
EXHORTING ALL. A Publick Notice. The Faire Stewards would have it known that anie planning to leave the environs of Canterbury Faire within the space of this daie and the next are enjoined to ensure that their area is left in such cleanliness as best behooves it. And further, if any have time while awaiting carriage or suchlike, to lend assistance to others, most notably the aforesaid Stewards, such would be most appreciate.

CLASSICISTS SOUGHT. A Publick Notice. Those with a good Classical education should attend upon the Tournament to be held this afternoon as certain combatants lacking in such Intelligence maie require help in finding waies to despatch the heathene Gods and Monsters which are to feature at said passage.

CORONERS INQUISITION. A Publick Notice. Of the post-mortem taken of Roger Ludforde, yeoman, with verdict that Nicholas Martyn & Richard Turvey, both late of Southe-mymys, yomen, were between 3 and 4 P.M. playing with other persons at foote-ball in Evanses Field, when the said Roger Ludford and a certain Simon Maltus, yomen, came to the ground, and Ludford cried out, "Cast hym over the hedge," indicating that he meant Nicholas Martyn, who replied, "Come thou and do yt." That thereupon Ludforde ran towards the ball with the intention to kick it, whereupon Martyn with the fore-part of his right arm and Turvey with the fore-part of his left arm struck Ludforde on the fore-part of the body under the breast, giving him a mortal blow and concussion of which he died straight awaie, and that Nicholas and Richard in this manner feloniously slew the said Roger.

[Editor: We warned you!]

A PUBLICK NOTICE. Being daily prest to the publication of Books, Medicines, and other things not properly the business of a paper of Intelligence, this is to notifie once and for all, that we will not charge the *Coranto* full with Advertisements, unless they be matters of Import, unlike other Publications which subsist on the ill-gotten gains to be made from hucsters and hawkers of improbable goods and vile services.

CORANTOE

COMPRISING

Wherein shew the manifold abuses of this wicked world, the intolerable pride of people, the wantonnesse of women, the dissumulatoin of flatterers, the subtilty orf deceivers, the beastiliness of Drunkards, the filthinesses of Whoredom, the vnthriftines of Gamesters, the cruelty of Landlords, with a number of other inconueniences.

Sat. Februar. 4.

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A hard-won discourse of these fewe days hence.

To see such Newes euerie weeke besmeare
Each publick post, and Church dore, and to heare
These shamefull lies, would make a man in spite
Of Nature, turne Satyrist, and write
Revenging lines, against these shameleese men
Who thus torment both Paper, Presse and Pen.

Loue not a Tale of Robin Hood and his bow,
Beat not thy braines about the reading of a Riddle,
Listen to no Ballads of the Fox and the crow,
Nor giue credit to newes till they be halfe a yeare old.

While men with maides in wanton daunce unseemly
oft do turn,
Their harts blind Cupid oft doth cause with
Venus games to burn.

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LAMELESS READER, You should know that I haue collected these examples, not from straunge languages or from forrain nations which might breed some ambiguitie or doubt as touching the trueth, but I haue taken them out of our owne natiue Cuntry (not without sorrow that such hainous sins & enormities should be so rife amongst vs). And nowe I must needs bring you this news uppon my own.

To declare of her Majestie's inconstancie towardis the King and how suddanele she altered her affectioun after the Crowns were playced uppon Their heads, is to risk retribution from those about her. For the King, hearing of her sudden departing, is soon to follow but I feare is likelie to be received neither in good countenance nor haue hearty entertainment of her. For I must report that the King has been not onely neglected but also not honorably used. It is not necessarie to put in writing those things that have ocured, as they were than as a spectacle noted of all mens eyes, so now as a fresh image thay remane imprinted in all mens hartes. And though this maie be the beginning of troubills to come, these practices have been secret so far, sa as not onely the commoun pepill, but alsas ic as were right familiar and present at the doing of many matters could not understand throughly what things are amiss. But now even Her crownies tip the nod for manie saw the revealing woodcut of yesterdaie's *Good News* whych shewed Her Maiesty departing privly with Annother, unremarked by Her Sovreign Lord as he greeted his Cousins of Caid.

