SHAKESPEARE

The Tempest

Sprague
"Our Reuels now are ended: These our actors,
(As I foretold you) were all Spirits, and
Are melted into Ayre, into thin Ayre,
And like the baselesse fabricke of this vision
The Clowd-capt Towres, the gorgeous Pallaces,
The solemne Temples, the great Globe it selfe,
Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolue,
And like this insubstantiall Pageant faded
Leaue not a racke behinde: we are such stuffe
As dreames are made on; and our little life
Is rounded with a sleepe."

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PREFACE.

This edition of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* is designed to meet especially the wants of teachers and students, but it is hoped that many others may find it useful. Of course all the notes will not be alike valuable to each, but probably nine of every ten readers will find in them something helpful.

If it be asked, "Why add another to the many school editions?" the following points of difference between it and most if not all of the other editions may be mentioned:—

1. The notes are intended to stimulate rather than supersede thought.

2. The results of many of the latest studies in interpretation by scholars have been given.

3. The edition continually presents for choice the various opinions of leading editors and commentators.

4. It suggests some of the best methods of studying English literature, and of making the finest passages the basis of lessons in language and rhetoric.

5. It contains critical comments by Assistant Professor Wendell, Dr. Furness, and other recent writers, as well as by Coleridge, Schlegel, and other geniuses of past generations; also topics for essays, and an unusually copious index.

6. Out of regard for the feelings of youth, it treats with more delicacy than most editions certain passages difficult to handle in mixed classes.
As in our edition of *Hamlet*, *Merchant of Venice*, *Macbeth*, *As You Like It*, *Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *Julius Caesar*, we follow, in numbering the lines, the excellent edition of Dr. Rolfe.

To make the student's mastery of these dramas easy, complete, and delightful; to insure in him some appreciation of the richness of Shakespearian thought and the felicity of Shakespearian expression; to enlarge his vocabulary, sharpen his critical judgment, and store his memory with some of the choicest gems in literature; and so to multiply his sources of enjoyment and lift him to a higher plane of being,—these are some of the principal objects sought in this new school edition.
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INTRODUCTION.

The earliest text of *The Tempest* is that of the First Folio (1623). It is printed there with remarkable correctness, according to Furness. Hudson declares, however, that "the play is badly printed, considerably worse than most of the plays first printed in that volume."

Its position is first in the Folio. It has been suggested that it was selected to occupy that place by the editors, Heminge and Condell, to make the book as attractive and salable as possible; that they put first in order the comedies, and, of the comedies, that one regarded as the greatest in charm, in beauty, in attractiveness.

In length it is the shortest with one exception. *The Tempest* has 2064 lines; *The Comedy of Errors*, 1778.

The unities are all observed; place, time, and action. Herein it conforms more strictly to ancient classical rules than any other of the plays, except, perhaps, *The Comedy of Errors*.

DATE OF COMPOSITION.

After wading through what would be equivalent to some sixty or seventy close-packed pages of this, our edition of *The Tempest*, Furness, in his great *Variorum Edition*, concludes thus:

"The Date of the Composition of *The Tempest* is assigned as follows: by Hunter, to 1596; by Knight, to 1602 or 1603; by Dyce, Staunton, after 1603; by Elze, to 1604; by Verplanck, to 1609; by Heraud, Fleay, Furnivall, to 1610; by Malone, Steevens, Collier, W. W. Lloyd, Halliwell, Grant White (ed. i), Keightley, Rev. John Hunter, W. A. Wright, Stokes, Hudson, A. W. Ward, D. Morris, to 1610–1611; by Chalmers, Tieck, Garnett, to 1613; by Holt, to 1614; by Capell (?), Farmer, Skottowe, Campbell, Bathurst, the Cowden-Clarkes, Phillpotts, Grant White (ed. ii), Deighton, a late, or the latest, play.

"The voice of the majority pronounces in favor of 1610-1611. Let us all, therefore, acquiesce, and henceforth be, in this regard, shut up in measureless content."

The verse tests, introduced during recent years, curiously confirm the opinion that *The Tempest* was one of the last of Shakespeare’s
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plays. For example: of end-stopt lines (lines in which the sense stops or partially stops at the end), the proportion to run-on lines (lines in which the sense runs on without break into the following verse) is, in the three plays which all admit to be among his earliest, Love's Labor's Lost, Comedy of Errors, and Two Gentlemen of Verona, as 18\frac{1}{2} to 1, 10\frac{1}{4} to 1, 10 to 1, respectively. But of end-stopt lines in the three plays which all concede to be among his very latest, The Tempest, Cymbeline, and The Winter's Tale, the proportion to run-on lines is but as 3\frac{1}{3} to 1, 2\frac{1}{2} to 1, and 2\frac{1}{2} to 1, respectively. In the earlier plays he is, so to speak, tied down to a particular kind of verse, that in which the sense stops or partially stops at the end; in the later plays he is free from that bondage, and this freedom conduces wonderfully to dramatic power.

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SOURCE OF THE PLOT.

No source of the plot has been found. It is commonly thought that Shakespeare may have drawn it from some long-lost Italian novel.

A few of the incidents may have been suggested to him by the story of Sir George Somers.

It seems that in May, 1609, Sir George Somers sailed with a fleet of nine ships for Virginia. A terrible tempest scattered them in mid-ocean. Seven ships reached Virginia; but the Sea Venture, the admiral ship, was wrecked on one of the Bermuda islands, "a most prodigious and enchanted place, affording nothing but gusts, storms, and foul weather," "an enchanted pile of rocks, and a desert habitation of devils."

A pamphlet entitled A Discovery of the Bermudas, otherwise called the Isle of Devils, published in 1610, gave an account of this storm and wreck. The sailors, exhausted, had given up all hope and bid each other farewell, when the ship was found jammed between two rocks, so that all lives were saved. For nine months they lived there, and repaired their ship. They found the island a delightful place. The air was balmy, the fairies were birds, and the devils, wild hogs!
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In John Holt's An Attempete to Rescue that Anniciente, English Poet, And Play-Wrighte, William Shakespeare, from the Maney Errores, faulsley charged on him, by Certaine New-fangled Wittes; And to let him Speak for Himself, etc., published in 1749, the author, in speaking of the Masque in Act IV of The Tempest, where "'Juno sings her blessings'" on the young couple—

Honor, Riches, Marriage-Blessing—
suggests that this passage "'may perhaps give a Mark to guess at the time this play was wrote; it appearing to be a compliment intended by the Poet, on some particular solemnity of that kind; and if so, none more likely than the contracting the young Earl of Essex, in 1606, with the Lady Frances Howard; which marriage was not attempted to be consummated, till the Earl returned from his travels four years afterwards; a circumstance which seems to be hinted at, in IV, i, 18; unless any one should choose to think it designed for the marriage of the Palsgrave with the Lady Elizabeth, King James’s Daughter, in 1612. But the first seems to carry most weight with it as being a testimony of the Poet’s gratitude to the then Lord Southampton, a warm Patron of the Author’s, and as zealous a friend to the Essex family: In either case, it will appear, 't was one of the last Plays wrote by our Author, though it has stood the first in all the printed editions since 1623, which Preheminence given it by the Players is no bad Proof of its being the last, this Author furnished them with.'"—Quoted from Furness.

Tieck in 1817 discovered 'an analogue of The Tempest' in an old German Comedy, Die schöne Sidea, The Fair Sidea. Furness translates it in full (Var. ed. pp. 325–341), and shows the improbability that Shakespeare could have drawn from it.

CRITICAL COMMENTS.¹

(From Dryden’s Preface to Troilus and Cressida, 1679.)

To return once more to Shakespeare; no man ever drew so many characters, or generally distinguished 'em better from one another, excepting only Jonson: I will instance but one, to show the copiousness of his invention; 't is that of Calyban, or the monster in The Tempest. He seems there to have created a person which was not in Nature, a boldness which at first sight would appear intolerable; for he makes him a species of himself, begotten by an Incubus on a Witch;

¹ These comments are not selected with a view of presenting a complete treatment of any points or topics; but, rather, to awaken the reader's interest, and stimulate him to further investigation and independent judgment.
but this, as I have elsewhere prov’d, is not wholly beyond the bounds of credibility; at least the vulgar stile believe it. . . . Whether or no his generation can be defended, I leave to Philosophy; but of this I am certain, the Poet has most judiciously furnish’d him with a person, a language, and a character which will suit him both by Father’s and Mother’s side; he has all the discontents and malice of a Witch, and of a Devil; besides a convenient proportion of the deadly sins.

(From Johnson’s Edition, 1773.)

Whatever might be Shakespeare’s intention in forming or adopting the plot, he has made it instrumental to the production of many characters, diversified with boundless invention, and preserved with profound skill in nature, extensive knowledge of opinions, and accurate observation in life. In a single drama are here exhibited princes, courtiers, and sailors, all speaking in their real characters. There is the agency of airy spirits, and of an earthly goblin. The operations of magic, the tumults of a storm, the adventures of a desert island, the native effusion of untaught affection, the punishment of guilt, and the final happiness of the pair for whom our passions are equally interested.

(From William Hazlitt’s Characters of Shakespeare’s Plays, 1817.)

The Tempest is one of the most original and perfect of Shakespeare’s productions, and he has shown in it all the variety of his powers. It is full of grace and grandeur. The human and imaginary characters, the dramatic and the grotesque, are blended together with the greatest art, and without any appearance of it. Though he has here given “to airy nothing a local habitation and a name,” yet that part which is only the fantastic creation of his mind has the same palpable texture and coheres “semblably” with the rest. As the preternatural part has the air of reality, and almost haunts the imagination with a sense of truth, the real characters and events partake of the wildness of a dream. . . .

Even the local scenery is of a piece and character with the subject. Prospero’s enchanted island seems to have risen up out of the sea; the airy music, the tempest-tossed vessel, the turbulent waves, all have the effect of the landscape background of some fine picture.

(From Schlegel’s Lectures, 1815.)

In the zephyr-like Ariel the image of air is not to be mistaken; . . . as, on the other hand, Caliban signifies the heavy elements of earth. Yet they are neither of them allegorical personifications, but beings individually determined. In general, we find in The Midsummer Night’s Dream, in The Tempest, in the magical part of Macbeth, and
wherever Shakespeare avails himself of the popular belief in the invisible presence of spirits, and the possibility of coming in contact with them, a profound view of the inward life of Nature and her mysterious springs.

*(From Coleridge's Lectures and Notes, 1818.)*

With love, pure love, there is always an anxiety for the safety of the object, a disinterestedness by which it is distinguished from the counterfeits of its name. Compare *Romeo and Juliet*, Act II, Scene ii, with *The Tempest*, III, i. I do not know a more wonderful instance of Shakespeare's mastery, in playing a distinctly rememberable variation on the same remembered air, than in the transporting love confessions of Romeo and Juliet and Ferdinand and Miranda. There seems more passion in one, and more dignity in the other; yet you feel that the sweet girlish lingering and busy movement of Juliet, and the calmer and more maidenly fondness of Miranda, might easily pass into each other.

*(From Skottowe's Life of Shakespeare, etc., 1824.)*

The most decisive instance of the pre-eminence of Prospero as a magician is the obedience of Ariel. The necromancer of ordinary acquirements domineered over inferior spirits; the more skilful, over invisible beings of a more exalted nature; but that artist, alone, whose powerful genius had led him triumphant through the whole range of human science, could aspire to the control of spirits resident in the highest regions of spiritual existence.

*(From Mrs. Jameson's Characteristics of Women, ed. ii, 1833.)*

Let us imagine any other woman placed beside Miranda — even one of Shakespeare's own loveliest and sweetest creations — there is not one of them that could sustain the comparison for a moment; not one that would not appear somewhat coarse or artificial when brought into immediate contact with this pure child of nature, this "Eve of an enchanted Paradise."

What, then, has Shakespeare done? — "O wondrous skill and sweet wit of the man!" — he has removed Miranda far from all comparison with her own sex; he has placed her between the demi-demon of earth and the delicate spirit of air. The next step is into the ideal and supernatural; and the only being who approaches Miranda, with whom she can be contrasted, is Ariel. Beside the subtle essence of this ethereal sprite, this creature of elemental light and air, that "ran upon the winds, rode the curl'd clouds, and in the colors of the rain-
"bow lived,"' Miranda herself appears a palpable reality, a woman, "breathing thoughtful breath," a woman, walking the earth in her mortal loveliness, with a heart as frail-strung, as passion-touched, as ever fluttered in a female bosom.

(From Campbell's Dramatic Works of Shakespeare, 1838.)

The Tempest, however, has a sort of sacredness as the last work of the mighty workman. Shakespeare, as if conscious that it would be his last, and as if inspired to typify himself, has made its hero a natural, a dignified, and benevolent magician, who could conjure up spirits from the vasty deep, and command supernatural agency by the most seemingly natural means. . . . And this final play of our poet has magic indeed; for what can be in simpler language than the courtship of Ferdinand and Miranda, and yet what can be more magical than the sympathy with which it subdues us? Here Shakespeare himself is Prospero, or rather the superior genius who commands both Prospero and Ariel. But the time was approaching when the potent sorcerer was to break his staff, and to bury it fathoms in the ocean—"deeper than ever did plummet sound." That staff has never been, and never will be, recovered.

(From Heine's Shakespeare's Mädchen und Frauen, 1839.)

. . . To what shall I compare you, Juliet and Miranda? I look up to the heavens and there seek your image. Perchance it lies behind the stars, where my gaze cannot penetrate. Perhaps if the glowing sun should have the mildness of the moon, I could compare it, Juliet, to thee! If the gentle moon should e'en have the ardor of the sun, I would compare it, Miranda, to thee!


It is most curious to observe how many of the topics brought up by colonies and colonization are indicated and characterized by the play. — The wonders of the new lands, new races; the exaggerations of travellers, and their truths more strange than exaggeration; new natural phenomena, and superstitious suggestions of them; the perils of the sea and shipwrecks, the effect of such fatalities in awakening remorse for ill deeds, not unremembered because easily committed; the quarrels and mutinies of colonists for grudges new and old; the contests for authority of the leaders, and the greedy misdirection of industry while even subsistence is precarious; the theories of government for plantations, the imaginary and actual characteristics of man in the state of nature; the complications with the indigence; the resort,
penalty or otherwise, to compelled labor; the reappearance on new soil of the vices of the older world; the contrast of moral and intellectual qualities between the civilized and the savage, with all the requirements of activity, promptitude, and vigor demanded for the efficient and successful administration of a settlement,—all these topics, problems, and conjunctures came up in the plantation of Virginia, by James I; and familiarity with them and their collateral dependence would heighten the sensibility of the audience to every scene of a play which presented them in contrasted guise, but in a manner that only the more distinctly brought them home to their cardinal bearings in the philosophy of society—of man.

(From François-Victor Hugo’s Œuvres Complètes de Shakespeare, 1865.)

Many commentators agree in the belief that The Tempest is the last creation of Shakespeare. I will readily believe it. There is in The Tempest the solemn tone of a testament. It might be said that, before his death, the poet in this epopee of the ideal, had designed a codicil for the Future. In this enchanted isle, full of "sounds and sweet airs that give delight," we may expect to behold Utopia, the promised land of future generations, Paradise regained. Who in reality is Prospero, the king of the isle? Prospero is the shipwrecked sailor who reaches the port, the exile who regains his native land, he who from the depth of despair becomes all-powerful, the worker who by his science has tamed matter, Caliban, and by his genius the spirit, Ariel. Prospero is man, the master of Nature and the despot of destiny; he is the man-Providence!

The Tempest is the supreme denouement, dreamed by Shakespeare, for the bloody drama of Genesis. It is the expiation of the primordial crime. The region whither it transports us is the enchanted land where the sentence of damnation is absolved by clemency, and where reconciliation is ensured by amnesty to the fratricide. And, at the close of the piece, when the poet, touched by emotion, throws Antonio into the arms of Prospero, he has made Cain pardoned by Abel.

(From Émile Montégut, in Revue des Deux Mondes, 1865.)

The Tempest is clearly the last of Shakespeare’s dramas, and, under the form of an allegory, is the dramatic last will and testament of the great poet, his adieux to that faithful public whose applause, during the short space of five and twenty years, he had gained for five and twenty masterpieces, and more than eleven others which, full of imagination and charm, would have made for any lesser mortal the most enviable of crowns; in a word, this drama is a poetic synthesis, or, as Prospero would express it in the language of a magician, it
is a *microcosm* of that dramatic world which his imagination had created.

Although the last of Shakespeare's plays, it is in that volume placed first, because, like the emblematic frontispieces of antique books, it prepares the reader for the substance of all that follows. No other play will do this, none other is such a synthesis of all. . . . The whole Shakespearian world is brought before the imagination by the characters of Prospero, of Ariel, of Caliban, and of Miranda.

*(From Lowell's Among my Books, 1870.)*

There is scarce a play of Shakespeare's in which there is such a variety of character, none in which character has so little to do in the carrying on and development of the story. But consider for a moment, if ever the Imagination has been so embodied as in Prospero, the Fancy as in Ariel, the brute Understanding as in Caliban, who, the moment his poor wits are warmed with the glorious liquor of Stephano, plots rebellion against his natural lord, the higher Reason. Miranda is mere abstract Womanhood, as truly so before she sees Ferdinand as Eve before she was wakened to consciousness by the echo of her own nature coming back to her, the same, and yet not the same, from that of Adam. Ferdinand, again, is nothing more than Youth, compelled to drudge at something he despises, till the sacrifice of will and abnegation of self win him his ideal in Miranda. The subordinate personages are simply types; Sebastian and Antonio and Francisco, of the walking gentlemen who fill up a world. They are not characters in the same sense with Iago, Falstaff, Shallow, or Leontes; and it is curious how every one of them loses his way in this enchanted island of life, all the victims of one illusion after another, except Prospero, whose ministers are purely ideal. The whole play indeed is a succession of illusions, winding up with those solemn words of the great enchanter who had summoned to his service every shape of merriment or passion, every figure in the great tragic comedy of life, and who was now bidding farewell to the scene of his triumphs. For in Prospero shall we not recognize the artist himself, —

"That did not better for his life provide
Than public means which public manners breeds,
Whence comes it that his name receives a brand," —

who has forfeited a shining place in the world's eye by devotion to his art, and who, turned adrift on the ocean of life on the leaky carcass of a boat, has shipwrecked on that Fortunate Island (as men always do who find their true vocation), where he is absolute lord, making all the powers of Nature serve him, but with Ariel and Caliban as special ministers?
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(From J. Surtees Phillipott's Rugby Edition, 1876.)

Another poet had depicted a magical tempest with a shipwrecked prince cast upon an enchanted island, and there relieved and tended by a king's daughter. The pictures are both beautiful, but they are not the same, and their difference is as marked a feature in their beauty as their likeness. — If an uneducated person wished to understand the meaning of a poetical creation, or, in other words, to see in what the essential unity of a poem consisted, he could hardly do better than exchange the details in Homer's canvas (Od. vi, 244, 275, 310), piece by piece, for those in Shakespeare. . . .

There is a real resemblance, on the other hand, between the characters of Nausicaa and Miranda. Each stands before us as an ideal of maidenhood, while the depths of tenderness in each are half revealed to us by their expressions of pity and sympathy. . . . Yet for all its unrivalled simplicity, Miranda's character marks the growth in the conception of woman's relation to society since the epic times. Nausicaa is no free agent: she may have preferences, but she does not choose; with a Quaker-like simplicity we see her preparing for her wedding with the suitor of her father's choice. Shakespeare required for his Miranda an amount of self-assertion which to Nausicaa would have seemed indecorous.

(From Edward R. Russell in Theological Review, October 1876.)

. . . We have in Prospero a being capable of calling forth spirits, of causing storms and shipwrecks, miraculous escapes and supernatural restorations, and indeed of doing everything very much as the Deity can, according to the received theory of special providences. To him, in the seemingly cruel exercise of his power, his daughter Miranda makes appeal in the celebrated passage, spoken in sight of the shipwreck, beginning: "If by your art, my dearest father, you have put the wild waters in this roar, allay them." May we not consider the rest of the play an answer, as this passage is an echo, to the weary doubts of ages in the presence of calamities caused by Omnipotence, which seems malevolent in not having prevented them?

(From Furnivall's Leopold Shakespeare Introduction, 1877.)

No play brings out more clearly than The Tempest the Fourth-Period spirit (i.e. of Reunion, of Reconciliation, and Forgiveness), and Miranda evidently belongs to that time; she and her fellow, Perdita, being idealizations of the sweet country maidens whom Shakespeare would see about him in his renewed family life at Stratford. . . . Turn back to the First-Period Midsummer Night's Dream, and com-
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pare with its Stratford girls, stained with the tempers and vulgarities of their day, these Fourth-Period creations of pure beauty and refinement, all earth's loveliness filled with all angels' grace, and recognize what Shakespeare's growth has been. . . . The general consent of critics and readers identifies Shakespeare, in the ripeness of his art and power, more with Prospero than with any other of his characters; just as the like consent identifies him, in his restless and unsettled state, in his style of less perfect art, with Hamlet.—When we compare Prospero's "We are such stuff as dreams are made of, and our little life is rounded with a sleep," with all the questionings and fears about the future life which perplexed and terrified Hamlet and Claudio, we may see what progress Shakespeare has himself made in soul. . . . Contrast, too, for a moment, Oberon's care for the lovers in the Dream, with the beautiful, tender feeling of Prospero for Miranda and Ferdinand here. He stands above them almost as a god, yet sharing their feelings and blessing them. Note, too, how his tender-ness for Miranda revives in his words, "The fringed curtains of thine eyes advance," the lovely fancy of his youth, her "two blue windows faintly she upheaveth" (Ven. and Ad. 482). He has seized in Miranda, as in Perdita, on a new type of sweet country-girl unspoilt by town devices, and glorified it into a being fit for an angel's world. And as he links earth to heaven with Miranda, so he links earth to hell with Caliban.

(From Hudson's Introduction to the Play, 1879.)

The Tempest is on all hands regarded as one of Shakespeare's perfectest works. Some of his plays, I should say, have beams in their eyes; but this has hardly so much as a mote; or, if it have any motes, my own eyes are not clear enough to discern them. I dare not pronounce the work faultless, for this is too much to affirm of any human workmanship; but I venture to think that whatever faults it may have are such as criticism is hardly competent to specify. In the characters of Ariel, Miranda, and Caliban, we have three of the most unique and original conceptions that ever sprang from the wit of man. We can scarce imagine how the Ideal could be pushed further beyond Nature; yet we here find it clothed with all the truth and life of Nature. And the whole texture of incident and circumstance is framed in keeping with that Ideal; so that all the parts and particulars cohere together, mutually supporting and supported.

(From Mrs. F. A. Kemble's Notes, etc., 1882.)

. . . It is not a little edifying to reflect how different Prospero's treatment of these young people's case would have been if, instead of
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only the most extraordinary of conjurers, he had been the most commonplace of scheming matrons of the present day. He, poor man, alarmed at the sudden conquest Ferdinand makes of his child, and perceiving that he must "this swift business uneasy make, lest too light winning make the prize light," can bethink himself of no better expedient than reducing the poor young prince into a sort of supplementary Caliban, a hewer of wood and drawer of water: now, a modern chaperon would merely have had to intimate to a well-trained modern young lady, that it would be as well not to give the young gentleman too much encouragement till his pretensions to the throne of Naples could really be made out (his straying about without any Duke of Newcastle, and very wet, was a good deal like a mere adventurer, you know); and I am pretty certain that the judicious mamma, or female guardian of Miss Penelope Smith, the fair British Islander who became Princess of Capua, pursued no other system of provocation by repression. An expert matrimonial schemer of the present day, I say, would have devised by these means a species of trial by torture for poor Ferdinand, to which his "sweating labour" as Prospero's patient log man would have been luxurious idleness.

(From Richard Grant White’s Studies in Shakespeare, 1886.)

Nothing is clearer to me, the more I read and reflect upon his works, than that, after Shakespeare's first three or four years' experience as a poet and dramatist, he was entirely without even any art-purpose or aim whatever, and used his materials just as they came to his hand. . . . The Tempest conforms to the unities of time and place merely because the story made it convenient for the writer to observe them; The Winter’s Tale defies them because its story made the observance of them very troublesome, and indeed almost, if not quite, impossible. There has been a great deal of ingenious speculation about Shakespeare’s system of dramatic art. It is all unfounded, vague, and worthless. Shakespeare had no system of dramatic art.

(From Dr. Garnett’s Irving Shakespeare, 1890.)

The Tempest is not one of those plays whose interest consists in strong dramatic situations. The course of the action is revealed from the first. Prospero is too manifestly the controlling spirit to arouse much concern for his fortunes. Ferdinand and Miranda are soon put out of their pain, and Ariel lies beyond the limits of humanity. The action is simple and uniform, and all occurrences are seen converging slowly towards their destined point. No play, perhaps, more perfectly combines intellectual satisfaction with imaginative pleasure. Above and behind the fascination of the plot and the poetry we behold
Power and Right evenly paired and working together, and the justifica-
tion of Providence producing that sentiment of repose and acquies-
cence which is the object and test of every true work of art.

(From Dr. Horace Howard Furness's Preface to Variorum
Edition, 1892.)

With the exception of Hamlet and Julius Caesar no play has been
more liberally annotated than The Tempest.

