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COMPOSED

(According to the modern Mode of Composition)

ON

A Variety of Subjects, both Ancient and Modern;

And, for the Reader's farther Entertainment,

Part in Prose,

Part Contemplative;

Part in Verse;

Part Serious,

Part Narrative,

Part Comick;

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and Well-wisher to the MATHEMATICKS.

Let all ranks of Readers now buy ROBIN's treat,
Which as full is of wit as an egg is of meat,
A perpetual feast, that by trios and dozens,
Wife maxims pours forth, to instruct all your courts;
That prating at random is no sign of wit,
And that fools oft thought wise are, when silent they sit;
But as this seldom happens, it therefore is said,
That a still pair of chops make a wife logger-head.



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THE Creation of the World	Years since	5906
The General Deluge, or <i>Noah's Flood</i>	-	4153
The Birth of <i>Abraham</i>	-	3807
The Foundation of <i>Solomon's Temple</i>	-	2811
The Babylonish Captivity	-	2508
The Birth of our Blessed Lord and Saviour <i>Jesus Christ</i>	-	1802
His Passion and glorious Resurrection	-	1768
The beginning of the Ten Persecutions, by <i>Nero</i>	-	1730
The Tower of <i>LONDON</i> built	-	1231
<i>Cambridge</i> made an University	-	1157
<i>Oxford</i> made an University	-	931
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<i>New England</i> planted	-	172
King <i>Charles I.</i> beheaded	-	154
King <i>Charles II.</i> restored	-	142
Another Plague in <i>London</i> , whereof, &c. died nearly 100,000	-	137
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A great Comet appeared in <i>December</i> and <i>January</i>	-	121
The great 13 Weeks Frost	-	118
King <i>William III.</i> and Queen <i>Mary</i> crowned <i>April 11</i>	-	113
<i>England</i> and <i>Scotland</i> united	-	97
<i>St. Paul's</i> in <i>London</i> finished	-	95
Queen <i>Anne</i> died <i>August 1</i> ; and King <i>George I.</i> began	-	88
<i>Preston</i> Rebellion	-	87
King <i>George I.</i> died <i>June 11</i> ; and King <i>George II.</i> procl. 16 <i>June</i>	-	75
A splendid Comet, seen from <i>Dec. 23</i> to <i>Feb. 20</i>	-	59
A Rebellion, when the Rebels came so far as <i>Derby</i>	-	57
The Date and Calendar altered	-	50
The Militia Act passed	-	44
King <i>George II.</i> died <i>Oct. 25</i> ; and King <i>George III.</i> began	-	42
King <i>George III.</i> and Queen <i>Charlotte</i> crowned <i>Sept. 22</i>	-	41
Peace with <i>France</i> and <i>Spain</i>	-	38
The <i>Swedes</i> forced to resign their Liberties to the King	-	30
War commenced against <i>North America</i>	-	27
The <i>Americans</i> declare themselves Independent States	-	26
The <i>French</i> signed the first Treaty with the <i>American States</i>	-	24
War against <i>France</i> commenced	-	24
War began against <i>Spain</i>	-	23
War against <i>Holland</i> commenced	-	22
A general Peace	-	19
<i>France</i> became a Republic	-	21
The last general Peace	-	1

SINCE.

PREFACE.

I Have sometimes taken it into my head to write a long preface to this little book, but this year find it inconvenient and unnecessary, because I have filled it with something else: and have, for ten years and upwards, without regard to the stile of my predecessors, taken the resolution to endeavour to stuff my book as full of good sense, as an egg's full of meat. This brings to my recollection the singular sensible ode I have heard in days of yore;

When Bibb thought fit, from the world to retreat,
As full of champagne as an egg's full of meat;
He wak'd in the boat, and to Charon he said,
He would be row'd back, for he was not yet dead.
Trim the boat and sit quiet, stern Charon reply'd,
You may have forgot, you were drunk when you dy'd.

My readers will cry out, bravo, Robin! What, this foolish drunken song is given as a specimen of your returning regard to sober sense, to fill your book as full of sense as an egg is of meat. But hold, I say, can it be supposed that these lines would have stood the test of ages, or arrived at that high degree of celebrity and honour that they have, to be vociferated from the red-hot lungs of the choice spirits, at all the drunken clubs in the united kingdom? Could this have happened, if they had not been universally allowed to be superlatively beautiful? Surely then none can better deserve a place in this superlative performance, which has also stood the test of ages. How many unsuccessful imitators has it had, as you all know, vain, and in vain emulating Poor Robin's Almanack, which is like the sun-shine illuminating the darkness of the world, dispelling the mists of ignorance and error, warming the heart, and charming the eyes of all beholders. Where shall its fellow for all this be found? Like the wisdom it attempts to teach, it is inestimable. Yet for all this it cannot make fools wise, for none are so deaf as those that will not hear, and to strive to sow edification among such is like preaching to the wind. The truth of this every day among us, if possible, makes it more apparent. Here are different orders of men among us, who make it their business, nay, whose livelihood it is to teach others, yet will not those others hear them; they proclaim undeniable truths around, yet will not others believe them; things of the most momentous concernment they offer and promise, yet will not others trust them. What then are those others but fools? A race of mortals whose progeny is never, while the world lasts, likely to fail. Abounding in every rank and station, in every nation ungovernable, yet pretending to govern others, though most unable to govern themselves. From this most numerous fraternity the fools, I wish my kind readers to declare quite off. To do this, or give this good advice, I am in duty bound. And though some may unwittingly belong to this numerous clan, I mean to strive to alter them, if possible. And because christianity might fright fools, I have, in the second part of this my delectable performance, given them, in a new versified dress, Heathen Philosophy, as summed up in the very edifying *Tablet of CEBUS*, which stood the test, and has escaped the wreck, of so many ages and nations.

POOR ROBIN.

*A correct TABLE of the MOON'S SOUTHING, calculated
one who has any thing to do with*

M D	Jan. H. M.	Feb. H. M.	March. H. M.	April. H. M.	May. H. M.	June. H. M.
1	6A.39	7A.59	6A.52	8A.21	8A.31	9A.8
2	7 29	8 55	7 48	9 5	9 10	9 53
3	8 22	9 50	8 40	9 46	9 50	10 42
4	9 17	10 42	9 29	10 26	10 30	11 34
5	10 13	11 30	10 15	11 5	11 13	Morn.
6	11 9	Morn.	10 58	11 45	11 59	29
7	Morn.	15	11 39	Morn.	Morn.	1 26
8	4	57	Morn.	27	49	2 23
9	55	1 37	18	1 11	1 42	3 18
10	1 42	2 16	58	1 58	2 38	4 10
11	2 25	2 55	1 38	2 48	3 34	5 0
12	3 6	3 35	2 20	3 42	4 30	5 48
13	3 45	4 18	3 5	4 38	5 24	6 35
14	4 24	5 3	3 53	5 34	6 15	7 24
15	5 3	5 53	4 44	6 30	7 5	8 15
16	5 44	6 48	5 39	7 25	7 54	9 9
17	6 28	7 46	6 37	8 17	8 43	10 7
18	7 18	8 45	7 35	9 9	9 34	11 6
19	8 9	9 45	8 32	9 59	10 28	Aft. 8
20	9 6	10 44	9 28	10 51	11 25	1 6
21	10 7	11 39	10 22	11 45	Aft. 26	2 1
22	11 8	Aft. 33	11 15	Aft. 42	1 27	2 51
23	Aft. 8	1 24	Aft. 7	1 41	2 28	3 36
24	1 5	2 16	1 0	2 42	3 24	4 18
25	1 57	3 8	1 55	3 43	4 16	4 58
26	2 47	4 2	2 52	4 41	5 4	5 37
27	3 37	4 58	3 51	5 34	5 47	6 17
28	4 26	5 55	4 51	6 23	6 28	6 58
29	5 16		5 48	7 9	7 7	7 41
30	6 9		6 43	7 51	7 46	8 27
31	7 3		7 34		8 26	

for the YEAR of our LORD 1803, highly necessary for every
her, either by Land or Water.

M	July.		Aug.		Sept.		Octob.		Nov.		Dec.	
D	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.
1	9A. 18		10A. 49		Morn.		Morn.		Morn.		2M. 14	
2	10	13	11	46	16		48		1	32	3	12
3	11	10	Morn.		1	8	1	45	2	35	4	5
4	Morn.		40		2	0	2	44	3	37	4	54
5	1	8	1	32	2	53	3	45	4	36	5	35
6	1	4	2	22	3	49	4	47	5	30	6	16
7	1	59	3	11	4	47	5	46	6	20	6	56
8	2	50	4	2	5	47	6	42	7	4	7	35
9	3	40	4	54	6	46	7	33	7	40	8	15
10	4	28	5	49	7	43	8	20	8	26	8	57
11	5	16	6	47	8	37	9	3	9	5	9	44
12	6	6	7	45	9	27	9	44	9	45	10	30
13	6	58	8	44	10	12	10	24	10	26	11	21
14	7	54	9	40	10	55	11	4	11	9	Aft.	15
15	8	52	10	33	11	36	11	44	11	55	1	9
16	9	51	11	22	Aft.	16	Aft.	26	Aft.	45	2	2
17	10	50	Aft.	7	56		1	10	1	37	2	54
18	11	46	49		1	37	1	57	2	30	3	43
19	Aft.	38	1	29	2	19	2	48	3	24	4	30
20	1	25	2	9	3	4	3	40	4	16	5	16
21	2	9	2	49	3	53	4	34	5	7	6	3
22	2	50	3	30	4	44	5	28	5	56	6	54
23	3	30	4	14	5	38	6	21	6	43	7	43
24	4	9	5	0	6	34	7	13	7	31	8	38
25	4	49	5	50	7	29	8	3	8	20	9	37
26	5	31	6	44	8	24	8	53	9	11	10	40
27	6	16	7	40	9	18	9	44	10	6	11	44
28	7	5	8	38	10	10	10	36	11	6	Morn.	
29	7	57	9	35	11	1	11	31	Morn.		42	
30	8	53	10	30	11	54	Morn.		8		1	38
31	9	51	11	24			30		1	12	2	28

The Use of the foregoing TABLE of the Moon's Southing, to find the time of High-Water, and the Hour of the Night.

I. To find the time of High-Water in most Parts of ENGLAND, &c. &c.

Take the time of the Moon's Southing for the day proposed, and to that add the hours and minutes which stand against the place required in the following Table of Sea-Coasts, and the sum will be the time of High-Water at the place required on that day.

A Table of the Sea Coasts,	H. M.
Portsmouth, Queenborough, Southampton,	0 00
Rochester, Winchelsea, Flushing,	0 45
Downs, Gravesend, Ramkins, Guernsey,	1 30
Denbigh, Bell-Isle, Holy-Isle, Downs-Road,	2 15
London, Tinnmouth, Whitby, Hartlepool,	3 00
Scarborough, Berwick, Flushing, Staples,	3 45
Flamborough, Humber, Bridlington-Bay,	4 30
Plymouth, Ramsey, Newcastle, Severn,	5 15
Lynn, Fosdyke, Hull, Weymouth, Dartmouth, Cross-Keys,	6 00
Boston, Start-Point, Foulness, Bristol Key,	6 45
Bridgewater, Milford-Harven, Lizard, Wintertown,	7 30
Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, the Needles,	8 15
Isle of Man, Orkney, Pool, South-Foreland,	9 10
Dover, Harwich, Orfordness, Bullen,	10 10
Rye, Solebay, Margate-Road,	11 15

II. To find the Hour of the Night by the Shadow of the Moon on a Dial.

1. When the shadow falls precisely on the hour 12, then the time of the Moon's southing, found in the preceding Table, is the exact time of night. But in other cases,

2. If the shadow wants of 12, see how much it wants of it; Which time subtracted from that of the Moon's southing, leaves the time of night. *Note, You must add 12 hours to the Moon's southing, if need be.*

3. If the shadow has past 12, add the time that it has past it to the time of the Moon's southing; the sum will be the time of night required; abating 12 hours from that sum, if need be.

