heads with hats?	
wln 2175	Ma. Op. No maskes, why, th'are theeues to beauty, that rob	
wln 2176	Of admiration in which true loue lies, (eies	
wln 2177	Why are maskes worne? why good? or why desired?	
wln 2178	Vnlesse by their gay couers wits are fiered	
wln 2179	To read the vild'st lookes; many bad faces,	
wln 2180	(Because rich gemmes are treasured vp in cases)	
wln 2181	Passe by their priviledge currant, but as caues	
wln 2182	Dambe misers Gold, so maskes are beauties graues,	
wln 2183	Men nere meete women with such muffled eies,	
wln 2184	But they curse her, that first did maskes deuise,	
wln 2185	And sweare it was some beldame. Come off with't.	
wln 2186	Mist. Open. I will not.	
wln 2187	Maist. Open. Good faces maskt are Iewels kept by spirits.	
wln 2188	Hide none but bad ones, for they poyson mens sights, I2	
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img: 34-a sig: I2v The Roaring Girle. wln 2189 Show then as shop-keepers do their broidred stuffe. wln 2190 (By owle light) fine wares cannot be open enough, wln 2191 Prithee (sweete Rose) come strike this sayle. wln 2192 Mist. Open. Saile? (eyes: wln 2193 Ha? yes wife strike saile, for stormes are in thine Maist. Op. wln 2194 Mist. Open. Th'are here sir in my browes if any rise. wln 2195 Maist. Open. Ha browes? (what sayes she friend) pray tel me wln 2196 Your two flagges were aduaunst; the Comedy, (why wln 2197 Come what's the Comedy? wln 2198 Westward hoe. Mist. Open. wln 2199 How? Maist. Open. wln 2200 Mist. Open. 'Tis Westward hoe shee saies. wln 2201 Gosh. Are you both madde? wln 2202 Is't Market day at *Braineford*, and your ware not Mist. Open. wln 2203 sent vp yet? wln 2204 Maist. Open. What market day? what ware? wln 2205 Mist. Open. A py with three pidgions in't, 'tis drawne and wln 2206 staies your cutting vp. wln 2207 Gosh. As you regard my credit. wln 2208 Art madde? Maist. Open. wln 2209 Mist. Open. Yes letcherous goate; Baboone. wln 2210 Maist. Open. Baboone? then tosse mee in a blancket, wln 2211 Mist. Open. Mist. Gall. Do I it well? wln 2212 Belike sir shee's not well; best leaue her. Gosh. wln 2213 Maist. Open. No, wln 2214 I'le stand the storme now how fierce so ere it blow. wln 2215 Did I for this loose all my friends? refuse Mist. Open. wln 2216 Rich hopes, and golden fortunes, to be made wln 2217 A stale to a common whore? wln 2218 Maist. Open. This does amaze mee. wln 2219 Oh God, oh God, feede at reuersion now? Mist. Open. wln 2220 A Strumpets leauing? Maist. Open. Rosamond, wln 2221 Gosh. I sweate, wo'ld I lay in cold harbour. wln 2222 Mist. Open. Thou hast struck ten thousand daggers through wln 2223

Not I by heauen sweete wife.

Go diuel go; that which thou swear'st by, damnes

my heart.

Maist. Open.

Mist. Open.

wln 2224

wln 2225

Gosh.

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The Roaring Girle.

Gosh. S'heart will you vndo mee?

Mist. Open. Why stay you heere? the starre, by which you saile, shines yonder aboue *Chelsy*; you loose your shore if this moone light you: seeke out your light whore.

Maist. Open. Ha?

Mist. Gal. Push; your Westerne pug.

Gosh, Zounds now hell roares.

Mist. Open. With whom you tilted in a paire of oares, this very morning.

Maist. Open. Oares? Mist. Open. At Brainford sir.

Maist. Open. Racke not my patience: Maister Goshawke, some slaue has buzzed this into her, has he not? I run a tilt in Brainford with a woman? 'tis a lie: What old baud tels thee this? S'death 'tis a lie.

Mist. Open. 'Tis one to thy face shall justify all that I speake.

Maist. Open. Vd'soule do but name that rascall.

Mist. Open. No sir I will not.

Gosh. Keepe thee there girle: — then!

Mist. Open. Sister know you this varlet? Mist. Gall. Yes.

Maist. Open. Sweare true,

Is there a rogue so low damn'd? a second *Iudas*? a common hangman? cutting a mans throate? does it to his face? bite mee behind my backe? a cur dog? sweare if you know this hell-hound.

Mist. Gall. In truth I do,

Maist. Open. His name?

Mist. Gall. Not for the world;

To have you to stab him.

Gosh. Oh braue girles: worth Gold.

Maist. Open. A word honest maister Goshawke.

Draw out his sword

Gosh. What do you meane sir?

Maist. Open. Keepe off, and if the diuell can giue a name to this new fury, holla it through my eare, or wrap it vp in some hid character: I'le ride to Oxford, and watch out mine eies, but I'le heare the brazen head speak: or else shew me but one haire of his head or beard, that I may sample it; if the fiend I meet (in myne owne house) I'le kill him: — the streete.

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img: 35-a sig: I3v The Roaring Girle. wln 2263 Or at the Church dore: — there — (cause he seekes to vntv wln 2264 The knot God fastens) he deserues most to dy. wln 2265 My husband titles him. Mist. Open. wln 2266 Maist. Open. Maister Goshawke, pray sir wln 2267 Sweare to me, that you know him or know **hiw** not, wln 2268 Who makes me at *Brainford* to take vp a peticote beside my wln 2269 By heauen that man I know not. wln 2270 Mist. Open. Come, come, you lie. wln 2271 Gosh. Will you not have all out? wln 2272 By heauen I know no man beneath the moon wln 2273 Should do you wrong, but if I had his name, wln 2274 I'de print it in text letters. wln 2275 Mist. Open. Print thine owne then, wln 2276 Did'st not thou sweare to me he kept his whoore? wln 2277 And that in sinfull Brainford they would commit Mist. Gal. wln 2278 That which our lips did water at sir, — ha? wln 2279 Thou spider, that hast wouen thy cunning web Mist. Open. wln 2280 In mine owne house t'insnare me: hast not thou wln 2281 Suck't nourishment euen vnderneath this roofe. wln 2282 And turned it all to poyson? spitting it, wln 2283 On thy friends face (my husband?) he as t'were sleeping: wln 2284 Onely to leave him vgly to mine eies, wln 2285 That they might glance on thee. wln 2286 Speake, are these lies? Mist. Gal. wln 2287 Gosh. Mine owne shame me confounds: wln 2288 Mist. Open. No more, hee's stung; wln 2289 Who'd thinke that in one body there could dwell wln 2290 Deformitie and beauty, (heauen and hell) wln 2291 Goodnesse I see is but outside, wee all set, wln 2292 In rings of Gold, stones that be counterfet: wln 2293 I thought you none. wln 2294 Gosh. Pardon mee wln 2295 Truth I doe. Maist. Open.