Unquestionably, a large portion of this attention from editors and
critics must be owing to the enduring charm of the Play itself, domi-
nated as it is by two such characters as Prospero and Ariel, whose
names have become almost the symbols of an overruling, forgiving
wisdom, and of an "embodied joy whose race has just begun."

There is yet a third character that shares with these two my pro-
found wonder, and, as a work of art, my admiration. It is not
Miranda, who, lovely as she is, is but a girl, and has taken no single
step in that brave new world just dawning on the fringed curtains of
her eyes. "To me," says Lady Martin, in a letter which I am kindly
permitted to quote, "Miranda's life is all to come." We know, in-
deed, that to her latest hour she will be the top of admiration, but, as
a present object, the present eye sees in her only the exquisite possi-
bilities of her exquisite nature. In Caliban it is that Shakespeare
has risen, I think, to the very height of creative power, and, by mak-
ing what is absolutely unnatural thoroughly natural and consistent,
has accomplished the impossible. Merely as a work of art, Caliban
takes precedence, I think, even of Ariel.

The student will do well to read Browning's poem, Caliban upon
Setebos; or Natural Theology in the Island. "The essence of the
poem," says Furness, "lies in its alternative title, which sets forth
the vague questionings of a keenly observant, but utterly untutored,
mind in regard to the existence of an overruling power, the problem
of evil, the mystery of pain, and the evidences of caprice, rather than
of law, in the government of the world,—such restless longing for a
solution of the mysteries of life as rise unbidden to the mind when
looking on the ocean, at high noon, amid the full tide of summer life."

(From Ass't Prof. Barrett Wendell's William Shakespeare, 1894.)

The Tempest is a very great, very beautiful poem. As a poem one
can hardly love or admire it too much. As a play, on the other hand,
it is neither great nor effective. The reason is not far to seek: its
motive is not primarily dramatic; the mood it would express is not that
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of a playwright, but rather that of an allegorist or philosopher. . . . The very complexity and the essential abstractness of the endlessly suggestive, philosophic motive of the Tempest is reason enough why, for all its power and beauty, the play should theatrically fail. Like Cymbeline, though far less obtrusively, it contains too much. Like Cymbeline it reveals itself at last as a colossal experiment, an attempt to achieve an effect which, this time at least, is hopelessly beyond human power. Less palpably than Cymbeline, but just as surely, the Tempest finally seems laborious. . . . The motive of the Tempest we have seen to be philosophic, or allegorical, or at least something other than purely artistic. . . . This quality of deliberation, perhaps, typifies the fatal trouble. Creatively and technically powerful as the Tempest is,—sustained, too, and simplified, and beautiful,—it has throughout a relation to real life which we cannot feel unintentional. In a spontaneous work of art, one feels that the relation of its truth to the truth of life is not intended, but is rather the result of the essential veracity of the artist's observation and expression. In such an effect as that of the Tempest one grows more and more to feel that, for all its power, for all its mastery, for all its beauty, the play is really a tremendous effort. . . . In Cymbeline we found what seemed a deliberate attempt to assert artistic power at a moment when that power was past the spontaneous vigor of maturity. Here, in the Tempest, we find another such effort, more potent still. . . . His motive is not really dramatic, nor even purely artistic; it is philosophic, allegorical, consciously and deliberately imaginative. His faculty of creating character, as distinguished from constructing it, is gone. All his power fails to make his great poem spontaneous, easy, inevitable. Like Cymbeline, it remains a Titanic effort; and in an artist like Shakespeare, effort implies creative decadence,—the fatal approach of growing age.
EXPLANATIONS OF ABBREVIATED FORMS.

The abbreviations of the titles of books in the Bible and of Shakespeare's plays hardly need explanation.

Abbott, Abbott's *Shakespearian Grammar.*  
Adj., adjective.  
Adv., adverb.  
Ar., Arabic.  
A.S., Anglo-Saxon.  
Beaum., Beaumont.  
Brachet, Brachet's *French Etymological Dictionary.*  
Celt., Celtic.  
Cent., Century (Dictionary).  
Class., Classical (Dictionary).  
Comus, Milton's *Masque of Comus.*  
Dan., Danish.  
Dict., Dictionary.  
Dim. or dimin., diminutive.  
Du., Dutch.  
E., English or early.  
E.E., Early English (about 1250–1350).  
Etc., et cetera, and the rest.  
Et seq., et sequentia, and the following.  
*Faerie Q.,* Spenser's *Fairy Queen.*  
Fr., French.  
Furness, Furness's *Variorum Edition.*  
Gael., Gaelic.  
G. or Germ., German.  
H.G., High German.  
Ib. or ibid., *ibidem,* in the same.  
Icel., Icelandic.  
Id., *idem,* the same.  
I.e., *id est,* that is.  
Int. Dict., Webster's *International Dictionary.*  
Ital., Italian.  
Lang., language.  
Lat., Latin.  
Maetz., Maetzner's *Englische Grammatik.*  
Med. or Mediev., Medieval.  
Mid. Eng., Middle English (about 1250–1550).  
Nor. or Norw., Norwegian.  
O., old.  
Obs., obsolete.  
Orig., original, or originally.  
Par. Lost, *Paradise Lost.*  
Par. Reg., *Paradise Regained.*  
Per., person (in grammar).  
Pers., Persian.  
Phila., Philadelphia.  
Pres., present (in grammar).  
Q. v., *quod vide,* which see.  
Schmidt, Schmidt's *Shakespeare Lexicon.*  
S. or Sh. or Shakes., Shakespeare.  
Sing., 'singular' (in grammar).  
Skeat, Skeat's *Etymological Dictionary of the English Language.*  
Span., Spanish.  
W., Welsh.  
Wb., Webster's *Dictionary.*  
Worc., Worcester's *Dictionary.*
Dramatis Personæ.

Alonso, King of Naples.  Trinculo, a Jester.
Sebastian, his brother.  Stephano, a drunken Butler.
Prospero, the right Duke of Milan.  Master of a Ship, Boatswain, Mariners.
Antonio, his brother, the usurping Duke of Milan.  Miranda, daughter to Prospero.
Ferdinand, son to the King of Naples.  Ariel, an airy Spirit.
Gonzalo, an honest old Counsellor.  Iris, Ceres, Juno, presented by Spirits.
Adrian, { Lords.  Nymphs, Reapers,}
Francisco, { Lords.  Other Spirits attending on Prospero.
Caliban, a savage and deformed Slave.

Scene: A ship at sea: an uninhabited island.
THE TEMPEST.

ACT I.

Scene I. On a Ship at Sea: a tempestuous noise of thunder and lightning heard.

Enter a Ship-master and a Boatswain.

Master. Boatswain!

Boatswain. Here, master; what cheer?

Master. Good: speak to the mariners: fall to, yarely, or we run ourselves aground; bestir, bestir! [Exit.

ACT I. Scene I. 1. Boatswain (pronounced by all sailors bō-sn), A. S. swain, fr. Icel. sveinn, boy, servant. "The boatswain is to have charge of all the cordage, tackle, sails, fids (wooden pins), marline-spikes, needles, twine and sail-cloth, and rigging." Capt. John Smith's (our John Smith, founder of Virginia) Accidence for Young Seamen, 1626. He has charge of the boats, colors, anchors, etc. — 2. master. He commands a merchant vessel as a captain does a ship of war. — cheer = outlook? encouraging prospect? See line 5. — Late Lat. cara, Old Fr. chere, face, appearance, look. See our Mer. of Venice, III, ii, 307. — John, xvi, 33. — 3. Good — evasive, like 'well,' 'let that go,' 'no matter for that' [Hudson]? 'I am glad you are at hand' [Phillpotts, Moberly, Furness]? 'my good fellow' [Dyce, White, Rolfe, Corson, Schmidt, Deighton, Meiklejohn, etc.]? — The 'cheer' was good if they bestirred themselves? not otherwise? — See lines 14 and 18; Hamlet, our edition, I, i, 70; Wint. Tale, V, i, 19; Com. of Er., IV, iv, 22; Rom. and Jul., I, v, 6; Abbott, 13. — Is there a sound of courtesy, a feeling of conciliation in the word? If so, would it be used vocatively by the master to his boatswain? — After good in the folio is a colon, which is generally supposed to be here equivalent to a comma. — speak = say? call upon, apply to, exhort, bid do their best [Schmidt]? — A notice to be ready for quick action? — yarely. A. S. gearu, Old Eng. gearo, ready, quick, prompt. Skeat. "In the next speech yare, as an imperative verb, is be nimble, or be on the alert." Hudson. Yare is an adjective in V, i, 224. Is it still used? — g becomes
Enter Mariners.

Boatswain. Heigh, my hearts! cheerly, cheerly, my hearts! yare, yare! Take in the topsail. Tend to the master's whistle. — Blow till thou burst thy wind, if room enough!

Enter Alonso, Sebastian, Antonio, Ferdinand, Gonzalo, and others.

Alonso. Good boatswain, have care. Where's the master? Play the men.

Boatswain. I pray now, keep below.

Antonio. Where is the master, boson?

Boatswain. Do you not hear him? You mar our labor. Keep your cabins; you do assist the storm.

_Boatswain._

_y, as geong, young _deg, day. 5. hearts. Sailors still say 'my hearties,' and like to be called 'hearts of oak.'

_cheerly._1 Adv. ? So angrily, wonderly; masterly in "Thou dost speak masterly," Twelfth N., II, iv, 22. See Abbott, 447. — What the sailors need is cheerful courage, vigilant attentiveness, and prompt energy. Is the ship driving parallel with the shore? — 6, 7. _yare._ So "Yare, yare, good Iras; quick!" Ant. and Cleop., V, ii, 282. — topsail. Danger of capsizing? of grounding? — In a square-rigged vessel, the topsail is the one next above the lowermost sail. — "When the topsail is furled, the sails are snug, and they can defy the storm to burst its wind with blowing, if only there is sea-room enough; which, by the next order, we see there is not." _Phillpotts._ — In Pericles (III, i, 44, 45, 46), we read —

1 _Sailor._ Blow and split thyself!
2 _Sailor._ But sea-room, an the brine and cloudy billow kiss the moon, I care not.

— So in Lear (III, ii, 1), "Blow winds, and crack your cheeks." The allusion is to the manner in which the winds are represented in ancient pictures, with their cheeks puffed out [Mason, Hudson, Deighton]? The humor of the comparison to a horse (as in 1 Henry IV, II, ii, 13) with short breath or diseased respiration, marks the self-reliance of the speaker [Phillpotts]? — _whistle._ They are said to have been sometimes of silver or even of gold. See Furness.

9. _Play the men._ So in 2 Samuel, x, 12; in Chapman, Marlow, and elsewhere in Shakespeare. — In Macbeth and Henry VIII, Shakes. has _play the woman, _i.e. weep. In Mer. of Venice, "the painter plays the spider," etc. — 11. _boson._ With Knight and White we here reproduce the orig. folio reading. 'This coarse flippant man,' Antonio, is supposed to shorten, sailor-like, _boatswain_ to boson. Dyce, Furness, and others think the unsettled state of our early orthography sufficiently accounts for the 'boson.' — 13. _assist the storm._ How? — In Pericles, III, i, 19, we

1 "Oft listening how the hounds and horn
Cheerly rouse the slumbering Morn."

—Milton's _L'Allegro_, 58, 54.
Gonzalo. Nay, good, be patient.

Boatswain. When the sea is. Hence! What cares these roarers for the name of king? To cabin! Silence! trouble us not.

Gonzalo. Good, yet remember whom thou hast aboard.

Boatswain. None that I love more than myself. You are a counsellor; if you can command these elements to silence, and work the peace of the present, we will not hand a rope more. Use your authority; if you cannot, give thanks you have lived so long, and make yourself ready in your cabin for the mischance of the hour, if it so hap. — Cheerly, good hearts! — Out of our way, I say. — Exit.

Gonzalo. I have great comfort from this fellow: methinks he hath no drowning mark upon him; his complexion is perfect gallows. Stand fast, good Fate, to his hanging! Make the rope of his destiny our cable, for our own doth little advantage! If he be not born to be hanged, our case is miserable. — Exeunt.

have, "Do not assist the storm." — 14. good. See line 3. — 15. Hence! The energetic brevity and bluntness of the boatswain are quite refreshing, as he orders king, duke, counsellor, etc., out of his way. We are quite in love with him. cares. Sailor blunder for care? "When the subject is as yet future. . . . the third person singular might be regarded as the normal inflection." Abbott, 335. See I, ii, 477; IV, i, 259. — So it is in Greek? — Old plural in s.? — 16. roarers. 'Roarer' was a slang term for bustling bully? — See scene ii, 2. — To cabin! Shakes. very often omits the; but there is a special propriety in brevity here. See on line 15. — Abbott, 90. — 18. Good. See on line 3. — 21. of the present. In Jul. Caes., I, ii, 161, we have for this present; in Macbeth, I, v, 55, this ignoranrant present. So in Prayer Book, and in I Corinth., xv, 6. — hand. In Winter's Tale, II, iii, 62, hand = lay hostile hands on. — 24. hap. Used by Shakes. as verb and noun. — 25. Out of our way. "I have great comfort from this fellow" — a genuine old 'salt'! — 26. I have great comfort, etc. "Gonzalo, the only good man with the king, is the only man that preserves his cheerfulness on the wreck and his hope on the island." Coleridge. — 27. no drowning mark. See V, i, 217, 218. In Two Gentlemen of V., I, i, 140, 141, we read of the ship,

"Which cannot perish having thee aboard,
Being destined to a drier death on shore."

—complexion = nature, native bent, aptitude [Hudson]? external appearance [Schmidt, Rolfe]? external appearance as indicative of disposition, character [Deighton]? constitution, or temperament, as shown by the outward appearance [Wright]? — See our ed. of Julius C., I, ii, 127. — 28. gallows. 'Adjective, as in 'gallows-bird'? — perfect gallows, like 'perfect Richard,' in King John, I, i, 90. — A. S. galga, a cross, gibbet. — 29, 30. doth = causeth, worketh? or is the word an auxiliary? — advantage = profit (received), gain? yield profit, benefit? See our note on the dram of eale, in our ed. of Hamlet, I, iv, 36. — Two Gent. Ver., III, ii, 42; Sonnet, cxxii, 8.
Enter Boatswain.

Boatswain. Down with the topmast! yare! lower, lower! Bring her to try wi' the main-course. [A cry within.] A plague — upon this howling! they are louder than the weather or our office. —

Enter Sebastian, Antonio, and Gonzalo.

Yet again! what do you here? Shall we give o'er, and drown? Have you a mind to sink?

Sebastian. A plague o' your throat, you bawling, blasphemous, incharitable dog!

Boatswain. Work you, then.

Antonio. Hang, cur! hang, you insolent noise-maker! We are less afraid to be drowned than thou art.

Gonzalo. I'll warrant him for drowning, though the ship were no stronger than a nutshell.

Boatswain. Lay her a-hold, a-hold! Set her two courses. Off to sea again; lay her off.

32. Down with the topmast = "Strike or lower the topmast down to the cap, as it holds wind and retards the ship; evidently the main-topmast, as only one is mentioned." Capt. E. K. Calver, of the Royal Navy. The ships of the Elizabethan age had usually no topmast. Lord Mulgrave says, "The striking of the topmasts was a new invention in Shakespeare's time." — lower = lower away the topmast? — 33. Bring her to try wi' the main-course = see if she will bear the main-course (i.e., mainsail), and whether it will be sufficient [Capt. Calver]? "To try with the main-course' was a technical term for keeping close-hauled, and beating up into the eye of the wind when there was too strong a breeze blowing for a ship to carry her topsail," Phillpotts. — 'Try (or tried) with the main-course' is found in Capt. John Smith's Sea Grammar (1627), Hakluyt's Voyages (1598), and Raleigh's (i.e., Sir Walter Raleigh's) Works (describing a voyage in 1597). — A ship's 'courses' are her largest lower sails, "which contribute most to give her way through the water, and enable her to feel her helm and steer her course." Holl. — A plague——. The long dash after 'plague' in the folio perhaps indicates some profanity or blasphemy. See 38, 39; V, i, 218. — 34. weather = storm? — 35. office = official calls or commands?

36. Yet again! — The boatswain is justly impatient? — 39. incharitable. Shakes. uses quite indiscriminately the prefix un- or in-. — Abbott, 442. — 41. you whoreson, insolent. Sailors are just as coarse to-day.

— 43. for drowning = in respect to drowning [Wright, Hudson]? either as regards or against [Abbott, Rolfe, Melklejohn, Deighton, Phillpotts]? — See Gonzalo's previous speech about drowning. — 45. Lay her a-hold = keep her to the wind, or as close to the wind as possible, so as to hold or keep to it? — two courses = foresail and mainsail? See on 33. — The folio reads, "Lay her a hold, a hold, set her two courses off to sea again, lay her off." Capell retains this reading; but John Holt (1749) and all
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Enter Mariners wet.

Mariners. All lost! to prayers, to prayers! all lost!
Boatswain. What! must our mouths be cold?
Gonzalo. The king and prince at prayers! Let’s assist them,
For our case is as theirs.
Sebastian. I’m out of patience.
Antonio. We are merely cheated of our lives by drunkards.—
This wide-chapp’d rascal,—would thou mightst lie drowning
The washing of ten tides!
Gonzalo. He’ll be hang’d yet,
Though every drop of water swear against it,
And gape at wid’st to glut him.

subsequent editors, except Capell, punctuate thus: “Lay her a hold, a hold; set her two courses; off to sea again; lay her off”—“it being a command,” says Holt, “to set these two larger sails in order to carry her off to sea again, she being too near the shore. To ‘lay her a hold’ signifies to bring her to lie as near the wind as she can, in order to get clear of any points, or head of land.”

48. must our mouths be cold = must we drown [Deighton]? drink sea-water instead of ardent spirits [Birch]? must we die [Rolfe, Furness]? —Their mouths had been pretty hot? See V, i, 218, 219.—‘Mortifying groans’ cool the heart, Mer. of Ven., I, i, 82. Allen thinks ‘cold orisons’ (‘cowardly prayers’) are contrasted with ‘brave oaths,’ as Beaumont and Fletcher have it in The Sea Voyage, I, i, an imitation of The Tempest. In I, ii, 220-222, sighs cool the air.

“Thou rascal, thou fearful rogue, thou hast been praying! . . .
To discourage our friends with your cold orisons!”

Phillipotts interprets thus: “You go to prayers; we’ll stave some of the punccheons of liquor to warm our mouths.” Hence Antonio, lines 51, 52, calls them drunkards. This interpretation would emphasize our?—See ‘red-hot with drinking,” in IV, i, 171.—51. merely = simply? barely? absolutely? Lat. merus = pure, unmixed.—Shakes. often uses ‘mere’ and ‘merely’ in the sense of absolute, absolutely, as in Hamlet, I, ii, 137. So Bacon, Essay 58. —52. wide-chapp’d (wide-chopped) = opening the mouth wide [Schmidt, Meiklejohn]?—“Men with wide chops are weak and doltish” Croft. “As he opens his jaws to drink now, so may he have to drink the sea-water!” Phillipotts. Do not lines 34, 38, 41, and V, i, 218-220, suggest that it is his clamor, his open-mouthed shouting, that gives him the epithet?—The washing of ten tides = while ten tides ebb and flow?—Allusion to singular mode of execution of pirates in England in the olden time—hanged on the shore at low-water mark, there to remain till three tides had overflowed them? Cited by Elze from Harrison’s Description of England.—Like “I would have him nine years a-killing,” Othello, IV, 1, 166. —53, 54, Gonzalo still believes “He that’s born to be hanged will never be drowned”! —55. glut. Latin glutire, to swallow; gula, throat. Milton uses glutted, for swallowed, Par. Lost,


[A confused noise within. 'Mercy on us!' — 'We split, we split!' — 'Farewell, my wife and children!' — 'Farewell, brother!' — 'We split, we split, we split!' — ]

Antonio. Let's all sink with the king.

Sebastian. Let's take leave of him.

Gonzalo. Now would I give a thousand furlongs of sea for an acre of barren ground; long heath, brown furze, any thing. The wills above be done! but I would fain die a dry death.

[Exit.

x, 633.—61. long heath, brown furze. Hamner (1744) changed this to ling, heath, broom, furz. The change is approved by Farmer, Sidney Walker, Dyce, Wright, Hudson, Deighton, Phillpotts, etc. But Furness says as follows: 'The insurmountable difficulty in accepting Hamner's change is, to me, that 'Long Heath' is the real name of a plant, just as much as is 'Long Purples.'" He quotes from Lyte's "Herbal, 1576": "There is in this country two kinds of Heath; one which beareth his flowers amongst the stems, and is called 'Long Heath.'" Furness adds: "In Hamner's emendation the four names really represent only two plants. . . . In Shakespeare's time, as witness Lyte, 'ling' and 'heath' were the same, and 'furz' and 'broom' the same. Such a mere bare iteration, without adding anything whatsoever to the picture, grates me as somewhat un-Shakespearian.

Why is this scene mainly prose? — Why any blank verse? — What pictures are in the word-painting? — How did Shakespeare get his knowledge of technical sailor language and of the proper management of a ship? — What development thus far of characters? — What lesson is taught as to artificial rank? — Name from memory the successive positions of the ships and expedients resorted to.

Lord Mulgrave, a distinguished officer in the British naval service, communicated to Malone the following analysis of the succession of events in managing the ship, the orders given, etc., in the first scene: —

1st Position.

Fall to 't yarely, or we run ourselves aground.

2d Position.

Yare, yare, take in the topsail; blow till thou burst thy wind, if room enough.

3d Position.

Down with the topmast. Yare, lower, lower; bring her to try with the main course.

4th Position.

Lay her a-hold, a-hold; set her two courses, off to sea again, lay her off.

1st Position.

Land discovered under the lee; the wind blowing too fresh to haul upon a wind with the topsail set. The first command is a notice to be ready to execute any orders briskly.

2d Position.

The topsail is taken in. The danger in a good sea-boat is only from being too near the land; this is introduced here to account for the next order.

3d Position.

The gale increasing, the topmast is struck, to take the weight from sloft, make the ship drift less to leeward, and bear the mainsail under which the ship is laid to.

4th Position.

The ship, having driven near the shore, the mainsail is hauled up; the ship wore, and the two courses set on the other tack, to endeavor to clear the land that way.
Scene II. The Island. Before Prospero’s Cell.

Enter Prospero and Miranda.

Miranda. If by your art, my dearest father, you have
Put the wild waters in this roar, allay them.
The sky, it seems, would pour down stinking pitch,
But that the sea, mounting to the welkin’s cheek,
Dashes the fire out. O, I have suffer’d
With those that I saw suffer! A brave vessel,
Who had, no doubt, some noble creature in her,
Dash’d all to pieces. O, the cry did knock

5th Position.
We split, we split.

5th Position.
The ship, not able to weather a point,
is driven on shore.

Grey (in Critical, Historical, and Explanatory Notes), 1754, and Maginn
(in Fraser’s Magazine), 1839, call attention to extraordinary resemblances
between this scene and the description of the tempest in Rabelais, Book
IV, xviii–xxii, which had not been translated into English in Shakespeare’s
time.

Scene II. Prospero is not Shakespeare, but the play is, in a certain
measure, autobiographical. . . . It shows us, more than anything else,
what the discipline of life had made of Shakespeare at fifty,—a fruit too
fully matured to be suffered to hang much longer on the tree. Conscious
superiority untinged by arrogance, genial scorn for the mean and base,
mercifulness into which contempt enters very largely, serenity excluding
passionate affection while admitting tenderness, intellect overtopping
morality, but in no way blighting or perverting it,—such are the mental
features of him in whose development the man of the world had kept pace
with the poet, and who now shone as the consummate example of both.—
Garnett’s Irving Shakespeare, 1890.

4. welkin’s. A. S. wolken, a cloud.—“Like a jewel in the ear of ccelo,
the sky, the welkin, the heaven,” Love’s Lab. L., IV, ii, 5.— cheek.
Shakespeare is fond of this personification. “The cloudy cheeks of heaven,”
Richard II, III, iii, 56. — 5. Dashes. In Mer. of Venice, II, vii, 44, 45, we
read of

“The watery kingdom whose ambitious head
Spits in the face of heaven.”

See Pericles, III, i, 1–6. — fire. Dissyllable? The first ‘fire’ is such in
Julius C., III, i, 172,—

“As fire drives out fire, so pity—pity
Hath done this deed on Caesar.”

Abbott, 480, says, “Fear, dear, fire, hour, your, four, and other mono-
syllables ending in r or re, preceded by a long vowel or diphthong, are
frequently pronounced (in Shakespeare) as dissyllables.”— 6. brave.
Armoric brav, fine; Scotch brav, handsome. III, ii, 99. Milton (Sam-
son Agonistes, 717) uses ‘bravery’ in the sense of splendor, fine dress.
So Shakes. and Bacon. — 7. Who = which. — The ship is thought of as a
person [Wright, Meiklejohn, etc.].— creature. Collective here [Fur-
Against my very heart! Poor souls, they perish'd!
Had I been any god of power, I would
Have sunk the sea within the earth, or ere
It should the good ship so have swallow'd and
The fraughting souls within her.

**Prospero.**

Be collected; No more amazement. Tell your piteous heart There's no harm done.

**Miranda.**

O, woe the day!

**Prospero.**

No harm.

I have done nothing but in care of thee, Of thee, my dear one, thee, my daughter, who Art ignorant of what thou art, nought knowing Of whence I am, nor that I am more better Than Prospero, master of a full poor cell, And thy no greater father.