TABLE to calculate WAGES.

per year l.	per Month.			per Week.				per Day.		
	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	f.	s.	d.	f.
1	0	1	8	0	0	4	2	0	0	3
2	0	3	4	0	0	9	1	0	1	1
3	0	5	0	0	1	1	3	0	2	0
4	0	6	8	0	1	6	2	0	2	3
5	0	8	4	0	1	11	0	0	3	1
6	0	10	0	0	2	3	2	0	4	0
7	0	11	8	0	2	8	1	0	4	2
8	0	13	4	0	3	0	3	0	5	1
9	0	15	0	0	3	5	2	0	6	0
10	0	16	8	0	3	10	0	0	6	2
11	0	18	4	0	4	3	3	0	7	1
12	1	0	0	0	4	7	1	0	8	0
13	1	1	8	0	4	11	3	0	8	2
14	1	3	4	0	5	4	1	0	9	1
15	1	5	0	0	5	9	0	0	9	3
16	1	6	8	0	6	1	3	0	10	2
17	1	8	4	0	6	6	1	0	11	1
18	1	10	0	0	6	10	3	0	11	3
19	1	11	8	0	7	3	2	1	0	2
20	1	13	4	0	7	8	0	1	1	1
30	2	10	0	0	11	6	0	1	7	3
40	3	6	8	0	15	4	0	2	2	1
50	4	3	4	0	19	2	1	3	9	0
60	5	0	0	1	3	0	1	3	3	2
70	5	16	8	1	6	10	1	3	10	0
80	6	13	4	1	10	8	1	4	4	2
90	7	10	0	1	14	6	1	4	11	2
100	8	6	8	1	18	4	2	5	5	3

The months above are calculated at twelve in the year. If the yearly wages be guineas instead of pounds, for every guinea add one penny for each month, or one farthing to each week.

JANUARY hath xxxi Days.

M	D	Declin.	South.
1	23	0	4
6	22	35	
11	21	55	
16	21	4	
21	20	3	
26	18	52	

Full Moon	7	} Day {	11 ho.	0 m.	Night.
Last Quarter	16		2	52	Morn.
New Moon	23		9	59	Morn.
First Quarter	30		2	1	Morn.

☉ enters \approx 20th day, at 10 ho. 16 m. Night.

1	20	S	Circumcision	What a wise logger-head is he,
2	21	B	2 Sund. aft. Christ.	Whose tongue's from idle babbling
3	22	M		Who rather had in silence sit, [free;
4	23	Tu		Than prate and shew his want of wit.
5	24	W		No mighty easy thing it is,
6	25	Th	Epiphany.	Old Christmas Day.
7	26	F	[Twelfth Day	To talk, and nothing say amiss
8	27	S	Lucian	To sit and nothing say at all,
9	28	B	1 Sun. aft. Epiph.	Tho' safe, no easy thing we call.
10	29	M	Plow Monday	This, with small danger, is attended,
11	30	Tu		The least said is the soonest mended.
12	31	W	Days inc. 26 min.	As this is a proverbial rule,
13	Jan.	Th	Hil. Cam. T. beg.	Old New Year's Day.
14	2	F	Oxford Term beg.	The lesson of a vulgar school,
15	3	S		One that require can no deep learning
16	4	B	2 Sun. aft. Epiph.	In finding out, or it discerning.
17	5	M		Plain as the nose adorns the face,
18	6	Tu	Q. Cha. b. day kept	Pisca. Old Twelfth Day.
19	7	W		Self-evident we hold the case.
20	8	Th	Fabian. In 8 days	of St. Hil. 1 return.
21	9	F	Agnes Lasses Fast.	Tho' thus in theory the act is,
22	10	S	Vincent	Some find it difficult to practice:
23	11	B	3 Sun. aft. Epiph.	Or why so common are the elves,
24	12	M	Hilary Term, beg.	Who by their noise expose themselves?
25	13	Tu	Conver. of St. Paul	It therefore is a common saying,
26	14	W	Days inc. 1 hour	
27	15	Th	D. of Suffex bo.	In 15 Days of St. Hil. 2 return.
28	16	F		
29	17	S	[K. Char. I. mart.	And verily'd is every day in;
30	18	B	4 Sun. aft. Epiph.	'Tis taken for a constant rule,
31	19	M		There's no disguising of a fool.

Observations in JANUARY.

					M D	Clocks before Sun.	
Anew the kind revolving year, And Christmas season doth appear; The beauteous holly now is seen, Churches adorning, red and green.					1	3'	41"
					6	5	59
					11	8	6
					16	9	58
					21	11	34
					26	12	51
M	☉	D	D				
D	rises & sets	rif. & se.	A				
1	VIII	III	om 45	8	Here lie the	Venus will be a morning star from the beginning of the year ;	
2	4	56	2 10	9	bones of		
3	3	57	3 34	10	Betty Bull,	will be at her greatest elongation from the Sun on the 12th day of	
4	3	58	4 57	11	Sanshonesty		
5	2	58	6 17	12	or honour ;	March, continue a morning star till the 14th day of October,	
6	I	59	7 21	13	And now of		
7	vii	iv	D rises	14	moulds her	when she comes to her superior conjunction at half past two in	
8	59	1	4 25	15	mouth is		
9	58	2	5 39	16	full,	the afternoon, when she becomes an evening star during the re-	
10	57	3	6 54	17	The L---		
11	56	4	8 6	18	have mercy	Jupiter will be a morning star during the month of January,	
12	55	5	9 16	19	on her.		
13	54	6	10 24	20	This serious	February, and till the 22d day of March, when he becomes an	
14	52	8	11 34	21	epitaph		
15	51	9	morn	22	be set	evening star till the 10th day of October, when he comes in con-	
16	50	10	46	23	May on the		
17	49	11	1 59	24	stone of	junction with the Sun, three quar-	
18	47	13	3 17	25	Modest Bett,		
19	46	14	4 35	26	and from that time will be a	morning star the rest of the year.	
20	45	15	5 48	27	That every		
21	43	17	6 49	28	one that pas-	Mercury's superior conjunction will be on the 8th day of January,	
22	42	18	7 35	29	ses by,		
23	40	20	D sets	30	Do as he	when he becomes an evening star till he comes to his inferior	
24	39	21	5 54	31	please, may		
25	37	23	7 24	32	laugh or cry.	conjunction on the 23d day of February, at three quarters past 7	
26	36	24	8 32	33	And many		
27	34	26	10 20	34	others we	at night ; he then becomes a morning star till the 3d day of	
28	33	27	11 45	35	may view,		
29	31	29	morn.	36	Not half so	May, when he becomes an even-	
30	29	31	1 13	37	pertinent		
31	28	32	2 39	38	and true.	ing star till the last day of June, when he becomes a morning star	
					For if the		
					Sculptors	till the 15th day of August ; after that an evening star till the 24th	
					paid be but,		
						day of October, and then a morn-	
						ing one till the 19th of December.	
						His greatest elongation, or dis-	
						tance from the Sun, will be on	
						the 8th of February, the 22d of	

FEBRUARY hath xxviii Days.					M. D.	Declin. South.	
Full Moon	6	} Day at	4 ho. 37 m.	After.	1	17° 17'	
Last Quarter	14		9	44	After.	6	15 48
New Moon	21		9	5	After.	11	14 14
First Quarter	28		0	47	After.	16	12 33
☉ enters ♋ 19th day, at 1 ho. 2 m. After.					21	10 47	
					26	8 57	
N S	O S	W D	Sundays and Holidays.		Choice Observations, Maxims and Tales.		
1	20	Tu			For every conceited ass		
2	21	W	Purificat. B.V. Ma.		or Candlemas Day.		
3	22	Th	Bp. Blas. on morr.		of Purification, 3 return.		
4	23	F			We meet with, wherefoe'er we pass,		
5	24	S	Agatha		Let his character be unknown,		
6	25	B	Septuagesima Sun.		Old St. Paul.		
7	26	M			It ever by his tongue is shewn.		
8	27	Tu			All evident he aims to make,		
9	28	W	In 8 d. Purif. 4 ret.		And says, lest any should mistake,		
10	29	Th			Where'er he goes, hark, hear him cry,		
11	30	F			Good people, what a fool am I!		
12	31	S	Hilary Term ends		A fool who to be silent tries,		
13	Feb.	B	Sexagesima Sund.		The proverb says, is counted wise.		
14	2	M	Valentine. O.C.d.		And he that can command his tongue,		
15	3	Tu			And shut his lips, cannot be wrong;		
16	4	W	Days 10 hours long		But 'tis to business have an hand in,		
17	5	Th			And deem'd a man of understanding;		
18	6	F			But he that will delight in empty noise,		
19	7	S			All character for prudence thus de-		
20	8	B	Quinquagesima S.		or Shrove Sunday		
21	9	M	Camb. Term div. n.		☉ eclipsed invisible.		
22	10	Tu	Shrove Tuesday.		And then, what shall we say of those,		
23	11	W	Ash Wed. Lent be.		Who their own folly will expose?		
24	12	Th	St. Matthias. D.		of Cambridge b.		
25	13	F					
26	14	S			Let those, who in their own conceit		
27	15	B	Sund. in Lent.		Are wise, themselves no longer cheat:		
28	16	M	Days inc. 3 hours.		Of natural fools there is more hope,		
					Than those who to conceit give scope.		

M. D. Clocks before Sun

1	18'	55"
6	14	26
11	14	37
16	14	29
21	14	3
26	13	21

A countryman, who had by a concurrence of fortunate circumstances, become possessed of considerable wealth, wished to have his family arms, and for this purpose repaired to the Herald's Office, but, unfortunately, none were to be found; upon which he desired to have a devise, if it could be executed, as he had

MARCH hath xxxi Days.

Full Moon	8	} Day {	11 h. 22 m.	Morn.
Last Quarter	16		0	59 After.
New Moon	23		6	55 Morn.
First Quarter	30		1	44 Morn.

M D	Declin. South.
1	70° 49'
6	5 55
11	3 58
16	2 0
21	0 1
26	1 N. 57

☉ enters ♉ 21st day, at 1 h. 20 m. After.

1	17	Tu	David.	And now into my head it pops,
2	18	W	Ember Week.	Conceited folks are called fops,
3	19	Th	[Chad.	Because, both commonly are seen
4	20	F	Days 11 h. long.	So fine without, so foul within.
5	21	S		Resembling much a nasty stink;
6	22	B	3 Sund. in Lent	Strong as conceit 'tis said, I think.
7	23	M	Perpetua.	This too is like the fop's perfume.
8	24	Tu		Where'er he is, it fills the room.
9	25	W		Shewing by all this scented pride,
10	26	Th	[50 min.	That some bad smell he has to hide.
11	27	F	Days inc. 3 hours.	So may the epigram infer,
12	28	S	Gregory. M	The same of those smelling like myrrh.
13	Mar.	B	3 Sund. in Lent	To hide of rotten teeth the stink,
14	2	M		The cause, as <i>Martial</i> seems to think;
15	3	Tu		And he was far from wanting wit,
16	4	W		Or knowing what is right and fit.
17	5	Th	St. Patrick	Not all the wisdom taught in schools,
18	6	F	Ed. K. W. Saxons	Nor the most salutary rules,
19	7	S		Reclaim can a conceited fop.
20	8	B	4 Sund. in Lent or	His folly's a proverbial crop,
21	9	M	Benedict. Equinox	Conducing to his own undoing,
22	10	Tu		He walks in the high road to ruin.
23	11	W		Yet stupid never seems to mind it,
24	12	Th		Till most assuredly he finds it.
25	13	F	Annun. of B. V.	or Lady-day.
26	14	S		Wanting discretion and discernment,
27	15	B	5 Sund. in Lent.	Of what is most his own concernment;
28	16	M		Blundering and hopping on he goes,
29	17	Tu		Regardless both of friends and foes;
30	18	W	Days 12 h. 52 m. 1.	What wonder if it comes to pass,
31	19	Th		That all regard him as an ass?

Observations in MARCH.