Mist. Open.

This blemish growes in nature not in you,

wln 2296

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(wiues, For mans creation sticke euen moles in scorne On fairest cheeks, wife nothing is perfect borne. I thought you had bene borne perfect.

Maist. Open.

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The Roaring Girle.

Maist. Open. What's this whole world but a gilt rotten pill? For at the heart lies the old chore still. I'le tell you Maister Goshawke, I in your eie I haue seene wanton fire, and then to try The soundnesse of my iudgement, I told you

I kept a whoore, made you beleeue 'twas true,

Onely to feele how your pulse beate, but find,

The world can hardly yeeld a perfect friend.

Come, come, a tricke of youth, and 'tis forgiuen,

This rub put by, our loue shall runne more euen.

Mist. Open, You'l deale vpon mens wives no more?

Gosh. No: — you teach me a tricke for that.

Mist. Open. Troth do not, they'l o're-reach thee.

Mai. Open. Make my house yours sir still.

Gosh. No.

Maist. Open. I say you shall:

Seeing (thus besieg'd) it holds out, 'twill neuer fall.

Enter Maister Gallipot, and Greenewit like a Somner, Laxton muffled a loofe off.

Omnes How now?

Maist. Gall. With mee sir?

Greene. You sir? I have gon snaffling vp and downe by your dore this houre to watch for you.

Mist. Gall. What's the matter husband?

Greene. — I have caught a cold in my head sir, by sitting vp late in the rose tauerne, but I hope you vnderstand my speech.

Maist. Gal. So sir.

Greene. I cite you by the name of *Hippocrates Gallipot*, and you by the name of *Prudence Gallipot*, to appeare vpon *Crastino*, doe you see, *Crastino sancti Dunstani* (this *Easter* Tearme) in Bow Church.

Maist. Gall. Where sir? what saies he?

Greene. Bow: Bow Church, to answere to a libel of precontract on the part and behalfe of the said *Prudence* and another; y'are best sir take a coppy of the citation, 'tis but tweluepence.

Omnes

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The Roaring Girle.

Omnes A Citation?

Maist. Gal. You pocky-nosed rascall, what slaue fees you to this?

Lax. Slaue? I ha nothing to do with you, doe you heare sir?

Gosh. Laxton ist not? — what fagary is this?

Maist. Gal. Trust me I thought sir this storme long ago had bene full laid, when (if you be remembred) I paid you the last fifteene pound, besides the thirty you had first, — for then you swore.

Lax. Tush, tush sir, oathes,

Truth yet I'me loth to vexe you, — tell you what;

Make vp the mony I had an hundred pound,

And take your belly full of her.

Maist. Gall. An hundred pound?

Mist. Gal. What a 100 pound? he gets none: what a 100 pound?

Maist. Gal. Sweet Pru be calme, the Gentleman offers thus,

If I will make the monyes that are past

A 100 pound, he will discharge all courts,

And giue his bond neuer to vexe vs more.

Mist. Gal. A 100 pound? 'Las; take sir but threescore,

Do you seeke my vndoing?

Lax. I'le not bate one sixpence, — I'le mall you pusse for spitting.

Mist. Gal. Do thy worst,

Will fourescore stop thy mouth?

Lax. No.

Mist. Gal. Y'are a slaue,

Thou Cheate, I'le now teare mony from thy throat,

Husband lay hold on yonder tauny-coate.

Greene. Nay Gentlemen, seeing your woemen are so hote, I must loose my haire in their company I see.

Mist. Ope. His haire sheds off, and yet he speaks not so much in the nose as he did before.

Gosh. He has had the better Chirurgion, Maister *Greenewit*, is your wit so raw as to play no better a part then a Somners?

Maist. Gal. I pray who playes a knacke to know an honest man in this company?

Mist. Gal.

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The Roaring Girle.

Mist. Gall. Deere husband, pardon me, I did dissemble, Told thee I was his precontracted wife, When letters came from him for thirty pound, I had no shift but that.

Maist. Gal. A very cleane shift: but able to make mee lowsy, On.

Mist. Gal. Husband I pluck'd (when he had tempted me

Mist. Gal. Husband, I pluck'd (when he had tempted mee to thinke well of him) Get fethers from thy wings, to make him flie more lofty. Maist. Gall. A'the top of you wife: on.

Mist. Gal. He having wasted them, comes now for more, Vsing me as a ruffian doth his whore,

Whose sinne keepes him in breath: by heauen I vow, Thy bed he neuer wrong'd, more then he does now.

Maist. Gal. My bed? ha, ha, like enough, a shop-boord will serue to haue a cuckolds coate cut out vpon: of that wee'l talke hereafter: y'are a villaine.

Lax. Heare mee but speake sir, you shall finde mee none. Omnes Pray sir, be patient and heare him.

Maist. Gal. I am muzzled for biting sir, vse me how you will.

Lax. The first howre that your wife was in my eye,

My selfe with other Gentlemen sitting by,

(In your shop) tasting smoake, and speech beng vsed,

That men who have fairest wives are most abused,

And hardly scapt the horne, your wife maintain'd

That onely such spots in Citty dames were stain'd,

Iustly, but by mens slanders: for her owne part,

Shee vow'd that you had so much of her heart;

No man by all his wit, by any wile,

Neuer so fine spunne, should your selfe beguile,

Of what in her was yours.

Maist. Gal. Yet *Pru* 'tis well: play out your game at Irish sir: Who winnes?

Mist. Open. The triall is when shee comes to bearing:

Lax. I scorn'd one woman, thus, should braue all men,

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And (which more vext me) a shee-citizen.

Therefore I laid siege to her, out she held,

Gaue many a braue repulse, and me compel'd

With

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With shame to sound retrait to my hot lust. Then seeing all base desires rak'd vp in dust, And that to tempt her modest eares, I swore Nere to prsumne againe: she said, her eie Would euer giue me welcome honestly, And (since I was a Gentlman) if it runne low, Shee would my state relieue, not to o'rethrow Your owne and hers: did so; then seeing I wrought Vpon her meekenesse, mee she set at nought. And yet to try if I could turne that tide, You see what streame I stroue with, but sir I sweare By heauen, and by those hopes men lay vp there, I neither haue, nor had a base intent To wrong your bed, what's done, is meriment: Your Gold I pay backe with this interest, When I had most power to do't I wrong'd you least. If this no gullery be sir. Maist. Gal. No, no, on my life, **Omnes** Maist. Gal. Then sir I am beholden (not to you wife) But Maister *Laxton* to your want of doing ill, Which it seemes you have not Gentlemen, Tarry and dine here all. Maist. Open. Brother, we have a iest, As good as yours to furnish out a feast. Maist. Gal. Wee'l crowne our table with it: wife brag no more, Of holding out: who most brags is most whore. Exeunt omnes.

Enter Iacke Dapper, Moll, Sir Beautious Ganymed, and Sir Thomas Long.