**Miranda.**

More to know Did never meddle with my thoughts.

**Prospero.**

'Tis time I should inform thee farther. Lend thy hand, And pluck my magic garment from me. — So. Lie there, my art. — Wipe thou thine eyes; have comfort. The direful spectacle of the wrack, which touch'd The very virtue of compassion in thee,

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ness)? — 10. of power = powerful? — 11. or ere = before ever? See Ecclesiastes, xii, 6. — Ere is added to or for emphasis [Mætz., iii, 451; Abbott, 131; Wright, Rolfe, Furness, etc.]? "Or, in this sense, is a corruption of A. S. ær (Eng. ere) = before." Abbott. Like "very, very," 'verily, verily.' See V, i, 103; also our ed. of Macbeth, IV, iii, 173, and our Hamlet, I, ii, 147. — 13. fraughting. Cotgrave's French and Eng. Dictionary (1632) defines freter, 'to hire a ship of burden, and to fraught or load her, hired;' also 'freture, a fraughting, loading, or furnishing of a (hired) ship.' — Swed. frakt; Dan. frekt, a cargo; fragte, to freight. — Mer. of Venice, II, viii, 30, has 'a vessel of our country, richly fraught.' — 15. woe the day = woe to the day? — 19. Of whence. Redundancy? — more better. Double comparatives and superlatives for greater emphasis are frequent in Shakes. See line 438; Mer. of Ven., IV, i, 242. — 20. full poor. See line 155; also 395. — 22. meddle with = trouble = mix with [Stevens, Meiklejohn, Deighton]? mingle with, interfere with [Collier, Rolfe, Ritson]?

24. So. Spoken in soliloquy? to Miranda [Furness]? — 25. Lie there, my art. "At night, when he put off his gown, he used to say, 'Lie there, my Lord Treasurer.'" So says Thomas Fuller, in his Holy State (1642), of Lord Burleigh. — 26. wrack. Always so spelled in Shakespeare. See Macbeth, our ed., I, iii, 114. White remarks that "A delicate ear will perceive that something is lost in point of melody by the uncalled-for change of 'wrack' to wreck." — 27. virtue = the most efficacious
I have with such provision in mine art
So safely order’d, that there is no soul —
No, not so much perdition as an hair
Betid to any creature in the vessel
Which thou heard’st cry, which thou saw’st sink. Sit down;
For thou must now know farther.

Miranda. You have often
Begun to tell me what I am, but stopp’d
And left me to a bootless inquisition,
Concluding, — ’Stay: not yet.’

Prospero. The hour’s now come;
The very minute bids thee ope thine ear:
Obey, and be attentive. Canst thou remember
A time before we came unto this cell?
I do not think thou canst, for then thou wast not
Out three years old.

Miranda. Certainly, sir, I can.

Prospero. By what? by any other house or person?
Of any thing the image tell me that
Hath kept with thy remembrance.

Miranda. ’Tis far off,
And rather like a dream than an assurance
That my remembrance warrants. Had I not
Four or five women once that tended me?

Prospero. Thou hadst, and more, Miranda. But how is it
That this lives in thy mind? What seest thou else
In the dark backward and abysm of time?

part — the energetic quality [Johnson]? essence, soul [Rolfe]? — 28. provision. Dyce, quoting II, i, 295, changes this to ‘prevision.’ Why is ‘provision’ better or worse? — 29. soul. For ‘soul,’ Theobald suggested foyle; Capell, loss; Kenrick, ill; Holt, soul (i.e. soil), approved by Dr. Johnson; Rowe, Pope, Hamner, and Warburton, soul lost; Bailey, evil; Gould, hurte. The recent critics prefer, with Heath and Stevens, to regard the construction as an anacolouthon. The syntax seems designedly imperfect; but the word perdition, literally loss, makes the sense clear. — 30. hair. “The tithe of a hair was never lost in my house before,” 1 Henry IV, III, iii, 53, 54. — 31. Betid. A. S. tidan, to happen; Mid. Eng. be- or bi-, causing. Be- gives a transitive force. — 32. Which . . . which. Distribute.

If thou remember'st aught ere thou cam'st here, 
How thou cam'st here thou mayst. 

_Miranda._ 

_But that I do not._ 

_Prospero._ Twelve year since, Miranda, twelve year since, 
Thy father was the Duke of Milan and 
A prince of power. 

_Miranda._ 

_Sir, are not you my father?_ 

_Prospero._ Thy mother was a piece of virtue, and 
She said thou wast my daughter; and thy father 
Was Duke of Milan; and his only heir 
And princess no worse issued. 

_Miranda._ 

_O the heavens!_ 

What foul play had we, that we came from thence? 
Or blessed was 't we did. 

_Prospero._ 

_Both, both, my girl;_ 

By foul play, as thou say'st, were we heav'd thence, 
But blessedly holp hither. 

_Miranda._ 

_O, my heart bleeds_ 

To think o' the teen that I have turn'd you to, 
Which is from my remembrance! Please you, farther.

—53. _Twelve year._ "In the older stages of the language, year, goat, 
swine, etc., being neuter nouns, underwent no change in the nominative 
case of the plural number." _Morris and Skeat._ —The first 'year' in this 
line is said to have the force of a dissyl. But is a dissyllable really neces-
sary? The line has five accents without such splitting of 'year.' May we 
scan thus? 

Twelve | year since | Mirán | da, tvéle | year since.

Abbott (480) marks thus:—

Twelve yé ! ar since | Mirán | da tvéle | year since.

Furness well remarks, "By such a division and prolongation of 'year' an 
emphasis is imparted which does not befit the sense." —55. _Sir._ Respect-
ful? Note that in this dialogue Miranda says you, Prospero says thou. 
Inference? —56. _piece of virtue = sample or perfect specimen of virtue 
[Wright] model, masterpiece, of virtue [Rolfe]? a portion of virtue itself 
—in Ant. and Cleop., Augustus Caesar calls his sister Octavia 'a piece of 
virtue.'—58. _And princess._ The folio has a semicolon after princess. 
Hence, Pope changed _and_ to _a._ Many editors have adopted this emenda-
tion; but by erasing the semicolon we, perhaps, avoid the need of other 
change. Hanmer prints 'thou his only heir;' "No worse issued was his 
only heir and princess." _Furness, after Knight._ Judgment on these 
changes? —63. _holp._ Shakespeare uses _holp_ 19 times; _helped, 6._ — 
Abbott, 343. —In _Luke, i, 54_, we read "He hath holpen his servant Israel." 
The tendency in Shakespeare's age was to drop the _-en._

64. _teen_ (A. S. _teona_, injury, wrong; accusation) = grief, sorrow, 
trouble? —65. _from_ = away from [Rolfe, Wright]? out of [Phillpotts]? 
quite gone from [Meiklejohn]? In _Julius Cæs._, II, 1, 196, we have 'Quite 
from the main opinion he held once.' So _Macbeth_, our ed., III, i, 99,
Prospero. My brother, and thy uncle, call’d Antonio,—
I pray thee, mark me,—that a brother should
Be so perfidious!—he whom, next thyself,
Of all the world I lov’d, and to him put
The manage of my state; as at that time
Through all the signiories it was the first,
And Prospero the prime duke, being so reputed
In dignity, and, for the liberal arts,
Without a parallel; those being all my study,
The government I cast upon my brother,
And to my state grew stranger, being transported
And rapt in secret studies.—Thy false uncle—
Dost thou attend me?

Miranda. Sir, most heedfully.

Prospero. Being once perfected how to grant suits,
How to deny them, who to advance, and who
To trash for overtopping, new created

131; and iv, 36.—67. My brother, and thy uncle. Note here the long parenthesis extending from line 67 to Thy false uncle, line 77. Thoughts crowd upon his brain faster than his tongue can formulate them? Point out the anacolutha.—70. manage. A technical term from horsemanship? So in 1 Henry IV, II, iii, 45, Mer. of Ven., III, iv, 25.—as = the fact being? —I call him perfidious because of what I am about to say.—as at that time = because then? Prof. G. Allen (Phila. Sh. Soc., 1864) in a very learned note argues strongly that the phrase ‘as at that time’ means almost or exactly then, the ‘as’ being redundant. He quotes ‘as at this time,’ which he says means now in the Prayer Book; thus: “Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born,” etc. —71. “Milan claims to be the first Duchy in Europe.” Botero (1630). —signiories = states of northern Italy owing feudal obedience to the Holy Roman Empire. —Lat. senior, elder; Mediaeval Latin, senior, lord; French seigneur, Ital. signior, a lord. —The Visconti of Milan were perpetual vicars of the Emperor in Italy. Robertson’s Charles V.—arts = arts becoming a gentleman, tending to improve the mind [Schmidt]? —Technically the Lat. artes liberales were, in the Middle Ages, grammar, logic, rhetoric, arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy. In more recent times, history, philosophy, and those other branches usually required for the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Master of Arts, are included.

76. state = dignity? pomp? political body governed, body politic [Schmidt]?—77. rapt. Lat. rapère, to seize, snatch away.—80. who. “There is no doubt that ‘who’ was in Shakespeare’s time frequently used for the objective case, as it still is colloquially.” Clark & Wright. Abbott, 274. See line 231; IV, i, 4.—81. trash for overtopping. “A blending of metaphors. ‘Trash’ refers to hunting, and ‘overtop’ to gardening, or, at least, it cannot refer to hunting.” Furness. ‘Trash’ is defined by Schmidt, to lop, to crop. So Warburton and Steevens. White says “‘trash’ was hunting slang.” Staunton says, “In the present day sportsmen check the speed of very fleet hounds by tying a rope, called a ‘dog-trash,’ round their necks, and letting them trail it;” etc. —Icel.
The creatures that were mine, I say, or chang’d ’em,  
Or else new form’d ’em; having both the key  
Of officer and office, set all hearts i’ the state  
To what tune pleas’d his ear, that now he was  
The ivy which had hid my princely trunk,  
And suck’d my verdure out on ’t. — Thou attend’st not.  

Miranda. O, good sir, I do!  

Prospero. I pray thee, mark me.  
I, thus neglecting worldly ends, all dedicated  
To closeness and the bettering of my mind  
With that which, but by being so retir’d,  
O’er-priz’d all popular rate, in my false brother  

_tros_, rubbish, leaves and twigs picked up and used for fuel; Norw. _tros_,  
fallen twigs, half-rotten branches easily broken.—’Trash’ means crash-  
ings; _i.e._, bits cracked off. _Skeat_. —Shakes. turns nouns at will into verbs.  
If the metaphor suggests trees or plants, then the tallest, the one overtop-  
ping, is not cut off, but trashed, _i.e._, its top beaten down or broken into  
twigs and dry branches, etc.?—If the metaphor suggests hunting dogs,  
then overtopping is outstripping? Visiting the Edinburgh High School in  
1882, the present editor repeatedly heard the master call the boy at the  
head of his class the ‘top boy’!—Choose between these interpretations!  
There’s vegetation enough in lines 86, 87. But see _Othello_, II, i, 290; _Ant.  
and Cleop._, IV, xii, 23, 24; and _Furness_.—83. _Key_ = tuning-fork [Phill-  
potts]? tuning-key for the harpsichord, etc. [Wright, Rolfe, Hudson, etc.]?  
‘I think the first and obvious meaning is the same as when we speak of  
the ‘keys of office’; then, secondly, by the association of ideas, this ‘key’  
suggested the ‘time’ which follows.” _Furness_. Choose!—84. _Of officer_,  
etc. _Abbott_, 497, marks desperately for scanning, thus:—  

Of offic | er, and off | ice sét | all herts | in the (i' th) státe.  

Well? See on lines 103, 165. —85. _that_ = so that? Bacon in his _Essays_  
uses ‘that’ six or seven times for ‘so that.’ _Abbott_, 283. —86, 87. _ivy  
... suck’d_. The ivy was supposed parasitic. Erroneously? See Ella-  
combe’s _Plant Lore of Shakespeare_.—hid my princely trunk. “I  
recollect hearing a traveller of poetic temperament expressing the kind of  
horror he felt in beholding on the banks of the Missouri an oak of pro-  
digous size, which had been in a manner overpowered by an enormous  
wild grape-vine. The vine had clasped its huge folds round the trunk, and  
from thence had wound about every branch and twig, until the mighty  
tree had withered in its embrace. It seemed like Laocoon struggling inef-  
finitely in the hideous coils of the monster Python.” _Irving_.—87. _on ’t_.  
Often Shakes. uses on for of. _Abbott_, 182. So, now, in rapid familiar  
conversation? Allowable?  

89. _I, thus_, etc. Scan. — _dedicated_. Shakes. often omits the -d or  
-ed after the t sound. See on line 148. — _Abbott_, 342. —90. _closeness_ =  
privacy, retirement, seclusion? In _Luke_, ix, 36; _Macbeth_, III, v, 7, and  
elsewhere in the Bible and Shakespeare, ‘close’ = secret.— _Lat. claudére_,  
to shut; _clausum_, an enclosed place; _French cloître_; _Eng. cloister_.  
91. _but by being_, etc. = were it only for the retirement it procured me  
[Rolfe, Phillpotts]? except for the fact that they were so retired, or that I  
was so retired [Wright, Deighton, Meiklejohn, Hudson]?—92. _O’er-priz’d_  
= surpassed in value? — _Lat. pretium_, price. — _rate_ = estimation? esteem?
Awak'd an evil nature; and my trust,  
Like a good parent, did beget of him  
A falsehood, in it's contrary as great  
As my trust was; which had indeed no limit,  
A confidence sans bound. He being thus lorded,  
Not only with what my revenue yielded,  
But what my power might else exact — like one  
Who having into truth, by telling of it,  
Made such a sinner of his memory,  
To credit his own lie — he did believe  
He was indeed the duke, out o' the substitution,  
And executing the outward face of royalty,  
With all prerogative; hence his ambition  
Growing, — dost thou hear?

Does it mean that the value was greater than any of the people would have thought? or greater than popular applause or esteem would have been to him? — See II, 1, 106. — 93. Awak'd. Shakes, uses this and never 'awoke,' nor 'woke.' Note the continual personification. — 94. good parent, etc. See the Latin adage, Heroum filii noxæ, 'heroes' sons no good!' 'The Greek proverb is substantially the same! So, aforetime, "Ministers' sons and deacons' daughters"! — 95. its. See line 392. — Its was just coming into use. The folio (1623) has 'its' once; 'it's' 9 times; 'it,' in a possessive sense, 14 times. King James's version of the Bible (1611) uses 'its' once (Levit., xxv, 5); Milton (1608–1674), 3 times; Florio's translation of Montaigne (1598), quite often. — contrary = opposite (nature) [Wright]? — 97. sans. Lat. sine, without; Old Fr. sens; Fr. sans. The poets tried hard to naturalize in England this convenient monosyllable. Thus Shakes. in As You Like It, II, vii, 166: 'Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.' — lorded = made a lord [Rolfe]? invested with lordship [Phillpotts]? invested as a lord [Deighton]? invested with the dignity and power of a lord [Wright]? — 98. revenue. Shakes. places the accent sometimes on the first and sometimes on the second syllable of this word.

100. into truth. 'Into' here has been changed to 'unto' by Warburton (1747) and nearly all subsequent editors, including among others Knight, Singer, White, Phillpotts, Rolfe, Hudson, Wright, and Meiklejohn; and their comments have been voluminous and vast. See Furness. "Shakespeare's own words, which all understand, are vastly to be preferred to any modification, which, however acceptable to him who proposes it, appears to be incomprehensible to all others," Furness. — Interpret thus: Having, by telling his lie (often), made his memory such a sinner (as to realities), that he credited his own lie into truth (i.e., really believed his lie to be true), he believed he was, etc. — 102. To credit his own lie into truth. So Dr. South says, "Vice can never be praised into virtue." Sermons, ed. 1744. Supply as before to? Abbott, 281. — 103. He was indeed. It is hard to scan this line without making it an Alexandrine (twelve-syllabled), whereat Procrustean critics are greatly distressed. See on lines 83, 165. The fact is, Shakespeare was under no obligation to please the grammarians and prosodists of his own time, much less of subsequent ages. — 104. face. Latin facies, the shape, form, appearance; facere, to make. — 105. prerogative (Lat. præ, before; rogare, to ask; prærogatius, one who is
Miranda. Your tale, sir, would cure deafness.

Prospero. To have no screen between this part he play’d
And him he play’d it for, he needs will be
Absolute Milan. Me, poor man! — my library
Was dukedom large enough. Of temporal royalties
He thinks me now incapable; confederates —
So dry he was for sway — wi’ the King of Naples
To give him annual tribute, do him homage,
Subject his coronet to his crown, and bend
The dukedom yet unbown’d — alas, poor Milan! —
To most ignoble stooping.

Miranda. O the heavens!

Prospero. Mark his condition, and the event; then tell
me
If this might be a brother.

Miranda. I should sin
To think but nobly of my grandmother.

Prospero. Now the condition.

This king of Naples, being an enemy
To me inveterate, hearkens my brother’s suit;
Which was, that he, in lieu o’ the premises,
Of homage and I know not how much tribute,
Should presently extirpate me and mine

asked his opinion first) = special privilege? pre-eminent right by reason of
office or position? Scan.

108. him = Antonio himself? — All was in Prospero’s name, Antonio
being the ‘power behind the throne greater than the throne’? Antonio
would not have even a nominal duke, Prospero, between him and ‘the
outward face of royalty’ — between the assumed rôle and the reality?
— 109. Milan. Putting the name of the country or state for that of its
ruler? Accent? — me. Abbott, 201. — 111. confederates. Lat. con, to-
gether, with, fædus, fæderis, a league, compact. In Henry VIII, I, ii, 3,
‘confederacy’ = conspiracy, plot. — 112. dry = thirsty?

117. condition = terms of compact with the King of Naples? — situa-
tion? — event. Lat. e, out, venire, to come. — 118. might = could?
Abbott, 312. — 119. but nobly — merely nobly? otherwise than nobly?
— Abbott, 122. — Is there here a subtle transfer of the quality of nobleness
from its proper object to the process of thinking? Express the idea in plain
prose. — 120. good wombs have borne bad sons. Shakespeare might
have thought of ‘Sidney’s sister, Pembroke’s mother,’ — 122. hearkens
... suit. So ‘listening their fear,’ Macbeth, II, ii, 28; ‘listen great
things,’ Julius C., IV, i, 41, etc.; Comus, 169. — Abbott, 129. — 123. lieu.
Lat. locus, Fr. lieu, place. See our ed. of As You L. I, II, iii, 65. —
premises. Lat. præ, before; mittère, to send; præmissum, thing al-
ready stated or premised. — In lieu of the premises. Technical phraseol-
— 125. presently = immediately? Often so in Shakes. See our ed. of
Out of the dukedom, and confer fair Milan,
With all the honors, on my brother; whereon,
A treacherous army levied, one midnight
Fated to the purpose, did Antonio open
The gates of Milan; and, i' the dead of darkness,
The ministers for the purpose hurried thence
Me and thy crying self.

_Miranda._ Alack, for pity!
I, not remembering how I cried out then,
Will cry it o'er again; it is a hint
That wrings my eyes to 't.

_Propero._ Hear a little further,
And then I'll bring thee to the present business
Which now's upon 's; without the which this story
Were most impertinent.

_Miranda._ Wherefore did they not
That hour destroy us?

_Propero._ Well demanded, wench;
My tale provokes that question. Dear, they durst not,
So dear the love my people bore me, nor set
A mark so bloody on the business, but
With colors fairer painted their foul ends.
In few, they hurried us aboard a bark,
Bore us some leagues to sea, where they prepar'd
A rotten carcass of a butt, not rigg'd,
Nor tackle, sail, nor mast; the very rats
Instinctively have quit it. There they hoist us,


139. _wench._ A. S. _wencle_, a maid? _wecom_, 'tottery,' shaky. The word was used to express fondness, with joking good-natured, simulated contempt; like 'little rogue'! — 144. _In few_. So _Hamlet_, I, iii, 126, etc. — Lat. _idiom_? Lat. _paucis (verbis) = in few (words)._ — 146. _butt_. The folio has 'Butt.' Many, including White, Hudson, and Rolfe, have changed it to 'boat,' following Dryden's version and Rowe (1709). But a _butt_ is perhaps the Italian _botto_, defined as a 'galliot,' the hull having 'very rounded ribs, very little _run_ (nautical), and flattish bottom, the ribs joining the keel almost horizontally, a sort of tub of a thing.' _Nicholson_, approved by _Furness._ — We venture to suggest another interpretation as follows: Prospero is speaking in strong disgust, and he uses 'butt' simply in contempt, as sailors use _tub_ or _scow_. A. S. _but_, a cask. — 148. _have quit_. In his vivid poetic imagination he lives over again the experience
To cry to the sea that roar’d to us; to sigh
To the winds, whose pity, sighing back again,
Did us but loving wrong.

Miranda. Alack, what trouble
Was I then to you!

Prospero. O, a cherubin
Thou wast, that did preserve me! Thou didst smile,
Infused with a fortitude from heaven,
When I have deck’d the sea with drops full salt,
Under my burthen groan’d; which rais’d in me
An undergoing stomach, to bear up
Against what should ensue.

Miranda. How came we ashore?

Prospero. By Providence divine
Some food we had and some fresh water that

of that dreadful night; the past is again present, and he says ‘have quit’!
But many of the prosy commentators change have to ‘had’! — See the
present for the past in line 205. — See ‘Vision’ in the treatises on rhetoric.
—quit. See on ‘dedicated,’ line 89. — hoist. This may be for ‘hoisted’?
—III, i, 10; Abbott, 341, 342. — 152. cherubin. Shakes. uses ‘cherub’ in
Hamlet, IV, iii, 47; and ‘cherubins’ as the plural in Mer. of Venice, V, i,
62, etc. — 155. deck’d = sprinkled (for ‘degg’d’) [Collier, Malone, Staun-
ton, Singer, Dyce, White, Rolfe, Wright, Deighton, Phillpotts]? covered
read ‘brack’d’; Warburton, ‘mock’d’; Rann, ‘dew’d’; Johnson (?),
‘fleck’d’; Thos. White, ‘eik’d’; Hudson, ‘degg’d’; Bailey, ‘leck’d.’ We
venture to suggest that all the emendations seem steps prose-ward; that
the usual, if not uniform, sense of ‘deck’ in Shakes. is adorn; and that
many times in Shakes. tears are pearls, as in Moore’s Light of the Harem, 1

“ And precious their tears as that rain from the sky
Which turns into pearls as it falls in the sea.”

In Sonnet xxxiv, 13, “Those tears are pearl”; in Lucrece, 1213, tears are
‘brinsh pearl’; in Venus and Adonis tears are ‘like pearls in glass’;
King John, II, i, 169, ‘heaven-moving pearls’; Two Gentlemen of Ver., II,
i, 224, ‘a sea of melting pearl which men call tears’; Richard III, IV, iv,
323, 324;

“ Those liquid drops of tears that you have shed
Shall come again transformed to orient pearl ”;

in Lear, IV, iii, 22, ‘as pearls from diamonds dropped.’ May not ‘drops
full salt’ = pearls? See on line 397.

157. undergoing = enduring, sustaining? — stomach = stubborn resolu-
Cotgrave (1611) defines courage, ‘metall, spirit, hart, stomache.’ — The
stomach was supposed to be the seat of courage? — 159. Providence.
Then Prospero believes, like Roger Williams, in an overruling Provi-
dence? — Usually misprinted with a period after divine, following Pope

1 Moore quotes from Richardson, ‘The Nisan or drops of spring rain, which they
believe to produce pearls, if they fall into shells.’
A noble Neapolitan, Gonzalo,  
Out of his charity, who being then appointed  
Master of this design, did give us, with  
Rich garments, linens, stuffs, and necessaries,  
Which since have steaded much. So, of his gentleness,  
Knowing I lov’d my books, he furnish’d me,  
From mine own library, with volumes that  
I prize above my dukedom.  

**Miranda.**  
Would I might  
But ever see that man!  

**Prospero.**  
Now I arise. —  
Sit still, and hear the last of our sea-sorrow.  
Here in this island we arriv’d; and here  
Have I, thy schoolmaster, made thee more profit  
Than other princess can, that have more time  
For vainer hours, and tutors not so careful.  

**Miranda.** Heavens thank you for ’t! And now, I pray  
you, sir,  
For still ’tis beating in my mind, your reason  
For raising this sea-storm?  

