

The T A T L E R.

From Saturday December 30. to Tuesday January 2. 1710.

TH E Printer having informed me, that there are as many of these Papers printed as will make Four Volumes, I am now come to the End of my Ambition in this Matter, and have nothing further to say to the World, under the Character of *Isaac Bickerstaff*. This Work has indeed for some Time been disagreeable to me, and the Purpose of it wholly lost by my being so long understood as the Author. I never designed in it to give any Man any secret Wound by my Concealment, but spoke in the Character of an old Man, a Philosopher, an Humorist, an Astrologer, and a Censor, to allure my Reader with the Variety of my Subjects, and insinuate, if I could, the Weight of Reason with the Agreeableness of Wit. The general Purpose of the whole has been to recommend Truth, Innocence, Honour, and Virtue, as the chief Ornaments of Life; but I considered, that Severity of Manners was absolutely necessary to him who would censure others, and for that Reason, and that only, chose to talk in a Mask. I shall not carry my Humility so far as to call myself a vicious Man; but at the same Time must confess, my Life is at best but pardonable. And with no greater Character than this, a Man would make but an indifferent Progress in attacking prevailing and fashionable Vices, which *Mr. Bickerstaff* has done with a Freedom of Spirit that would have lost both its Beauty and Efficacy, had it been pretended to by *Mr. Steele*.

As to the Work it self, the Acceptance it has met with is the best Proof of its Value; but I should err against that Candour which an honest Man should always carry about him, if I did not own, that the most approved Pieces in it were written by others, and those which have been most excepted against by my self. The Hand that has assisted me in those noble Discourses upon the Immortality of the Soul, the glorious Prospects of another Life, and the most sublime Ideas of Religion and Virtue, is a Person who is too fondly my Friend ever to own them; but I should little deserve to be his, if I usurped the Glory of them. I must acknowledge at the same Time, that I think the finest Strokes of Wit and Humour in all *Mr. Bickerstaff's* Lucubrations are those for which he is also beholden to him.

As for the Satyrical Parts of these Writings, those against the Gentlemen who profess Gaming are the most licentious; but the main of them I take to come from losing Gamesters, as Invectives against the Fortunate; for in very many of them, I was very little else but the Transcriber. If any have been more particularly marked at, such Persons may impute it to their own Behaviour, (before they were touched upon) in publicly speaking their Resentment against the Author, and professing they would support any Man who should insult him. When I mention this Subject, I hope Major-General *Davenport*, Brigadier *Bisset*, and my Lord *Forbes*, will accept of my Thanks for their frequent good Offices, in professing their Readiness to partake any Danger that should befall me in so just an Undertaking, as the Endeavour to banish Fraud and Couzenage from the Presence and Conversation of Gentlemen.

But what I find is the least excusable Part of all this Work is, That I have, in some Places in it, touched upon Matters which concern both the Church and State. All I shall say for this is, That the Points I alluded to are such as concerned every Christian and Freholder in *England*; and I could not be cold enough to conceal my Opinion on Subjects which related to either of those Characters. But Politicks apart. I must confess, it has been a most exquisite Pleasure to me to frame Characters of Domestick Life, and put those Parts of it which are least observed into an agreeable View; to enquire into the Seeds of Vanity and Affectation, to lay before my Readers the Emptiness of Ambition: In a Word, to trace Human Life through all its Mazes and Recesses, and show much shorter Methods than Men ordinarily practise, to be happy, agreeable, and great.

But to enquire into Men's Faults and Weaknesses has something in it so unwelcome, that I have often seen People in Pain to act before me, whose Modesty only make them think themselves liable to Censure. This, and a Thousand other nameless Things, have made it an irksome Task to me to personate *Mr. Bickerstaff* any longer; and I believe it does not often happen, that the Reader is delighted where the Author is displeas'd.

All I can now do for the further Gratification of the Town, is to give them a faithful Index and Explication

plication of Passages and Allusions, and sometimes of Persons intended in the several scattered Parts of the Work. At the same Time, the succeeding Volumes shall discover which of the whole have been written by me, and which by others, and by whom, as far as I am able, or permitted.

Thus I have voluntarily done what I think all Authors should do when call'd upon. I have published my Name to my Writings, and given myself up to the Mercy of the Town, (as *Shakespeare* expresses it) with all my Imperfections on my Head. The indulgent Readers

Most Obliged,

Most Obedient,

Humble Servant,

RICHARD STEELE.

Advertisements.

The THIRD Volume of these LUCUBRATIONS being just finish'd, on a large Letter in Octavo, such as please to subscribe for it on a Royal Paper, to keep up their Sets, are desired to send their Names to Charles Lillie, Perfumer, at the Corner of Beauford-Buildings in the Strand, or John Morphew near Stationers-Hall. Where the First and Second Volumes are to be deliver'd.