					M D	Clocks before Sun.
The blushing month of March appears anew,					1	12' 48"
When we the crocus and sweet violet view;					6	11 43
The ravens hatch their young, the chattering pie					11	10 28
Seems to proclaim to all, that Spring is nigh;					16	9 4
In time of horrid war, loud clariions found,					21	7 35
Embattl'd legions gathering around.					26	6 3
VI	V	2 m	58	8	Where she	prided himself upon his family
232	28	3	58	9	now lies	arms. For this purpose he was
330	30	4	42	10	there let	asked, if himself or family had
428	32	5	11	11	her be.	done any brave or valiant deeds,
526	34	5	34	12	And this is	&c.
624	36	5	50	13	all I have	After considering the matter
722	38	6	2	14	to say,	some time, he honestly told of
820	40	D rises	F	15	If you	his grandfather having been con-
918	42	7 a	7	16	know more	finied in Newgate; and after
1016	44	8	18	17	of her you	much labour and difficulty, effect-
1114	46	9	30	18	may.	ed his escape, by tying a line to
1212	48	10	45	19		the statue of King John, and
1310	50	morn	20	20		letting himself down to the street.
148	52		1	21	Good Night	This was sufficient for the He-
156	54	1	14	22	Tom Wright	rald, who immediately told him
164	56	2	22	23		arms should be prepared, for it
172	58	3	19	24		was evident he was in a lineal
18V	VI	4	2	25		descent from King John.
1958	2	4	32	26		This brings into my mind a
2056	4	4	54	27		tale I have heard, and which, I
2154	6	5	12	28		have little doubt, is of equal
2252	8	5	28	29		truth with the former. A gentle-
2350	10	D sets	N	30		man applied to Garter principal
2448	12	8 a	24	1		King at Arms, for his armorial
2546	14	9	59	2		coat, which could not be found in
2644	16	11	29	3		the office, and seemed much hurt
2742	18	morn	4	4		thereat. Garter, who was then
2840	20	w	51	5		walking in his garden, to com-
2938	22	1	59	6		fort him, told him, it was great
3036	24	2	48	7		pity indeed that so eminent and
3134	26	3	23	8		worthy a gentleman should want
					Whether	an emblazonment, and as he had
					folks walk	brought with him a spaniel,
					on foot, or	which began to concatenate Gar-
					ride.	ter's garden, he says, Sir, be
					They plain-	comforted, your arms shall be
					ly it may	The Three smoking D-- T--ds.
					see I vow;	These two tales are equally
						honourable to the noble science
						of Heraldry; but as I cannot

APRIL, bath xxx Days						M D	☉ Declin. North.
Full Moon	6	} Day at	5 ho. 24 m.	Morn.	1	40 17	
Last Quarter	17		0 28	Morn.	6	6 18	
New Moon	21		3 41	After.	11	8 4	
First Quarter	28		4 47	After.	16	9 53	
☉ enters 8 21st day at 1 ho. 57 m. Morn.					21	11 38	
					26	13 18	
1	20	F	Cam. Term ends	And like an April-fool all flout him, Because he cannot look about him.			
2	21	S	Oxford Term ends	Rich. Bp. Chichester.			
3	22	B	Palm Sunday.	But call him Hobb, and of him tell, He'd had a ducking in a well.			
4	23	M	St. Ambrose.	And say, like him, such fools con- founded,			
5	24	Tu		Good Friday.			
6	25	W	Lady-Day, Ol. St.	No matter if they all were drowned. Alas! poor Hobb, what art about?			
7	26	Th	Maundy Th.	Thou hadst no sense to keep thee out. And now thou dripping wet art in, To think sure, time 'tis to begin.			
8	27	F	Crucifixion.	So every conceited ass, Well for another Hobb may pass.			
9	28	S		But as to thinking, each fool's pate Will not begin, till 'tis too late.			
10	29	B	Easter Day.	To look about with open eyes: For when, ye fools, will ye be wise?			
11	30	M	Easter Monday.	Than swim, it easier is to sink;			
12	31	Tu	Easter Tuesday.	Terms begin.			
13	Apr.	W		And every one that will not think In time, and strive to mend his ways, In Hobb's well's like to end his days.			
14	2	Th		And every one in such a state			
15	3	F		From Easter in 15 days 1 ret.			
16	4	S	[Low-Sund.	Will sure repent when 'tis too late.			
17	5	B	1 Sun. aft. Easter.	What I have wrote the other year, To catch occasion, will hold here.			
18	6	M		The fore-lock of old Time, be bold To catch, and then quite firm it hold.			
19	7	Tu	Alphege.	And, if you follow not my rules, You're the worst sort of April-fools.			
20	8	W	Oxford and Camb.				
21	9	Th					
22	10	F					
23	11	S	St. George				
24	12	B	2 Sund. aft. Easter.				
25	13	M	St. Mark. Prs. M.b.				
26	14	Tu					
27	15	W	Easter Term beg.				
28	16	Th					
29	17	F					
30	18	S	Days 14 ho. 46 m. [long.				

Observations in APRIL.

					M D	Clocks before Sun.
Again 'tis April, and the tender lambs,					1	4' 12"
As usual, frisk and dance about their dams;					6	2 41
All nature teems with life, on every bush,					11	1 15
Is heard the blackbird and melodious thrush:					16	Aft. 3
Whilst from each meadow larks are seen to rise,					21	1 13
And early hail, with their loud song, the skies.					26	2 11
1	VI	3	m	46	9	An April
2	30	4	5	10	10	fool
3	28	4	18	11	11	Poor Tom
4	26	4	31	12	12	wert thou.
5	24	4	42	13	13	It is allow'd
6	22	4	51	14	14	wert thou
7	20	40	D	rises	F	No Quaker,
8	18	42	8	a	38	But a poor
9	17	43	9	57	17	lying
10	15	45	11	12	18	Old Moore
11	13	47	morn		19	maker,
12	11	49		22	20	Who liv'd
13	9	51	1	22	21	at Eaton, as
14	7	53	2	8	22	folks say,
15	5	55	2	41	23	A famous
16	3	57	3	5	24	town, where
17	1	59	3	23	25	Asses bray.
18	IV	VII	3	40	26	But thou,
19	57	3	3	53	27	alas! wilt
20	56	4	4	9	28	bray no
21	54	6	D	fets.	N	more,
22	52	8	8	2	49	Nor make
23	50	10	10	28	2	the
24	48	12	11	48	3	Old Duke
25	46	14	morn		4	stamp and
26	45	15		47	5	roar.
27	43	17	1	27	6	No more
28	41	19	1	55	7	pretending
29	39	21	2	16	8	Weather-
30	37	23	2	32	9	wife,
						Wilt send
						poor
						Donnefort
						with lies.

vouch for their truth, I shall here add a third, that comes within my own personal knowledge. A friend of mine of the name of *Goodhead* was intimately acquainted with Sir Charles Townley, then Clarenceux King at Arms, who professed to compliment him with his family bearing, and wrote up to the office for it accordingly, but received for answer, that though the strictest search had been made, it had proved fruitless. That there were several good hands, but not one Good Head to be found in all that office. And so much for the depth and honour of the noble science of Heraldry.

April-fool's day this has been for ages past called here, so that the memory of its origin is quite lost, or, if you please, buried in oblivion. And this furnishes me with the subject of another anecdote, a weighty and important one no doubt, because it is concerning myself, the dear and chief object of all my care and contrivance, for whose sake and emolument it is that I write these beloved Almanacks. When I was young, and not accustomed to be treated with over-much respect, I, on this day, received a message from a neighbouring gentleman, requesting to see me upon important business. But as

MAY hath xxxi Days.				M D	Declin. North.
Full Moon	6	} Day at {	9 ho. 14 m. After.	1	14° 52'
Last Quarter	14		8 20 Morn.	6	16 21
New Moon	20		11 58 After.	11	17 42
First Quarter	28		9 23 Morn.	16	18 56
				21	20 3
				26	21 1
☉ enters ♊ 22d day, at 2 ho. 24 m. Morn.					
1	19	B	3 Sund. aft. Easter.	Apost. and Mart. St. Phil & St. Ja.	
2	20	M	In 3 weeks af. East.	2 return.	
3	21	Tu	Invent. of the Cross	How long, ye simple ones, will ye	
4	22	W		Of simpleness enamour'd be?	
5	23	Th		Ye proud ones in your scorn delight,	
6	24	F	St. John Evan. ante	Port Lat.	
7	25	S	Do. of York born.	And fools pervert what's just and right,	
8	26	B	4 Sun aft. Easter.	'Tis wisdom, and the wise man here	
9	27	M	1 month aft. East.	That speaks, demanding all your care;	
10	28	Tu	[3 ret.	Turn you at my reproof, I say,	
11	29	W		My spirit shall point out the way:	
12	30	Th		My words to you make known I will,	
13	May	F	Old May-day.	I've call'd, and you refus'd have still.	
14	2	S		My hand to you the way has shown,	
15	3	B	5 Sun. aft. Easter	The right way, but regard had none.	
16	4	M	5 weeks aft. East.	At my advice ye stood aloof,	
17	5	Tu	Prs. Wales b. 1768	Rogation Sunday	
18	6	W		4 return.	
19	7	Th	Ascension Days	Ye heedless were of my reproof.	
20	8	F	On morrow of As.	At your calamity too	
21	9	S	[5 ret.	Q. Charlotte born. Dunstan.	
22	10	B	Sunday aft. Ascen.	Will laugh, and mock your fear when	
23	11	M	East. Term ends	nigh.	
24	12	Tu		Prs. Eliz. born.	
25	13	W	[Ox. T. e.	When it like desolation comes,	
26	14	Th	Aug. 1st Abp. Can.	And as a whirl-wind, all your dooms	
27	15	F	Venerable Bede.	The besom of destruction sweeps,	
28	16	S		And ev'ry one for anguish weeps.	
29	17	B	Whit S. K. Ch. II.	Distress on me shall make them call,	
30	18	M	Whit Monday	I will not answer them at all.	
31	19	Tu	Whit Tuesday	Then early shall they wish to mind me,	
				birth and re. Cam. Ter. d. m.	
				And seek me, but they shall not find	
				me;	

Observations in MAY.

				M	D	Clocks after Sun.		
And now it is the genial month of May, The berry-bush, and each fruit-bearing spray, In beauteous bloom are seen, meadows the sight With flow'rs of every hue and shape, delight. How ought we thankfully to view those things, And praise the bounteous hand from which all springs?				1		2'	3'	
				6		3	3	33
				11		3	3	53
				16		3	3	58
				21		3	3	49
				26		3	3	26
1 IV	VII	2 m	44 10	A hawking	I recollected what day it was, I			
2 34	26	2	55 11	all the coun-	hesitated about going, lest it			
3 32	28	3	5 12	try round,	should be some trick meant to			
4 31	29	3	17 13	That firs	be played upon me. However,			
5 29	31	3	28 14	may every	out of respect to the person who			
6 27	33	D rises	F	where	sent the message, I went; not,			
7 25	35	9 a	2 16	abound.	however, without apprehension			
8 24	36	10	17 17	But as thou	of being played upon. The			
9 22	38	11	25 18	hadst a soul	sequel made me conclude, that			
10 21	39	morn	19	to save,	I was under a great mistake in			
11 19	41		10 20	Let us tread	this matter, and that it was not			
12 18	42		47 21	lightly on	the young and inexperienced,			
13 16	44	1	14 22	Thy Grave.	like me; who were sent on this			
14 14	46	1	32 23	For there	day upon sleeveless errands, but			
15 13	47	1	48 24	remain, I	the older heads who sent them,			
16 12	48	2	2 25	yearly see,	that on this day were justly chro-			
17 10	50	2	16 26	As great, or	nicked for fools. As, on my			
18 9	51	2	32 27	Greater apes	arrival, I found I had been sent			
19 7	53	2	49 28	than he.	for by the master of the house,			
20 6	54	D sets	N	Or how	who was out of health, and			
21 5	55	9 a	24 1	came it to	wished to have my assistance			
22 3	57	10	32 2	pass, I pray,	in settling his affairs, and divid-			
23 2	58	11	23 3	At this en-	ing his substance among a nu-			
24 1	59	11	57 4	lighten'd	merous family. So much then			
25 III	VIII	morn	5	time of day,	for the appropriation of the name			
26 58	2		20 6	That	of April-fools.			
27 57	3		38 7	Farmer John	These curious specimens of			
28 56	4		51 8	cooning old	anecdote lead me to consider the			
29 55	5	1	3 9	Moore,	nature and meaning of the word.			
30 54	6	1	13 10	Hobb Lou's	Boyer, in his French Dictionary			
31 53	7	1	23 11	beloved	defines anecdotes to be secret			
				ditty, o'er?	memoirs concerning the politics			