**Prospero.**  
Know thus far forth:  
By accident most strange, bountiful Fortune,

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(1723). — 162. *who being*, etc. The syntax is confused; but the best  
critics, with few exceptions, allow it to stand unchanged. Pope, Hudson,  
Keightley, and some others omit *who*. — 165. *steaded* = stood in good stead,  
done much service, helped? — So Mer. of Ven., I, iii, 6, etc. — As to the  
sanscion of this line, and the attempts to compress it or cut it down to a  
pentameter, Furness well says, "These devices . . . recall the attempts  
of the elder sister to squeeze her foot into Cinderella’s slipper."
Abbott, 39. — *arise* = get up (to give orders to Ariel) [Heath]? get up (a mere  
cyasual remark) [Capell]? arise in my narration, my store heightens in its  
sequence (as the interest of a drama rises or declines) [Stevens, War-  
burnton]? the crisis of my fortunes has come (and I emerge from obscurity)  
[Wright, Hudson, Joseph Crosby]? arise (to put mantle on again) [Dyce,  
Delius, Collier, Rolfe, Br. Nicholson]? Staunton thinks the words *Now I  
arise* ‘are spoken to Ariel, above.’ Furness inclines to think them figurative.  
Guess again! — May there not be an astrological allusion? See lines  
181, 182. — 172. *schoolmaster*. Shakes. repeatedly uses this word to  
denote a private tutor. *Tarn. of Shr.*, I, i, 94, 129, 162; *Ant. and Cleop.*  
III, xii, 2. — *profit* = benefit (received)? receive benefit [Wright, Hudson,  
Rolfe, Deighton]? — 173. *princess*. *The plural and possessive cases of  
nouns of which the singular ends in s, se, ss, ce, and ge, are frequently  
written, and still more frequently pronounced, without the additional syl-  
lable." *Abbott*, 471. "It is sufficient for a word to terminate in the  
sound of s to be regarded by the ear (sic) as a plural." *Furness*. — Rowe,  
Capell, Stevens, Malone, White, etc., change the word to ‘princes.’ —  
176. *beating* = working violently [Wright]? throbbing [Deighton]?
Now my dear lady, hath mine enemies
Brought to this shore; and by my prescience
I find my zenith doth depend upon
A most auspicious star, whose influence
If now I court not but omit, my fortunes
Will ever after droop. Here cease more questions:
Thou art inclin’d to sleep; ’tis a good dulness,
And give it way. — I know thou canst not choose.—
Come away, servant, come! I am ready now;
Approach, my Ariel, come!

Enter Ariel.

Ariel. All hail, great master! grave sir, hail! I come
To answer thy best pleasure; be ’t to fly,
To swim, to dive into the fire, to ride
On the curl’d clouds, to thy strong bidding task
Ariel and all his quality.

Prospero. Hast thou, spirit,
Perform’d to point the tempest that I bade thee?

181. zenith. Span. *zenit*, a corruption of Arab. *samt*, way, road, path; Arabic *samt-wr-ras*, the way overhead. Figuratively, highest success?—
As to the influence of the stars, see what Gloster and Edmund say in Lear,

Miranda has dwelt alone, from her infancy, with her father on a desert island compassed by ocean and the heavens; and thus she has lived, fearless and delighted, in the midst of mystery and beauty. Quiet in the soul-sleep of innocence, trustful in her father’s care and power, she has dread of nothing. The spirits of air are her ministers, the brutes of earth are meek to her, and even Caliban bends to her service. But clouds gather in the sky; winds rush upon the sea; with the storm comes her prince, and with the prince comes love. The visionary world is broken into by the actual; realities intrude on fancies; and out of dreams she merges into passion. Now this,—a fable in outward fact,—is a truth in the inward life. The actual, natural, genuine maiden does dwell much alone. Her life is an island full of enchantments, girded by immensity. Giles’s *Human Life in Shakespeare*, 1863.

190. answer, etc. Neatly imitated by Fletcher in *The Faithful Shepherdess*. Milton evidently has it, and lines 252-254, in mind in Paradise Lost, I, 150-152, where Beelzebub speaks of possible service to the Almighty,

"whate’er his business be,
Here in the heart of hell to work in fire
Or do his errands in the gloomy deep."

—193. quality = ability, power [Rolfe]? professional skill [Wright]? fellow-spirits, ‘profession’ [Steevens, Malone, Dyce, Hudson, Deighton, Phillpotts, Furness]? — 194. to point = to the minutest article [Steevens, Schmidt]? — to = up to, in proportion to, according to [Abbott, 187] —
Ariel. To every article.
I boarded the king's ship; now on the beak,  
Now in the waist, the deck, in every cabin,  
I flam'd amazement: sometime I'd divide,  
And burn in many places; on the topmast,  
The yards, and bowsprit, would I flame distinctly,  
Then meet and join. Jove's lightnings, the precursors  
O' the dreadful thunder-claps, more momentary  
And sight-outrunning were not; the fire and cracks  
Of sulphurous roaring the most mighty Neptune  
Seem to besiege, and make his bold waves tremble,  
Yea, his dread trident shake.

Prospero.  
My brave spirit!  
Who was so firm, so constant, that this coil  
Would not infect his reason?

Ariel.  
Not a soul  
But felt a fever of the mad, and play'd  
Some tricks of desperation. All but mariners  
Plung'd in the foaming brine, and quit the vessel,  
Then all afire with me: the king's son, Ferdinand,  
With hair up-staring,—then like reeds, not hair,—  
Was the first man that leap'd; cried, 'Hell is empty,  
And all the devils are here.'

Lat. ad, to: punctum, point; Fr. de tout point.—See at a point in our Macbeth, IV, iii, 135.—197. waist = between the quarter-deck and the forecastle [Johnson]?—198. divide, etc. "I do remember that in the great and boisterous storm . . . in the night there came upon the top of our main yard and main mast a certain little light, much like unto the light of a little candle, which the Spaniards call the Cuerpo santo, and said it was S. Elmo. . . . This light continued aboard our ship about three hours, flying from mast to mast and from top to top, and sometime it would be in two or three places at once." Halkuyt's Voyages, ed. of 1598, de Robert Tomson's voyage in 1555.—See 'Saint Elmo's fire' in the unabridged Dict.—Vergil's Aeneid, ii, 682-684.—200. distinctly = separately [Staunton]?—Lat. dis, apart, stingère, to prick.—202. momentary = lasting but a moment [Wright, Schmidt]? happening every moment? both senses?—204-206. Neptune . . . trident. See Class. Dict.—207. constant = composed? Lat. constans, steadfast, steady.—See our Mer. of Ven., III, ii, 242.—coll. Celtic goill, a struggle. See our Hamlet, III, i, 67.—209. of the mad = such as madmen feel [Steevens, Hudson]? of delirium [Rolfe, Meiklejohn, Phillpotts]?—212. afire. Abbott, 24.—Ferdinand, etc. Dramatic skill shown in separating him from the rest?

213. up-staring. Lat. stare, to stand; root sta-, to stand, be fixed, stiff. Abbott, 429.—See Jul. Cæs., IV, iii, 278, where Brutus says to the ghost of Caesar,

"Art thou some god, some angel, or some devil,  
That mak'st my blood cold and my hair to stare?"
**Prospero.** Why, that’s my spirit!

But was not this nigh shore?

**Ariel.** Close by, my master.

**Prospero.** But are they, Ariel, safe?

**Ariel.** Not a hair perish’d;

On their sustaining garments not a blemish,

But fresher than before: and, as thou bad’st me,

In troops I have dispers’d them ’bout the isle

The king’s son have I landed by himself;

Whom I left cooling of the air with sighs

In an odd angle of the isle, and sitting,

His arms in this sad knot.

**Prospero.** Of the king’s ship,

The mariners, say how thou hast dispos’d,

And all the rest o’ the fleet.

**Ariel.** Safely in harbor

Is the king’s ship; in the deep nook, where once

Thou call’dst me up at midnight to fetch dew

From the still-vex’d Bermoothes, there she’s hid;

The mariners all under hatches stow’d,

Who, with a charm join’d to their suffer’d labor,

I have left asleep; and for the rest o’ the fleet,

Which I dispers’d, they all have met again,

And are upon the Mediterranean flote,

Bound sadly home for Naples,

Supposing that they saw the king’s ship wrack’d,

And his great person perish.

217. are they, Ariel, safe? Why this question? Did he not know?

—218. sustaining = bearing up or supporting the wearers [Steevens, Wright, Meiklejohn] ? bearing or resisting the effects of water [Mason, Schmidt, Rolfe]? — Spedding and Hudson would read ‘unstaining.’ — See II, i, 61–63; also Hamlet, IV, vii, 174, 175, 180, 181. — 222. cooling of the air with sighs. See I, i, 48. — After ‘cooling,’ the ‘of’ indicates that ‘cooling’ is a verbal noun originally, as if it were ‘a-cooling,’ or (in the act) of cooling. Abbott, 178.—223. odd angle = singular nook? out-of-the-way corner? — See ‘odd’ in V, i, 255. — 224. knot = folded form [Hudson, Wright, Rolfe]? Hamlet, I, v, 174. — 224–226, etc. Three things are inquired after. Note that Ariel’s answer takes these up in their order. Hence the folio is right in placing a comma after ship? — 229. Bermoothes. See in the Introduction, under Source of the Plot, as to ‘A Discovery of the Bermudas,’ etc. — still-vex’d Bermoothes = the ever-chafed Bermudas? “Here,” says Hamner, “we have the Spanish pronunciation.” — In Elizabethan English, and for a hundred years later, ‘still’ often = ever. See our Mer. of Ven., I, i, 17; our Jul. Ces., I, ii, 238, etc. — 231. who. See on line 80, IV, i, 4. — 232. for the rest. ‘For’ is still occasionally equivalent to as for. Abbott, 149. — 234. flote.
Prospero. Ariel, thy charge
Exactly is perform'd; but there's more work.
What is the time o' the day?
Ariel. Past the mid season.
Prospero. At least two glasses: the time 'twixt six and now
Must by us both be spent most preciously.
Ariel. Is there more toil? Since thou dost give me pains,
Let me remember thee what thou hast promis'd,
Which is not yet perform'd me.
Prospero. How now? moody?
What is 't thou canst demand?
Ariel. My liberty.
Prospero. Before the time be out? no more!
Ariel. I prithee,
Remember I have done thee worthy service;
Told thee no lies, made no mistakings, serv'd
Without or grudge or grumblings. Thou didst promise
To bate me a full year.
Prospero. Dost thou forget
From what a torment I did free thee?
Ariel. No.
Prospero. Thou dost; and think'st it much to tread the ooze
Of the salt deep,
To run upon the sharp wind of the north,
To do me business in the veins o' the earth
When it is bak'd with frost.
I do not, sir.

Thou liest, malignant thing! Hast thou forgot
The foul witch Sycorax, who with age and envy
Was grown into a hoop? hast thou forgot her?

No, sir.

Thou hast. Where was she born? speak; tell me.

Sir, in Argier.

O, was she so? I must

Once in a month recount what thou hast been,
Which thou forget' st. This damn'd witch Sycorax,
For mischiefs manifold and sorceries terrible
To enter human hearing, from Argier,
Thou know'st, was banish'd; for one thing she did
They would not take her life. Is not this true?

Ay, sir.

257. liest. Needlessly harsh? — malignant. Any relevancy in Johnson's remark that the fallen spirits, over whom magicians had power, were ill disposed?

With all our admiration and sympathy with the illustrious magician, we perforce must acknowledge Prospero to be of a revengeful nature. He has not the true social wisdom; and he only learns Christian wisdom from his servant Ariel. By nature he is a selfish aristocrat. When he was Duke of Milan he gave himself up to his favorite indulgence of study and retired leisure, yet expected to preserve his state and authority. When master of the Magic Island, he is stern and domineering, lording it over his sprite subjects and ruling them with a wand of rigor. He comes there and takes possession of the territory with all the coolness of a usurper; he assumes despotic sway, and stops only short of absolute unmitigated tyranny. Charles Cowden Clarke's Shakespeare Characters, 1863.

258. Sycorax. Stephen Batman (1537-1587) is quoted by Douce thus:

"The raven is called corvus of Corax. . . . It is sayd that ravens birdes be fed with the deaw of heaven all the time that they have no blacke feathers by benefite of age." See lines 320, 321. — Among possible derivations of the word Sycorax are the following: ψυξορρηξ, Psychorrex (from ψυξ, psyche, soul, and ρηξεμαι, regnumaie, to break); σύκοων, sukon, fig, and ῥαξ, rax, a poisonous spider, meaning Queen Elizabeth! Gr. σος, sus, ὅ, hus, a swine; κόραξ, corax, a raven; hog-raven, being a foul witch! [Gr. ἔλεπα, huaina, hyena, is properly a sow; then a Libyan wild beast. See on line 269.] — Arabic Shokoreth, deceiver. Seiaxghirir, a town on the island of Pantalaria, which, Elze thinks, is the possible 'original of Prospero's isle!' — See Furness. — envy. Lat. in, against; videre, to look; invidia, envy; hatred. — Often in Shakes. it denotes malice. — 261. Argier. Spanish and Port. Argel. The modern name, Algiers, dates from the 'Restoration'? The city has about 70,000 inhabitants. — 266. one thing she did, etc. But what it was, no person can tell. Perhaps Shakes. himself did not know! See Furness.
Prospero. This blue-eyed hag was hither brought with child,  
And here was left by the sailors. Thou, my slave,  
As thou report'st thyself, wast then her servant;  
And, for thou wast a spirit too delicate  
To act her earthy and abhor'd commands,  
Refusing her grand hests, she did confine thee,  
By help of her more potent ministers,  
And in her most unmitigable rage,  
Into a cloven pine; within which rift  
Imprison'd thou didst painfully remain  
A dozen years; within which space she died,  
And left thee there, where thou didst vent thy groans  
As fast as mill-wheels strike. Then was this island —  
Save for the son that she did litter here,  
A freckled whelp, hag-born — not honor'd with  
A human shape.

Ariel. Yes, Caliban her son.

Prospero. Dull thing, I say so; he, that Caliban,  
Whom now I keep in service. Thou best know'st  
What torment I did find thee in; thy groans  
Did make wolves howl, and penetrate the breasts  
Of ever-angry bears. It was a torment  
To lay upon the damn'd, which Sycorax  
Could not again undo; it was mine art,  
When I arriv'd and heard thee, that made gape  
The pine, and let thee out.

269. blue-eyed = having a blueness, a black circle about the eyes  
[Schmidt]? the eyelids having a livid color [Wright]? Hyenas have blue eyes! (See on 258.)

"Woe to the half dead wretch that meets  
The glaring of those large blue eyes  
Amid the darkness of the streets!"

—Moore's Paradise and the Peri.

So have some angelic women!

"Feeling or thought that was not true  
Ne'er made less beautiful the blue  
Unclouded heaven of her eyes!" — Lowell.

272. And for thou wast. Abbott, 151, remarks, "'For,' in the sense of 'because of,' is found not only governing a noun, but also governing a clause." - 274. hests. See III, i, 37; IV, i, 63. A. S. haes, a command.  
Ariel. I thank thee, master.  
Prospero. If thou more murmur'st, I will rend an oak,  
And peg thee in his knotty entrails till  
Thou hast howl'd away twelve winters.  
Ariel. Pardon, master;  
I will be correspondent to command,  
And do my spriting gently.  
Prospero. Do so, and after two days  
I will discharge thee.  
Ariel. That's my noble master!  
What shall I do? say what; what shall I do?  
Prospero. Go make thyself like a nymph o' the sea; be  
subject  
To no sight but thine and mine, invisible  
To every eyeball else. Go, take this shape,  
And hither come in 't; go, hence with diligence!—
[Exit Ariel.

Awake, dear heart, awake! thou hast slept well;  
Awake!  
Miranda. The strangeness of your story put  
Heaviness in me.  
Prospero. Shake it off. Come on;  
We'll visit Caliban my slave, who never  
Yields us kind answer.  
Miranda. 'Tis a villain, sir,  
I do not love to look on.  
Prospero. But, as 'tis,  
We cannot miss him; he does make our fire,
Fetch in our wood, and serves in offices
That profit us. — What, ho! slave! Caliban!
Thou earth, thou! speak.

Caliban. [Within] There's wood enough within.

Prospero. Come forth, I say! there's other business for thee;
Come, thou tortoise! when?

Enter Ariel, like a water-nymph.

Fine apparition! My quaint Ariel,
Hark in thine ear.

Ariel. My lord, it shall be done. [Exit.

Prospero. Thou poisonous slave, come forth!

Enter Caliban.

Caliban. As wicked dew as e'er my mother brush'd

With raven's feather from unwholesome fen

Drop on you both! a south-west blow on ye,
And blister you all o'er?

Prospero. For this, be sure, to-night thou shalt have
cramps,

Phillpotts, etc.? — 316. tortoise. Hunter says "there is a good deal that is Hebraistic in this play," and that Caliban "is, as to form, no other than the fish idol of Ashdod, the Dagon of the Philistines!" Test this, I Sam., v, 4,

"Dagon his name, sea-monster, upward man
And downward fish." — Par. Lost, I, 462, 463.

Is the treatment of Caliban by Prospero creditable? — when? — Impatience? See in Jul. Cæs., II, i, 5, "When, Lucius, when?" — 317. quaint. Lat. cognitus, known, famous, and comptus, neat, adorned; Old Fr. coint, defined by Cotgrave, 'quaint, compt, neat, fine, spruce, brisk, smirk, snug, dainty, trim, tricked up.' — See our ed. of Mer. of Ven., II, iv, 6. — "Caliban is malicious, cowardly, false, and base in his inclinations; and yet he is essentially different from the vulgar knaves of a civilized world, as they are occasionally portrayed by Shakespeare. He is rude, but not vulgar; he never falls into the prosaic and low familiarity of his drunken associates, for he is a poetical being in his way; he always speaks in verse." Schlegel's Lectures on Dram. Literature, 1815.

320. wicked = baneful? mischievous? sinful? — In Shakes. mental and moral qualities are continually imputed to inanimate objects. Is it so here? — 322. southwest. "A noxious character is attributed in Shakes. to southerly winds." See Coriol., I, iv, 30; II, iii, 26-30. But why blister? Do the commentators seem to forget that this island may have been near the African coast, where the hot winds from the desert sometimes shrivel
Side-stitches that shall pen thy breath up; urchins
Shall, for that vast of night that they may work,
All exercise on thee; thou shalt be pinch’d
As thick as honeycomb, each pinch more stinging
Than bees that made ’em.

Caliban. I must eat my dinner.
This island’s mine, by Sycorax my mother,
Which thou tak’st from me. When thou cam’st first,
Thou strok’dst me and made much of me, wouldst give me
Water with berries in ’t, and teach me how
To name the bigger light, and how the less,
That burn by day and night; and then I lov’d thee,
And show’d thee all the qualities o’ the isle,
The fresh springs, brine-pits, barren place and fertile.
Cursed be I that did so! All the charms
Of Sycorax, toads, beetles, bats, light on you!
For I am all the subjects that you have,
Which first was mine own king; and here you sty me
In this hard rock, whiles you do keep from me
The rest o’ the island.

Prospero. Thou most lying slave,
Whom stripes may move, not kindness! I have us’d thee,
Filth as thou art, with human care, and lodg’d thee
In mine own cell, till thou didst seek to violate
The honor of my child.

and blister?—325. urchins = fairies [Douce, White]? hedgehogs [Steevens, Jephson]? evil spirits in the form of hedgehogs, mischievous elves [Meiklejohn]? hobgoblins [Wright]?—Lat. ericius; Old Fr. ericon; Fr. hérisson; Early Eng. irchon; Mid. Eng. urchon, a hedgehog. See Macbeth, IV, i, 2.—326. that vast of night that they may work = that empty stretch of night wherein they may work [Wright]?—See Furness for a discussion of this passage.—vast = waste.—Hamlet (see our ed., I, ii, 198) has

‘In the dead vast and middle of the night.’

Hudson explains this line in Hamlet as meaning ‘in the silent void or vacancy of the night, when spirits were anciently supposed to walk abroad.’—328. thick. numerous? full of (pinches) [Deighton]?—honeycomb = cells of the honeycomb [Wright]?—332. made much. So the folio.—333. water with berries in it = coffee?—334. bigger light, etc.—Genesis, i, 16.—“A special literary panegyric of the blessings of an uncivilized state of society was in existence in one of the Essays of Montaigne, translated by Florio in 1603. . . . It seems difficult to escape from the conclusion, that Shakespeare intended his monster as a satire incarnate on Montaigne’s ‘noble savage.’” Ward’s Hist. of Eng. Dramatic Literature, 1875.
Caliban. O ho, O ho! would 't had been done! 
Thou didst prevent me; I had peopled else 
This isle with Calibans.

Miranda. Abhorred slave, 
Which any print of goodness wilt not take, 
Being capable of all ill! I pitied thee, 
Took pains to make thee speak, taught thee each hour 
One thing or other; when thou didst not, savage, 
Know thine own meaning, but wouldst gabble like 
A thing most brutish, I endow'd thy purposes 
With words that made them known. But thy vile race, 
Though thou didst learn, had that in 't which good natures 
Could not abide to be with; therefore wast thou 
Deservedly confin'd into this rock, 
Who hadst deserv'd more than a prison.

Caliban. You taught me language; and my profit on 't 
Is, I know how to curse. The red plague rid you 
For learning me your language!

Prospero. Hag-seed, hence! 
Fetch us in fuel; and be quick, thou'rt best, 
To answer other business. Shrug'st thou, malice? 
If thou neglect'st, or dost unwillingly 
What I command, I'll rack thee with old cramps,

349. Abhorred slave, etc. This speech the folio gives to Miranda. But most of the editors — Theobald, Wright, Hudson, Rolfe, White, Deighton, Phillpotts, etc. — have substituted Prospero as the speaker. With Staunton, Krauth, and Furness, we prefer to follow the folio. Notwithstanding its severity, there is in the speech a feminine delicacy, which strongly contrasts with the masculine coarseness of Prospero. Besides, it is pleasant to think of the little girl as trying to teach the poor brute; while her father teaches her! See also II, ii, 128; III, ii, 58. — 359. Into. See on 277. — 361. on 't. See on 87. Abbott, 182. — Profit . . . to curse. Too much of our so-called education finds such issue! — 362. red plague = erysipelas [Steevens]? leprosy (Leviticus, xiii, 42, 43) [Rolfe, Krauth]? one of three different kinds of plague sores, red, yellow, and black [Halliwell, Hudson, Schmidt]? Might refer to the red crosses on the doors of infected houses in Shakespeare's time [Grey]? — 363. Learning. Used transitively? So in Cymbeline, I, v, 12, and in Spenser and the Bible. — 364. best = 'best off' (spoken colloquially), in 'best condition'? — 'You were best' (= it were best for you) was the original, and 'you' was properly the dative? Blunderingly the 'you' came to be treated as a nominative in such phrases, and then I and thou were also used. — Abbott, 230. — 367. old = abundant [Rolfe, Deighton]? huge (intensive) [Hudson]? what one has known of old, and therefore remarkable or extreme [Meiklejohn]? had of old or aforetime [Furness]? such as the old are subject to [Schmidt]? — See 'aged cramps,' IV, i, 256; also Macbeth, II, iii, 2; Mer. of Ven., IV, ii, 15.
THE TEMPEST. [ACT I.

Fill all thy bones with aches, make thee roar,
That beasts shall tremble at thy din.

Caliban. No, pray thee.

[Aside] I must obey; his art is of such power,
It would control my dam's god, Setebos,
And make a vassal of him.

Prospero. So, slave; hence! [Exit Caliban.

Enter Ferdinand, and Ariel (invisible) playing and singing.

Ariel's Song.

Come unto these yellow sands,
And then take hands:
Curtsied when you have, and kiss'd
The wild waves whist,
Foot it feately here and there;
And, sweet sprites, the burthen bear.
Hark, Hark!

368. aches. John Kemble, the actor, made it a dissyllable, and when he personated Prospero, he pronounced it aitches. One night, Kemble being ill, Mr. Cook took his place, and the London critics, who were strenuously disputing as to the proper pronunciation, listened eagerly for his utterance. He left the whole line out! The newspapers made him soliloquize as follows:—

"Aitches or akes, shall I speak both or either?
If akes, I violate my Shakespeare's measure—
If aitches, I shall give King Johnny pleasure;
I've hit upon't—by Jove! I'll utter neither!"

See, post, III, iii, 2; also Much Ado, III, iv, 47-50. — 369. that. Line 85. Abbott, 283. — pray thee. Very common ellipsis? Abbott, 401. Shortened to prithee. — 371. "They [the Patagonians] roared like bulls, and cried upon their great devil, Setebos, to help them." Story of Magellan's voyage (in 1519) in Eden's History of Travaile, published (1577) when Shakespeare was 13. — Setebos is said by Malone, copying Capell, to be mentioned in Hakluyt's Voyages (1598). — 375. curtsied, or courtesied? — kiss'd . . . whist = kissed . . . into silence? — A great deal of ingenuity has been expended on this passage. Perhaps the best interpretation is that of Allen approved by Furness, as follows: "The nymphs are formed on the sands for a dance; the waves . . . are spectators, restless and noisy until the spectacle shall begin . . . When the nymphs indicate, by taking hands, courtesying to and kissing partners, that they are beginning, the waves are hushed into silent attention; and thus the nymphs do in effect 'kiss the wild waves whist.'" In Milton's Hymn on the Nativity, v, 4, whist = silenced. — 377. feately = skilfully? neatly? — Lat. factum, Fr. fait, a deed, fr. facère, to do; Eng. feat, a deed well done, an exploit. — 378. burthen (Fr. bourdon, drone or bass; a humble-bee; akin to burr, to buzz, an imitative word), a verse repeated in song, a refrain.
SCENE II.

THE TEMPEST.

53

[Burthen, dispersedly, within. Bow-wow.]

The watch-dogs bark.

[Burthen, within. Bow-wow.]

Hark, Hark! I hear

The strain of strutting chanticleer

Cry, Cock a-diddle-dow.

Ferdinand. Where should this music be? i’ the air or the earth? —

It sounds no more; — and, sure, it waits upon Some god o’ the island. Sitting on a bank, Weeping again the king my father’s wrack, This music crept by me upon the waters, Allaying both their fury and my passion With it’s sweet air; thence I have follow’d it, Or it hath drawn me rather. But ’tis gone. — No, it begins again.