Bibliotheca Cotterelliana; or, A Catalogue of the Library of the late eminent and learned Sir Charles Cotterell, consisting of a large Collection of the most valuable Authors in Gr. Lat. Spanish, Italian, French, and English, the best Editions, and well bound; will begin to be sold by Auction on Monday January 8, at Exeter-Change in the Strand, from 5 to 8 every Evening till all are sold: By Edm. Curll, Bookseller, against St. Dunstan's Church, Fleetstreet; where Catalogues are to be deliver'd gratis: Also by J. Harding at the Post-house in St. Martin's-lane, R. Parker under the Royal Exchange, H. Clements in St. Paul's Church-yard, B. Barker in Westminster Hall, and at the Place of Sale.

For the further Improvement of Dancing, A Treatise of CHOROGRAPHY, or the Art of dancing Country Dances after a new Character; in which the Figures, Steps, and Manner of Performing, are describ'd, and the Rules demonstrated in an easie Method, adapted to the meanest Capacity. Translated from the French of Monsr. Feuillet, and improv'd with many Additions; all fairly engraved on Copper Plates: And a new Collection of Country Dances, described in the same Character. By John Essex. To which is now publish'd Six new Country Dances, and Twelve new Minuets and Rigadoons, by the same Author, which may either be had singly at 1 s. each, or else with the aforesaid Book at the former Price of 5 s. Sold by J. Walsh, Musical Instrument Maker in Ordinary to Her Majesty, and P. Randall, at the Harp and Hautboy in Katherine-street in the Strand; J. Hale at the Viol and Flute in Cornhill; and J. Collins at the Buck without Temple-Bar.

On a Sheet of Imperial Paper; The Young Accountant's Remembrancer; directing him to find the proper Debtors and Creditors in the most usual Transactions and Occurrences of Trade; with the Method of Ballancing Accounts, and Transferring them into a new Ledger. (The 4th Edition.) By Tho. Mercer of the Bank. Sold by John Lyons in Philpot-lane near Fenchurch-street, who carefully teaches a Scheme of Merchants Accounts by a new Method, purposely compos'd by the said Author, to exemplify the Remembrancer. He likewise continues to teach Writing and Arithmetick, as formerly.

The London new Method and Art of teaching Children to Spell and Read, so as they may, without the Help of any other Books, read the Bible in less than 12 Months. This Way of Teaching is approv'd by most Schoolmasters, &c. Price bound 6 d. with good Allowance to such as (sell or) give them to Charity-Schools, &c. Sold by Edm. Parker at the Bible and Crown in Lombard-street near Stocks-market.

The Sale of the Rich BED and HANGINGS, which was seen at Westminster and Drapers Hall, will be drawn the 10th of this Instant January. All Persons that desire to become Adventurers, are desired to take out their Tickets speedily, which are to be had at One Guinea apiece, with new Proposals, at St. James's and Young Man's Coffee-houses; at Mr. Lillie's, Perfumer, at Beauford-Buildings; Mrs. Betly's in Bow-street, Covent-Garden; Mr. Fleming's, Goldsmith, against St. Dunstan's Church; Mr. Motteux in Leadenhall-street; Mr. Nath. Carpenter's, Merchant, in St. Clement's-lane, Lombard-street, (who stands Security for the fair Performance) and at the other Places mentioned in the Proposals. Part of the Goods may be seen at the said Mr. Carpenter's and Mrs. Betly's.

At the Golden Sugar-Loaf right against the Horse at Charing-Cross, is sold Morning-Gowns for Men and Women, of rich golden Sattins, fine japan'd and stain'd Silks, Thread Sattins, flower'd Silks, Stuffs, and Callicoes, being really the Goods of Shopkeepers that have lately broke. To be sold a great Pennyworth, the lowest Prizes being set on each Gown, being the right old Gown Shop.

A Book entitul'd, Physico-Mechanical Experiments on various Subjects; or, An Account of several surprising Phenomena touching Light and Electricity producible on the Attrition of Bodies: Together with new Observations on the Ascend of Liquids between the nearly contiguous Surfaces of different Bodies, the Pressure and Retraction of Air, the different Densities of that Element, from the greatest Degree of Heat to that of Cold in this Climate; the Propagation of Sound; and on divers other Heads not before taken Notice of. To which are added, the Explanations of all the Machines, (the Figures of which are done from Copper curiously engrav'd) and other Apparatus used in making the Experiments. Sold by J. Knapton, H. Clements, R. Smith, Booksellers; and in Hind-court against Water-lane, Fleetstreet, by the Author F. Hauksbee, F. R. S. 4to. Price bound 6 s.