JUNE hath xxx days.					M D	Declin. North.
Full Moon	5	} Day at {	10 ho. 24 m. Morn.		1	21° 58'
Last Quarter	12		1 49 After.		6	22 36
New Moon	19		8 46 Morn.		11	23 3
First Quarter	27		2 40 Morn.		16	23 21
☉ enters 22d day, at 11 ho. 2 m. Morn.					21	23 28
					26	23 25
1	20	W	Ember Week:	Because they hated knowledges' voice		
2	21	Th	[Nicomede.	And made not piety their choice.		
3	22	F		They held for nought my counsels		
4	23	S	K. Geo. III. b. 1739	wife,		
5	24	B	Trin. Sun. Pr. Ern.	And would my just reproofs despise.		
6	25	M	On mor. of H. Trin.	Aug. b. D. of Cumberland.		
7	26	Tu	[1 ret.	Therefore the fruit of their own way		
8	27	W	Oxford Term beg.	They eat shall, and be fill'd they		
9	28	Th	Corpus Christi.	may		
10	29	F	Trinity Term begins	With their devices; and the ease		
11	30	S	St. Barnabas	Of fools them ever plague or teaze.		
12	31	B	1 Sund. after Trin	But he that hearken will to me,		
13	June	M	In 8 d. of H. T. 2 ret.	Shall safely live and quiet be.		
14	2	Tu		Now when distreis and anguish		
15	3	W		come,		
16	4	Th		Fools feel but their desert and		
17	5	F	St. Alban.	doom;		
18	6	S		And those, that would not see and		
19	7	B	2 Sund. aft. Trin.	hear		
20	8	M	Tr. Ed. K. of W. Sax.	In time, by misery severe,		
21	9	Tu	Longest Day.	In hopeles trouble, such shall moan,		
22	10	W		And in vexation sigh and groan.		
23	11	Th		Who would not feel for others woe		
24	12	F	Nativity of St. John	In 15 Days of H. Trin. 3 ret.		
25	13	S		A full cup of their own shall know,		
26	14	B	3 Sund. aft. Trin.	And their inquietude shall rest		
27	15	M	In 3 W. of H. T. 4 r.	Their head upon, and rend the breast.		
28	16	Tu		Bapt. Midsummer-day.		
29	17	W	St. Peter. Tr. T. e.	But sympathy with others woes;		
30	18	F		In lightening a share of those,		
				Shall make their own fit lighter, and		
				To bear them better understand.		
				But the hard-hearted cruel man;		
				That feel for others never can,		
				His sensibility destroys;		
				No sympathy has he of joys;		

Observations in JUNE.										M D	Clocks after Sun.
The smiling June comes next to close the spring,										1	2' 43"
The woods and groves with melody still ring;										6	1 56
The cuckow's sweet tautology we hear,										11	1 0
While love and music grace the ripening year.										16	Bef. ☉
The fields are green, and all thick set with corn;										21	1 5
Pinks, 'roses', lilies, gardens now adorn.										26	2 10
1	III	VIII	1 m	35	12	Seeing a	tics or princes; but equally ex-				
2	51	9	1	48	13	bull, and	tends to all ranks, including				
3	51	9	2	5	14	cows a	even chimney-sweepers. The late				
4	50	10	2	27	15	many,	David Garrick, Esq; had once				
5	49	11	D	rises	F	Were pic-	the mishap to have a new and				
6	48	12	10	a	5	tured by the	elegant suit of clothes spoiled by				
7	48	12	10	46	18	present	the dust raised by one of this				
8	47	13	11	16	19	Zany,	class, and some little time after				
9	46	14	11	36	20	And all	wrote the following				
10	45	15	11	53	21	seem'd gaz-	<i>Ænigma</i> , for the Ladies.				
11	45	15	morn		22	ing to the	Kitty, a fair but froward maid,				
12	44	16		6	23	skies,	Kindled a flame that I deplore;				
13	44	16		19	24	The farmer	The hood-wink'd boy I call'd				
14	44	16		32	25	viewing	in aid,				
15	44	16		48	26	with sur-	Much of his near approach				
16	43	17	1	8	27	prize,	afraid,				
17			1	34	28	All this,	So fatal to my suit before.				
18	No real	2	10		29	soon took	At length, propitious to my				
19	night	D	fets		30	it in his	prayer,				
20	in	9	a	48	1	head,	The little urchin came;				
21	Britain	10	17		2	That all his	From earth I saw him mount in				
22		10	37		3	cattle would-	air,				
23		10	52		4	be dead.	And soon he clear'd with dex-				
24		11	3		5	And so be-	terous care,				
25	43	17	11	14	6	gan to sigh	The better relics of my flame.				
26	43	17	11	24	7	and moan,	Say, by what title, or what name,				
27	44	16	11	36	8	And be as	Shall I the youth address?				
28	44	16	11	49	9	stupid as a	Cupid and he are not the same,				
29	44	16	morn		10	stone.	Tho' both can raise and quench				
30	45	15		3	11	As deem-	a flame,				
						ing all his	I'll kiss you, if you guess.				
						hopes of	So now you have here, gentle				
						gain	readers, got not only an anecd-				
						Were gone,	dote, but an ænigma and epi-				
						and all his	gram in, to the bargain. There				
						cattle slain.	is no great need of my bidding				
							you be careful and remember				

JULY hath xxxi Days.

M	Declin.
D	North.
1	23° 11'
6	22 47
11	22 14
16	21 31
21	20 39
26	19 38

Full Moon	4	} Day {	9 ho. 19 m. After.
Last Quarter	11		10 After.
New Moon	18		7 16 After.
First Quarter	26		7 50 After.

☉ enters ♏ 23d day, at 9 ho. 53 m. After.

1	19	F		And so the solitary elf
2	20	S	Visit. of B.V. Mary	Most apt is to torment himself.
3	21	B	4 Sund. aft. Trin.	Dog Days begin.
4	22	M	Transl. of St. Mart.	
5	23	Tu	Camb. Commence.	A self-tormentor is the wight,
6	24	W	Old Midsum. Day.	That envies others who act right.
7	25	Th	Tho. a Becket.	At their prosperity repining,
8	26	F	Camb. Term ends	And none to benefit inclining:
9	27	S		But grumbling still, and thinking much,
10	28	B	5 Sund. aft. Trin.	At every blessing others touch.
11	29	M	Oxford A&t	If any thing should go beside him,
12	30	Tu		He hates the man and can't abide him.
13	July	W		But strives, whatever in him lies,
14	2	Th		To fortune's goods monopolize.
15	3	F	Swithin	As if kind Providence in whim,
16	4	S	Oxford Term ends	Had given every thing to him.
17	5	B	6 Sund. aft. Trin.	Had rather any thing destroy,
18	6	M		Than it another should enjoy.
19	7	Tu		He's like the dog that could not eat
20	8	W	Margaret	The hay, which oxen have for meat.
21	9	Th		Yet growling, ever drove away
22	10	F	Magdalen	The ox, that came to eat the hay.
23	11	S		This still resolving to prevent,
24	12	B	7 Sund. aft. Trin.	On this design was so intent,
25	13	M	St. James.	That growling, with his latest breath,
26	14	Tu	St. Anne.	He lay and pin'd himself to death.
27	15	W		This is the emblem of the man,
28	16	Th		Delighting in a selfish plan.
29	17	F		Who, lest another ought enjoy,
30	18	S		He it will and himself destroy,
31	19	B	8 Sund. aft. Trin.	And rather would have nothing,
				than
				In common with another man;
				Or, like the vulture, which, they
				say,
				Is on its vitals known to prey.

Observations in JULY.

Observations in JULY.					M D	Clocks before Sun.	
The grass has chang'd its hue, warm'd by the sun, Shewing 'tis time hay-harvest was begun; And in warm places it is not amiss, If it be cut and carried in-ere this; For now the corn has also chang'd its hue, And soon it will be ripe for cutting too.					1 6 11 16 21 26	2 4 4 5 5 6	
1	III	VIII	23	12	Thompson	them as long as you will the	
2	46	14	51	13	and	serious preachment, with which	
3	47	13	1	33	Dunce	I ended my last year's Kalen-	
4	47	13	D	rites	F	in former	
5	48	12	9	a	9	16	days,
6	49	11	9	35	17	I blame not	where I
7	49	11	9	52	18	ought to	praise.
8	50	10	10	8	19	A man upon	suspicion,
9	51	9	10	21	20	Of robbery	on the high-
10	52	8	10	34	21	way,	Leaving the
11	53	7	10	48	22	post-boy, as	they say,
12	54	6	11	6	23	In a most	sad condi-
13	55	5	11	32	24	tion.	This man
14	56	4	morn	25	25	these ge-	nuses blind,
15	57	3	15	26	26	Took up,	examin'd,
16	58	2	47	27	27	and con-	fin'd,
17	59	1	1	47	28	Him search-	ing for
18	IV	VII	D	fets	N	bank-notes,	But finding
19	2	58	8	a	36	none, as	they'd
20	3	57	8	52	2	heard say,	Folks cun-
21	4	56	9	7	3	ningly con-	ceal them
22	5	55	9	17	4	may,	
23	7	53	9	29	5		
24	8	52	9	38	6		
25	10	50	9	49	7		
26	11	49	10	4	8		
27	12	48	10	21	9		
28	14	46	10	45	10		
29	15	45	11	21	11		
30	17	43	morn	12	12		
31	18	42	11	13	13		

· August hath xxxi Days.

M	Declin.
D	North.
1	18° 14'
6	16 56
11	15 31
16	14 0
21	12 23
26	10 41

Full Moon	3	} Day at {	6 ho. 46 m.	Morn.
Last Quarter	9		11 0	Night.
New Moon	17		8 19	Morn.
First Quarter	25		0 15	After.

☉ enters ♈ 24th day, at 4 ho. 17 m. Morn.

1	20	M	Lammas Day.	So the ill-natur'd envious wight, Destroys himself for very spite. He hurts as far as he can stretch. Then who can pity such a wretch? That strives to make where'er he goes,
2	21	Tu		
3	22	W		
4	23	Th		
5	24	F		
6	25	S	Transfiguration	
7	26	B	9 Sund. aft. Trin.	Princess. Amelia bo. Name of Je
8	27	M		
9	28	Tu		His friends, nay, all mankind, his foes.
10	29	W	St. Lawrence	
11	30	Th	10s. Brunswick bo.	Dog Days end in Britain.
12	31	F	Pr. Wales bo. 1762.	And who can think it much amiss, When such his search, if he find this? And must do, if he don't repent, Or let his harden'd heart relent; And most unlikely 'tis, alas! When one arriv'd is at this pass, He'll touch'd be by repentance true, And strive the evils to undo, Which he had labour'd all his life, To bring on others with such strife.
13	Aug. 2	S	Old Lammas Day	
14	2	B	10 Sund. aft. Trin.	
15	3	M	Assumption.	
16	4	Tu	Duke of York bo.	
17	5	W	☉ eclips. vis.	
18	6	Th		
19	7	F		
20	8	S		
21	9	B	11 Sund. aft. Trin.	Da. of Clarence b.
22	10	M		'Tis hard to learn him love and right, Like washing of the Ethiop white. Nay, almost I had said of this, A thing impossible it is, For the hard-hearted cruel man, To follow a good-natur'd plan, When it is said that evil watch,
23	11	Tu		
24	12	W	St. Bartholomew	
25	13	Th		
26	14	F		
27	15	S		
28	16	B	12 Sund. aft. Trin.	St. Augustine, Bp. of Hippo.
29	17	M	St. J. Bap. beh.	As certainly will evil catch, That as and where 'tis falls the tree, The wife man says, there it must be.
30	18	Tu		
31	19	W		

Observations in August

M D	Clocks before Sun.
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And now the busy month of August yields
To all employment in the yellow fields;
The cuckow's gone, the nightingale and thrush
Sit silent moping underneath the bush;
The berry and the cherry too are gone,
Leaving plumbs ripe, with other fruits of stone.

1	5' 58"
6	5 35
11	4 58
16	4 7
21	3 3
26	2 47

I V		VII		I m 17		14		By cramming		And so much for wickedness,	
2	22	38	2	38	15	down their	throats.	of which there is too great and	abundant plenty of anecdotes	every where. Remember, the	Devil spat in <i>Santon's</i> face when
3	23	37	D	riles	F	They fought	the close-	ascending the ladder at the place	of execution. And this is pro-	perly an anecdote, though neither	about politics nor princes. And
4	25	35	8	a	13	fool, all	in vain,	The wretch-	ed wight	they purge	and pain,
5	26	34	8	27	18	Fresh air	they still	refus'd him.	Ah! no one	knows but	G— alone,
6	28	32	8	40	19	Who made	their heads	of solid	bone!	Poor soul,	how ill they
7	30	30	8	56	20	us'd him.	Thompson	was moon-	blind, and	moon-	struck
8	31	29	9	12	21	With mad-	ness, at this	want of	luck;	And Dunc	was often
9	33	27	9	35	22	drunk,	As I my friends most highly	prize,	I surely would them well advise;		
10	35	25	10	4	23						
11	37	23	10	43	24						
12	38	22	11	38	25						
13	40	20	morn		26						
14	42	18		48	27						
15	44	16	2	4	28						
16	45	15	3	22	29						
17	46	14	D	fets	N						
18	48	12	7	a	32						
19	51	9	7	37	2						
20	52	8	7	49	3						
21	54	6	8	1	4						
22	56	4	8	14	5						
23	58	2	8	30	6						
24	V	VI	8	50	7						
25	2	58	9	20	8						
26	4	56	10	3	9						
27	6	54	10	59	10						
28	8	52	m	n	11						
29	9	51		14	12						
30	11	49	1	40	13						
31	13	47	3	9	14						

SEPTEMBER hath xxx Days.