Iacke Dap. But prethee Maister Captaine *Iacke* be plaine and perspicuous with mee; was it your *Megge* of Westminsters courage, that rescued mee from the Poultry puttockes indeed.

Mol. The valour of my wit I ensure you sir fetcht you off brauely, when you werre i'the forlorne hope among those desperates, Sir *Bewtious Ganymed* here, and sir *Thomas Long* heard that cuckoe (my man *Trapdore*) sing the note of your

ransome

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The Roaring Girle.

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Sir Bewt. Vds so Mol, where's that Trapdore?

Mol. Hang'd I thinke by this time, a Iustice in this towne, (that speakes nothing but make a *Mittimus* a way with him to Newgate) vsed that rogue like a fire-worke to run vpon a line betwixt him and me.

Omnes how, how?

Mol. Marry to lay traines of villany to blow vp my life; I smelt the powder, spy'd what linstocke gaue fire to shoote against the poore Captaine of the Gallifoyst, & away slid I my man, like a shouell-board shilling, hee stroutes vp and downe the suburbes I thinke: and eates vp whores: feedes vpon a bauds garbadg.

T. Long. Sirra Iacke Dapper.

Iac, Dap. What sai'st *Tom Long*?

T. Long. Thou hadst a sweet fac't boy haile fellow with thee to your little *Gull*: how is he spent?

Iack. Dap. Troth I whistled the poore little buzzard of a my fist, because when hee wayted vpon mee at the ordinaries, the gallants hit me i'the teeth still, and said I lookt like a painted Aldermans tomb, and the boy at my elbow like a deaths head. Sirra *Iacke*, *Mol*.

Mol. What saies my little *Dapper*?

Sir Bewt. Come, come, walke and talke, walke and talke.

Iack. Dap. Mol and I'le be i'the midst.

Mol. These Knights shall haue squiers places belike then: well *Dapper* what say you?

Iack. Dap. Sirra Captaine mad *Mary*, the gull my owne father (*Dapper*) *Sir Dauy*) laid these London boote-halers the catch poles in ambush to set vpon mee.

Omnes Your father? away *Iacke*.

Iack. Dap. By the tassels of this handkercher 'tis true, and what was his warlicke stratageme thinke you? hee thought because a wicker cage tames a nightingale, a lowsy prison could make an asse of mee.

Omnes A nasty plot.

Iack. Dap. I; as though a Counter, which is a parke, in which

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The Roaring Girle.

all the wilde beasts of the Citty run head by head could tame mee.

Enter the Lord Noland.

Moll. Yonder comes my Lord Noland.

Omnes Saue you my Lord.

L. Nol. Well met Gentlemen all, good Sir Bewtious Ganymed, Sir Thomas Long?, and how does Maister Dapper?

Iack. Dap. Thankes my Lord.

Mol. No Tobacco my Lord?

L. Nol No faith *Iacke*.

Iack. Dap. My Lord *Noland* will you goe to Pimlico with vs? wee are making a boone voyage to that nappy land of spice-cakes

L. Nol. Heeres such a merry ging, I could find in my heart to saile to the worlds end with such company, come Gentlemen let's on.

Iack. Dap. Here's most amorous weather my Lord.

Omnes Amorous weather.

They walke.

Iac. Dap. Is not amorous a good word?

Enter Trapdore like a poore Souldier with a patch o're one eie, and Teare-Cat with him, all tatters.

Trap. Shall we set vpon the infantry, these troopes of foot? Zounds yonder comes *Mol* my whoorish Maister & Mistresse, **wo[*]ld** I had her kidneys betweene my teeth.

Tear-Cat. I had rather have a cow heele.

Trap. Zounds I am so patcht vp, she cannot discouer mee: wee'l on.

T. Cat. Alla corago then.

Trap. Good your Honours, and Worships, enlarge the eares of commiseration, and let the sound of a hoarse military organ-pipe, penetrate your pittiful bowels to extract out of them so many small drops of siluer, as may give a hard strawbed lodging to a couple of maim'd souldiers.

Iacke Dap. Where are you maim'd?

T. Cat

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T Cat. In both our neather limbs.

Mol. Come, come, *Dapper*, lets giue 'em something, las poore men, what mony haue you? by my troth I loue a souldier with my soule.

Sir Bewt. Stay, stay, where haue you seru'd?

T. Long. In any part of the Low countries?

Trap. Not in the Low countries, if it please your manhood, but in *Hungarie* against the *Turke* at the siedge of *Belgrad*.

L. Nol. Who seru'd there with you sirra?

Trap. Many *Hungarians*, *Moldauians*, *Valachians*, and *Transiluanians*, with some *Sclauonians*, and retyring home sir, the *Venetian* Gallies tooke vs prisoners, yet free'd vs, and suffered vs to beg vp and downe the country.

Iack. Dap. You have ambled all ouer *Italy* then.

Trap. Oh sir, from *Venice* to *Roma*, *Uecchio*, *Bononia*, *Romania*, *Bolonia*, *Modena*, *Piacenza*, and *Tuscana*, with all her Cities, as *Pistoia*, *Valteria*, *Mountepulchena*, *Arrezzo*, with the *Siennois*, and diuerse others.

Mol. Meere rogues, put spurres to 'em once more.

Iack. Dap. Thou look'st like a strange creature, a fat butterbox, yet speak'st English,

What art thou?

T. Cat. Ick mine Here. Ick bin den ruffling Teare=Cat.

Den, braue Soldado, Ick bin dorick all Dutchlant.

Gueresen: Der Shellum das meere Ine Beasa

Ine woert gaeb.

Ick slaag um stroakes on tom Cop.

Dastick Den hundred touzun Diuell halle,

Frollick mine Here.

Sir Bewt. Here, here, let's be rid of their iobbering,

Moll. Not a crosse *Sir Bewtious*, you base rogues, I haue taken measure of you, better then a taylor can, and I'le fit you, as you (monster with one eie) haue fitted mee,

Trap. Your Worship will not abuse a souldier.

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Moll. Souldier? thou deseru'st to bee hang'd vp by that tongue which dishonours so noble a profession, souldier you skeldering varlet? hold, stand, there should be a trapdore here abouts.

Pull off his patch

Trap. The balles of these glasiers of mine (mine eyes) shall be shot vp and downe in any hot peece of seruice for my inuincible Mistresse.

Iacke Dap. I did not thinke there had bene such knauery in blacke patches as now I see.

Mol. Oh sir he hath bene brought vp in the Ile of dogges, and can both fawne like a Spaniell, and bite like a Mastiue, as hee finds occasion.

L. Nol. What are you sirra? a bird of this feather too.

T. Cat. A man beaten from the wars sir.

T. Long. I thinke so, for you neuer stood to fight.

Iac. Dap. What's thy name fellow souldier?

T. Cat. I am cal'd by those that have seen my valour, Tear-Cat.

Omnes Teare-Cat?