Ariel’s Song.

Full fathom five thy father lies;
Of his bones are coral made;
Those are pearls that were his eyes:
Nothing of him that doth fade,
But doth suffer a sea-change
Into something rich and strange.

Sea-nymphs hourly ring his knell:

[Burthen within. Ding-dong.]

Hark! now I hear them — Ding-dong, bell.

Ferdinand. The ditty does remember my drown’d father.

386. should. Used, says Abbott (325), in direct questions about the past where ‘shall’ was used about the future. — Ferdinand here falls into a reverie [Strachey]? — 389. again = again and again [Abbott, 27; Rolfe]? — 391. passion. Lat. passio, suffering; fr. παθέναι, pathein, Lat. pati, to suffer. — 392. it’s. So the folio. See on 95. — 395. fathom. A. S. fædm, embrace; hence the length of the arms extended to embrace all; six feet. For the ‘singular,’ see on line 53. Note the alliteration. — 396. are. Is ‘coral’ virtually plural, a sort of ‘collective noun’? Or does the proximity of the plural ‘bones’ control the ‘number’ of the verb? Or did Shakes. wish to avoid the sound of bones is? Abbott, 412. — In Macbeth, V, viii, 56, ‘pearl’ means a circle or group of noblemen. — 397. pearls. See on deck’d, line 155. — 403. ding-dong. See Mer. of Ven., III, ii, 71, 72. Our language is rich in onomatopoeia, in which Professor Whitney thinks he finds the main originating principle of language. — 404. remember. Commemorate? call to (my) mind? recollect? remind of? Note on line 243. —
This is no mortal business, nor no sound
That the earth owes. — I hear it now above me.

Prospero. The fringed curtains of thine eye advance,
And say what thou seest yond.

Miranda. What is't? a spirit?
Lord, how it looks about! Believe me, sir,
It carries a brave form. But 'tis a spirit.

Prospero. No, wench; it eats and sleeps and hath such
senses
As we have — such. This gallant which thou seest
Was in the wrack; and, but he's something stain'd
With grief that's beauty's canker, thou mightst call him
A goodly person. He hath lost his fellows,
And strays about to find 'em.

Miranda. I might call him
A thing divine, for nothing natural
I ever saw so noble.

Prospero. [Aside] It goes on, I see,
As my soul prompts it. — Spirit, fine spirit! I'll free thee
Within two days for this.

Early E. the desire of emphasis doubtless gave rise to many such. Thus:
"No son, were he never so old of years, might not marry." Ascham's
III, i, 45. See our Macbeth, I, iii, 76. — Abbott, 290. — 407. fringed cur-
tains of thine eye advance = look? open your eyes? Does this sound
like Shakespeare diction? — "The solemnity of the phraseology assigned
to Prospero is completely in character, recollecting his preternatural
capacity." Coleridge's Seven Lectures. In Pericles, Thaisa's eyelashes are
called 'fringes of bright gold.' In IV, i, 177, we read 'advanc'd their
eyelids.' — Advance in Shakes. often means lift up. Lat. ab, from; ante,
before; Fr. avancer, to go before. — 408. yond. 'See on II, ii, 20. — A. S.
geon, geond, there, at a distance; Ger. jener. — 412. gallant. Late Lat.
galore, to regale; O. Fr. galert Fr. Goth. gailjan, to rejoice; Fr. and Ital.
gala, finery, festivity. Brachet, Worc. — 413. but = were it not that;
but that; except? — Abbott, 120. — something = a thing? somewhat? in
some degree? III, i, 58; Mer. of Ven., I, ii, 124; Hamlet, III, i, 173; Abbott,
68. — 414. canker = rust or tarnish [Hudson, who quotes James, v, 3]?
canker-worm [Rolfe, Deighton, Schmidt; and Wright, who quotes, "But
now will canker sorrow eat my bud," King John, III, iv, 82]? — "Shakes.
uses 'canker' in four senses; the canker-worm, dog-rose, cancer, and
rust." Hudson. — 415. Note the antithesis between 'goodly person' and
'thing divine.' — 420. two days. I, ii, 298. — "Fouqué would have made
Ariel a female spirit becoming Miranda by the power of love, and mar-
rriage to Ferdinand; but how much finer, because truer, is Shakespeare's
Miranda, a real and complete woman from first to last! Fouqué's con-
ception is indeed very charming, but wants the reality of Shakespeare's,
without surpassing it in poetic ideality." Sir Edward Strachey in Quar-
terly Review, July, 1890.
Ferdinand. Most sure, the goddess
On whom these airs attend! — Vouchsafe my prayer
May know if you remain upon this island;
And that you will some good instruction give
How I may bear me here: my prime request,
Which I do last pronounce, is, O you wonder!
If you be maid or no?

Miranda. No wonder, sir,
But certainly a maid.

Ferdinand. My language! heavens! —
I am the best of them that speak this speech,
Were I but where 'tis spoken.

Prospero. How! the best?
What wert thou, if the King of Naples heard thee?
Ferdinand. A single thing, as I am now, that wonders
To hear thee speak of Naples. He does hear me,
And that he does I weep; myself am Naples,
Who with mine eyes, never since at ebb, beheld
The king my father wrack'd.

Miranda. Alack, for mercy!
Ferdinand. Yes, faith, and all his lords; the Duke of
Milan
And his brave son being twain.

Prospero. [Aside] The Duke of Milan
And his more braver daughter could control thee,

420. sure, the goddess. Vergil's O, dea, certe! O, a goddess, surely!
Æneid, i, 328: Comus, 267. — 421. vouchsafe. See our Jul. Ces., II, i,
313. — The omission of 'that,' which, however, is immediately inserted,
shows how plastic the language was in Shakespeare's time. Abbott, 285.
— 426. maid = unmarried? Lines 446-448. — The 1st folio has 'Mayd.'
The 4th folio has 'made,' which all the editors down to Singer, 1826,
adopted, playing on the word! "Since then, every editor, without excep-
tion, I believe, has followed the first folio." Furness. — 431. single =
feeble? unmarried? — "Ferdinand plays upon the word. He believes that
himself and the King of Naples are one and the same person; he therefore
uses this epithet with a reference to its further sense of solitary, and so
feeble and helpless." Wright. See our Macbeth, I, iii, 140; vi, 16. White
quotes as analogous the phrase 'one-horse town.' — 433. I am Naples.
Shakes. often gives the king the name of his realm. "L'état; c'est moi,"
I am the state, said the French monarch. See our Hamlet, I, i, 61. —
437. brave son. Scrutinize the dramatis personæ. Might Adrian be he?
Fleay suggests that "perhaps Francisco is what is left of him"! Was
Shakespeare forgetful? — 438. more braver. Line 19. — control = con-
fute [Johnson, Schmidt, etc.].? contradict [Wright]? rule? Fuller has,
"This report was controlled to be false." — O. Fr. contre-rôle, a duplicate
register, used to verify the first or official roll. Brachet. O. Fr. contre,
If now 'twere fit to do't. — At the first sight
They have chang'd eyes. — Delicate Ariel,
I'll set thee free for this. — [To him] A word, good sir;
I fear you have done yourself some wrong: a word.

Miranda. Why speaks my father so urgently? This
Is the third man that e'er I saw, the first
That e'er I sigh'd for; pity move my father
To be inclin'd my way!

Ferdinand. O, if a virgin,
And your affection not gone forth, I'll make you
The Queen of Naples.

Prospero. Soft, sir! one word more.—
[Aside] They are both in either's powers; but this swift
business
I must uneasy make, lest too light winning
Make the prize light. — [To him] One word more; I charge
thee
That thou attend me. Thou dost here usurp
The name thou owest not, and hast put thyself
Upon this island as a spy; to win it
From me, the lord on't.

Ferdinand. No, as I am a man.

Miranda. There's nothing ill can dwell in such a temple;
If the ill spirit have so fair a house,
Good things will strive to dwell with't.

Prospero. [To Ferdinand] Follow me.—
Speak not you for him; he's a traitor.—Come;
I'll manacle thy neck and feet together:

Sea-water shalt thou drink; thy food shall be

Lat. contra, over against; rôle, Lat. rotulûs, a roll. —440. changed eyes.
"It is love at first sight, and it appears to me that in all cases of real love,
it is at one moment that it takes place." Coleridge. —442. wrong.
What? — A polite way of saying 'You are mistaken,' or something
plainer still [Wright]? —443. Why speaks, etc. Answered in 449—451? —
445. pity move. Abbott, 364, 365. —446. — O, if, etc. Line 426. Abbott,
387. —448. soft = hold? stop? Mer. of Ven., IV, i, 312. —449. In Shake-
speare's 28th sonnet, we have, 'And each, though enemies to either's reign';
in Henry V, II, ii, 106, 'As two yoke-devils sworn to either's purpose.' —
Abbott, 12. —452. attend = wait on, or follow? accompany? attend to?
debted to? See on 405. —456. temple. Is this a trace of Shakespeare's
Bible reading? 1 Corinth., vi, 19; 2 Corinth., vi, 16; Macbeth, II, iii, 49.
—460. manacle, etc. Neck and feet were drawn close together, and the
position soon became one of terrible torture. — Lat. manus, hand, from
ma, Sansk. má, to measure; Lat. manica, a long sleeve, glove, gauntlet,
The fresh-brook muscles, withered roots, and husks
Wherein the acorn cradled. Follow.

Ferdinand. No;
I will resist such entertainment till
Mine enemy has more power.

[He draws, and is charmed from moving.

Miranda. O dear father!
Make not too rash a trial of him, for
He's gentle, and not fearful.

Prospero. What! I say,
My foot my tutor? — Put thy sword up, traitor,
Who mak'st a show, but dar'st not strike, thy conscience
Is so possess'd with guilt: come from thy ward; 470
For I can here disarm thee with this stick,
And make thy weapon drop.

Miranda. Beseech you, father!

Prospero. Hence! hang not on my garments.

Miranda. Sir, have pity;
I'll be his surety.

Prospero. Silence! one word more
Shall make me chide thee, if not hate thee! What!
An advocate for an impostor! hush!
Thou think'st there is no more such shapes as he,
Having seen but him and Caliban; foolish wench!
To the most of men this is a Caliban,
And they to him are angels.

Miranda. My affections
Are, then, most humble; I have no ambition
To see a goodlier man.

handcuff; manicula, dimin. — 467. gentle = 'of gentle blood,' high-born [Wright, Rolfe, Phillpotts]? noble, high-minded, of a lofty spirit [Smollett, Staunton, Hudson]? kind [Schmidt]? mild and harmless [Ritson, Furness]? — fearful = timid, cowardly [Warburton, Holt, Smollett, Staunton]? formidable, terrible [Malone, Ritson, Wright, Deighton, Furness]? "There may be a covert play upon the other significations both of 'gentle' and 'fearful.'" Wright. — 468. — my foot my tutor? Similar expressions are repeatedly found in authors of the Elizabethan age. Yet Walker proposed and Dyce and Hudson adopted fool for foot! — 'The foot above the head.' Timon of Ath., I, i, 95, 96. — 470. ward = 'guard' made in fencing, posture of defence [Schmidt]? Says Falstaff (1 Henry IV, II, iv, 181, 182), "Thou knowest my old ward; here I lay, and thus I bore my point. Four rogues in buckram let drive at me." — Teut. base war, to defend; A. S. weard, guard, watchman. Guard is a doublet of ward. — 472. beseech you. Ellipsis? Line 369. The desire of brevity a sufficient explanation? Abbott, 288. — 477. there is. See on 'cares,' I, i, 16.
Prospero. [To Ferdinand] Come on; obey: Thy nerves are in their infancy again, And have no vigor in them.

Ferdinand. So they are; My spirits, as in a dream, are all bound up. My father's loss, the weakness which I feel, The wrack of all my friends, nor this man's threats To whom I am subdued, are but light to me, Might I but through my prison once a day Behold this maid. All corners else o' the earth Let liberty make use of; space enough Have I in such a prison.


Miranda. Be of comfort. My father's of a better nature, sir, Than he appears by speech; this is unwonted Which now came from him.

Prospero. Thou shalt be as free As mountain winds; but then exactly do All points of my command.

Ariel. To the syllable.


—483. nerves. Cotgrave (1632) defines nerf thus: 'a synnow [sinew]; and thence might, strength, force, power.' Schmidt says that, in Shakes., 'nerve' is 'that in which the strength of a body lies,' and that it rather is equivalent to 'sinew, tendon, than an organ of sensation and motion.' — Hamlet, I, iv, 83. — In Milton's Comus, 659, 660, we have

"Nay, lady, sit: if I but wave this wand, Your nerves are all chained up in alabaster."


"When Love with unconfined wings
Hovers within my gates,
And my divine Althea brings
To whisper at my grates.

Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage;
Minds innocent and quiet take
That for a hermitage.

If I have freedom in my love,
And in my soul am free,
Angels alone that soar above
Enjoy such liberty."
ACT II.

SCENE I. Another Part of the Island.

Enter Alonso, Sebastian, Antonio, Gonzalo, Adrian Francisco, and others.

Gonzalo. Beseech you, sir, be merry; you have cause—
So have we all—of joy; for our escape
Is much beyond our loss. Our hint of woe
Is common: every day, some sailor's wife,
The masters of some merchant, and the merchant,
Have just our theme of woe; but for the miracle—
I mean our preservation—few in millions
Can speak like us: then wisely, good sir, weigh
Our sorrow with our comfort.

Alonso. Prithee, peace.

Sebastian. He receives comfort like cold porridge.

Antonio. The visitor will not give him o'er so.

Sebastian. Look, he's winding up the watch of his wit;
by and by it will strike.

Gonzalo. Sir,—

Sebastian. One; tell.

ACT II. SCENE I. Lines 1, 2. Keightley transposes thus:

"You have cause
Of joy,—so have we all."

He declares the original text a 'printer's error.' But Gonzalo wishes to emphasize joy. By holding it back, does it not come out later with more emphasis?—3. hint. I, ii, 134.—5. merchant = merchantman? trading vessel? So in Marlowe's Tamburlaine,—

"And Christian merchants, that, with Russian stems
Plough up huge furrows in the Caspian seas."

—11. visitor. Peculiar sense?—"I was sick, and ye visited me."

Matt., xxv, 36.—12. winding . . . watch. "The invention of striking watches is ascribed to Peter Hele, of Nuremberg, about the year 1510."

W. A. Wright.—15. tell. A. S. tellan, to count. So 'tellers' count money or votes; 'all told,' 'tell off,' 'untold wealth,' etc.; Psalms, xlviii,
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THE TEMPEST. 

[ACT II.

Gonzalo. When every grief is entertain'd that's offer'd,
Comes to the entertainer—

Sebastian. A dollar.

Gonzalo. Dolor comes to him, indeed; you have spoken
truer than you purpos'd.

Sebastian. You have taken it wiselier than I meant you
should.

Gonzalo. Therefore, my lord,—

Antonio. Fie, what a spendthrift is he of his tongue!

Alonso. I prithee, spare.

Gonzalo. Well, I have done; but yet,—

Sebastian. He will be talking.

Antonio. Which—of—he or Adrian—for a good wager,
first begins to crow?

Sebastian. The old cock.

Antonio. The cockerel.

Sebastian. Done. The wager?

Antonio. A laughter.

Sebastian. A match!

Adrian. Though this island seem to be desert,—

Antonio. Ha, ha, ha!

Sebastian. So, you're paid.

Adrian. Uninhabitable, and almost inaccessible,—

Sebastian. Yet,—

Adrian. Yet,—

Antonio. He could not miss't.

Adrian. It must needs be of subtle, tender, and delicate
temperance.

Antonio. Temperance was a delicate wench.

Sebastian. Ay, and a subtle; as he most learnedly de-
liver'd.

Adrian. The air breathes upon us here most sweetly.

Sebastian. As if it had lungs, and rotten ones.

12.—18, 19, dollar . . . dolor. The paronomasia is ancient. Lear, II,
iv, 50.—28. of he or Adrian. Justify 'he.' Suppose Antonio begins
'Which of,' and then checks himself, saying (or implying by a gesture,
'is it') 'he? or Adrian?' In an undertone?—'Like the French Lequel
preferez-vous de Corneille ou de Racine.' Phila. Sh. Soc.—Abbott, 206,
'he for him'; Furness, on As You L. I., III, ii, (337) 356.—Note in V, i,
15, 'him' for 'he.'—31. cockerel. Said to be a double dimin., like
temperance = temperature [Steevens]?—44. was. Emphatic? The
virtues made convenient names?—45. deliver'd = related? declared?
Antonio. Or as 'twere perfumed by a fen.
Gonzalo. Here is every thing advantageous to life.
Antonio. True; save means to live.
Sebastian. Of that there's none, or little.
Gonzalo. How lush and lusty the grass looks! how green!
Antonio. The ground, indeed, is tawny.
Sebastian. With an eye of green in't.
Antonio. He misses not much.
Sebastian. No; he doth but mistake the truth totally.
Gonzalo. But the rarity of it is,—which is indeed almost beyond credit,—
Sebastian. As many vouched rarities are.
Gonzalo. That our garments, being, as they were, drenched in the sea, hold, notwithstanding, their freshness and glosses being rather new-dyed than stained with salt water.
Antonio. If but one of his pockets could speak, would it not say he lies?
Sebastian. Ay, or very falsely pocket up his report.
Gonzalo. Methinks our garments are now as fresh as when we put them on first in Afric, at the marriage of the king's fair daughter Claribel to the King of Tunis.
Sebastian. 'Twas a sweet marriage, and we prosper well in our return.
Adrian. Tunis was never graced before with such a paragon to their queen.

formally uttered speech-fashion?—48, 49. Coriolanus, III, iii, 120, 121. — 53. Lush and lusty. "Shakes. has 'lush' (short for luscious) in the sense of luxuriant in growth, where Chancer would certainly have said lusty; the curious result being that Shakes. uses both words together." Skeat. See Tennyson's Dream of Fair Women, line 71.—54. tawny. Another spelling of tawny, i.e. resembling that which is tanned by the sun. Skeat. See on orange-tawny in our Mid. N. Dr., I, ii, 82.—55. eye of green. Is 'eye' put for what the eye reveals? — eye = small shade [Steevens]?
[small portion [Malone]?
quibbling reference to green-eyed credulity [Hunter]? — "The jesting pair mean that the grass is really tawny (tanned, dried up), and that the only 'green' spot in it is Gonzalo himself." Philpotts.—63. stained, etc. "Sea-water freshens and cleanses woollen cloth." Stearns's Shakespeare Treasury.—64. pockets, etc. Supposed full of mud? — 65. pocket-up = conceal (as in the pocket)? pusillanimously ignore? take clandestinely or fraudulently? — 72. paragon. Hamlet, II, ii, 302.—Span. para (from Lat. pro, forth, and ad, to), in comparison; con, Lat. cum, with; Fr. and Span. paragon, pattern, perfect model. Skeat. Webster's Int. Dict. makes it fr. Gr. παρά, para, beside, and ἀκόρην, akone, whetstone.—73. to. So "Wilt thou have this woman to thy wedded wife," in the 'Marriage Office' in the Book of Common Prayer; Mark, xii, 23. See III, iii, 54; Abbott, 189.—
Gonzalo. Not since widow Dido’s time.
Antonio. Widow! a plague o’ that! How came that widow in? Widow Dido!
Sebastian. What if he had said widower Æneas too? Good Lord, how you take it!
Adrian. Widow Dido, said you? you make me study of that; she was of Carthage, not of Tunis.
Gonzalo. This Tunis, sir, was Carthage.
Antonio. His word is more than the miraculous harp.
Sebastian. He hath raised the wall, and houses too.
Antonio. What impossible matter will he make easy next?
Sebastian. I think he will carry this island home in his pocket, and give it his son for an apple.
Antonio. And, sowing the kernels of it in the sea, bring forth more islands.
Gonzalo. Ay?
Antonio. Why, in good time.
Gonzalo. Sir, we were talking that our garments seem now as fresh as when we were at Tunis at the marriage of your daughter, who is now queen.
Antonio. And the rarest that e’er came there.
Sebastian. Bate, I beseech you, widow Dido.
Gonzalo. Is not, sir, my doublet as fresh as the first day I wore it? I mean, in a sort.
Antonio. That sort was well fished for.
Gonzalo. When I wore it at your daughter’s marriage?

74. Dido. Troy is said to have been captured about 1184 B.C.; Dido, to have founded Carthage about 853 B.C. Her husband was Sychæus; Æneas’ wife, Creusa. It would seem, therefore, that about 330 years intervened between widow and widower; but Vergil cares no more than Shakespeare for accurate chronology. Æneid, ii, iv.—75. widow. Ominous!—80. Tunis. Some three or four miles from the ruins of Carthage. —84. harp. Amphion’s lyre is said to have raised the walls of Thebes; Apollo’s, those of Troy. Has Gonzalo’s word made two cities one?—97. Bate = except? omit? See I, ii, 250; also on ‘bated’ in our Mer. of Ven., I, iii, 114.—101. sort = word ‘sort’? Was the word ‘fished’ suggested by ‘sort’? “When the net is drawn, the fish are always, what they term ‘sorted’; some are thrown back into the water, others carried sorted to market.” Dirrill. See on association of ideas our As You Like It, II, vii, 44; Furness’ Var. Ed. of As You Like It, pp. 109-111.—
Alonso. You cram these words into mine ears against
The stomach of my sense. Would I had never
Married my daughter there! for, coming thence,
My son is lost; and, in my rate, she too,
Who is so far from Italy remot'd
I ne'er again shall see her. O thou mine heir
Of Naples and of Milan, what strange fish
Hath made his meal on thee?

Francisco. Sir, he may live
I saw him beat the surges under him,
And ride upon their backs; he trod the water,
Whose enmity he flung aside, and breasted
The surge most swoln that met him; his bold head
'Bove the contentious waves he kept, and oar'd
Himself with his good arms in lusty stroke
To the shore, that o'er his wave-worn basis bow'd,
As stooping to relieve him. I not doubt
He came alive to land.

Alonso. No, no, he's gone.

Sebastian. Sir, you may thank yourself for this great loss,
That would not bless our Europe with your daughter,
But rather lose her to an African;
Where she at least is banish'd from your eye,
Who hath cause to wet the grief on't.

Alonso. Prithee, peace.

Sebastian. You were kneel'd to, and importun'd otherwise,
By all of us; and the fair soul herself
Weigh'd between loathness and obedience, at
Which end o' the beam should bow. We have lost your son,

103. cram. As unpalatable food into one's mouth?—106. rate. Lat. reor, ratum, reckon, think, value, estimate? I, ii, 92; Mer. of Ven., II, vii, 26.—113. emnity. Note the vivid personifications in this speech. Jul. Ces., I, ii, 104, 105.—115. oar'd. Observe the turning of other 'parts of speech' into verbs. Abbott, 290.—See Odyssey, xii, 414, "I rowed with my hands"; Par. Lost, vii, 438.—117. his. I, ii, 95, 392; Abbott, 228; "If the salt have lost his savor," Matt., v, 13.—118. not doubt, V, i, 38, 113, 304; Abbott, 305.—121. who hath cause, etc. = who, lost to sight by banishment, though not by death, hath yet cause to fill your eyes with tears [Wright] ? which [eye] has cause to give tearful expression to the sorrow for your folly [Abbott, 204] whose unsuitable marriage might well make you weep [Phillpotts]? which hath cause to sprinkle your grief with tears [Hudson, Meiklejohn, Deighton, etc.] ?—125. importun'd. Accent? So usually in Shakes. —127. weigh'd = was evenly balanced [Wright, Meiklejohn]? hesitated [Hudson]? pondered, deliberated [Furness, Deighton]?—128. at which end o' th' beam should bow.
I fear, forever; Milan and Naples have
Moe widows in them of this business' making,
Than we bring men to comfort them: the fault's
Your own.

*Alonso.* So is the dear'st o' the loss.

*Gonzalo.* My lord Sebastian,
The truth you speak doth lack some gentleness,
And time to speak it in; you rub the sore,
When you should bring the plaster.

*Sebastian.* Very well.

*Antonio.* And most chirurgeonly.

*Gonzalo.* It is foul weather in us all, good sir,
When you are cloudy.

*Sebastian.* Foul weather?

*Antonio.* Very foul.

*Gonzalo.* Had I plantation of this isle, my lord,—

*Antonio.* He'd sow 't with nettle-seed.

*Sebastian.* Or docks, or mallows.

*Gonzalo.* And were the king on 't, what would I do?

*Sebastian.* Scape being drunk, for want of wine.