M D ☉ Declin.
North.

Full Moon	1	} Day {	3 ho. 31 m	After.
Last Quarter	8		5	54 Morn.
New Moon	15		11	56 Night.
First Quarter	24		3	28 Morn.

☉ enters ♈ 24th day, at 0 ho. 50 m. Morn.

1	80	34
6	6	44
11	4	51
16	2	56
21	0	59
26	S.	58

1	20	Th	Giles	That as men die such are they found,
2	21	F	Lond. burnt, 1666.	There's no repentance under ground.
3	22	S	[O. S.	Which is a most momentous truth,
4	23	B	13 Sund. aft. Trin.	Not only to old age, but youth.
5	24	M		But you, perhaps, will think that I,
6	25	Tu		Am here too serious and dry;
7	26	W	Enurchus	It may be so, but this I say,
8	27	Th	Nativ. B. V. Mary	With me 'tis past the time of day,
9	28	F		To giggle at I know not what;
10	29	S		Like a mad wench or drunken sot.
11	30	B	14 Sund. aft. Trin.	But when good serious talk com-
12	31	M		mences,
13	Sept	Tu		It brings me to my sober senses.
14	2	W	Holy Cross	For ev'ry thing therè's time and
15	3	Th		season,
16	4	F		But then it must be us'd with reason:
17	5	S	Lambert	And tho' for mirth a season's had,
18	6	B	15 Sund. aft. Trin.	There's surely none for being mad.
19	7	M		And like a madman 'tis to play,
20	8	Tu		With things most serious, I say,
21	9	W	Ember Week	On which both life and death de-
22	10	Th	K. G. III. cro. 1761	pends,
23	11	F		Such like, as well or ill who spend
24	12	S	Autumnal Equinox	His days, and then must give account
25	13	B	16 Sund. aft. Trin.	Whether to loss or profit it amount.
26	14	M	St. Cyprian.	St. Matthew Evang.
27	15	Tu		On this as matter light, what wise
28	16	W		man looks?
29	17	Th	St. Michael.	But rather strive will to keep well his
30	18	F		books.
				That this a wise man must concern,
				He is a fool that don't discern,
				Duchess of Wirtemberg born.

Observations in SEPTEMBER.

M D	Clocks after Sun.
1	0' - 0"
6	1 38
11	3 14
16	4 58
21	6 43
26	8 26

Now in September ripen'd are the hops,
 And men, to gather them, pull down the props;
 Then to the kiln they carry them to dry,
 Then bag them up, sweet as they can, they try.
 I hope to brew them well, they will not fail,
 Let who will take the hops, give me the ale.

1	VI	D rises	F	With drink-	Left puffing with a mighty pother
2	17	43	6 a 52	ing his	They swell or burst should one
3	19	41	7 7	friend	or other.
4	21	39	7 25	17 Thompson's	Whereas, my friends, it better
5	23	37	7 46	18 ale,	suits,
6	25	35	8 12	19 Which	If you be great and walk in
7	27	33	8 50	20 many years	boots,
8	29	31	9 41	21 he brew'd	To humbly think what may be-
9	31	29	10 55	22 for sale,	tide on,
10	32	28	morn	23 And forely	And strive to get a horse to ride
11	34	26	1 1	24 they both	on;
12	36	24	1 18	25 stunk.	For should you this advice neg-
13	38	22	2 38	26 So, if kind	lect,
14	40	20	3 48	27 Providence	You forfeit may the high respect,
15	42	18	D sets N	28 divine,	Which you, as my acquaintance
16	44	16	6 a 6	29 Again	brave,
17	46	14	6 18	30 should hang	Most surely all a right must have.
18	48	12	6 30	up	To reach the summit of Parnassus,
19	50	10	6 45	1 Turton's	I've borrow'd one of Balaam's
20	52	8	7 3	2 sign,	affes;
21	54	6	7 31	3 To be as it	And rode to Radcliffe, as last
22	56	4	8 7	4 was once,	year,
23	58	2	8 57	5 From	To all my friends I made appear.
24	VI	V	10 2	6 Logger-	My love and duty to Miss Bar-
25	2	58	11 20	7 heads	ret,
26	4	56	morn	8 it chang'd	To show, as how the Mayor of
27	6	54	44	9 shall be,	Garret,
28	8	52	2 15	10 And call'd	Held over her a large gold mace,
29	10	50	3 44	11 by all the	And so quite hid her brazen
30	12	48	D rise:	12 effy,	face.
				13 Of Thomp-	With modest look as any whore,
				14 son and of	I ever had beheld before.
				15 Dunce.	Now he to tell the truth who
					tries,
					Can surely not delight in lies.
					Yet he in parables may speak,
					Nay for hyperboles may seek;
					And such alone can well express,

OCTOBER hath xxxi Days.

OCTOBER hath xxxi Days.				M D	☉ Declin. South.
Full Moon	1	} Day at {	0 ho. 11 m. Morn.	1	2° 55
Last Quarter	7		4 12 After.	6	4 51
New Moon	15		5 22 Alter.	11	6 46
First Quarter	23		5 1 After.	16	8 38
Full Moon	30		9 18 Morn.	21	10 28
☉ enters ♍ 24th day, at 8 ho. 53 m. Morn.				26	12 14

1	19	S	Remigius	The head of each conceited fop,
2	20	B	17 Sund. aft. Trin.	Is dull and senseless as a mop,
3	21	V		That is by over twirling dizzy,
4	22	Tu		Nay, such a thoughtless ninny is he,
5	23	W		Buying expensive needless things,
6	24	Th	Faith	His noble to a nine-pence brings.
7	25	F		So by extravagance and pride,
8	26	S		And other shocking vice beside,
9	27	B	18 Sun aft. Trin.	His wife and babes brings to distress,
10	28	M	Ox. Cam. Ter. be.	St. Denys
11	29	Tu	Old Mich. Day.	By making of his little less.
12	30	W		Thus beauty, innocence, and truth,
13	Qd	Th	Trans.K.Ed.Conf.	All suffer by this senseless youth;
14	2	F		And spite of all his friends can say,
15	3	S		He still will follow his own way.
16	4	B	19 Sun aft. Trin.	What most he ought to fear will fail,
17	5	M	Etheldreda.	The thoughts of rotting in a jail.
18	6	Tu	St. Luke Evang.	Thoughts, did I say? He sure had
19	7	W		none,
20	8	Th		Or a wool-gathering they're flown.
21	9	F		What's needful most, he minds the
22	10	S		least,
23	11	B	20 Sund. aft Trin.	He'd rather make for fools a feast;
24	12	M		Sit at their head the while they dine,
25	13	Tu	K. Geo. III. accep.	Made mad by music, mirth, and
26	14	W	K. Geo. III. procl	wine.
27	15	Th		Heedless of all that follow may,
28	16	F	St. Sim. & Jude.	He thus in folly spends the day,
29	17	S		Crispin.
30	18	B	21 Sand. aft. Trin.	Regardless of his precious time,
31	19			Himself to murder in his prime,
				By fell debauch and foolish noise,
				His health and peace of mind de-
				troys.
				☉ after all the thought will come,
				That soon a jail must be his doom.

Observations in OCTOBER.					M D	Clocks after Sun.
And now the equinox is past,					1	10' 6"
Days shorten and nights lengthen fast:					6	11 38
Now gather the autumnal fruits,					11	13 1
Lay in for Winter store of roots;					16	14 11
Sow wheat, that so with store of corn,					21	15 7
Be fill'd may Plenty's twisted horn.					26	15 48
VI	V	5 a	38	F Chas. Vane	A preacher, who in woman's	
2 16	44	5	56	17 of	drefs,	
3 18	42	6	32	18	Is cloth'd with infamy, so then	
4 20	40	6	57	19 Nottingham	A scandal to the sons of men.	
5 22	38	7	44	20 'tis said,	And so is fit to bear a bobbin,	
6 24	36	8	46	21 Hard was	The learned pages of Poor Robin.	
7 26	34	9	58	22 his skull	Unus'd to compliment a whore,	
8 28	32	11	15	23 and thick	Whether she rich may be or poor,	
9 29	31	morn	24	24 his head,	But wishes every brazen face,	
10 31	29		33	25 And brazen	May meet with merited dis-	
11 33	27	1	47	26 was his	grace,	
12 35	25	2	59	27 face,	Tho' this not always is the case.	
13 37	23	4	9	28 The mar-	When the English were besieg-	
14 39	21	5	19	29 ket-place	ing the city of Orleans, in	
15 41	19	D fets	N	30 he went	France, the besieged made a	
16 43	17	5 a	0	31 Attended	sally, headed by a young woman,	
17 45	15	5	18	2 Rabble	afterwards called the Maid of	
18 47	13	5	43	3 Rout,	Orleans, who defeated them,	
19 49	11	6	16	4	and in little time obliged them	
20 51	9	7	0	5 With little	to raise the siege in disgrace. By	
21 53	7	7	59	6 store of	untowardly accident, however,	
22 55	5	9	11	7 grace.	in process of time, she fell into	
23 56	4	10	30	8 But as he's	the hands of her enemies the	
24 58	2	11	54	9 now as cold	English, who condemned and	
25 VII	IV	morn	10	10 as stone,	burnt her for a witch. Which	
26 2	58	1	20	11 I henceforth	shews that John Bull, at that	
27 4	56	2	47	12 let him may	time of day, was full as wrong-	
28 6	54	4	17	13 alone,	headed a fellow as he is now.	
29 8	52	5	46	14 As there are	I know not whether this can	
30 9	51	D riles	F	15 many more,	properly be called an anecdote,	
31 11	49	4 a	57	16 Who are a	having been published in all the	
					histories of that day: and the	
					Greek word anecdote signifies	
					an unpublished story. Be that	
					as it may, however, it is a true	
					one, which I apprehend cannot	
					be said of that given in the Jest-	
					Book.	

NOVEMBER hath xxx Days.				M D	Declin- South.
Last Quarter	6	Day at	6 ho. 89 m. Morn.	1	14° 14'
New Moon	14		11 25 Morn.	6	15 48
First Quarter	22		4 29 Morn.	11	17 16
Full Moon	28		7 25 After.	16	18 36
☉ enters ♈ 23d day, at 5 ho. 11 m. Morn.				21	19 48
				26	21 51
1	20	Tu	All Saints. [1767	Tho' among wheat a fool you bray,	
2	21	W	Duke of Kent bo.	All Souls.	
3	22	Th	Prs. Sophiab. 1777	On mor. of All Souls. 1 ret.	
4	23	F			
5	24	S	Powder Plot 1605.	With pestel in a mortar may,	
6	25	B	22 Sund. aft. Trin.	Leonard. Mich. Term. begins	
7	26	M	K. William landed		
8	27	Tu	Prs. Aug Sophhia	born 1768.	
9	28	W	Ld. Mayor's Day	He will not, as the wife man says, Depart still from his foolish ways.	
10	29	Th		And if such punishment as this,	
11	30	F	St. Martin. [2ret.	So terrible! its end must miss,	
12	31	S	On mor. of St. Mar.	Camb. Term divides Mid.	
13	Nov.	B	23 Sund. aft. Trin.	Britius.	
14	2	M			
15	3	Tu	Machutus.	How void of hope must be his state, When his repentance comes too late?	
16	4	W		Like Esau he may weep and sigh,	
17	5	Th	Hugh, Bp. of Lin.	Like Esau he may roar and cry;	
18	6	F	In 8 d. of St. Mart.	Not when the work may still be done,	
19	7	S	[3 retr.		
20	8	B	24 Sund. aft. Trin]	Edm. K. and Mart.	
21	9	M			
22	10	Tu	Cecilia.	But when the hope of blessing's gone. Such Esau's in all ages are,	
23	11	W	St. Clement O. S.	And countries found both far and near.	
24	12	Th	[Mart.		
25	13	F	D. of Glost. born.	15 Days of St. Mart. 4 ret.	
26	14	S	[Cath. In.		
27	15	B	Advent Sunday.	Timely repentance who don't seek, Untimely tears may wet the cheek.	
28	16	M	Mich. Term ends.	The blessing cannot then be won, Because the work cannot be done.	
29	17	Tu		No true repentance found is, till	
30	18	W	St. Andrew Apost.	Men turn from evil habits will,	

Observations in NOVEMBER.