Moll. A meere whip-Iacke, and that is in the Commonwealth of rogues, a slaue, that can talke of sea-fight, name all your chiefe Pirats, discouer more countries to you, then either the Dutch, Spanish, French, or English euer found out, yet indeed all his seruice is by land, and that is to rob a Faire, or some such venturous exploit; *Teare-Cat*, foot sirra I haue your name now I remember me in my booke of horners, hornes for the thumbe, you know how.

T. Cat. No indeed Captaine *Mol* (for I know you by sight) I am no such nipping Christian, but a maunderer vpon the pad I confesse, and meeting with honest *Trapdore* here, whom you had cashierd from bearing armes, out at elbowes vnder your colours, I instructed him in the rudements of roguery, and by my map made him saile ouer any Country you can name, so that now he can maunder better then my selfe.

Iack. Dap. So then *Trapdore* thou art turn'd souldier now.

Trap. Alas sir, now there's no warres, 'tis the safest course of life I could take.

Mol. I hope then you can cant, for by your cudgels, you

sirra

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The Roaring Girle.

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sirra are an vpright man.

Trap. As any walkes the hygh way I assure you.

Mol. And *Teare-Cat* what are you? a wilde rogue, an angler, or a ruffler?

T. Cat. Brother to this vpright man, flesh and bloud, ruffling *Teare-Cat* is my name, and a ruffler is my stile, my title, my profession.

Mol. Sirra where's your Doxy, halt not with mee.

Omnes Doxy Mol, what's that?

Mol. His wench.

Trap. My doxy I haue by the *Salomon* a doxy, that carries a kitchin mort in her slat at her backe, besides my dell and my dainty wilde del, with all whom I'le tumble this next darkmans in the strommel, and drinke ben **baufe**, and eate a fat gruntling cheate, a cackling cheate, and a quacking cheate.

Iack. Dap. Here's old cheating.

Trap. My doxy stayes for me in a bousing ken, braue Captaine.

Mol. Hee sayes his wench staies for him in an alehouse: you are no pure rogues.

T. Cat. Pure rogues? no, wee scorne to be pure rogues, but if you come to our lib ken, or our stalling ken, you shall finde neither him nor mee, a quire cuffin.

Mol. So sir, no churle of you.

T. Cat. No, but a ben caue, a braue caue, a gentry cuffin.

L. Nol. Call you this canting?

Iack. Dap. Zounds, I'le giue a schoolemaister halfe a crowne a week, and teach mee this pedlers French.

Trap. Do but strowle sir, halfe a haruest with vs sir, and you shall gabble your belly-full.

Mol. Come you rogue cant with me.

T. Long. Well sayd *Mol*, cant with her sirra, and you shall haue mony, else not a penny.

Trap. I'le haue a bout if she please.

Mol. Come on sirra.

Trap. Ben mort, shall you and I heaue a booth, mill a ken or nip a bung, and then wee'l couch a hogshead vnder the Ruffe-

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mans, and there you shall wap with me, & Ile niggle with you.

Mol. Out you damn'd impudent rascall.

Trap. Cut benar whiddes, and hold your fambles and your stampes.

L Nol. Nay, nay, *Mol*, why art thou angry? what was his gibberish?

Mol. Marry this my Lord sayes hee; Ben mort (good wench) shal you and I heaue a booth, mill a ken, or nip a bung? shall you and I rob a house, or cut a purse?

Omnes Very Good.

(mans:

Mol. And then wee'l couch a hogshead vnder the Ruffe-And then wee'l lie vnder a hedge.

Trap. That was my desire Captaine, as 'tis fit a souldier should lie.

Mol. And there you shall wap with mee, and I'le niggle with you, and that's all.

Sir Bewt. Nay, nay Mol what's that wap?

Iack. Dap. Nay teach mee what niggling is, I'de faine bee niggling.

Mol. Wapping and niggling is all one, the rogue my man can tell you.

Trap. 'Tis fadoodling: if it please you.

Sir Bewt. This is excellent, one fit more good Moll,

Mol. Come you rogue sing with me.

A gage of ben Rom-bouse

In a bousing ken of Rom-vile.

T. Cat. Is Benar then a Caster,

Pecke, pennam, <u>lav</u> or popler,

Which we mill in deuse a **vile**.

Oh I wud lib all the lightmans.

The song.

Oh I woud lib all the darkemans,

By the sollamon vnder the Ruffemans.

By the sollamon in the Hartmans.

T. Cat. And scoure the Quire cramp ring,

And couch till a pallyard docked my dell,

So my bousy nab might skew rome bouse well

Auast

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The Roaring Girle.

Auast to the pad, let vs bing, Auast to the pad, let vs bing.

Omnes Fine knaues i'faith.

Iack. Dap. The grating of ten new cart-wheeles, and the gruntling of fiue hundred hogs coming from Rumford market, cannot make a worse noyse then this canting language does in my eares; pray my Lord *Noland*, let's giue these souldiers their pay.

Sir Bewt. Agreed, and let them march.

L. Nol. Heere Mol.

Mol. Now I see that you are stal'd to the rogue, and are not ashamed of your professions, looke you: my Lord *Noland* heere and these Gentlemen, bestowes vpon you two, two boordes and a halfe, that's two shillings sixe pence.

Trap. Thankes to your Lordship.

T. Cat. Thankes heroicall Captaine.

Mol. Away.

Trap. Wee shall cut ben whiddes of your Maisters and Mistreship, wheresoeuer we come.

Moll. You'l maintaine sirra the old Iustices plot to his face.

Trap. Else trine me on the cheats: hang me.

Mol. Be sure you meete mee there.

Trap. Without any more maundring I'le doo't, follow braue *Tear-Cat.* Exeunt they two

T. Cat. I præ, sequor, let vs go mouse. manet the rest.

L. Nol. Mol what was in that canting song? (onely milke

Mol. Troth my Lord, onely a praise of good drinke, the

Which these wilde beasts loue to sucke, and thus it was:

A rich cup of wine, oh it is iuyce Diuine,

More wholesome for the head, then meate, drinke, or bread,

To fill my drunken pate, with that, I'de sit vp late,

By the heeles wou'd I lie, vnder a lowsy hedge die,

Let a slaue haue a pull at my whore, so I be full

Of that precious liquor; And a parcell of such stuffe my Lord

Not worth the opening.

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Enter a Cutpurse very gallant, with foure or fine men after him, one with a wand.

L. Nol. What gallant comes yonder?

T. Long. Masse I thinke I know him, 'tis one of Cumberland.

1 Cut. Shall we venture to shuffle in amongst you heap of Gallants, and strike?

2 Cut. 'Tis a question whether there bee any siluer shels amongst them, for all their sattin outsides.

Omnes Let's try?

Mol. Pox on him, a gallant? shaddow mee, I know him: 'tis one that cumbers the land indeed; if hee swimme neere to the shore of any of your pockets, looke to your purses.

Omnes Is't possible?

Mol. This braue fellow is no better then a foyst.