*Gonzalo.* I' the commonwealth I would by contraries
Execute all things; for no kind of traffic
Would I admit; no name of magistrate;

So the folio. But most critics change *should* to 'sh 'ould' or 'she 'd,'
meaning *she would.* But they don't tell us why she should make a bow
at either end!—The question which she 'weighed,' or at which she hesi-
tated, was, "Shall my 'loathness' (unwillingness, reluctance, disgust)
outweigh my duty of obedience to my father, or shall the obedience out-
weigh the loathness?" In one scale, loathness; in the other, obedience—
which end of the beam shall sink? not at which end of the beam shall I
bow my head or bend my body! —All the emendations remind us of black-
smiths tinkering watches. See on I, ii, 155. —Personification here, as in
lines 117, 118?—130. *moe* is plural. Anciently moe was used of num-
ers; *more,* of size. *Skeat.* —132. *dear'st.* Often in *Shakes.* *dear =
heart-touching, as dearest foe in* *Hamlet,* I, ii, 182. See our ed. For a
discussion of the word, see Furness' Var. Ed., *Rom. and Jul.* V, iii, 32,
pp. 272, 273. —136. *chirurgeonly.* Gr. *xeip,* cheir, hand; *ēργειν,* ergein,
work. A 'chirurgeon' (shortened to *surgeon*) is a hand-worker, not a
drug-giver! Does Shakes. recognize the etymology in "I am indeed, sir,
a surgeon to old shoes. . . . As proper men as ever trod upon neat's
leather have gone upon my *handiwork.*" *Our Jul. Cæs.*, I, i, 24, 26. —
139. *cloudy.* With anger, or sorrow? —140. *plantation* = planting?
colonizing.—143. *drunk,* etc. "Shakes. never puts habitual scorn into
the mouths of other than bad men," says Coleridge.—145-161. This
passage, Capell (1760) and all subsequent commentators declare to be
taken from Florio's (1603 or 1604) translation of Montaigne's *Essays.*
But whoever would translate *Montaigne* into English must use substan-
Letters should not be known; riches, poverty,
And use of service, none; contract, succession,
Bourn, bound of land, tilth, vineyard, none;
No use of metal, corn, or wine, or oil;
No occupation; all men idle, all;
And women too, but innocent and pure;
No sovereignty; —

_Sebastian._ Yet he would be king on 't.
_Antonio._ The latter end of his commonwealth forgets the beginning.

_Gonzalo._ All things in common nature should produce
Without sweat or endeavor: treason, felony,
Sword, pike, knife, gun, or need of any engine,
Would I not have; but nature should bring forth,
Of it own kind, all foison, all abundance
To feed my innocent people.

_Sebastian._ No marrying 'mong his subjects?
_Antonio._ None, man; all idle; — and knaves.
_Gonzalo._ I would with such perfection govern, sir,
To excel the golden age.

_Sebastian._ Save his majesty!
_Antonio._ Long live Gonzalo!
_Gonzalo._ And, — do you mark me, sir? —
_Alonso._ Prithee, no more; thou dost talk nothing to me.
_Gonzalo._ I do well believe your highness; and did it to
minister occasion to these gentlemen, who are of such sensi-
ble and nimble lungs that they always use to laugh at
nothing.

_Antonio._ 'Twas you we laughed at.

_tially the same phraseology, and Shakes. may have drawn directly from
the French. _ There is, however, in the British Museum a copy of Florio’s
translation containing what is supposed to be a genuine autograph of
Shakespeare. — 149. _bourn._ 'Doublet' of bound; Old Fr. bonne; Mod.
Fr. borne, limit, boundary, landmark. _Brachet, Skeat._ — _tilth._ A. S.
tilian, to till. The suffix _th_ usually denotes condition or state, or the
action of a verb taken abstractly. See on _wealth_ in our _Mer. of Ven., V_,
i, 237. — 158. _engine_ = instrument of war, or military machine [Steevens]?
— _Lat. ingenium, ingenious contrivance._ — 160. _It._ See on _it’s_, I, ii, 95.
— _foison._ Lat. _fusio_, pouring, profusion, IV, i, 110; see our _Macbeth,
IV, iii, 88. — 163. _all idle; whores and knaves._ Cause and effect.
— 165. _to = as to?_ _Abbott_, 281. — _golden age._ The imagined age of
primeval simplicity, purity, and peace. The poets of many nations have
sung of such an Eden in the far past. — 169. _sensible_ = sensitive? Often
so in _Shakes._ — _nimble._ A. S. _niman_, to take. "The sense is 'quick at
seizing,' hence active." _Skeat._ Sensitive and nimble lungs are those
Gonzalo. Who, in this kind of merry fooling, am nothing to you; so you may continue, and laugh at nothing still.

Antonio. What a blow was there given!

Sebastian. An it had not fallen flat-long.

Gonzalo. You are gentlemen of brave mettle; you would lift the moon out of her sphere, if she would continue in it five weeks without changing.

Enter Ariel (invisible) playing solemn music.

Sebastian. We would so, and then go a bat-fowling. 180

Antonio. Nay, good my lord, be not angry.

Gonzalo. No, I warrant you; I will not adventure my discretion so weakly. Will you laugh me asleep, for I am very heavy?

Antonio. Go sleep and hear us.

All sleep except Alonso, Sebastian, and Antonio.

Alonso. What, all so soon asleep! I wish mine eyesWould, with themselves, shut up my thoughts; I findThey are inclin'd to do so.

Sebastian. Please you, sir,Do not omit the heavy offer of it:

It seldom visits sorrow; when it doth,

It is a comforter.

Antonio. We two, my lord,

characterized as 'tickle o' the sere.' Hamlet, II, ii, 317.—176. An = if? yes, if? Abbott, 101.—flat-long = striking with the flat side instead of the sharp edge?—Adv. like headlong. Old Eng. dative fem. sing. Morris' Eng. Accidence, sec. 311.—So flatting in Faerie Q., V, v. 18.—177. mettle. Spelled 'mettal' in the folio. So we say 'man of iron,' 'of true steel,' etc.—178. sphere. One of the 8 revolving, transparent, hollow, concentric, bubble-like shells of the Ptolemaic or Alphonsine astronomy. In the first 7, the 'seven planets,' i.e. Moon, Mercury, Venus, Sun, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, respectively, were supposed to be fastened, and in the 8th the fixed stars. Hamlet, IV, vii, 15; Mid. N. Dr., II, i, 150; Milton's Hymn on the Nativity, stanza xiii.

180. a bat-fowling. An ancient mode of catching many sorts of birds in a dark night by blinding or bewildering them with bright torches, having beaten them from their haunts or nests with poles. Markham's Hunger's Prevention, 1621, quoted by Furness. The a is fr. A. S. on or an. Abbott, 140. See on amain, IV, i, 74.—182. adventure . . . weakly, etc. = risk so foolishly my reputation for discretion? Cymbeline, I, vi, 172.—184. heavy. 'Heavy with sleep,' Luke, ix, 33. Often for 'drowsy' in Shakespeare; oftener for sad, sorrowful. Mer. of Ven., V, i, 130.—185. hear us. Keightley and Hudson add 'not' after 'us.' But why not let Antonio have his little jest?—189. omit. I, ii, 183. "'Heavy' in this line is proleptic or anticipatory," say the critics.—190. visits sorrow. See in Young's Night Thoughts the fine lines beginning, 'Tired
Will guard your person while you take your rest, 
And watch your safety.

_Alonso._ Thank you. — Wondrous heavy.

_[Alonso sleeps. Exit Ariel._

_Sebastian._ What a strange drowsiness possesses them!

_Antonio._ It is the quality o’ the climate.

_Sebastian._ Why doth it not then our eyelids sink? I find not 
Myself dispos’d to sleep.

_Antonio._ Nor I; my spirits are nimble.

They fell together all, as by consent;
They dropp’d, as by a thunder-stroke. What might,
Worthy Sebastian? — O, what might? — No more. —

And yet methinks I see it in thy face,
What thou shouldst be; the occasion speaks thee, and
My strong imagination sees a crown
Dropping upon thy head.

_Sebastian._ What, art thou waking?

_Antonio._ Do you not hear me speak?

_Sebastian._ I do; and surely
It is a sleepy language, and thou speak’st
Out of thy sleep. What is it thou didst say?
This is a strange repose, to be asleep
With eyes wide open; standing, speaking, moving,
And yet so fast asleep.

_Antonio._ Noble Sebastian,
Thou let’st thy fortune sleep — die, rather; wink’st
While thou art waking.

_Sebastian._ Thou dost snore distinctly;
There’s meaning in thy snores.

_Antonio._ I am more serious than my custom: you
Must be so too, if heed me; which to do,
Trebles thee o’er.
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Sebastian. Well, I am standing water.

Antonio. I'll teach you how to flow.

Sebastian. Do so; to ebb

Hereditary sloth instructs me.

Antonio. O,
If you but knew how you the purpose cherish
Whiles thus you mock it! how, in stripping it,
You more invest it! Ebbing men, indeed,
Most often do so near the bottom run
By their own fear or sloth.

Sebastian. Prithee, say on;
The setting of thine eye and cheek proclaim
A matter from thee, and a birth, indeed,
Which throes thee much to yield.

Antonio. Thus, sir:
Although this lord of weak remembrance,—this,
Who shall be of as little memory
When he is earth'd,—hath here almost persuaded,—
For he's a spirit of persuasion, only
Professes to persuade,—the king his son's alive,
'Tis as impossible that he's undrown'd
As he that sleeps here swims.

Sebastian. I have no hope
That he's undrown'd.

Antonio. O, out of that no hope

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plies by three? *Mer. of Ven.*, III, ii, 153. — Wilson would change *trebiles* to 'rebels,' and then interpret 'rebels' as meaning 'ripples,' in which he would find a pun that might suggest 'standing water.' Some 'fooling' is 'admirable,' and some is not. — 218-221. *O, if you knew how...* *invest it*, etc. = O, if you knew how that metaphor, which you use in jest, encourages! how, in stripping off the ambiguous rhetorical dress, you the more clothe the purpose with the garb of reasonableness! Or, if you knew how, "in stripping the words of their common meaning, and using them figuratively, you adapt them to your situation!" The latter explanation was given in the *Edinburgh Magazine*, in Nov., 1786. "The more Sebastian, by putting forward his natural indolence, seems to decline entering into Antonio's counsels, the more, as Antonio can perceive, he is really inclined to slip into them as into a garment" [Phillpotts]. — 226. *throes*. A. S. *throwe*, a pain; *throwian*, to suffer pain; *throwan*, to afflict. — 227. *this lord* = Gonzalo [Johnson, Jephson, Phillpotts, Furness]? Francisco [Capell, Hunter, Hudson]? See 110-119. — Francisco's age? — *of weak remembrance* = remembering little? having a weak memory? — 228. *of as little memory* = as little remembered? — 230. *he's* = he is [Johnson, Furness]? he has [Steevens, Monck Mason, Capell, Dyce, Hunter, Hudson]? — *only professes* = is the only one that professes, or makes a show of (persuading) [Johnson]? his only profession
What great hope have you! no hope that way is
Another way so high a hope that even
Ambition cannot pierce a wink beyond,
But doubt discovery there. Will you grant with me
That Ferdinand is drown'd?

Sebastian.

He's gone.

Antonio. Then, tell me,
Who's the next heir of Naples?

Sebastian.

Antonio. She that is Queen of Tunis; she that dwells
Ten leagues beyond man's life; she that from Naples
Can have no note, unless the sun were post,—
The man i' the moon's too slow, — till new-born chins
Be rough and razorable; she that from whom
We all were sea-swallow'd, though some cast again,
And by that destiny to perform an act
Whereof what's past is prologue, what to come
In yours and my discharge.

Sebastian. What stuff is this! How say you?
'Tis true, my brother's daughter's Queen of Tunis;
So is she heir of Naples; 'twixt which regions
There is some space.

Antonio. A space whose every cubit
Seems to cry out, 'How shall that Claribel

is [Wright, Furness, Meiklejohn]? — 237. Wright suggests the appropriateness of 'wink' in connection with ambition's piercing eye. — 238. but doubt, etc. = (cannot) but doubt? cannot pierce beyond without doubting [Phila. Shakes. Soc.: Furness, with misgivings]? Many emendations have been proposed. We follow the folio.

242. man's life = where men live [Meiklejohn]? a lifetime of traveling [Steevens, Hudson, etc.]? the city Zoa (life) south of Tunis [Hunter]? seventy years [Croft, in Annotations on Plays of Shakespeare, 1810]? Croft takes seventy years, the Scriptural limit of man's life (Psalms, xc, 10), adds ten leagues to the seventy years, and finds the sum total to be eighty leagues! As magnitude of distance is important, why did not Croft reduce the leagues to miles, and then say 70 years + 30 miles = 100 miles? — 243. note = information, knowledge, intimation [Wright, Hudson, etc.]? letter? — Mer. of Ven., III, iv, 51. — post = letter-carrier [Meiklejohn]? Post is used more than twenty times for messenger in Shakes. — 244. too slow. Because lagging behind the sun, losing nearly an hour a day? — 245. that. So the folio. Most editors follow Rowe in omitting 'that.' Such apparent anacoluthon, or confusion of constructions, due, perhaps, to ellipsis, is quite natural, and betrays Antonio's excitement? — 246. cast. Antithesis of 'swallowed'? Notice how this theatrical word 'cast' (to assign parts to actors) suggests 'act,' 'perform,' 'prologue,' 'discharge.' Mid. N. Dr., I, ii, 83; IV, ii, 8. — 249. What stuff is this? A very proper question!
Measure us back to Naples? Keep in Tunis,
And let Sebastian wake.' Say, this were death
That now hath seiz'd them; why, they were no worse
Than now they are. There be that can rule Naples
As well as he that sleeps; lords that can prate
As amply and unnecessarily
As this Gonzalo: I myself could make
A chough of as deep chat. O, that you bore
The mind that I do! what a sleep were this
For your advancement! Do you understand me?

Sebastian. Methinks I do.

Antonio. And how does your content
Tender your own good fortune?

Sebastian. I remember
You did supplant your brother Prospero.

Antonio. True:
And look how well my garments sit upon me;
Much feater than before. My brother's servants
Were then my fellows, now they are my men.

Sebastian. But, for your conscience —

Antonio. Ay, sir; where lies that? If 'twere a kibe,
'Twould put me to my slipper; but I feel not
This deity in my bosom. Twenty consciences,
That stand 'twixt me and Milan, candied be they,
And melt, ere they molest! Here lies your brother,
No better than the earth he lies upon,
If he were that which now he's like,—that's dead;
Whom I, with this obedient steel, three inches of it,

253. us = us cubits? — Hudson changes 'shall that,' to 'shalt thou.'—
keep = keep she? let her keep? — Keep is still used for 'live,' or 'stay,'
'dwell,' in portions of New England. — 257. be; plural, shortened from
E. E. been? III, i, 1. — 261. make = become? create? train to be? —
make a chough . . . chat = train a chough to talk as deeply [Jephson]?
— chough, a red-legged Cornish crow. — All's Well, IV, i, 18.

264. content = contentment, apathy [Hudson, Deighten]? favorable
judgment [Rolfe]? — 265. tender = take care of, look out for [Hudson]?
esteeam [Phillpotts]? regard [Rolfe, Meiklejohn]? or value [Rolfe]? —
Henry V, II, ii, 175; As You Like It, V, ii, 65. — 268. feater. 'See on I,
— 274. candied = congealed. [Malone, Schmidt, Hudson, Rolfe, Deighten,
Meiklejohn]? sugared over, and so insensible [Wright]? turned to
sugar [Phillpotts]? sophisticated, like Chancer's 'spiced conscience' [Jephson]?
— Ar. and Pers. qand, sugar; qandi, made of sugar, sugared. — Skeat.
In Timon of A., we have, IV, iii, 224, 'the cold brook candied with ice.' —
Can lay to bed forever; whiles you, doing thus,
To the perpetual wink for aye might put
This ancient morsel, this Sir Prudence, who
Should not upbraid our course. For all the rest,
They’ll take suggestion as a cat laps milk;
They’ll tell the clock to any business that
We say befits the hour.

**Sebastian.**
Thy case, dear friend,
Shall be my precedent; as thou got’st Milan,
I’ll come by Naples. Draw thy sword; one stroke
Shall free thee from the tribute which thou pay’st,
And I the king shall love thee.

**Antonio.**
Draw together;
And when I rear my hand, do you the like,
To fall it on Gonzalo.

**Sebastian.**
O! but—one word—

[They talk apart.

Enter Ariel, with music and song.

**Ariel.** My master through his art foresees the danger
That you, his friend, are in, and sends me forth,—
For else his project dies,—to keep them living.

[Sings in Gonzalo’s ear.

While you here do snoring lie,
Open-eyed conspiracy
His time doth take.
If of life you keep a care,
Shake off slumber, and beware;
Awake! Awake!

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Antonio. Then let us both be sudden.

Gonzalo. [Waking] Now, good angels Preserve the king!—[To Sebastian and Antonio] Why, how now?—[To Alonso] Ho, awake!—

[To Sebastian and Antonio] Why are you drawn? wherefore this ghastly looking?

Alonso. [Waking] What's the matter?

Sebastian. Whiles we stood here securing your repose, Even now, we heard a hollow burst of bellowing Like bulls, or rather lions; did 't not wake you? It struck mine ear most terribly.

Alonso. I heard nothing.

Antonio. O, 'twas a din to fright a monster's ear, To make an earthquake; sure, it was the roar Of a whole herd of lions.

Alonso. Heard you this, Gonzalo?

Gonzalo. Upon mine honor, sir, I heard a humming,— And that a strange one too,— which did awake me. I shak'd you, sir, and cried; as mine eyes open'd, I saw their weapons drawn:— there was a noise, That's verily. 'Tis best we stand upon our guard, Or that we quit this place; let's draw our weapons.

Alonso. Lead off this ground; and let's make further search For my poor son.

Gonzalo. Heavens keep him from these beasts!

For he is, sure, i' the island.

Alonso. Lead away.

Ariel. Prospero my lord shall know what I have done; So, king, go safely on to seek thy son. [Exeunt.


In this scene, why is prose used in banter or mockery, but metre in utterances of grief or sorrow? Do dignity and emotion find better expression in blank verse than in prose? Does humor?—Do Antonio and Gonzalo use mockery or scorn in order to rid themselves of uneasy feelings of inferiority?—Compare the plot to murder Alonso with that in Macbeth to murder Duncan. Note in each Shakespeare's 'manner of familiarizing a mind to the suggestion of guilt.'
SCENE II.

THE TEMPEST.

Enter Caliban, with a burthen of wood. A noise of thunder heard.

Caliban. All the infections that the sun sucks up
From bogs, fens, flats, on Prosper fall, and make him
By inch-meal a disease! His spirits hear me,
And yet I needs must curse. But they’ll nor pinch,
Fright me with urchin-shows, pitch me i’ the mire,
Nor lead me, like a firebrand, in the dark
Out of my way, unless he bid ’em: but
For every trifle they are set upon me;
Sometime like apes, that mow and chatter at me,
And after bite me; then like hedgehogs, which
Lie tumbling in my barefoot way, and mount
Their pricks at my footfall; sometime am I
All wound with adders, who with cloven tongues
Do hiss me into madness.—

Enter Trinculo.

Lo, now, lo!
Here comes a spirit of his, and to torment me
For bringing wood in slowly. I’ll fall flat;
Perchance he will not mind me.

Trinculo. Here’s neither bush nor shrub, to bear off any
weather at all, and another storm brewing; I hear it sing i’

SCENE II. 1. sun sucks up. Any trace here of a superstition or
fancy among the ignorant that “the sun is drawing water,” when his
slant rays seem to stream through the clouds?—3. inch-meal. A. S.
ael, piece, share, portion; dative case, aelum, in pieces, separately.
So ‘limb-meal,’ Cymbeline, II, iv, 146. We use ‘piecemeal.’ “Twice I was
shot all into inch pieces.” Serg’t Reed.—5. urchin-shows. Note, I, ii,
325; our ed. of Comus, line 845.—6. firebrand = ignis fatuus? See
on ‘played the Jack,’ IV, i, 198.—9. mow. See stage direction, III, iii, 82;
IV, i, 47.—Fr. moue, a pouting face; fr. O. Du. mouve, the protruded
‘The fire that mounts the liquor,’ Henry VIII, I, i, 144; id. I, ii, 205.—
Had Shakes. been reading Harsnet’s Declaration (1603), “They (young
girls supposed bewitched) make anticke faces, grin, mow, and mope like an
ape, tumble like a hedge-hogge,” etc.—13. wound = wounded? enwrapped
(by adders’ wound’ or twisted about me) [Johnson]? — cloven. Macb.,
IV, i, 16; Mid. N. Dr., II, iii, 9.—15. and = and comes? and that too
[Abbott, 95, 96]? — 19. at all. Does ‘at all’ modify shrub? bear off? or
the wind. Yond same black cloud, yond huge one, looks like a foul bombard that would shed his liquor. If it should thunder as it did before, I know not where to hide my head; yond same cloud cannot choose but fall by pailfuls. — What have we here? a man or a fish? dead or alive? A fish: he smells like a fish; a very ancient and fishlike smell; a kind of, not of the newest, poor-john. A strange fish! Were I in England now, as once I was, and had but this fish painted, not a holiday fool there but would give a piece of silver: there would this monster make a man; any strange beast there makes a man. When they will not give a doit to relieve a lame beggar, they will lay out ten to see a dead Indian. Legged like a man! and his fins like arms! Warm, o' my troth! I do now let loose my opinion, hold it no longer; this is no fish, but an islander, that hath lately suffered by a thunderbolt. [Thunder.]
Alas, the storm is come again! my best way is to creep under his gaberdine; there is no other shelter hereabout. Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows. I will here shroud till the dregs of the storm be past.

Enter Stephano, singing: a bottle in his hand.

Stephano. I shall no more to sea, to sea,  
Here shall I die ashore,—

This is a very scurvy tune to sing at a man’s funeral. Well, here’s my comfort.

[Sings] The master, the swabber, the boatswain, and I,  
The gunner, and his mate,  
Lov’d Mall, Meg, and Marian, and Margery,  
But none of us car’d for Kate;  
For she had a tongue with a tang,  
Would cry to a sailor, Go hang!  
She loved not the savor of tar nor of pitch,  
Then, to sea, boys, and let her go hang!

This is a scurvy tune too; but here’s my comfort. [Drinks.

Caliban. Do not torment me! — O !

Stephano. What’s the matter? Have we devils here? Do you put tricks upon’s with savages and men of Ind, ha? I have not scaped drowning to be afeard now of your four legs; for it hath been said, as proper a man as ever went on

suffering? suffered death [Wright, Deighton]? See ‘suffered’ in the Creeds in the Book of Common Prayer.—36. gaberdine. Span. gaberdina, a coarse frock; gaban, a great coat. Mer. of Ven., I, iii, 102.—38. shroud. A. S. scrub, garment. Milton uses the word as a verb for find shelter or take shelter, in Comus, 316.—dregs. Refers to the liquor of the ‘bombard’ . . . the very last drop of the storm [Furness]? Is the newly arrived storm the dregs of the former?

41. scurvy. From the lack of anti-scorbutics, the word occurs to seamen more than to others?—43. swabber = deck-mopper or scrubber. Du. zwabber, the drudge of a ship; Swed. svab, a fire-brush; allied to swap, to strike, and to sweep. Skeat.—47. tang = sharp biting speech? high shrill tone [Meiklejohn]? twang, unpleasant tone [Wright]? — Imitative word, akin to tinkle, tingle, and perhaps to twang. Skeat.—48. Yet a tailor might scratch her. We should expect sailor. — where ere she did itch. So the folio. — 53. Ind. So Par. Lost, ii, 2, and three times in Shakes. See on line 31.—you and yours in Stephano’s drunken soliloquy are colloquial? addressed to some imaginary person? Abbott, 221.—54. scaped. Fr. échapper, to escape. See our Mer. of Ven., III, ii, 265. —55. proper. Hebrews, xi, 23; our Mer. of Ven., I, ii, 62; Jul. Cæs.,
four legs cannot make him give ground; and it shall be said so again, while Stephano breathes at nostrils.

Caliban. The spirit torments me!—O!

Stephano. This is some monster of the isle with four legs, who had got, as I take it, an ague. Where the devil should he learn our language? I will give him some relief, if it be but for that. If I can recover him, and keep him tame, and get to Naples with him, he’s a present for any emperor that ever trod on neat’s-leather.

Caliban. Do not torment me, prithee; I’ll bring my wood home faster.

Stephano. He’s in his fit now, and does not talk after the wisest. He shall taste of my bottle; if he have never drunk wine afore, it will go near to remove his fit. If I can recover him and keep him tame, I will not take too much for him; he shall pay for him that hath him, and that soundly.

Caliban. Thou dost me yet but little hurt; thou wilt anon, I know it by thy trembling: now Prosper works upon thee.

Stephano. Come on your ways; open your mouth; here is that which will give language to you, cat. Open your mouth; this will shake your shaking, I can tell you, and that soundly: you cannot tell who’s your friend; open your chaps again.

Trinculo. I should know that voice: it should be—but he is drowned; and these are devils!—O, defend me! 80

Stephano. Four legs and two voices! a most delicate monster! His forward voice, now, is to speak well of his friend; his backward voice is to utter foul speeches and to detract. If all the wine in my bottle will recover him, I will help

I, i, 25. — 60. the devil = in the name of the devil, I ask? the devil help me?—64. neat’s = bovine? See our Jul. Cæs., I, i, 26; Win. Tale, I, ii, 124, 125. — 69. afore, like ‘afeard’ in line 54, is repeatedly found in Shakes. Note the scientific knowledge implied in this “if he have never,” etc.—recover. Jul. Cæs., I, i, 24. — 70. too much, etc. = no price will be too much [Malone]? I will not set a great price [too much] on him [spoken ironically]?—73. trembling. Sign of demoniac ‘possession’ or supernatural influence? See Comedy of Errors, IV, iv, 49, “Mark how he trembles in his ecstasy.” In Harsnet’s (1603) Declaration, “All the spirits with much ado being commanded to go down into her left foot, they did it with vehement trembling”; quoted by Furness.—75. cat, etc. “Alluding to the old proverb that ‘good liquor will make a cat speak.’” Steeves. Any resemblance to a catfish implied?—76. shake your shaking = break up your ague?—77. chaps (from chops?) Skt. kaf, jaw; A.S. ceaf, the jowl. Akin to ‘chew.’—81. delicate. He has his
his ague. Come.—Amen! I will pour some in thy other mouth.