M D	Clocks after Sun.
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Now 'tis November, sickly is the season,
Moping and melancholy too with reason;
For now the Spring and Summer both are fled,
All nature's face with brown and yellow's spread;
The lowing cattle in the pastures roar,
Which late were fat and rich, but now are poor.

1	16' 12"
6	16 12
11	15 50
16	15 6
21	14 2
26	12 38

VII	IV	5 a 39	17	And yet	As Giles Jolt sleeping in his
2 15	45	6 37	18	from cen-	carriage lay,
3 17	43	7 45	19	sure let go	Some pilfering villains stole his
4 18	42	9 3	20	free.	team away.
5 20	40	10 23	21	Alas! full	He wakes, and strait calls out
6 22	38	11 39	22	many a	the drowsy sot,
7 24	36	morn	23	score.	Why, how now! am I Giles,
8 25	35		24	Bluebeard	or am I not?
9 27	33	2 2	25	I nothing	If he, I've lost six guildings, to
10 29	31	3 11	26	knowabout,	my smart:
11 30	30	4 21	27	So he as	If not, oddsbodkins, I've found
12 32	28	5 31	28	well might	a cart!
13 33	27	6 42	29	be left out.	
14 35	25	D sets	N	And	If an anecdote be a thing un-
15 37	23	4 a 18	1	Bob Scot	published, it no sooner is pub-
16 38	22	5 0	2	as they say,	lished than it must cease from
17 40	20	5 54	3	Was a poor	being an anecdote. However,
18 41	19	7 3	4	ideot, I'm	this impropriety, I apprehend.
19 42	18	8 19	5	told,	must be passed over. Equally
20 44	16	9 39	6	Who would	as an enigma ceases not to be
21 45	15	11 1	7	for brags	such when its answer is known,
22 47	13	morn	8	exchange	although that answer be <i>nothing</i>
23 48	12		9	his gold,	at all. As for example, the fol-
24 49	11	1 46	10	Let him	lowing:
25 51	9	3 12	11	alone I	More beauteous than the queen
26 52	8	4 41	12	may.	of love,
27 53	7	6 13	13	Cobler Neal	More constant than the turtle
28 54	6	D rise	F	Bacon Jack,	dove,
29 55	5	4 12	15	Peg Barret,	More tawdry than the dress of
30 56	4	5 17	16	Sal Parrot,	beaus,
				All these	More fickle than the wind that
				preach by	blows;
				rote,	What <i>Blakeney</i> fear'd amidst
					proud war,
					What strikes with dread the
					honest lar,
					What brave <i>Byng</i> did to save
					Mahon,
					What, ladies, you may call your
					own.

DECEMBER hath xxxi Days.					M D	☉ Declin. South.		
Last Quarter	6	} Day at	} 0 ho. 56 m.	Morn.	1	21° 44'		
New Moon	14			4	56	Morn.	6	22 26
First Quarter	21			1	52	After.	11	22 58
Full Moon	28			7	10	Morn.	16	23 19
☉ enters ♍ 22d day, at 5 ho. 23 m. After.					21	23 28		
					26	23 25		
1	19	Th			And practice good with all their might;			
2	20	F			Their study make it and delight.			
3	21	S			And can this in a single day,			
4	22	B	2 Sund. in Advent.		Effectually be done, I say?			
5	23	M			This thought me naturally brings,			
6	24	Tu	Nicholas.		To point out most momentous things.			
7	25	W			So please to turn now two leaves o'er,			
8	26	Th	Conc. of Vir. Mary		And you will find page thirty-four;			
9	27	F			The Tablet of wise Cebes, and			
10	28	S			It you concerns to understand,			
11	29	B	3 Sund. in Advent		This Cebes was an infidel;			
12	30	M			Perhaps you'll say, 'tis very well,			
13	Dec.	Tu	Luty.		And you would be a christian thought.			
14	2	W			Pray act then as a christian ought.			
15	3	Th			See, his wife tablet sets in view			
16	4	F	O Sapientia! Cam.		Wise things, and much behoving you			
17	5	S	Oxford Term ends		To practice, or you'll act amiss;			
18	6	B	4 Sund. in Advent		He strives to point the way to bliss.			
19	7	M			Term ends.			
20	8	Tu			And it is wonderful that he,			
21	9	W	St. Thomas, Sh. D.		Should all these truths so plainly see.			
22	10	Th			Yet, there is here one grand mistake,			
23	11	F			Which, as a heathen, he must make.			
24	12	S			In placing of fair Virtue's prize,			
25	13	B	Christmas Day		True happiness, beneath the skies.			
26	14	M	St. Stephen.		Whereas, to pass that gulph, the grave,			
27	15	Tu	St. John Ev.		Our faith informs us, we all have,			
28	16	W	Innocents.		That happiness we cannot find,			
29	17	Th			Unless we here our duty mind.			
30	18	F			With this the heathens too agree,			
31	19	S	Silvester		Protomart.			
					But we alone as christians see;			
					To wean our minds from things below,			
					We're made to suffer pain and woe.			
					And happiness alone is given,			
					To those who rise from earth to Heaven.			

Observations in DECEMBER.

M	Clocks
D	after Sun.

And now December comes to close the year,
Sullen and sad all seems now Winter's here;
Good fires, good books, good company at night,
Comfort may yield still, and afford delight.
Christmas now comes, the holy season, when
The host angelic hail'd the sons of men.

1	10' 56"
6	8 57
11	6 44
16	4 21
21	1 52
26	Bef. 87

1	VII	IV	6 a	34	17	Some in a	What charms us more than wo-
2	58	2	7	34	18	Fetticoat,	man can,
3	59	1	9	15	19	some coat,	What you esteem above a man;
4	VIII	III	10	30	20	Without	What's sweeter than the mutual
5	1	59	11	42	21	much store	kiss,
6	2	58	morn		22	of learning.	Will, instantly, unriddle this.
7	3	57		52	23	Peggy	And in like manner we con-
8	3	57	2	1	24	Plumb,	tinue to call things anecdotes
9	4	56	3	10	25	Tom Thumb	even after publication. Such,
10	5	55	4	21	26	and Jack a	then, for your amusement, is the
11	5	55	5	34	27	Nokes,	following:
12	6	54	6	45	28	Who have	Before the learned Sharp, Arch-
13	7	53	7	52	29	no sense,	bishop of York, obtained a set-
14	7	53	D sets		30	so cack	tlement in London, while he was
15	7	53	4 a	52	1	no jokes,	yet in the north, he made appli-
16	8	52	5	57	2	Scarce black	cation for a vacant benefice. There
17	8	52	7	18	3	from white	were, as is often the case, several
18	8	52	8	38	4	discerning.	candidates, and the Patron de-
19	8	52	10	0	5	They all are	clared they should all preach for
20	8	52	11	21	6	preachers	it; and that he whose sermon he
21	8	52	morn		7	who can't	most approved of should have the
22	8	52		43	8	read,	living. Sharp, as is too often the
23	8	52	2	8	9	So fools are	case with the greatest men, had
24	8	52	3	35	10	edify'd in-	the mortification to find that ano-
25	7	53	5	4	11	deed.	ther was preferred before him.
26	7	53	6	27	12	Let all resort	But after his reputation was estab-
27	7	53	7	41	13	then to their	lished in London, he obtained
28	6	54	D rises		14	fools,	the Archbishopal See of York;
29	6	54	5 a	15	15	Who're	and took an early opportunity
30	6	54	6	36	16	fam'd for	to wait upon the gentleman who
31	5	55	7	55	17	edifying	had refused to give him the liv-
						fools,	ing, to thank him for the disap-
						And of them	pointment, which, had he not
						all the na-	met with, he said, he should never
						tion,	have been Archbishop of York.
						Will sure	The crocus in full blow, near
						make no	Saffron-Walden, the 19th day of
						small	March, 1802.
						Congrega-	
						tion.	

A TABLE of Terms and their Returns. 1803.

*Very necessary for all those who are so unfortunate
as to be obliged to go to Law.*

Hilary Term begins Jan. 24, ends Feb. 12.

Returns or Essoign Days.	Ex.	Ret.	Ap.	W. D.
On the Octave of St. Hilary	Jan. 20	21	22	24 Monday
In 15 days from the day of St. Hilary	27	28	29	31 Monday
On the Morrow of the Purif. B. V. M.	Feb. 3	4	5	7 Monday
On the Octave of the Purif. B. V. M.	9	10	11	12 Saturday

Easter Term begins April 27, end May 23.

In 15 days after Easter	April 24	25	26	27 Wedn.
In 3 weeks from Easter Day	May 1	2	3	4 Wedn.
In 1 month from Easter Day	8	9	10	11 Wedn.
In 5 weeks from Easter Day	15	16	17	18 Wedn.
On the Morrow of the Ascension	20	21	22	23 Mond.

Trinity Term begins June 10, ends June 29.

On the Morrow of the Holy Trinity	June 6	7	8	10 Friday.
On the Octave of the Holy Trinity	12	13	14	15 Wedn.
In 15 days from the Holy Trinity	19	20	21	22 Wedn.
In 3 weeks from the Holy Trinity	26	27	28	29 Wedn.

Michaelmas Term begins Nov. 7, ends Nov. 28.

On the Morrow of All Souls	Nov. 3	4	5	7 Mond.
On the Morrow of St. Martin	12	13	14	15 Tuesd.
On the Octave of St. Martin	18	19	20	21 Mond.
In 15 days of St. Martin	25	26	27	28 Mond.

N. B. No sittings in Westminster-hall, on Candlemas Day, Ascension Day, and Midsummer Day.

The Exchequer opens eight days before any Term begins, except Trinity, before which it opens but four days.

Note. That the first and last days of every Term, are the first and last days of appearance.

When Lawyers cease perverting Laws, | Perverting what is just and clear,
And in wise Statutes finding Flaws, | The last great Judgment will be near.

POOR ROBIN,

1803.

PART THE SECOND.

Containing as much Astrology as is necessary for a Performance of this Kind, and no more than the Truth; which gives it by much the Preference to all other annual Prognostications; with such Tables and Observations as (added to the First Part) are highly useful to all Astronomers, Astrologers, Accountants, Chronologers, and Politicians.

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ASTRONOMICAL CHARACTERS.

PLANETS.

- ☉ The Sun.
- ☾ The Moon.
- ☿ Mercury.
- ♀ Venus.
- ♂ Mars.
- ♃ Jupiter.
- ♄ Saturn.
- ♊ Ascending Node.
- ♋ Descending Node.
- ♌ Conjunction.
- ♍ Opposition.

SIGNS of the ZODIAC.

- ♈ Aries.
- ♉ Taurus.
- ♊ Gemini.
- ♋ Cancer.
- ♌ Leo.
- ♍ Virgo.
- ♎ Libra.
- ♏ Scorpio.
- ♐ Sagittarius.
- ♑ Capricorn.
- ♒ Aquarius.
- ♓ Pisces.

THE ANATOMY.



THE TABLET OF CEBES;

OR,

A PICTURE OF HUMAN LIFE.

FROM THE GREEK.

AS we in Saturn's Temple walking were,
Among the Curiosities plac'd there;
A kind of sacred Tablet we all saw,
Before a chapel, with a kind of awe.

Figures peculiar and foreign too,
Depicted on it, we admiring view.
We doubted not it had some meaning fine,
But what the subjects were could not divine.
The picture look'd like neither camp nor town,
But an inclosure, and within its own
Peculiar bound, two others pictur'd were,
And these a greater and a less appear.

The whole Park's portal had an open door,
And many people standing it before.
Within the fence, we many females scan,
And standing in the porch an aged man,
If at appearance we to guess might venture,
Directing and commanding those who enter.