Omnes. Foyst, what's that?

Mol. A diuer with two fingers, a picke-pocket; all his traine study the figging law, that's to say; cutting of purses and foysting; one of them is a nip, I tooke him once i'the twopenny gallery at the Fortune; then there's a cloyer, or snap, that dogges any new brother in that trade, and snappes will haue halfe in any booty; Hee with the wand is both a stale, whose office is, to face a man i'the streetes, whil'st shels are drawne by an other, and then with his blacke coniuring rod in his hand, he by the nimblenesse of his eye and iugling sticke, will in cheaping a peece of plate at a goldsmithes stall, make foure or fiue ringes mount from the top of his *caduceus*, and as if it were at leape-frog, they skip into his hand presently.

- 2. Cut. Zounds wee are smoakt. Omnes. Ha?
- 2. Cut. Wee are boyl'd, pox on her; see Moll the roaring drabbe
 - 1. Cut. All the diseases of sixteene hospitals boyle her: away.

Mol. Blesse you sir.

1. Cut. And you good sir.

Mol. Do'st not ken mee man?

1. Cut. No rrust mee sir.

Moll.

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The Roaring Girle.

Heart, there's a Knight to whom I'me bound for many fauours, lost his purse at the last new play i'the Swanne, seuen Angels in't, make it good you'r best; do you see? no more.

A Sinagogue shall be cal'd Mistresse *Mary*, disgrace mee not; pacus palabros, I will coniure for you, farewell:

Did not I tell you my Lord?

I wonder how thou cam'st to the knowledge of $L.\ Nol.$ these nasty villaines.

And why doe the foule mouthes of the world call T. Long. thee *Mol* cutpursse? a name, me thinkes, damn'd and odious.

Dare any step forth to my face and say, I have tane thee doing so *Mol*? I must confesse, In younger dayes, when I was apt to stray, I have sat amongst such adders; seene their stings, As any here might, and in full play-houses Watcht their quicke-diuing hands, to bring to shame Such rogues, and in that streame met an ill name: When next my Lord you spie any one of those, So hee bee in his Art a scholler, question him, Tempt him with gold to open the large booke Of his close villanies: and you your selfe shall cant Better then poore *Mol* can, and know more lawes Of cheaters, lifters, nips, foysts, puggards, curbers, Withall the diuels blacke guard, then it is fit

Should be discouered to a noble wit.

I know they have their orders, offices,

Circuits and circles, vnto which they are bound,

To raise their owne damnation in.

Iack. Dap. How do'st thou know it?

Moll. As you do, I shew it you, they to me show it.

Suppose my Lord you were in *Venice*.

L. Nol. Well.

If some Italian pander there would tell Mol.All the close trickes of curtizans; would not you Hearken to such a fellow?

L. Nol. Yes. *Mol.* And here,

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Being come from *Uenice*, to a friend most deare That were to trauell thither, you would proclaime Your knowledge in those villanies, to saue Your friend from their quicke danger: must you haue A blacke ill name, because ill things you know, Good troth my Lord, I am made *Mol* cutpurse so. How many are whores, in small ruffes and still lookes? How many chast, whose names fill slanders bookes? Were all men cuckolds, whom gallants in their scornes Cal so, we should not walke for goring hornes, Perhaps for my madde going some reproue mee, I please my selfe, and care not else who loues mee. Omnes A braue minde Mol i'faith.

T. Long. Come my Lord, shal's to the Ordinary?

L. Nol. I, 'tis noone sure. (or to the world:

Good my Lord, let not my name condemne me to you A fencer I hope may be cal'd a coward, is he so for that? If all that have ill names in London, were to be whipt, (ther And to pay but twelue pence a peece to the beadle, I would ra-Haue his office, then a Constables.

So would I Captaine Moll: 'twere a sweete tick-*Iack. Dap.* ling office i'faith. Exeunt.

Enter Sir Alexander Wengraue, Goshawke and Greenewit, and others.

Alex. My sonne marry a theefe, that impudent girle,

Whom all the world sticke their worst eyes vpon?

Greene. How will your care preuent it?

'Tis impossible. Gosh.

They marry close, thei'r gone, but none knowes whether.

Alex. Oh Gentlemen, when ha's a fathers heart-strings

Enter a seruant.

Held out so long from breaking: now what newes sir?

They were met vppo'th water an houre since, sir, Seruant. Putting in towards the Sluce.

The Sluce? come Gentlemen, Alex.

'Tis

sig: L3r The Roaring Girle. wln 2802 'Tis *Lambith* workes against vs. wln 2803 And that *Lambith*, ioynes more mad matches, then wln 2804 your sixe wet townes, twixt that and Windsor-bridge, where wln 2805 fares lye soaking. wln 2806 Delay no time sweete Gentlemen: to Blacke Fryars, Alex. wln 2807 Wee'l take a paire of Oares and make after 'em. wln 2808 Enter Trapdore. wln 2809 Your sonne, and that bold masculine rampe Trap. wln 2810 My mistresse, are landed now at Tower. wln 2811 Alex. Hoyda, at Tower? wln 2812 Trap. I heard it now reported. wln 2813 Alex. Which way Gentlemen shall I bestow my care? wln 2814 I'me drawne in peeces betwixt deceipt and shame. wln 2815 Enter sir Fitz-Allard. wln 2816 Fitz-Alla. Sir Alexander. wln 2817 You'r well met, and most rightly serued, wln 2818 My daughter was a scorne to you. wln 2819 Alex. Say not so <u>fir</u>. wln 2820 A very abject, shee poore Gentlewoman, wln 2821 Your house had bene dishonoured. Give you joy sir, wln 2822 Of your sons Gaskoyne-Bride, you'l be a Grandfather shortly wln 2823 To a fine crew of roaring sonnes and daughters, wln 2824 'Twill helpe to stocke the suburbes passing well sir. wln 2825 O play not with the miseries of my heart, wln 2826 Wounds should be drest and heal'd, not vext, or left wln 2827 Wide open, to the anguish of the patient, wln 2828 And scornefull aire let in: rather let pitty wln 2829 And aduise charitably helpe to refresh 'em. wln 2830 Who'd place his charity so vnworthily. Fitz-All. wln 2831 Like one that gives almes to a cursing beggar, wln 2832 Had I but found one sparke of goodnesse in you wln 2833 Toward my deseruing child, which then grew fond wln 2834 Of your sonnes vertues, I had eased you now. wln 2835 But I perceive both fire of youth and goodnesse, wln 2836 Are rak'd vp in the ashes of your age, wln 2837 Else no such shame should have come neere your house, wln 2838 Nor such ignoble sorrowe touch your heart,

img: 42-b

L3 Alex.

img: 43-a sig: L3v

The Roaring Girle.