ALL Persons who for themselves or Friends, having red and grey Hairs, would have 'em dy'd and turn'd black or dark-brown Colour, will find entire Satisfaction, as a great many have already, in the Use of a clear Water found out by Mr. Michon, and is to be sold at the said Mr. Michon's, Goldsmith, at the Crown and Pearl in Grafton-street; at P. Varenne's, Bookseller, at Seneca's-Head near Somerlet-House in the Strand; at the Rainbow Coffee-house beyond the Royal-Exchange in Cornhill; at Hen. Riborreau's at the Crown over-against Exeter-Exchange in the Strand; and A. Bell at the Cross-Keys and Bible in Cornhill.

AIR Pumps, both single and double Barrels, with Apparatus for the many Experiments, demonstrating the several Properties of the Air; Machines for condensing Air; small Air Pumps, with Glasses for the new and most approved Way of Cupping; Scarrificators, one of which at once makes 10, another 13, another 16, effectual Incisions; Syphons, and Blow-pipes with Valves for Anatomical Injections; Hydrostatical Ballances for finding the specifick Gravities of Liquids and Solids, with Ease and Accuracy: All which, according to their latest Improvements, with Directions how to use and order them on all Occasions, are sold only in Hind-court against Water-lane, Fleetstreet, by F. Hauksbee, Author of them.

FOR Sale by the Candle, on Thursday next the 4th Instant, at Lloyd's Coffee-house in Lombard-street, at 5 in the Afternoon, 54 Pipes of new excellent Canary Wines, neat, (only one Cask in a Lot) racy, and of a delicate Flavour, completing the Cargo of the Martin Galley, just landed; and 4 Pipes of new Zant White-Wine, of a very fine Flavour, neat, in a Cellar in the Gate-way of Buttolph-Wharf, and up two Pair of Stairs on the said Wharf fronting the Thames, between London-Bridge and Billingsgate. Also 15 Pipes and 16 Hhds of Red-Wine, fit for Draught, 1 Hhd of White-Wine, 1 Pipe and 1 Hhd of Maderas, 1 Ullage Butt of White Bottoms, 1 Aum of Red ditto, and 300 Flasks of Florence Wine; in Vaults under the House of the Widow Hinchman in Buttolph-Lane near the Queen's Weigh-house. All the aforesaid Wines to be seen and tasted all Day to Morrow, and Thursday till the Time of Sale. To be sold by Tho. Tomkins, Broker, in Seething-lane, between Tower-street and Crouched-Fryars.

FOR Sale by the Candle, on Wednesday the 10th Instant, at Lloyd's Coffee-house in Lombard-street, at 9 in the Forenoon, about 36 Tuns of new excellent French (Prize) Claret, fresh, deep, bright, and of a most curious Flavour, of the best Growths, and of the very last Vintage; 5 Puncheons of French (Prize) Brandy, 4 Tuns of new French (Prize) White Wine, extraordinary good; 28 Barrels of new superfine Prunants, and 22 Chests of very good Soap; the entire Cargoes of two French Prizes brought into Dartmouth by Capt. Daniel Nastell of Guernsey, now in the Custody of Mr. Tho. Plumley, Merchant, in Dartmouth aforesaid. And there shall be expos'd to View and Taste the aforesaid Wines, Brandy, Prunants, and Soap, till the Time of Sale. Catalogues shall be timely dispersed. To be sold by Thomas Tomkins, Broker, in Seething-lane.

THE late Right Hon. the Lord Brooks's Household-Goods, Plate, Linen, Pewter, Brass, fine India japan'd Cabinets, Screens, China, &c. will be sold by Auction at his Lordship's late Dwelling-House in Arlington-street near St. James's, on Tuesday the 9th Instant. The Goods, &c. to be seen on Friday, Saturday, and Monday next, before the Sale. The Sale to begin at Ten in the Morning, and to continue till all are sold. Catalogues to be had at the Place of Sale.

THE Sale of Goods at Mr. Strocton's not being yet full, Notice is hereby given, That it is, by the Consent of the Adventurers, delay'd till the 20th Instant, when it will most certainly be drawn, or the Money return'd; 2 s. each Ticker, 773 Prizes, one at 100 l. one at 50 l. two at 30 l. &c. 12 Blanks to one Lot. Tickets to be had at the said Mr. Strocton's at the Bell in Henrietta-street, Covent-Garden; at Mr. Amson's at the Gold Ring the Corner of Salisbury Court; where Satisfaction may be had of the Value of the Goods, and the Goods seen, there being only a just and living Profit receiv'd; and at Mrs. Davis's, a Milliner in the Strand, near Hungerford-Market. Note, This is the very last Sale of Goods in this Manner.

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