Whilst we with one another were debating,
What all this mean could, which I here am stating;
Near us a man, advanc'd in years, address'd
Us thereupon, and thus himself express'd:

As you are strangers, it no wonder is,
You're at a loss to know what's meant by this.
To several people, natives of this town,
The true intent and meaning is unknown.
Indeed it was no native plac'd it here,
But a learn'd stranger, now gone many a year.
He the wise tenets of Pythagoras taught,
And just and prudent, both in deed and thought;
This lofty temple he both elevated
To Saturn, and this Tablet dedicated.

Have you, sir, seen the very person, who
This consecrated, which us puzzles so?

Yes, well I knew him, and him much admir'd,
Tho' rather young, his company desir'd;

And sought for was, by those of every nation,
So full of wisdom was his conversation.

I've often heard him, not I hope in vain,
The subject of this Tablet here explain.

As we the meaning too much wish to know,
Pray, sir, explain it to us ere we go.

This, he replies, with pleasure I would do,
But that it dangerous may be to you.

We ask, surpriz'd, what danger can there be?

'Tis this, without delay, thus answers he.

If you the lesson taught here well observe,
And never from the wise instruction swerve;

As wise and happy you will merit praise,

If not, you wretched will be all your days.

Explaining this is like the Sphinx's riddle,

That beast below, but woman from the middle;

Which, if the hearer rightly understood,

He then was say'd, if not, she suck'd his blood.

So ignorance in life as fatal is,

As if the monster's meaning you should miss.

All, good, bad, and indifferent in life,

Here pictur'd is before you, and your strife

Must be to understand, the good to chuse,

And all that's bad as carefully refuse;

Or you will be destroy'd without all cure,

And ruin'd by degrees, tho' slow, yet sure;

By ling'ring tortures given up to death,

Certain as if a monster stopp'd your breath.

But if you rightly understand what's here,

All ignorance must forthwith disappear.

You're sav'd, and found deserving of all praise,

And happy spend the remnant of your days.

To all I say, attend then as you ought,

It well, believe me, merits all your thought.

As you desire my aid. This Park you see,

Its circuit that of human life must be.

The croud, that here the portal stand before,

Are ent'ring in of life the open door.

That aged person in the entrance standing,

In attitude of holding so one hand in

A paper, whilst he with the other hand

Seems pointing, to make people understand.

This is the Genius of the place, he who,

On entering into life, shews what to do;

And which the way to walk in, so that they
Escape the dangers, and be happy may.

Within the portal, in the front you see

A woman, with a cup in hand, how she
Sits dress'd out in all finery; pray mind,
She is Deceit, misleader of mankind.

On entering into life, as they come up,
To every one to drink she gives her cup.

'Tis ignorance and error it contains,

All drink of it, and have them for their pains,

All drink of it, some less draughts, some more.

A little farther still within the door,

You see a tribe of women loose appear,

In great variety of dress and air.

Those the Opinions are, Desires and Pleasures,

Who, as the people enter, call them treasures;

Fly to them, and embrace them all the way,

And with great earnestness lead them astray:

Who to perdition run in folly's race,

Tho' some of them they too in safety place.

Why drank they of that liquor coming in,

Since here the road to ruin must begin?

You say. Because these tell all they embrace,

They'll lead them to the best and happiest place.

Whilst blinded by large draughts from Falsehood's cup,

Greedy, as if they meant to drink all up;

In life, cannot distinguish the right way,

But wand'ring here and there, all from it stray;

And they who have been in some time, observe,

Do just the same, and from the right way swerve:

Yes, we reply. But who's that woman shown,

Here blind and mad, standing on a round stone?

'Tis Fortune, he rejoins, as strange as true,

Nor only blind and mad, she's stone-deaf too.

Her business is to fly about and snatch,

From any one, whatever she can catch,

And give it to another, then from him

To take it, and a third serve so, for whim,

No certainty of meaning can appear,

As represented by her figure here.

On a round stone unstable most she stands,

To shew uncertain gifts come from her hands;

And that her votaries must expect withal,

To meet some great mischance, or fatal fall.

Who

Who all that company about her there,
We ask, so agitated they appear?
Some overjoy'd, others as much distressed,
Why thus should some thus vary from the rest,
What want they of her? He replies, These all
The tribe of Inconsiderates we call,
And what they want of her, are all those things,
She, without rule or reason, round her flings.
Such as receiv'd have something at her hand,
Here smiling and rejoicing you see stand,
The title of Good Fortune give her, known
Too by their passions, who what she had thrown
Had gather'd, but she from them again took;
Bad Fortune these her call, with a sad look.
Wealth, glory, rank, birth, dignity, a crown,
The gifts are she thus scatters up and down.
All these mankind in general esteem
As good, and matter of rejoicing deem.
Rightly and wisely whether thus they do,
I, in the sequel, more at large may shew.
On with our picture let us here proceed.
After this portal is thus past indeed,
Another close upon an higher ground,
And several gaudy ladies there are found.
Intemperance and Luxury stand there,
And Avarice with Flattery appear.
The Inconsiderates these wait for, who
Have Fortune's gifts receiv'd before; and lo,
How with the greatest fondness they embrace,
Forthwith attach themselves with pleasing grace;
Promise they every delight shall share
In life, quite free from trouble, pain, and care.
Now to Voluptuousness, who carry'd is
Away by them, at first not much amiss,
Will find or think their company or fashions,
While fondling thus and tickling all his passions.
But soon, alas! the case is alter'd quite,
When he recovers once his senses right,
As not he them, but that they him enjoy,
They prey upon him, and will him destroy,
Insult and force him to become their slave,
After he wasted has all Fortune gave;
Him yield to actions scandalous will make,
And villanies of all sorts, for their sake.

To cheat, rob, swear, and lie, he hence is driven,
 And then to punishment he up is given.
 For you may see beyond those women there,
 A narrow cavern, and small door appear:
 Some miserable females too within,
 In nothing clad but filthy rags are seen;
 This is the cave of Punishment, who stands
 Here, holding up her scourges in her hands;
 And Sorrow bent near double too is near,
 Anguish of mind sits tearing her own hair.
 Repining's that bare figure of a man,
 Despair, his sister, that lean woman wan.
 The wretch deliver'd up is to all these,
 To be tormented by them while they please;
 And live among them must, till at the last,
 Into the house of Misery he's cast.
 In all such wretchedness to spend each day,
 Unless Repentance fall should in his way.
 If she him meet, she does what all require,
 Gives him a new Opinion and Desire;
 Shewing the way that all must needs pursue,
 To find out Science, either false or true.

Here, into branches two, divides the way,
 And along either of them walk he may.
 The one leads up direct to Science true,
 The other, bent to Science false, you view.
 And if the first of them he wisely chuse,
 This makes him happy, and his soul renews,
 But if he take the other of these ways,
 False Science may perplex him all his days.

Goodness! we cry, new danger then is here!
 Pray tell us which false Science is, and where?

He says, the second Park here you may view,
 And just without it; see a woman too
 Stand by the entrance, elegantly dress'd,
 More striking in appearance than the rest.
 The unthinking multitude Science call this,
 She in reality false Science is.
 Those sav'd out of the house of Misery there,
 In passing to true Science, oft call here.
 Those men you in the small Park walking view,
 Mistaken have false Science for the true.
 Poets and Orators, Arithmeticians,
 Epicureans, Critics, and Musicians,

With

With others of like stamp, there always found.
 And who those busy crew of women round,
 So like Intemperance and all her race,
 We ask, as those you in the first Park place?
 They are the very same, he says, who here
 Come too, but not so readily as there.
 The Opinions also to this Park belong,
 And all those whom Deceit at first led wrong:
 With Ignorance and Folly by their side,
 And with them must continue and abide,
 Till they shall quit false Science for the true,
 And drink her purifying liquor too;
 The evil dregs that in them still remain
 To purge away, and wash out every stain:
 Which nothing else can do. False Science never
 This can remove, but it will last for ever.
 But to proceed. You see that place on high,
 It, as if uninhabited, you spy.
 A little opening between the rocks,
 With a faint track is seen, and not in flocks;
 The people who walk there seem very few,
 The path so rough and hard is to pursue.
 A high cliff also on the hill is seen,
 With two steep precipices plac'd between;
 As frightful as you doubtless think this may,
 This to true Science is the only way:
 Above the cliff you see a rising rock
 With precipices round, & fearful flock;
 Upon the rock two women; notice take,
 What firmness and what beauty in their make?
 Their hands so earnestly you see out stretch,
 As if they something had they wish'd to reach.
 These are two sisters, Temperance the one,
 The other Perseverance, both well known.
 The reason they so stretch their arm is this,
 Lest those who're got thus far their end should miss.
 Encourage them, bidding them never fear,
 For that the end of all their suff'ring's near.
 One noble effort if they make will more,
 The road's all smooth and pleasant them before.
 And as the rock is steep and trackless known,
 To help them up, to meet them they come down.
 To rest a little while they then desire them,
 So with new strength and courage they inspire them.

And promise to true Science them to bring,
 Making their toil a pleasant easy thing.
 Danger and difficulty then is past,
 And all the way is charming at the last.

You see a beauteous meadow near that grove,
 With such a lively light cast it above,
 Here to begin the third Park you may see,
 This portal leading to it then must be.
 Here is the habitation of the blest,
 Where Happiness and all the Virtues rest.
 In what a charming place they have to dwell
 That Lady near the portal too, mark well;
 How beautiful and steady in her look!
 Of middle age, or past it, she seems took.
 Dress'd in a plain long robe, she takes her station,
 Without all ornaments or affectation.
 She stands not on a round but a square stone,
 By which her great stability is shown.
 Two other ladies, plac'd on either hand,
 Are her two daughters, we may understand.
 She in the midst fair Science is, that Truth,
 And this Persuasion, in the bloom of youth
 Her gifts tranquillity and strength of mind,
 Assur'd no evil they again shall find
 Or feel in life; and thus she, all composure,
 Before the portal stands of the inclosure.
 All those arriving thither to receive,
 And them her purifying drink to give,
 When by it cleans'd they perfectly have been,
 She to the Virtues will conduct them in,
 This purifying thus now comprehend:
 If in an illness laid, you had a friend,
 Who sent for a physician, and he takes
 What he prescribes, and thus him whole he makes;
 But if he will not take his med'cines, he
 By the distemper then destroy'd must be.
 Just so, when Science takes one under care,
 She all the noxious things that in him are,
 Drives out of him, by drinking of her cup,
 Or ignorance and error eat him up.
 As from the cup of fell Deceit he had
 Pride, Lust, and Anger, every thing that's bad;
 Which, passing through the first Inclosure, he
 Defil'd, or hurt, in any shape might be;
 So purify'd, she thro' that portal sends
 To Knowledge and the Virtues all her friends.

That

That company select of Ladies there,
How beautiful and decent they appear!
Both in their look and dress. All, in a word,
With handsome unaffectedness accord.
You, at the head of them, see Knowledge there,
Justice and Honesty like twins appear;
Brave Fortitude, unknowing how to yield,
And Temperance, Health's buckler and her shield;
Freedom and Prudence, of more worth than gold,
With Decency becoming you'd behold;
Mild Clemency, fair offspring of high Heaven,
Whose needful boons are to man's frailty given.
The company of all these enjoy you may,
If wisely you will follow in the way
Which I have shewn you, and it is no less
Than that, which to their mother Happiness
Will lead you. That high edifice see you,
Higher than all the Parks and buildings too?
Just as some towering citadel is found,
O'ertopping all the edifices round.
That compos'd Lady Beautiful, and so
On a throne sitting in the portico;
A chaplet of sweet flow'rs her head surrounds,
And she is Happiness, that knows no bounds.
Assisted she by all the Virtues here,
With her own influences crowns him there,
In the same manner as they crowns have gain'd,
Who have the greatest conquests now obtain'd.
The greatest victories he's won indeed,
From monsters terrible himself has freed,
Who once tormented him, enslav'd, devour'd,
These driving quite away, has overpower'd;
Become is master of himself, nay more,
Makes those obey, whom he obey'd before.
Error and Ignorance are what I mean,
Greater than these, no monsters e'er were seen.
His sorrows and repinings, covetings,
Intemperance, and all that evil brings,
These he has quite subdu'd, is from them free,
Tho' they his tyrant masters us'd to be.
For such exploits he's worthy, as you said,
To wear a glorious crown upon his head:
Whose influence, when once he has it on,
Is, that he feels the bliss he now has won.