wln 2839 If not for worth, for pitties sake assist mee. Alex. wln 2840 You vrge a thing past sense, how can he helpe you? wln 2841 All his assistance is as fraile as ours, wln 2842 Full as vncertaine, where's the place that holds 'em? wln 2843 One brings vs water-newes; then comes an other wln 2844 With a full charg'd mouth, like a culuerins voyce, wln 2845 And he reports the Tower; whose sounds are truest? wln 2846 In vaine you flatter him sir *Alexander*. Gosh. wln 2847 Fitz-All. I flatter him, Gentlemen you wrong mee grosly. wln 2848 Hee doe's it well i'faith. Greene. wln 2849 Fitz-All. Both newes are false. wln 2850 Of Tower or water: they tooke no such way yet. wln 2851 Oh strange: heare you this Gentlemen, yet more Alex. wln 2852 Fiz-Alla. Th'are neerer then you thinke for yet more close, wln 2853 then if they were further off. wln 2854 How am I lost in these distractions? Alex. wln 2855 Fitz-Alla. For your speeches Gentlemen, wln 2856 In taxing me for rashnesse; fore you all, wln 2857 I will engage my state to halfe his wealth, wln 2858 Nay to his sonnes reuenewes, which are lesse, wln 2859 And yet nothing at all, till they come from him; wln 2860 That I could (if my will stucke to my power), Preuent this mariage yet, nay banish her wln 2861 wln 2862 For euer from his thoughts, much more his armes. wln 2863 Slacke not this goodnesse, though you heap vpon me wln 2864 Mountaines of malice and reuenge hereafter: wln 2865 I'de willingly resigne vp halfe my state to him, wln 2866 So he would marry the meanest drudge I hire. Hee talkes impossibilites, and you beleeue 'em. wln 2867 Greene. wln 2868 I talke no more, then I know how to finish, Fitz-Alla. wln 2869 My fortunes else are his that dares stake with me, wln 2870 The poore young Gentleman I loue and pitty: wln 2871 And to keepe shame from him, (because the spring wln 2872 Of his affection was my daughters first, wln 2873 Till his frowne blasted all.) do but estate him wln 2874 In those possessions, which your loue and care wln 2875 Once pointed out for him, that he may have roome,

To

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sig: L4r The Roaring Girle. wln 2876 To entertaine fortunes of noble birth, wln 2877 Where now his desperate wants casts him vpon her: wln 2878 And if I do not for his owne sake chiefly, wln 2879 Rid him of this disease, that now growes on him, wln 2880 I'le forfeit my whole state, before these Gentlemen. wln 2881 Troth but you shall not vndertake such matches, wln 2882 Wee'l perswade so much with you. wln 2883 Heere's my ring, wln 2884 He will beleeue this token: fore these Gentlemen, wln 2885 I will confirme it fully: all those lands, wln 2886 My first loue lotted him, he shall straight possesse wln 2887 In that refusall. wln 2888 Fitz-All. If I change it not, change mee into a beggar. wln 2889 Are you mad sir? Green. wln 2890 Fitz-All. 'Tis done. wln 2891 Gosh. Will you vndoe your selfe by doing, wln 2892 And shewe a prodigall tricke in your old daies? wln 2893 'Tis a match Gentlemen. Alex. wln 2894 Fitz-All. I. I. sir I. wln 2895 I akse no fauour; trust to you for none, wln 2896 My hope rests in the goodnesse of your son. Exit Fitz-Allard. wln 2897 Hee holds it vp well yet. Greene. wln 2898 Gosh. Of an old knight i'faith. wln 2899 Curst be the time, I laid his first loue barren, Alex. wln 2900 Wilfully barren, that before this houre wln 2901 Had sprung forth friutes, of comfort and of honour; wln 2902 He lou'd a vertuous Gentlewoman. Enter Moll. wln 2903 Life. heere's Mol. Gosh. wln 2904 Green. *Iack* wln 2905 Gosh. How dost thou *lacke*? wln 2906 Mol.How dost thou Gallant? wln 2907 Alex. Impudence, where's my sonne? wln 2908 Weakensse, go looke him. Moll.wln 2909 Is this your wedding gowne? Alex. wln 2910 The man talkes monthly: Mol.

Hot broth and a darke chamber for the knight,

I see hee'l be starke mad at our next meeting.

Gosh.

Why sir, take comfort now, there's no such matter,

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wln 2911

wln 2912

wln 2913

No

Exit Moll

sig: L4v The Roaring Girle. wln 2914 No Priest will marry her, sir, for a woman, wln 2915 Whiles that shape's on, and it was neuer knowne, wln 2916 Two men were married and conjoyn'd in one: wln 2917 Your sonne hath made some shift to loue another. wln 2918 What ere' she be, she has my blessing with her, Alex. wln 2919 May they be rich, and fruitfull, and receive wln 2920 Like comfort to their issue, as I take in them, wln 2921 Ha's pleas'd me now, marrying not this, wln 2922 Through a whole world he could not chuse amisse. wln 2923 Glad y'are so penitent, for your former sinne sir. Green. wln 2924 Say he should take a wench with her smocke-dowry, Gosh. wln 2925 No portion with her, but her lips and armes? wln 2926 Why? who thriue better sir? they have most blessing, wln 2927 Though other haue more wealth, and least repent. wln 2928 Many that want most, know the most content. wln 2929 Say he should marry a kind youthfull sinner. Greene. wln 2930 Age will quench that, any offence but theft and drun-Alex. wln 2931 Nothing but death can wipe away. wln 2932 There sinnes are greene, euen when there heads are gray, wln 2933 Nay I dispaire not now, my heart's cheer'd Gentlemen, wln 2934 No face can come vnfortunately to me, wln 2935 Now sir, your newes? wln 2936 Seruant. Your sonne with his faire Bride is neere at hand, wln 2937 Alex. Faire may their fortunes be. wln 2938 Green. Now you'r resolu'd sir, it was neuer she, wln 2939 Alex. I finde it in the musicke of my heart, wln 2940 Enter Mol maskt, in Sebastians hand, and Fitz-Allard. wln 2941 See where they come. wln 2942 Gosh. A proper lusty presence sir. wln 2943 Alex. wln 2944 To choose a goodly personable creature, wln 2945 Iust of her pitch was my first wife his mother. wln 2946 Seb. wln 2947

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wln 2948

(kennesse, Enter a seruant.

Now has he pleas'd me right, I alwaies counseld him

Before I dare discouer my offence, I kneele for pardon.

My heart gaue it thee, before thy tongue could aske it,

Rise, thou hast rais'd my ioy to greater height.