**Trinculo.** Stephano.

**Stephano.** Doth thy other mouth call me? Mercy, mercy! This is a devil, and no monster: I will leave him; I have no long spoon.

**Trinculo.** Stephano! If thou beest Stephano, touch me, and speak to me; for I am Trinculo,—be not afeard,—thy good friend Trinculo.

**Stephano.** If thou beest Trinculo, come forth: I'll pull thee by the lesser legs; if any be Trinculo's legs, these are they. Thou art very Trinculo indeed! How camest thou to be the siege of this moon-calf? Can he vent Trinculos?

**Trinculo.** I took him to be killed with a thunder-stroke. —But art thou not drowned, Stephano? I hope, now, thou art not drowned. Is the storm overblown? I hid me under the dead moon-calf's gaberdine for fear of the storm. And art thou living, Stephano? O Stephano, two Neapolitans scaped?

**Stephano.** Prithee, do not turn me about; my stomach is not constant.

**Caliban.** These be fine things, an if they be not sprites. That's a brave god, and bears celestial liquor; I will kneel to him.

**Stephano.** How didst thou scape? How camest thou hither? swear, by this bottle, how thou camest hither. I escaped upon a butt of sack, which the sailors heaved o'erboard, by this bottle!—which I made of the bark of a tree with mine own hands, since I was cast ashore.

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little grim joke.—85. Amen = stop drinking! [Steevens, Wright, Deighton]? Stephano is frightened and put to his religion, and 'Amen' is the best he can do towards praying [Hudson]? a benediction [Capell]?—89. long spoon. "The Vice was made to associate with the Devil in the ancient Moralties [Morality plays], in which it was a piece of humor to make the Devil and Vice feed of the same custard or some such dish, the Devil on one side and the Vice on the other, with a spoon of vast length." Capell. "He must have a long spoon that eats with the devil." Com. of Er., IV, iii, 58, 59. —95. very Trinculo. Lat. verus, true. —96. siege = seat; stool. So in Meas. for M., IV, ii, 93. Lat. sedes, Fr. siège, a seat.—moon-calf = monstrosity, abortion, lifeless lump. —105. an if. An or and = if. "'And if' occurs on the same principle probably as 'most unkindest,'" Furness. Abbott, 103. For emphasis, like 'verily, verily'?—sprites, I, ii, 378. —109. by this bottle. Swear by what was most sacred?—110. butt = cask of 126 gals.? —sack. Gr. σάκκος, Lat. saecus, A.S. sack, a bag? a wine-skin? Better fr. Lat. saccus, Span. seco, Fr. sec,
Caliban. I’ll swear, upon that bottle, to be thy true subject; For the liquor is not earthly.

Stephano. Here; swear, then, how thou escapedst.

Trinculo. Swam ashore, man, like a duck; I can swim like a duck, I’ll be sworn.

Stephano. Here, kiss the book. Though thou canst swim like a duck, thou art made like a goose.

Trinculo. O Stephano, hast any more of this? 120

Stephano. The whole butt, man; my cellar is in a rock by the sea-side, where my wine is hid. — How now, moon-calf! how does thine age?

Caliban. Hast thou not dropped from heaven?

Stephano. Out o’ the moon, I do assure thee; I was the man i’ the moon when time was.

Caliban. I have seen thee in her, and I do adore thee; My mistress show’d me thee, and thy dog, and thy bush.

Stephano. Come, swear to that; kiss the book: I will furnish it anon with new contents; swear. 130

Trinculo. By this good light, this is a very shallow monster! — I afeard of him! — A very weak monster! — The man i’ the moon! — A most poor credulous monster! — Well drawn, monster, in good sooth!

Caliban. I’ll show thee every fertile inch o’ the island; And I will kiss thy foot. I prithee, be my god.

Trinculo. By this light, a most perfidious and drunken monster! When’s god’s asleep, he’ll rob his bottle.

Caliban. I’ll kiss thy foot; I’ll swear myself thy subject.

Stephano. Come on, then; down, and swear. 140

Trinculo. I shall laugh myself to death at this puppy-headed monster. A most scurvy monster! I could find in my heart to beat him —

dry; E. Eng. seck, a ‘dry wine,’ vin sec? sherry? Canary wine or white wines of Spain? See Furness. — 118. the book = the Bible? here the bottle? — 119. goose. Origin of the disparagement in bird names, as gull,loon,booby,etc.? Our Macb., V, iii, 11.—126. man in the moon. See II, i, 144. They fancied they saw in the moon the shape of a man, a lantern, and a bush; that the bush was the bundle of sticks (in Numbers, xv, 32, 33); the man, Cain; the dog, ‘the foul fiend.’ Some said that the bush represented the thorns and thistles that sprang up after ‘the fall’! See in our Mid. N. D., note on III, i, 52; also M. N. D., V, i, 237.—133. well drawn = a ‘good pull’ at the bottle? — 138. rob = steal [Allen, Schmidt, Deighton]? steal from [Wright]? — 141. puppy-headed. So we sometimes hear ‘pig-headed,’ ‘bull-headed,’ etc.—143. beat him — The sentence is interrupted by Stephano’s “Come, kiss,” and
Stephano. Come, kiss.

Trinculo. But that the poor monster’s in drink. An abominable monster!

Caliban. I’ll show thee the best springs; I’ll pluck thee berries;
I’ll fish for thee, and get thee wood enough.
A plague upon the tyrant that I serve!
I’ll bear him no more sticks, but follow thee, Thou wondrous man.

Trinculo. A most ridiculous monster, to make a wonder of a poor drunkard!

Caliban. I prithee, let me bring thee where crabs grow;
And I with my long nails will dig thee pig-nuts,
Show thee a jay’s nest, and instruct thee how
To snare the nimble marmoset. I’ll bring thee
To clustering filberts; and sometimes I’ll get thee
Young scamels from the rock. Wilt thou go with me?

Stephano. I prithee now, lead the way without any more talking. — Trinculo, the king and all our company else being drowned, we will inherit here. — Here, bear my bottle. — Fellow Trinculo, we’ll fill him by and by again.

then is resumed by Trinculo’s adding "but that the poor," etc.—144.
fish? — 155. Pig-nuts = ground-nuts such as pigs root up? the round
brown nut (bunium flexuosum) white inside and of a pleasant nutty
American monkey? Lat. minusus, very small; O. Fr. merme, tiny;
marmot, puppet, ape. Worc. Brachet, following Littre, derives it from
marmoretum, a little marble figure, fr. marmor, marble. The Rue des Mar-
mousets in Paris was in Mediaev. Latin Vicus Marmoretorum. — Sir John
Mandeville and other English writers mention the animal. — 159. Scamels.
This word has been a standing puzzle. Among the proposed emendations
are shamois (or chamois), sea-malls, sea-mells, sea-gulls, sea-nums, sann-
els, scams, samols, samphire, squirrels, seegells, staniels, scalions, sar-
cels, stamels, scamles, limpets, muscles, conies, chamals, sea-owls!
"The female Bar-tailed Godwit is called a ‘scamel’ by the gunners of
Blakeney. But... this bird is not a rock-breeder." Stevenson’s Birds of
Norfolk, quoted by Wright. — The average scholar, in the midst of
these perplexities, may well adopt the modest attitude of Furness, who
says: "For my part I unblushingly confess that I do not know what
‘scamels’ are, and that I prefer to retain the word in the text and to
remain in utter, invincible ignorance. From the very beginning of the
play we know that the scene lies in an enchanted island. Is this to be for-
gotten? Since the air is full of sweet sounds, why may not the rocks be
inhabited by unknown birds of gay plumage or by vague animals of a
grateful and appetising plumpness? Let the picture remain, of the dash-
ing rocks, the stealthy, freckled whoelp, and in the clutch of his long nails,
a young and tender scamel." Preface to Variorum Ed. of The Tempest,
p. viii. — 162. Inherit = take possession? occupy? Often used for ‘pos-
Caliban. [Sings drunkenly] Farewell, master; farewell, farewell!

Trinculo. A howling monster; a drunken monster!

Caliban. No more dams I'll make for fish;
Nor fetch in firing
At requiring;
Nor scrape trenchering, nor wash dish.
'Ban, 'Ban, Ca-caliban
Has a new master:—get a new man.

Freedom, high-day! high-day, freedom! freedom, high-day, freedom!

Stephano. O brave monster! Lead the way. [Exeunt.]
ACT III.

Scene I. Before Prospero's Cell.

Enter Ferdinand, bearing a log.

Ferdinand. There be some sports are painful, and their labor
Delight in them sets off; some kinds of baseness
Are nobly undergone, and most poor matters
Point to rich ends. This my mean task
Would be as heavy to me as odious, but
The mistress which I serve quickens what's dead,
And makes my labors pleasures. O, she is
Ten times more gentle than her father's crabbed,
And he's compos'd of harshness! I must remove
Some thousands of these logs, and pile them up,
Upon a sore injunction. My sweet mistress
Weeps when she sees me work, and says such baseness
Had never like executor. I forget;
But these sweet thoughts do even refresh my labors,
Most busy, least, when I do it.
Enter Miranda, and Prospero at a distance.

Miranda. Alas! now, pray you, Work not so hard; I would the lightning had Burnt up those logs that you are enjoin’d to pile! Pray, set it down, and rest you; when this burns, 'Twill weep for having wearied you. My father Is hard at study; pray, now, rest yourself; He’s safe for these three hours.

Ferdinand. O most dear mistress,
The sun will set before I shall discharge What I must strive to do.

Miranda. If you’ll sit down, I’ll bear your logs the while. Pray, give me that; I’ll carry it to the pile.

Ferdinand. No, precious creature; I had rather crack my sinews, break my back, Than you should such dishonor undergo, While I sit lazy by.

See the twelve solid pages, 144-156, in his Var. Ed. In the magazine Shakespeariana, N.Y., March, 1884, the present editor suggested what he believes to be the true interpretation. It is in the main quoted by Furness, page 151, Var. Ed. "Punctuate thus: Most busy, least, when I do it. Interpret thus: Most busy least busy (i.e. least conscious of being busy) when I do this work," In other words, when I think of Miranda and her love, toil is even restful. I forget the toil for the time, but her love turns the toil to refreshment, to pleasure. No change in the text is necessary. The line is the exact converse of Macbeth’s "The rest is labor that is not used for you," Macb., I, iv, 44. With Macbeth repose is labor; with Ferdinand, labor is repose! —‘When I do it’ may mean, ‘When I forget’; i.e. ‘When I am oblivious of all but Miranda.’ We may add that A.S. bysgian often means to fatigue. See note on line 16.—Furness, after wading through the tremendous pages of comment, which he has skilfully condensed into twelve, gives his own interpretation as follows: “Ferdinand has been neglecting his task to think of Miranda; then, recollecting himself, says, in effect, I am forgetting my work — but when I do thus forget, my mind so teems with thoughts that I am really most busy when I seem to be least busy, and by these sweet thoughts I am even refreshed for my work.” —Note the paradoxes: in this connection, Phillips cites Sonnet xxvii.—16. Work not so hard. We may perhaps suppose that, just before, absorbed in thinking of Miranda, he had forgotten his task and stood motionless for a minute; but now had begun it again with renewed heroic energy under the inspiration and joy of reciprocated love. At this instant she approaches unseen, and, beholding his intense toil, she exclaims "Alas, now, pray you, work not so hard," etc.—19. weep. When green or wet wood burns, drops like hot tears are often forced out at the end of the log! Would Francis Bacon have so personified? —21. safe. Like Hamlet’s ‘safely stowed’!
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Miranda. It would become me
As well as it does you; and I should do it
With much more ease, for my good will is to it,
And yours it is against.

Prospero. Poor worm, thou art infected!
This visitation shows it.

Miranda. You look wearily.

Ferdinand. No, noble mistress; 'tis fresh morning with me
When you are by at night. I do beseech you,—
Chiefly that I might set it in my prayers,—
What is your name?

Miranda. Miranda. — O my father,
I have broken your hest to say so!

Ferdinand. Admir'd Miranda!

Indeed the top of admiration, worth
What's dearest to the world! Full many a lady
I have eyed with best regard, and many a time
The harmony of their tongues hath into bondage
Brought my too diligent ear. For several virtues
Have I lik'd several women, never any
With so full soul but some defect in her
Did quarrel with the noblest grace she owed,
And put it to the foil; but you, O you,
So perfect and so peerless, are created
Of every creature’s best!

_Miranda._ I do not know
One of my sex, no woman’s face remember,
Save, from my glass, mine own; nor have I seen
More that I may call men than you, good friend,
And my dear father. How features are abroad,
I am skilless of; but, by my modesty,
The jewel in my dower, I would not wish
Any companion in the world but you!
Nor can imagination form a shape,
Besides yourself, to like of!—But I prattle
Something too wildly, and my father’s precepts
I therein do forget.

_Ferdinand._ I am, in my condition,
A prince, Miranda; I do think, a king;—
I would, not so!—and would no more endure
This wooden slavery than to suffer
The flesh-fly blow my mouth. Hear my soul speak:
The very instant that I saw you, did

a compass needle which will not point true; so that a ‘foil’ is not an unnatural name for that which has had its point blunted, and therefore cannot accurately point at anything. ‘To foil a lance thrust’ is, in the same way, to turn it aside, to make it go astray; and the word when generalized comes to mean ‘defeat the attacks of an adversary.’”—47, 48. created of every creature’s best. A favorite thought with Shakespeare. As Y. L. I., III, ii, 157-160; Winter’s Tale, V, i, 14, 15. The reader will be reminded of the composite masterpiece of Apelles or that of Zeuxis, or the make-up of Pandora. Steevens refers to Sidney’s Arcadia, where the beasts, by Jupiter’s permission, made themselves a king so compounded!

53. skilless. Milton (Areopagitica, our Masterpieces, pp. 229, 242) twice uses skill as a verb. Icel. skilja, to divide, distinguish; skil, distinction, discernment. Twelfth N., III, iii, 9.—57. besides = abstractedly from, over and above [Schmidt]? other than? in comparison with?—like of = like?—Abbott, 177; Much Ado, V, iv, 59.—58. something = some matter? somewhat? in some degree? I, ii, 413; Abbott, 68.—62. wooden = pertaining to these logs? dull, stupid? ‘Wood’ suggests poor material? So we say ‘blockhead’!—to suffer. Supply ‘endure’? Abbott, 350.—62. As to the metre of this line, Abbott, 478, and other precisians declare that the er final seems to have been sometimes pronounced with a kind of ‘burr,’ which produced the effect of an additional syllable! Abbott accordingly marks the line thus:

This woéd | en slá | very, than | to suff | ér.

This wooden slavery to supposed metrical law is dreadful, and, out of Ireland, where the r has everything its own way, incredible. Better make a long pause after ‘slavery’?—63. blow = dehle, pollute [Deighton]? lay
My heart fly to your service; there resides,
To make me slave to it; and for your sake
Am I this patient logman.

_Miranda._ Do you love me?

_Ferdinand._ O heaven! O earth! bear witness to this sound,
And crown what I profess with kind event,
If I speak true; if hollowly, invert
What best is boded me to mischief! I,
Beyond all limit of what else i' the world,
Do love, prize, honor you.

_Miranda._ I am a fool
To weep at what I am glad of.

_Prosp._ Fair encounter
Of two most rare affections! Heavens rain grace
On that which breeds between 'em!

_Ferdinand._ Wherefore weep you?

_Miranda._ At mine unworthiness, that dare not offer
What I desire to give, and much less take
What I shall die to want. But this is trifling;
And all the more it seeks to hide itself,
The bigger bulk it shows. Hence, bashful cunning!
And prompt me, plain and holy innocence!
I am your wife, if you will marry me;
If not, I'll die your maid: to be your fellow
You may deny me, but I'll be your servant,
Whether you will or no.

maggot eggs upon [Hudson]? — _Wint. T._, IV, iii, 771. — 69. event. Lat. e, out; _venire, ventum_, to come. — 70. _hollowly._ _Meas._ for M., II, iii, 23. How came 'hollow' to mean insincere? — 71. _boded._ A. S. _bod_, message; _bodian_, to announce. Is the sense now uniformly unfavorable? — 72. _what = whatsoever [Hudson]_? anything [Wright]? — 73, 74. _fool_, etc. Steevens, speaking of Shakespeare's preeminent naturalness, says, "It was necessary in support of the character of Miranda to make her appear unconscious that excess of sorrow and excess of joy find alike their relief in tears." _Macb._, I, iv, 33–35. — 75. _affections = attachments?_ — Phillips interprets thus: "What a meeting between such tears and such joy! May the heavens rain grace upon the love which grows between them!" — _Lear_, IV, iii, 16–21. — 78. _what._ Betrothal? marriage? — Capell says _it and itself_ in line 80 relate to what Miranda's "delicacy does not admit of naming, — love." — 84. _your maid = a maid for your sake_; i.e. living unmarried all my life [Deighton]? maid-servant [Rolfe, Meiklejohn]? 'Maid' in the sense of female servant is not uncommon in New England villages. — _fellow._ I, ii, 415. "Good hay, sweet hay hath no fellow," says Bottom when 'translated' to an ass. _Mid. N. Dr._, IV, i, 31. — 'Fellow' was used of both sexes. Our _Jul. Cæs._, III, i, 62. — 85. _servant._ A
Ferdinand. My mistress, dearest, And I thus humble ever. Miranda. My husband, then? Ferdinand. Ay, with a heart as willing As bondage e'er of freedom; here's my hand. Miranda. And mine, with my heart in't: and now fare-well Till half an hour hence. Ferdinand. A thousand thousand! [Exeunt Ferdinand and Miranda.]

Prospero. So glad of this as they I cannot be, Who are surpris'd with all; but my rejoicing At nothing can be more. I'll to my book, For yet ere supper-time must I perform Much business appertaining. [Exit.

Scene II. Another Part of the Island.

Enter Caliban, Stephano, and Trinculo.

Stephano. Tell not me:—when the butt is out, we will drink water; not a drop before: therefore bear up, and board 'em.—Servant-monster, drink to me.

strikingly similar passage is quoted by Phillpotts from Catullus, lxiv, 158-163. Douce and Singer think Shakes. had in mind the old poem of 'The Nut-brown Maid.'—87. thus humble. Kneeling?—88. willing = wishing? desirous?—91. thousand thousand. Shakes. is fond of the literal sense. To fare is to go; farewell = 'speed well,' prosper?—93. are. Hudson dares to change this to am! Many editors follow Theobald in printing 'withal' instead of with all. —94. book. Much importance attaches to books in this play. See in the next scene, lines 84-90; also, I, ii, 109, 166-168; V, i, 57.

"The whole courting scene," says Coleridge, "in the beginning of the third act, is a masterpiece; and the first dawn of disobedience in the mind of Miranda to the command of her father is very finely drawn, so as to seem the working of the Scriptural command, Thou shalt leave father and mother, etc. Oh, with what exquisite purity this scene is conceived and executed! Shakespeare may sometimes be gross, but I boldly say that he is always moral and modest. Alas! in this, our day, decency of manners is preserved at the expense of morality of heart, and delicacies for vice are allowed whilst grossness against it is hypocritically, or at least morbidly, condemned."

Scene II. 1. Tell not me. Trinculo carried the bottle? II, ii, 162. Had he been talking temperance?—2. bear up = take your course, sail up [Rolfe, Schmidt]? put the helm up and keep the vessel off her course [Wright, Hudson, following Admiral Smyth's Sailor's Wood-Book]? make for them [Melkilejohn]?—3. board 'em = enter their ship by force. Whose ship?—servant-monster. Ben Jonson in his induction to Bar-
Trinculo. Servant-monster! the folly of this island! They say there's but five upon this isle: we are three of them; if th'other two be brained like us, the State totters.

Stephano. Drink, servant-monster, when I bid thee; thy eyes are almost set in thy head.

Trinculo. Where should they be set else? he were a brave monster indeed, if they were set in his tail.

Stephano. My man-monster hath drowned his tongue in sack: for my part, the sea cannot drown me; I swim, ere I could recover the shore, five and thirty leagues off and on, by this light!—Thou shalt be my lieutenant, monster, or my standard.

Trinculo. Your lieutenant, if you list; he's no standard.

Stephano. We'll not run, Monsieur Monster.

Trinculo. Nor go neither; but you'll lie, like dogs, and yet say nothing neither.

Stephano. Moon-calf, speak once in thy life, if thou beest a good moon-calf.

Caliban. How does thy honor? Let me lick thy shoe. I'll not serve him, he is not valiant.

Trinculo. Thou liest, most ignorant monster; I am in case to justle a constable. Why, thou debosh'd fish, thou, was there ever a man a coward that hath drunk so much sack as I to-day? Wilt thou tell a monstrous lie, being but half a fish and half a monster?

Caliban. Lo, how he mocks me! wilt thou let him, my lord?

Trinculo. Lord, quoth he!—That a monster should be such a natural!

\[\text{tholomeus Fair, written between 1612 and 1614, appears to ridicule this term. Thus helps fix the date of this play?—4. the folly, etc. Does he mean that Caliban is a fool? or that Stephano has become one? or that all three are idiots?—6. brained = deprived, by violence, of brains? possessed of brains?—Line 85. —8. set = fixed (in a vacant stare as if 'dead drunk')? See 1 Kings, xiv, 4; Twelfth N., V, i, 190, 191. —13. off and on = at intervals? more or less? back and forth?—14. standard. So 'ensign' is sometimes used for 'ensign-bearer,' 'trumpet,' for 'trumpeter'; Fr. 'guidon,' cavalier flag, for him who carries it. —Note the verbal play on standard, Caliban being unable to stand?—15. you list = it please you? You is said to be in the dative case. —17. go = walk? proceed? —case = situation? condition? —25. debosh'd. Fr. débaucher, to take away the balks (i.e. beams) of a building. Bracket. Worc. gives de, negative, and Fr. bauche, a rank, course of stones, balk or beam, the idea being 'that of removing the supports of a house.' The spelling in the text shows the pronunciation in Shakespeare's time? —26, 27, 30, 31. monstrous . . . natural. Note the quibbles. —natural. Has this word}
Caliban. Lo, lo, again! bite him to death, I prithee.

Stephano. Trinculo, keep a good tongue in your head; if you prove a mutineer, — the next tree! The poor monster's my subject, and he shall not suffer indignity.

Caliban. I thank my noble lord. Wilt thou be pleas'd To hearken once again to the suit I made to thee?

Stephano. Marry, will I: kneel and repeat it; I will stand, and so shall Trinculo.

Enter Ariel, invisible.

Caliban. As I told thee before, I am subject to a tyrant, A sorcerer, that by his cunning hath cheated me Of the island.

Ariel. Thou liest.

Caliban. Thou liest, thou jesting monkey, thou; I would my valiant master would destroy thee! I do not lie.

Stephano. Trinculo, if you trouble him any more in's tale, by this hand, I will supplant some of your teeth.

Trinculo. Why, I said nothing.

Stephano. Mum, then, and no more. — Proceed.

Caliban. I say, by sorcery he got this isle; From me he got it. If thy greatness will, Revenge it on him, for I know thou dar'st, But this thing dare not.

Stephano. That's most certain.

Caliban. Thou shalt be lord of it, and I'll serve thee.

Stephano. How now shall this be compass'd? Canst thou bring me to the party?

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still the sense 'fool'? How did it ever get such a meaning? — 32. again = gibing at me [Deighton]? — bite. Very significant word! — 37. marry = By Mary? Mary help me? — Sound of a in Maria?

42. Stephano and Caliban think "Thou liest" to be spoken by Trinculo? — 48. jesting monkey. Wears Trinculo the garb of the professional jester or court fool? — 46. by this hand. An oath? a means, instrument or mode of 'supplanting'? Line 67. In Twelfth N., I, iii, 31, we read, "By this hand, they are scoundrels." Any appropriateness in swearing by the hand? — Lat. sub, under; planta, sole of the foot; supplantare, to put something under the sole of the foot, to trip up the heels, to overthrow. Skeat. — 50. mum. Imitative? For the subjective internal force of the sound, see our Masterpieces in Eng. Lit., pp. 40, 61. — 55. compassed. Stephano feels and talks 'big'? So he says 'party'!
Caliban. Yea, yea, my lord; I'll yield him thee asleep,  
Where thou mayst knock a nail into his head.  
Ariel. Thou liest; thou canst not.  
Caliban. What a pied ninny's this! Thou seurvy patch!—  
I do beseech thy greatness, give him blows,  
And take his bottle from him: when that's gone,  
He shall drink nought but brine; for I'll not show him  
Where the quick freshes are.  
Stephano. Trinculo, run into no further danger; interrupt  
the monster one word further, and, by this hand, I'll turn  
my mercy out o' doors, and make a stock-fish of thee.  
Trinculo. Why, what did I? I did nothing. I'll go  
farther off.  
Stephano. Didst thou not say he lied?  
Ariel. Thou liest.  
Stephano. Do I so? take thou that. [Beats him.] As  
you like this, give me the lie another time.  
Trinculo. I did not give the lie. Out o' your wits, and  
hearing too?—A pox o' your bottle! this can sack and  
drinking do.—A murrain on your monster, and the devil  
take your fingers!  
Caliban. Ha, ha, ha!  
Stephano. Now, forward with your tale. —Prithee, stand  
farther off.  
Caliban. Beat him enough; after a little time  
I'll beat him too.  
Stephano. Stand farther.—Come, proceed.