And

And that he thus is easy made will find,
 Possessing mild tranquillity of mind.
 After he's crown'd then, as you wish to know
 What he will do, and whither he will go?

The Virtues take, and lead him to the place
 Which first he left, and bid him mark the case
 Of those, who there had all the while remain'd,
 That pain and trouble only they'd obtain'd.
 Shipwreck'd in life, about in it they toil,
 Or led along as captives for a spoil;
 Some by Intemperance, others by Pride,
 By Avarice, and every Vice beside.
 Much to escape they strive, but all in vain,
 The Vices load all with a heavy chain.
 To find a place of rest, vain is their strife,
 One ineffectual struggle is their life.
 All this woe rises from their first neglect
 Of what the Genius rightly would direct.

This, we reply, appears to be the case;
 But why the Virtues back to the same place
 Should take the person, where he first was found,
 And after he'd by Happiness been crown'd?

To this, he says, he'd no idea just.
 Before, he guess'd alone, and took on trust.
 The draught of Ignorance and Error, he
 Drank first, him dazzl'd so he could not see.
 But bad he took for good, and good for bad,
 As wretchedness in common there all had.
 But now what really good is he can know,
 Happy himself, he see can others woe.
 Free, safe as those in the Corycian cave,
 Where the nine Muses their snug dwelling have,
 Secure and undisturb'd he lives in bliss,
 And by all others now receiv'd he is,
 With as much pleasure, as a good physician
 Is by his patients, when in heal'd condition.
 The female monsters he no longer dreads,
 They either skulk away, or hide their heads.
 From Grief, from Anguish, and Intemperance free,
 From Avarice safe and Poverty is he.
 He's master and superior to all,
 That once him held in such a state of thrall.
 As those who to catch vipers know aright,
 Ne'er hurt are by the venom of their bite,

Which is to others mortal, who are not
In the possession of the antidote.
Just so, an antidote possessing, he
Is from all former dread of evils free.

This very well explain'd is, we reply,
Yet further wish us to inform you'd try.
Who those are, from the middle of the rock,
Seen, as it were, descending in a flock?
Some of them crown'd, are seen with joyous air,
Some without crowns, far otherwise appear.
Rejected seem with marks of falls about them;
A crew of women follow them and flout them.

He says, those crown'd, are such as safely got
To Science true. And those who crowns have not,
And seen returning in condition sad,
Are such as when they safe arrival had.
At the dread precipice where Patience stands,
Found their hearts fail, and so return'd in bands,
Wand'ring about. The women too you see,
So mocking Sorrow, Anguish, Infamy,
Despair and Ignorance. Well be they sad,
Attended thus by every thing that's bad;
And when to the first Park they have got down,
Where dwells Voluptuousness, they will not own
The blame was in themselves, but in the way,
And all ill things they can of Science say.
To those who're going to her, they declare
How miserable such poor people are,
Who leave the life they might enjoy below,
And the good things it has here to bestow.
For luxury and intemperance they call feasts,
And to indulge their passions like brute beasts,
They the completion of Enjoyment call,
Wishing from Truth and Science to fright all.

Those other women too, coming down there
Well-pleas'd and lively, the Opinions are.
After conducting those to Science, who
Have gain'd admission, all the Virtues too,
And are returning others up to bring,
All telling, what a glorious fine thing
It is, and to acquaint them how blest are
Those who already safely have got there.

Yet think not the Opinions are admitted
To dwellings, for true Knowledge only fitted.

Their

• Their business to true Science is to bring,
Those who it wish, this too's a useful thing.
They are like transport ships, returning freight
For other, when deliver'd is one freight.

We thank you, sir, who have explain'd so well
The figures in the picture ! But to tell,
If not too troublesome you think us will,
One more enquiry we to make have still.
What the directions most important are
Which the directing Genius gives here,
Upon their ent'ring the first portal, as
It influence may much what comes to pass ?

The Genius bids them of good courage be,
On entering into life, and so let me
Bid you be of good courage, whilst you hear,
I'll do my best to every thing make clear.
The woman standing on the round stone must,
The Genius says, be one you cannot trust ;
Nor look upon her gifts as firm, secure,
Nor think them property that will endure.
Her from resuming them none hinder can,
And giving them to any other man.
And thus she is extremely apt to act,
'Tis Fortune's proper business, in fact.
He orders them, to think of small account
Her presents, whatsoever their amount.
Nor over-much rejoice when she will make them,
Nor be dejected if away she take them.
Yet of her to think neither well nor ill ;
For without thought are all her doings still.
On this account the Genius commands
Nothing to over-rate, fallen from her hands.
Nor like those simple bankers be, who when
Receiving, upon trust, some cash, are then
So pleas'd with it, as if it were their own ;
And when they're call'd upon to pay it down
Again, uneasy grow, and hard it think
To part again with the beloved chink ;
Forgetting it was put into their hands
To satisfy the owner's just demands.
The Genius thus gives orders to all men,
To look upon the gifts of Fortune then.
And be aware, whenever so inclin'd,
She may recal them, which they must not mind,

Or

Or send in more, uncertain as the weather,
 And if she please, resume may both together.
 Those entering into life, he bids therefore
 To take the gifts them offer'd, less or more;
 And go, as soon as they are in condition,
 In quest of some, more lasting acquisition,
 Which, from true Science, they may all obtain,
 If safely they admittance to her gain,
 Of what is really good the Knowledge true,
 Firm, certain, and unchangeable 'tis too.
 And in pursuit of this, to Fortune quit;
 And when they come where those two women sit,
 Voluptuousness and Intemperance,
 Then, past them both, immediately advance;
 And nothing mind, whatever they may say,
 But to false Science strive to make their way,
 He orders there too, that their stay be short,
 To gain things useful found, of any sort,
 Upon their road. And then her to leave too,
 And go directly on to Science true.
 These are the orders which the Genius gives,
 All must obey, or wretchedly each lives.

I now have the whole Parable explain'd,
 That in this curious Tablet is contain'd.
 So now I ready am to take the task
 Of answering any question you may ask.
 To you our many thanks are very small
 Reward, pray say why to the Park at all
 Of Science false, the Genius men sends?

To gain the useful only he intends.
 The literature which, Plato says, to youth,
 Is like a bridle guiding them to Truth.
 Lest they to idleness be drawn aside.

Yet 'tis not necessary all abide:
 Tho' just to call be useful to young men,
 And Idleness and Sloth most baneful then.
 Yet, without this, as good they all may be;
 Tho', like Interpreters, we learning see.
 The meaning of a tongue us to may lead,
 'Tis better from the trouble of them freed,
 To know the tongue ourselves. Yet good, I say,
 All if they please, without much learning may.

The learned have but small advantage then,
 Others above, to make them better men.

They

They all, you see, like others, are deceiv'd,
 As to what's bad and good, are hurt and griev'd.
 Continue funk in Vices all, we see,
 Tho' masters of all literature they be.
 Knowing all Science, yet a man may still
 A drunkard be, or glutton, if he will.
 He may become a miser, and unjust,
 Or so improvident none will him trust.
 We instances of this see every day;
 Then where's the advantage great of learning, pray?
 Of all this infelicity, we see,
 This is the cause. They hastily agree,
 When in the second Park, to place their home
 With Science false, and to the true ne'er come.
 What can be got by that? Many are found,
 Who from Intemperance and the Vices round,
 Directly from the first Inclosure, to
 That of true Science, on are seen to go;
 And that without once stopping on the road,
 Where thus the learned took up their abode.
 How then can it be said that learned men
 Have over others the advantage then?

As in activity they less abound,
 And are less aiming at instruction found?
 For in the second Park, when all is done,
 Of all their faults to mention only one.
 To know, what they know not, they all profess,
 So in their ignorance they acquiesce.
 To seek true Science they no motive find,
 And then another thing them helps to blind.
 The Opinions coming from the first Park here,
 These with them freely to converse appear.
 As much so as before, so that they may
 Esteem'd be in no better state, I say;
 Unless Repentance too should interfere,
 And them convince true Science is not there.
 But what they've been embracing all this while,
 Is her false semblance, apt so to beguile,
 That has deceiv'd them. And while in this mind,
 Small is the hope they will Repentance find.

So to close all, my friends, I you intreat,
 Think over in your minds all I thus state;
 Repeatedly it ponder, and well weigh,
 And let it guide your practice every day.

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A constant habit get of doing right,
From this no difficulties let affright;
Walk in the ways of Virtue, and account
All other things to be of small amount.
Then will this lesson, thus set in disguise,
Render you easy, happy, good, and wise.

But, sir, the gifts that Fortune about flings,
'Tis hard to think of as indifferent things.
Are not life, health, with riches, glory, fons,
And such like, reckon'd to be boons?
And evils the contrary? Admirable,
And hardly to believe you're speech we're able.

In answer to all this, he says, I too
In turn, have a few questions to ask you.
Is life itself a good to him that will,
By all his actions, prove that he lives ill?
Or had you rather live ill whilst you'd breath,
Or honestly and bravely suffer death?
The latter I suppose now, say you will,
In this case death can scarce be call'd an ill.
Both life and death then, rightly understood
Are as they're us'd here either ill or good.
Thus life and death are either good or not,
Like, in comparison, an iron hot;
To those who're sick salubrious it may turn,
While those that sound are, it will pain and burn.
And so it is of life, as well or ill
You act or use it, so it turns out still.
And if we turn our thoughts to riches, then,
They are not always blessings found to men.
And hence it probably is understood,
That learning, and not riches, make men good.
When better, men the owners for them are,
Riches are good, but otherwise a snare.
And those who know not rightly how to use them,
Will, in all probability, abuse them.
We see them magnify'd beyond all measure,
This even makes them cease to be a treasure.
When impious men, thro' them, all crimes commit,
Thro' willful ignorance of what's good and fit.
Act wisely then, do good with all your might,
And it shall be both treasure and delight.

OF THE ECLIPSES AND SEASONS.

HAIL, rain, blow, or snow, expect the year to begin on the first day of January. Time is constant to the day, hour, minute, and second, but as incōstant and uncertain is the weather; variable as a woman's temper, storms and calms, rain and sun-shine, cold and heat, wet and dry, and sometimes all these varieties within the short space of twenty-four hours. When it snows and blows the hardest, expect the weather to change, because extremes seldom last long, unless it be extreme poverty, which to my sorrow I know to be often very durable or lasting. Poor my ancestors were the sixteenth century, poor during all the seventeenth, and I am Poor Robin yet, and not about to change my name so Rich hastily. I have poverty by prescription, for Rich Robin would surely sound very queerly. And as this is election time, no doubt the mob will cry, Poor Robin for ever. Courage, brother burgeses, who are poor as I am, I trust you are not hastily going to lose my fraternity, my poverty the better enables me to be your representative. *Sed satis*, a word to the wise is enough. And to make you wiser I now inform you,

That the Sun will be eclipsed on Monday, the 21st of February, but it being at 5 min. past nine o'clock at night, at new moon, when you can neither see her nor it, except you sail to the great South-Sea, which is hardly worth your while, if you can go to bed and sleep in Old England.

So stay a month longer, till Monday, the 21st of March, when at 20 min. past 1 in the afternoon, the Quarter called *Spring* will begin; the singing of birds will be in season, and in April the voice of the cuckow will be heard in our land, which some think a misnomer, some abuse, but I delight to hear, because of the good tidings she brings, that this is the season of melody and love.

On the 22d day of June, 2 min. past 11 in the morning, the *Summer* Quarter begins, during which, that is, on the 17th day of August, a second *Eclipse* of the Sun will happen, nay more than that, will be seen here to begin at 55 min. past 5 in the morning. Greatest obscuration at 41 min. 1-half past 6. Visible conjunction at 44 min. past 6. The end at 30 min. 1-half past 7. So that it will be but a small and short one. Digits $3^{\circ} 12'$, and at 167° from the Sun's vertex on the left hand, the Moon makes her first impression on the Sun's Disk.

Autumn Quarter this year begins on the 24th of September, very early in the morning, but if you rise ever so soon you cannot see the Sun's ingress into the equinoctial sign *Libra*, he being then below the horizon. In reality, it is little more than an imaginary affair to see the Sun enter an imaginary point. Now if you have any fruit gather it in; if you have not, buy while it is cheap, for it will certainly be dearer, as well as the potatoes and other roots, before the frosts come and spoil them. For shortly you must expect the

Winter Quarter, which will, as it did last, begin this year on the 22d day of December, and nine more short cold days will bring this revolving year to a conclusion.

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