Then

sig: M1r	The Roaring Girle.
wln 2949	Then to that seat where griefe dejected it,
wln 2950	Both welcome to my loue, and care for euer,
wln 2951	Hide not my happinesse too long, al's pardoned,
wln 2952	Here are our friends, salute her, Gentlemen. They vnmaske her.
wln 2953	Omnes. Heart, who this Mol?
wln 2954	Alex. O my reuiuing shame, is't I must liue,
wln 2955	To be strucke blind, be it the worke of sorrow,
wln 2956	Before age take't in hand.
wln 2957	Fitz-All. Darkenesse and death.
wln 2958	Haue you deceau'd mee thus? did I engage
wln 2959	My whole estate for this.
wln 2960	Alex. You askt no fauour,
wln 2961	And you shall finde as little, since my comforts,
wln 2962	Play false with me, I'le be as cruell to thee
wln 2963	As griefe to fathers hearts.
wln 2964	<i>Mol.</i> Why what's the matter with you?
wln 2965	Lesse too much ioy, should make your age forgetfull,
wln 2966	Are you too well, too happy?
wln 2967	Alex. With a vengeance.
wln 2968	<i>Mol.</i> Me thinkes you should be proud of such a daughter,
wln 2969	As good a man, as your sonne.
wln 2970	Alex. O monstrous impudence.
wln 2971	<i>Mol.</i> You had no note before, an vnmarkt Kinght ,
wln 2972	Now all the towne will take regard on you,
wln 2973	And all your enemies feare you for my sake,
wln 2974	You may passe where you list, through crowdes most thicke,
wln 2975	And come of brauely with your pursse vnpickt,
wln 2976	You do not know the benefits I bring with mee,
wln 2977	No cheate dares worke vpon you, with thumbe or knife,
wln 2978	While y'aue a roaring girle to your sonnes wife.
wln 2979	Alex. A diuell rampant.
wln 2980	Fitz-Alla. Haue you so much charity?
wln 2981	Yet to release mee of my last rash bargaine,
wln 2982	And I'le giue in your pledge.
wln 2983	Alex. No sir, I stand to't, I'le worke vpon aduantage,
wln 2984	As all mischiefes do vpon mee.
wln 2985	Aitz-All. Content, beare witnesse all then
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wln 3020

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The Roaring Girle.

His are the lands, and so contention ends. Here comes your sonnes Bride, twixt two noble friends.

Enter the Lord Noland, and Sir Bewtious Ganymed, with Mary Fitz-Allard betweene them, the Cittizens and their wives with them.

Mol. Now are you gull'd as you would be, thanke me for't, I'de a fore-finger in't.

Seb. Forgiue mee father,

Though there before your eyes my sorrow fain'd,

This still was shee, for whom true loue complain'd.

Alex. Blessings eternall, and the ioyes of Angels, Beginne your peace heere, to be sign'd in heauen,

How short my sleepe of sorrow seemes now to me,

To this eternity of boundlesse comforts,

That finds no want but vtterance, and expression.

My Lord your office heere appeares so honourably:

So full of ancient goodnesse, grace, and worthinesse,

I neuer tooke more ioy in sight of man,

Then in your comfortable presence now.

L. Nol. Nor I more delight in doing grace to vertue,

Then in this worthy Gentlewoman, your sonnes Bride,

Noble Fitz-Alards daughter, to whose honour

And modest fame, I am a seruant vow'd,

So is this Knight.

Alex. Your loues make my joyes proud,

Bring foorth those deeds of land, my care layd ready,

And which, old knight, thy noblenesse may challenge,

Ioyn'd with thy daughters vertues, whom I prise now,

As deerely as that flesh, I call myne owne.

Forgiue me worthy Gentlewoman, 'twas my blindnesse

When I rejected thee, I saw thee not,

Sorrow and wilfull rashnesse grew like filmes

Ouer the eyes of iudgement, now so cleere

I see the brightnesse of thy worth appeare.

Mary. Duty and loue may I deserue in those,

And

sig: M2r The Roaring Girle. wln 3021 And all my wishes have a perfect close. wln 3022 That tongue can neuer erre, the sound's so sweete, wln 3023 Here honest sonne, receiue into thy hands, wln 3024 The keyes of wealth, possession of those lands, wln 3025 Which my first care prouided, thei'r thine owne, wln 3026 Heauen give thee a blessing with 'em, the best ioyes, wln 3027 That can in worldly shapes to man betide, wln 3028 Are fertill lands, and a faire fruitfull Bride, wln 3029 Of which I hope thou'rt sped. wln 3030 Seb. I hope so too sir. wln 3031 Father and sonne, I ha' done you simple seruice here, Mol.wln 3032 Seb. For which thou shalt not part *Moll* vnrequited. wln 3033 Alex. Thou art a madd girle, and yet I cannot now conwln 3034 demne thee. wln 3035 Condemne mee? troth and you should sir, Mol.wln 3036 I'de make you seeke out one to hang in my roome, wln 3037 I'de giue you the slip at Gallowes, and cozen the people. wln 3038 Heard you this iest my Lord? wln 3039 L. Nol. What is it *lacke?* wln 3040 *Mol.* He was in feare his sonne would marry mee, wln 3041 But neuer dreamt that I would nere agree. wln 3042 Why? thou had'st a suiter once *lacke*, when wilt marry? L. Nol. wln 3043 Who I my Lord, I'le tell you when ifaith, Mol.wln 3044 When you shall heare, wln 3045 Gallants voyd from Serieants feare, wln 3046 Honesty and truth vnslandred, wln 3047 Woman man'd, but neuer pandred, wln 3048 Cheates booted, but not coacht, wln 3049 Vessels older e're they'r broacht. wln 3050 If my minde be then not varied, wln 3051 Next day following, I'le be married. wln 3052 L. Nol. This sounds like domes-day, wln 3053 Moll. Then were marriage best, wln 3054 For if I should repent, I were soone at rest. wln 3055 Introth tho'art a good wench, I'me sorry now, wln 3056 The opinion was so hard, I conceiu'd of thee.

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The Roaring Girle.

wln 3057 wln 3058 wln 3059 wln 3060 wln 3061 wln 3062 wln 3063 wln 3064 wln 3065 wln 3066 wln 3067 wln 3068 wln 3069 wln 3070 wln 3071 wln 3072 wln 3073 wln 3074 wln 3075 wln 3076 wln 3077 wln 3078 wln 3079 wln 3080 wln 3081 wln 3082 wln 3083 wln 3084 wln 3085 wln 3086 wln 3087 wln 3088 wln 3089 wln 3090 wln 3091 wln 3092

wln 3093

Some wrongs I'ue done thee.

Enter Trapdore.

Trap. Is the winde there now?

'Tis time for mee to kneele and confesse first,

For feare it come too late, and my braines feele <u>lt</u>,

Vpon my pawes, I aske you pardon mistresse.

Mol. Pardon? for what sir? what ha's your rogueship done now?

Trap. I have bene from time to time hir'd to confound you, by this old Gentleman.

Mol. How?

Trap. Pray forgiue him,

But may I connsell you, you should neuer doo't.

Many a snare to entrapp your Worships life,

Haue I laid privily, chaines, watches, Iewels,

And when hee saw nothing could mount you vp,

Foure hollow-hearted Angels he then gaue you,

By which he meant to trap you, I to saue you.