Small wonder for that at Court you will finde what naughtines so euer in any place is found in cruel beasts, al this seemeth to be assembled in the route of courtiers : to Wite, the cunning of the Foxe, the mutabilitie of the Chameleon, the biting of the Dogge, the despeiratnesse of the Elephant, the reuengement of the Camel, the fearefulnes of the Hare, the laciuousnes of the Goate, the vndeannes of the Sowe, the Simplicitie of the Sheepe, the follie of the Asse, the scoffing of the Ape, the inconstancie of the Lionesse.



Yester evening a Great Balle was held in these environs with much in the way of mixt dancing, and prancing at the tassle with the flaunting of flesh of young and old, and brawling and other such behaviours as was heretofore deemed unseemlie. For it hath been sayed that if you would have your son soft, womanish, unclean, smooth-mouthed, affected to bawdry, scurrility, and filthy rimes; if you would have him trans muted into a woman or worse, and inclined to all kinds of abomination, set him to learn Musick and Dauncing. Music being vsed in publique assemblies and privvy conventicles, as directories to filthie dauncing, through the sweet harmonie & smoothe melodie thereof, it estraungeth the mind, stirreth up filthie lust, wommanisheth the minde, rauisheth the hart, enflameth concuspience and bringeth in undeeannes. For what dipping, what culling, what kissing and bussing, what smooching and slabbering one of another, what filthie groping and unclean handling is not practised in those dancings? In a towne in Germaniye, certaine light persons dauncing in the Churchyearde of S. Magnus, beeing by the minister admonished to cease, and not ceasing, did for a long time runne rounde about, and at last fell all downe dead.

Dancing is among the number of vaine pastimes, and the allurements to vndeannesse, as much experience hath too wel proued. The inticers to lust are pipinges and dancings. They are snares and offences not onely to the actors, but also to ye beholders. It is the practise of the deuil to occupy men withall, & as an ancient exercise of the wicked, that they should daunce. For there is always such vnchaste behaiour in dauncing, that of it selfe, and as they abuse it, (to speake the trueth in the worde) it is nothing else, but an inticement to whoredome. And alle the more so when it encourages men and women to abandon seemlie garb for that of the other sex and practice such vices as they maie upon unsuspecting innocents who thought that they had laid chaste handes upon a true woman matched at last in height to their owne, onlie to find that a suspect Duke was held within their grasp dressed in maiden's clothese and sporting virginal braids, to the grate torment and shame of their erstwhile partners for that those who knew of the counterfete assumed that a libidinous acte was set to ensue when such was most certainly eschewed.

Further, dancing is used as an excuse for excessiue attention to ungodlie and unchaste clothing. For an English-mans suite is like a traitors bodie that hath beene hanged, drawne, and quartered, and is set vp in seuerall places : his Codpeece is in Denmarke, the collar of his Dublet, and the belly in France : the wing and narrowe sleeue in Italy ; the short waste hangs ouer a Dutch Botchers stall in Vtrich : his huge sloppes speakes Spanish : Polonia giues him the Boates : the blocke for his heade alters faster than the Feltmaker can fitte him, and thereupon they are to be called in scorne Blockheades. And thus they mocke euerie Nation, for keeping one fashion, yet steale patches from euerie one of them.



I fear that this must be the last workke to come from my penne. The noble science of printing is iudeede one of the chieftest blessings given to the sons of men. But it is oft misvsed to broach rancor, hatred, malice, emulacion, envie and the lik ; to make bloudshed and murther, to rayse up mutenies, insurrections, commotions and rebellions ; and therefore I would wish both the newsbookes and the authors of them to be utterly suppressed for ever, the one by fire, and the other by the gallowes. But what should I say? I cannot but lament the corruption of our time, for (alas) now adayes it is growen to be a hard matter to get a good newsbooke licensed without staying a quarter of a yeare for it ; yea, sometimes two or three yeares before he can have it allowed, and in the end mayhap rejected too ; so that that which many a good man hath studied sore for, and traveyled long in shall be buried in silence, and smothered up in forgetfulness, and never see the light ; whilst in the meane tyme other bookes, full of all filthines, scurrilitie, bawdry, dissolutenes, cosonage, conycatching and the lyke are either quickly licensed, or at least easily tollerate, without all denyall or contradiction whatsoever.

The generall newes is, no body knowes what to make of this World, and that all think there is a better, but its ten to one they do not hit on't, that future ages are more subject to alteration than the present, that the Rumors of warres makes all believe Doomesday is at hand, and hath caused more tales in every mans mouth than truth.