Alex. To all which, shame and griefe in me cry guilty,

Forgiue mee now, I cast the worlds eyes from mee,

And looke vpon thee freely with mine owne:

I see the most of many wrongs before hee,

Cast from the iawes of enuy and her people,

And nothing foule but that, Il'e neuer more

Condemne by common voyce, for that's the whore,

That deceiues mans opinion; mockes his trust,

Cozens his loue, and makes his heart vniust.

Mol. Here be the Angels Gentlemen, they were given me

As a Musitian, I pursue no pitty,

Follow the law, and you can cucke mee, spare not

Hang vp my vyall by me, and I care not.

Alex. So farre I'me sorry, I'le thrice double 'em

To make thy wrongs amends,

Come worthy friends my honourable Lord,

Sir Bewteous Ganymed, and Noble Fitz-Allard,

And you kind Gentlewoman, whose sparkling presence,

Are glories set in mariage, beames of society,

For all your loues give luster to my ioyes,

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The Roaring Girle.

wln 3095 wln 3096 wln 3097 wln 3098

wln 3094

The happinesse of this day shall be remembred, At the returne of euery smiling spring: In my time now 'tis borne, and may no sadnesse Sit on the browes of men vpon that day, But as I am, so all goe pleas'd away.

wln 3099

Epilogus,

wln 3100 wln 3101 wln 3102 wln 3103 wln 3104 wln 3105 wln 3106 wln 3107 wln 3108 wln 3109 wln 3110 wln 3111 wln 3112 wln 3113 wln 3114 wln 3115 wln 3116 wln 3117

wln 3118

wln 3119

wln 3120

A Painter hauing drawne with curious Art The picture of a woman (euery part, Limb'd to the life) hung out the peece to sell: People (who pass'd along) veiwing it well, Gaue seuerall verdicts on it. some dispraised The haire, some sayd the browes too high were raised, Some hit her o're the lippes, mislik'd their colour, Some wisht her nose were shorter; some, the eyes fuller, Others sayd roses on her cheekes should grow, Swearing they lookt too pale, others cry'd no, The workeman still as fault was found, did mend it, In hope to please all; (but this worke being ended) And hung open at stall, it was so vile, So monstrous and so vgly all men did smile At the poore Painters folly. Such wee doubt Is this our Comedy, Some perhaps do floute The plot, saying; 'tis too thinne, too weake, too meane, Some for the person will reuile the Scoene. And wonder, that a creature of her being Should bee the subject of a Poet, seeing In the worlds eie, none weighes so light: others looke M3

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sig: M3v	Epilogus.
wln 3121	For all those base trickes publish'd in a booke,
wln 3122	(Foule as his braines they flow'd from) of Cut-purse,
wln 3123	Of Nips and Foysts, nastie, obscœne discourses,
wln 3124	As full of lies, as emptie of worth or wit,
wln 3125	For any honest eare, or eye vnfit. And thus,
wln 3126	If we to euery braine (that's humerous)
wln 3127	Should fashion Sceanes, we (with the Painter) shall
wln 3128	In striuing to please all, please none at all.
wln 3129	Yet for such faults, as either the writers wit,
wln 3130	Or negligence of the Actors do commit,
wln 3131	Both craue your pardons: if what both haue done,
wln 3132	Cannot full pay your expectation,
wln 3133	The <i>Roring Girle</i> her selfe some few dayes hence,
wln 3134	Shall on this Stage, giue larger recompence. (you,
wln 3135	Which Mirth that you may share in, her selfe does woe
wln 3136	And craues this signe, your hands to becken her to you.
wln 3137	FINIS.

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Textual Notes

- 1. <u>7 (1-b)</u>: The caption is printed along the left vertical edge of the woodcut image.
- 2. <u>33 (4-a)</u>: The regularized reading *Wengrave* is amended from the original *Wentgraue*.
- 3. <u>33 (4-a)</u>: The regularized reading *Neatfoot* is amended from the original *Neats-foot*.
- 4. <u>38 (4-a)</u>: The regularized reading *Wengrave* is amended from the original *Wentgraue*.
- 5. **82 (5-a)**: The regularized reading *died* comes from the original *dyed*, though possible variants include *dined*.
- 6. **207 (6-b)**: The regularized reading *seems* is amended from the original *seeemes*.
- 7. **208 (6-b)**: The regularized reading *filled* is amended from the original *fiil'd*.
- 8. <u>693 (13-a)</u>: The regularized reading *Dapper* is amended from the original *Dappper*.
- 9. **836 (15-a)**: The regularized reading *Moll* is amended from the original *Mols*.
- 10. **1101 (18-b)**: The regularized reading *sir* is amended from the original *fir*.
- 11. <u>1107 (19-a)</u>: The regularized reading *you* is amended from the original *your*.
- 12. <u>1312 (21-b)</u>: The regularized reading *what* is amended from the original *whats*.
- 13. <u>1329 (22-a)</u>: The regularized reading *sting* is amended from the original *sing*.
- 14. <u>1370 (22-b)</u>: The regularized reading *like* is supplied for the original $l[\cdots]$.
- 15. <u>1545 (25-a)</u>: The regularized reading *precontract* is amended from the original *precontact*.
- 16. <u>1558 (25-a)</u>: The regularized reading *fright* is amended from the original *frighr*.
- 17. <u>1564 (25-a)</u>: The regularized reading *line* comes from the original *line*, though possible variants include *lain*.
- 18. <u>1585 (25-b)</u>: Erroneous stage direction: Mistress Gallipot must leave only after her next speech.
- 19. **1641 (26-a)**: The regularized reading *Adam* is supplied for the original Ad[*]m.
- 20. <u>1652 (26-b)</u>: The regularized reading *son* is amended from the original *sonnne*.
- 21. <u>1728 (27-b)</u>: The regularized reading *for* is amended from the original *fot*.
- 22. 2198 (34-a): Erroneous speech prefix. Suggest Mistress Gallipot.
- 23. <u>2267 (35-a)</u>: The regularized reading *him* is amended from the original *hiw*.
- 24. <u>1833 (29-a)</u>: The regularized reading *Unhappy* is amended from the original *Vnahppy*.
- 25. <u>2505 (38-a)</u>: The regularized reading *would* is supplied for the original *wo[*]ld*.
- 26. <u>2600 (39-b)</u>: The regularized reading *bouse* is amended from the original *baufe*.
- 27. <u>2651 (40-a)</u>: The regularized reading *lay* comes from the original *lay*, though possible variants include *lap*.
- 28. <u>2652 (40-a)</u>: The regularized reading *vile* comes from the original *vile*, though possible variants include *vill*.
- 29. <u>2729 (41-a)</u>: The regularized reading *trust* is amended from the original *rrust*.

- 30. **2908 (43-b)**: The regularized reading *Weakness* is amended from the original *Weakensse*.
- 31. **2971 (44-b)**: The regularized reading *Knight* is amended from the original *Kinght*.
- 32. **2819 (42-b)**: The regularized reading *sir* is amended from the original *fir*.
- 33. 3060 (46-a): The regularized reading it is amended from the original lt.