58. knock a nail. Judges, iv, 21, 22. Has Miranda taught Caliban Bible  
stories? I, ii, 352; II, ii, 128.—60. pied. Lat. pica, a magpie; fr. root  
pi, imitative, a pica being a chirper. Any allusion to the magpie's colors?  
—ninny, fr. Gaelic neoni, a fool, or shortened from nincompoop (i.e. non  
compos mentis, not sound of mind)? or fr. Ital. ninno, a child; ninna, a  
lullaby to rock infants to sleep. Worc., Skeat, etc.—patch. Named  
from his dress? See our Mer. of Ven., II, iv, 45.—64. quick freshes.  
In I, ii, 462, we have 'fresh-brook muscles.' Nowhere but here is 'fresh'  
used for sweet-water springs. Quick as in Hamlet, V, i, 120; 2 Tim.,  
iv, 1, etc.—67. stock-fish. In 1 Henry IV, II, iv, 228, Falstaff addresses  
Hal: 'You starveling, you eel-skin, you dried neat's tongue, you stock-  
fish!' In Ben Jonson's Every Man in His Humor, 1598, we find 'Thou  
will be beaten like a stock-fish.' The word is said to mean dried cod,  
which was beaten before boiling. 'Je te froteray a double carrillon, I  
will beat thee like a stock-fish.' Hollyband's French Dict., 1593.—72.  
as=according as? if? —76. murrain. Lat. mori, to die. Exodus, ix, 3.
Caliban. Why, as I told thee, 'tis a custom with him
I' the afternoon to sleep; there thou mayst brain him,
Having first seiz'd his books, or with a log
Batter his skull, or paunch him with a stake,
Or cut his weasand with thy knife. Remember
First to possess his books, for without them
He's but a sot, as I am, nor hath not
One spirit to command; they all do hate him
As rootedly as I. Burn but his books.
He has brave utensils,—for so he calls them,—
Which, when he has a house, he'll deck withal.
And that most deeply to consider is
The beauty of his daughter. He himself
Calls her a nonpareil; I never saw a woman,
But only Sycorax my dam and she;
But she as far surpasseth Sycorax
As great'st does least.

Stephano. Is it so brave a lass?

Caliban. Ay, lord.

Stephano. Monster, I will kill this man; his daughter
and I will be king and queen,—save our graces!—and
Trinculo and thyself shall be viceroys. Dost thou like the
plot, Trinculo?

Trinculo. Excellent.

Stephano. Give me thy hand: I am sorry I beat thee;
but, while thou livest, keep a good tongue in thy head.

Caliban. Within this half hour will he be asleep;
Wilt thou destroy him then?

Stephano. Ay, on mine honor.

an initial b has been lost, so that weasand, the form being evidently
that of a pres. participle, is lit. 'the wheezing thing,' the windpipe. Skeat,
Worc.—89. sot. A. S. sot, foolish; Fr. sot, fool; Sp. zote, blockhead.
Cotgrave's Fr. and Eng. Dict., 1660, defines sot as 'asse, dince, dullard,
blockhead . . . also a foole.'—91. but = only, in two senses [Wright]? —
92. utensils. Milton, Par. Reg., iii, 336, appears to accent this word
on 1st syl. — 94. that . . . consider = that which is . . . to be con-
sidered? Abbott, 244, 359, 405. — 96. non-pareil. See our Macb., III,
iv, 19. — 97. Sycorax. I, ii, 258. — she. Shakes., it is said, nine times
omits the inflection of 'she.' Abbott, 211. Furness's Othello, IV, ii, 5.
I, ii, 6. — 100. Ay, lord. As usual, the folio has I.—She will become
thy bed, I warrant. Become = adorn. — 101. And bring thee forth
Ariel. This will I tell my master.

Caliban. Thou mak'st me merry; I am full of pleasure. Let us be jocund; will you troll the catch You taught me but while-ere?

Stephano. At thy request, monster, I will do reason, any reason.—Come on, Trinculo, let us sing. [Sings.

Flout 'em and scout 'em, and scout 'em and flout 'em;
Thought is free.

Caliban. That's not the tune.

[ariel plays the tune on a tabor and pipe.

Stephano. What is this same? 120

Trinculo. This is the tune of our catch, played by the picture of Nobody.

Stephano. If thou beest a man, show thyself in thy likeness; if thou beest a devil, take't as thou list.

Trinculo. O, forgive me my sins!

Stephano. He that dies pays all debts; I defy thee.—Mercy upon us!

Caliban. Art thou afeard?

Stephano. No, monster, not I.

Caliban. Be not afeared; the isle is full of noises, Sounds and sweet airs, that give delight and hurt not.

113. troll = round out glibly or volubly [Hudson]? sing in rollicking fashion [Meiklejohn]? run glibly over (an imitative word) [Wright]? sing irregularly [Skeat]?—French trōler, to lead, drag; O. Fr. troller, Ger. trollein, Welsh trōlio, Mid. E. trollen, to roll. "To troll the bowl is to send it round, to circulate it." Skeat.—catch. ' A part-song or round, in which one singer catches up the words and air after another.' "The words of one part are made to answer, or catch the other; as ' Ah! how, Sophia,' sung like ' a house o' fire,' 'Burney's History,' like 'burn his history,' etc." Chappell's Popular Music of the Olden Time.—114. while-ere = erewhile, some time ago?—A. S. aer, before; hwil, time.—Abbott, 137.—118. Thought is free. Note what Dowden (Shakespeare—His Mind and Art, 373, 376) says of Shakespeare's treatment, in this play, of the question, 'What is freedom?'—119. not the tune. Caliban's ear better than Stephano's?—tabor = a sort of drum (beaten with one stick)? a hoop with sheepskin stretched tight over it, making a kind of drum like a tambourine?—121. picture of Nobody. Knight reproduces the old picture of ' No Body,' a figure of a head, arms, legs, without a trunk (body). It often appeared on sign-boards. In 1606 such a picture was prefixed to a comedy (privately reprinted in 1677) entitled 'No-body and Some-body.' Some of Cruikshank's caricatures are based on this idea. —124. take't as thou list = take what shape pleases thee [Rolfe]? take my remark as you may please [Deighton]?—130-139. This savage has much poetry in his soul.—134. that, etc. ' That,' without so before it, often
Sometimes a thousand twangling instruments
Will hum about mine ears; and sometimes voices,
That, if I then had wak’d after long sleep,
Will make me sleep again: and then, in dreaming,
The clouds methought would open, and show riches
Ready to drop upon me; that, when I wak’d,
I cried to dream again.

_Stephano._ This will prove a brave kingdom to me, where
I shall have my music for nothing. 140

_Caliban._ When Prospero is destroy’d.

_Stephano._ That shall be by and by; I remember the story.

_Trinculo._ The sound is going away; let’s follow it, and
after do our work.

_Stephano._ Lead, monster; we’ll follow. — I would I could
see this taborer; he lays it on.

_Trinculo._ Wilt come? [To Caliban.] I’ll follow Stephano.

[Exeunt.

**Scene III. Another Part of the Island.**

_Enter Alonso, Sebastian, Antonio, Gonzalo, Adrian,
Francisco, and others._

_Gonzalo._ By’r lakin! I can go no further, sir;
My old bones ache: here’s a maze trod, indeed,
Through forth-rights and meanders! By your patience,
I needs must rest me.

expresses result. I, ii, 85. — 142. **by and by** = immediately; presently? Matt., xiii, 21; Luke, xx, 9; often in Shaks., as Hamlet, III, ii, 360, 362. — 147. **Stephano.** The folio puts ‘Stephano’ in italics with no pause before it. Steevens (1778) inserted a comma, as if Stephano were ad-
dressed. Trinculo and Stephano incline to follow the music, Stephano
going foremost. Caliban, a little disgusted, tarries. Trinculo turns to
him and says, “Wilt come? I’ll follow Stephano.”

**Scene III. 1. By’r lakin!** — **Ladykin** = little lady; i.e. the Virgin
Mary. Minced oaths and dimin. nouns were common. So **sounds** (for
‘God’s wounds’), sblood (for ‘God’s blood’); sdeath, etc. The -kin is
affectionate, as we express by the phrase ‘precious little.’ — 2. **ache.**
I, ii, 368. The 1st folio has ‘akes,’ which Abbott, 333, thinks to be the old
North-of-England 3d pers. plural. — **maze** = artificially constructed laby-
rinth [Halliwell]? — Mid. E. **masen**, to confuse, puzzle. Prob. the orig.
sense was ‘to be lost in thought,’ to dream, from the root **ma**, to think
(shorter form of **man**), akin to **mind**. Man is the **thinking** animal. Skeat.
— 3. **forth-rights** = paths at right angles [Phillpotts]? straight paths
[Knight, Wright, Hudson, Rolfe, etc.]? straight lines [Hunter]? — **me-
anders** = crooked lines [Hudson]? circles [Knight]? winding paths
[Rolfe]? — The windings of the ancient river Meander are said to be due
largely to its shifting its channel as it strolls through the sandy flats. —
Alonso. Old lord, I cannot blame thee, Who am myself attach’d with weariness, To the dulling of my spirits; sit down, and rest. Even here I will put off my hope, and keep it No longer for my flatterer; he is drown’d. Whom thus we stray to find, and the sea mocks Our frustrate search on land. Well, let him go.

Antonio. [Aside to Sebastian] I am right glad that he’s so out of hope. Do not, for one repulse, forego the purpose That you resolv’d to effect.

Sebastian. [Aside to Antonio] The next advantage Will we take throughly.

Antonio. [Aside to Sebastian] Let it be to-night; For, now they are oppress’d with travel, they Will not, nor cannot, use such vigilance As when they are fresh.

Sebastian. [Aside to Antonio] I say, to-night; no more. [Solemn and strange music. Alonso. What harmony is this? — My good friends, hark! Gonzalo. Marvellous sweet music!

Enter Prospero above, invisible. Enter several strange Shapes, bringing in a banquet: they dance about it with gentle actions of salutation; and, inviting the King, etc., to eat, they depart.

Alonso. Give us kind keepers, heavens! — What were these?

Sebastian. A living drollery. Now I will believe

5. attach’d. Fr. attacher, doublet of attaqueur. Littré suggests a connection with Gæl. tac, a nail. Brachet. "The regular O. F. sense was to ‘fasten,’ as in Mod. Eng. . . . The earlier Eng. sense of ‘arrest, seize’ arose . . . as an elliptical expression for ‘attach’ by some tie to the control or jurisdiction of the court,' i.e. so that it shall have a hold. . . . The Ital. equivalent is attaccare. . . . Attaccare battaglia, to join battle, attac-
That there are unicorns; that in Arabia
There is one tree, the phœnix' throne, one phœnix
At this hour reigning there.

Antonio.  I'll believe both;
And what does else want credit, come to me,
And I'll be sworn 'tis true; travellers ne'er did lie,
Though fools at home condemn 'em.

Gonzalo.  If in Naples
I should report this now, would they believe me?
If I should say I saw such islanders,—
For, certes, these are people of the island,—
Who, though they are of monstrous shape, yet, note,
Their manners are more gentle-kind than of
Our human generation you shall find
Many, nay, almost any.

Prospero.  [Aside]  Honest lord,
Thou hast said well; for some of you there present
Are worse than devils.

Alonso.  I cannot too much muse
Such shapes, such gesture, and such sound, expressing —
Although they want the use of tongue — a kind
Of excellent dumb discourse.

*drole,* a wag; *Icel. troll,* a hobgoblin.  *Skeat.*—22. *unicorns.*  Poetically evolved from the rhinoceros?—Lat. *unicus,* one; *cornu,* horn.—23. *phœnix.*  Herodotus, in *Euterpe,* ii, 73, and Pliny, *Lib. X,* ii, describe this bird.  Herodotus tells us it "makes its appearance . . . only once in 500 years. . . . They say that it comes on the death of its sire. If he is like the picture . . . the plumage of his wings is partly golden-colored and partly red; in outline and size he is very like an eagle."  Pliny quotes the noble Roman senator Mamilius as saying that the phœnix "liveth 500 years, and when he groweth old, and begins to decay, he builds himself with the twigs and branches of the canell or cinnamon and frankin-cense trees; and when he hath filled it up with all sorts of sweet aromatic spices, yieldeth up his life thereupon. . . . It was assured unto me that the said bird died with that tree [date-tree, called in Greek *phoinix,* phœnix], and revived of itself again."  *Holland's translation,* 1601.—It was commonly said that the bird was consumed in flames, and from the ashes sprang a new phœnix.  Hence the name in *fire-insurance.*  See Shakespeare's *Phœnix and the Turtle,* Milton's *Samson Agonistes,* and Moore's *Paradise and the Peri.*—30. *certes.*  Used by Shakes. 5 times, says Rolfe.—31. *who.*  This use of *who,* without a verb, is a Latin idiom, and illustrates what has been called the *nominations pendens.*  See our *Mer. of Ven.,* I, iii, 126, note on 'Who, if he break.'—36. *muse* = wonder [Keightley]? wonder at [Wright, Hudson, Rolfe, etc. ]?—Keightley puts a pause after 'muse,' and makes a broken sentence of what follows.—Lat. *mussare,* to mutter, grumble; brood over [Phillpotts] ?—O. Fr. *muse,* mouth, akin to *muzzle* ; Ital. *muso,* snout, face.  The image is that of a dog snuffling idly about, and musing which direction to take!

Francisco. They vanish'd strangely.

Sebastian. No matter, since they have left their viands behind; for we have stomachs—Will't please you taste of what is here?

Alonzo. Not I.

Gonzalo. Faith, sir, you need not fear. When we were boys, Who would believe that there were mountaineers Dew-lapp'd like bulls, whose throats had hanging at 'em Wallets of flesh? or that there were such men Whose heads stood in their breasts? which now we find Each putter-out of five for one will bring us Good warrant of.

Alonzo. I will stand to and feed, Although my last; no matter, since I feel The best is past. — Brother, my lord the duke, Stand to, and do as we.

Thunder and lightning. Enter Ariel, like a harpy; claps his wings upon the table, and with a quaint device the banquet vanishes.

Skeat. — 39. Praise in departing = do not praise too soon? — Proverbial? — 45. dew-lapp’d, etc. Swiss victims of goître, tumor on the throat [Lat. guttūr, throat; Fr. goître]? — See our Mid. N. Dr., IV, i, 119. — 46. wallets, etc. "It is not difficult to surmise that the pouched apes gave rise to the story." Furness. — 47. heads stood in their breasts. So Pliny, Nat. Hist., v, 8; Hakluyt’s Voyages (1598); Othello, I, iii, 144. — 48. putter-out = one who puts to sea [Schmidt]? investor, depositor? — putter-out of five = putter-out at the rate of five [Wright, Collier, Knight, etc.]? — ‘A popular mode of adventurous betting.’ — “I intend to travel. . . . I will put forth some £5,000, to be paid me 5 for 1, upon the return of my wife, myself, and my dog from the Turk’s court in Constantinople. If all or either of us miscarry in the journey, ’tis gone; if we be successful, why there will be £25,000.” Ben Jonson’s Every Man Out of His Humor.

Stage direction. Enter Ariel as a harpy, etc.—If a doubt could ever be entertained whether Shakespeare was a great poet, acting upon laws arising out of his own nature, and not without law, as has been sometimes idly asserted, that doubt must be removed by the character of Ariel. The very first words uttered by this being introduce the spirit, not as an angel, above man; not as a gnome, or a fiend, below man; but while the poet gives him the faculties and the advantages of reason, he divests him of all mortal character, not positively, it is true, but negatively. In air he lives, from air he derives his being, in air he acts; and all his colors and properties seem to have been obtained from the rainbow and the skies. — Collridge’s Seven Lectures.
Ariel. You are three men of sin, whom destiny,
That hath to instrument this lower world
And what is in't, the never-surfeited sea
Hath caus'd to belch up — you! — and on this island,
Where man doth not inhabit, you 'mongst men
Being most unfit to live. I have made you mad;
And even with such-like valor men hang and drown
Their proper selves.

[Alonso, Sebastian, and Antonio draw their swords.

You fools! I and my fellows

Are ministers of Fate; the elements,
Of whom your swords are temper'd, may as well
Wound the loud winds, or with bemock'd-at stabs
Kill the still-closing waters, as diminish
One dowle that's in my plume. My fellow-ministers
Are like invulnerable. If you could hurt,
Your swords are now too massy for your strengths,
And will not be uplifted. But remember,—

52. Ariel in the character of a harpy, and the banquet scene, are imitated from Vergil's Æneid, iii, 209 et seq. — men of sin. Biblical? 2 Thess., ii. 3. — 53. to instrument. II, i, 73. — 54. never-surfeited, etc. The sea, that swallowing all, cannot contain in its maw these three rascals, but vomits them forth! — 55. to belch up — you! — and. Here we deviate from the usual punctuation and interpretation. The common reading is, 'Hath caused to belch up you; and'; the common interpretation makes 'you' redundant, thus: "whom destiny hath caused the never-surfeited sea to belch up you." Abbott (249), Collier, Wright, Hudson and others declare the 'you' to be supplementary, superfluous, or even 'extremely awkward.' Staunton and Hudson would change 'you' to 'yea.' But suppose we adopt a different punctuation. Remember that three men, Alonzo, Sebastian, and Antonio, are to be singled out. They naturally are together, slightly apart from Gonzalo, Adrian, Francisco, and the others. At the words 'belch up,' the three naturally turn to glance at the rest, all of whom have been cast up by the nauseated sea. By a gesture, a look, a pause, and an intensely emphatic you, Ariel separates these three great sinners from the rest of the company, and notifies them that they alone are the 'vessels of wrath fitted to destruction.' Rom., ix, 22. Does not our explanation give dramatic vividness and energy to the otherwise bungling, tame, and feeble utterance? — 59. such-like. The critics pronounce this pleonastic, because such is itself shortened from A.S. swulc, suile, suitch, or sich, or Gothic swa, so; and A. S. lik, Gothic lidik, like. Abbott, 278. — 60. proper = appropriate? own? — 62. whom. Abbott, 264. — 63. See the somewhat similar passage in Macb., V, viii, 9, 10. — 64. still-closing. I, ii, 229. — 65. dowle = filament of a feather or of down? — Skeat makes down akin to dust, meaning that which is blown. Wright and others show down and dowle to be equivalent. — 66. like = similarly? alike? — 67. massy = bulky? heavy? massive? — Gr. μασσε, massein, to knead; μάζα, maza, Lat. massa, a kneaded lump, dough; barley bread; Fr. masse, mass, lump. — strengths. So wrathes,
For that's my business to you, — that you three,
From Milan did supplant good Prospero,
Expos'd unto the sea, which hath requit it,
Him and his innocent child; for which foul deed
The Powers, delaying, not forgetting, have
Incens'd the seas and shores, yea, all the creatures,
Against your peace. Thee of thy son, Alonso,
They have bereft, and do pronounce by me,
Lingering perdition — worse than any death
Can be at once — shall step by step attend
You and your ways; whose wraths to guard you from,—
Which here, in this most desolate isle, else falls
Upon your heads, — is nothing but heart's sorrow,
And a clear life ensuing.

He vanishes in thunder; then, to soft music, enter the Shapes
again, and dance with mocks and mows, and carry out the

Prosero. [Aside] Bravely the figure of this harpy hast thou
Perform'd, my Ariel; a grace it had, devouring.
Of my instruction hast thou nothing bated
In what thou hadst to say; so, with good life

line 79. See on lover, our ed. of Hamlet, I. i, 173; Jul. Cæs., I. ii, 39. Does the plural form indicate nicer discrimination? — 70. supplant. See on III, ii, 46.—71. requit. See on frustrate, line 10; I. i, ii, 148; Abbott, 341, 342. — 73. Powers, that 'make for righteousness.' So "They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera," Judges, v, 20; Rom., ix, 22; Luke, xviii, 7; Ecclesiastes, viii, 11.—78. at once. 'Death at once' vs. 'lingering perdition'? — 79, 80. wrath . . . falls. Explain the 'singular.' 'Is 'wraths' capable of being taken as one? — which. 'Singular' by attraction to the 'singular' substantive 'isle' [Wright]? — Abbott, 247, 333, 412. — 82. clear. Macb., I, vii, 18. — "Ariel
seems to me to represent the keenest perceiving intellect, separate from all moral consciousness and sense of responsibility. His power and knowledge are in some respects greater than those of his master, — he can do what Prospero cannot, — he lashes up the Tempest round the island, — he saves the king and his companions from the shipwreck, — he defeats the conspiracy of Sebastian and Antonio, and discovers the clumsy plot of the beast Caliban, — he wields immediate influence over the elements, and comprehends alike without indignation or sympathy, — which are moral results, — the sin and suffering of humanity. Therefore, — because he is only a spirit of knowledge, he is subject to the spirit of love." — Mrs. F. A. Kemble, quoted by Furness.

82. mows. II, ii, 9.—83. bravely. III, ii, 99.—84. devouring = swallowing the banquet [Deighton]? absorbing [Schmidt]? appearing to devour [Dyce]? — 86. with good life = with all the truth of life itself,
And observation strange, my meanker ministers
Their several kinds have done. My high charms work,
And these mine enemies are all knit up
In their distractions: they now are in my power;
And in these fits I leave them, while I visit
Young Ferdinand, — whom they suppose is drown'd,—
And his and mine lov'd darling.       [Exit above.

Gonzalo. I' the name of something holy, sir, why stand you
In this strange stare?
Alonso. O, it is monstrous, monstrous!
Methought the billows spoke, and told me of it;
The winds did sing it to me, and the thunder,
That deep and dreadful organ-pipe, pronounc'd
The name of Prosper: it did bass my trespass.
Therefore my son 'tis the ooze is bedded; and
I'll seek him deeper than e'er plummet sounded,
And with him there lie mudded.       [Exit.

Sebastian. But one fiend at a time,
I'll fight their legions o'er.
Antonio. I'll be thy second.

[Exeunt Sebastian and Antonio.

Gonzalo. All three of them are desperate; their great
guilt,
Like poison given to work a great time after,
Now gins to bite the spirits. — I do beseech you

and with rare observance of the proprieties of action [Hudson, Wright]? good spirit [Rolfe]? 'With good life' is still proverbial in the west of England, and signifies with the full bent or energy of the mind. Henley. "So we say, 'he acted to the life.'" Johnson. — 87. meanker = of lower rank? — Lat. medianus, medius, Fr. moyen, mean, middle, intermediate. — 88. several. As in III, i, 42? — kinds have done = have acted out their several natures, i.e. their parts [Hudson]? acted out their characters [Meiklejohn]? The clown that brings the fatal asp to Cleopatra cautions her by saying, "The worm will do his kind." Ant. and Cleop., V, ii, 261. — 92. whom . . . is drowned. Confusion of two constructions, "who they suppose is drowned," "whom they suppose to be drowned"? Abbott, 410. More liberty than now in Shakespeare's day; thus: "Whom do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" Matt., xvi, 13. Even now, perhaps, the majority would take the same liberty. — 93. his and mine. Abbott, 238. — 99. bass my trespass = told in deep bass tones the story of my crime? — Macb., III, iv, 122-126. — 100. Therefore = that is the true reason why? — Emphatic? — 102. mudded. "Any noun or adjective could be converted into a verb by the Elizabethan authors." Abbott, 290. — But one = If there be but one? Let there be but one? — 105. poison, etc. Such poisons, according to Holt (1749), and Steevens (1793), were
That are of suppler joints, follow them swiftly,
And hinder them from what this ecstasy
May now provoke them to.

Adrian. Follow, I pray you. [Exeunt.

believed to be prepared in Africa.—108. ecstasy. Gr. ἐκ, ek, out, στάσις, stasis, standing. The word is metaphoric, signifying the state of one ‘out of his head.’ See our Hamlet, II, i, 102.

How much, if anything, of Shakespeare's religious belief may fairly be inferred from this remarkable scene?
ACT IV.

Scene I. Before Prospero’s Cell.

Enter Prospero, Ferdinand, and Miranda.

Prospero. If I have too austerely punish’d you, Your compensation makes amends, for I Have given you here a third of mine own life, Or that for which I live; who once again I tender to thy hand. All thy vexations Were but my trials of thy love, and thou Hast strangely stood the test; here, afore heaven, I ratify this my rich gift. O Ferdinand, Do not smile at me that I boast her of,

ACT IV. Scene I. 3. third. So the folios. But why third? How make a three-fold division of his ‘life’? Holt supposes Prospero and Miranda to be two thirds, and Ferdinand the remaining third. Capell (Furness concurring) thinks the realm, the daughter, and the father constitute the three thirds of the ‘life.’ E. Magnusson (Atheneum, July 26, 1884) is quoted by Furness to this effect: “His life’s trinity had, once upon a time, consisted of his now departed wife, his child, and himself,” but Magnusson now concurs with Capell. Theobald, in March, 1728, suggested that the true reading was third, for third, and that what was meant was thread. Most subsequent editors have printed thread; Tollett, the Globe ed., Wright, and Phillpotts read third; Heath, the thread; Bailey, the end. To us, a thread, however classic and suggestive of the three fatal spinners, seems a feeble utterance for one who is in a mood to magnify his gift to Ferdinand. Any one of a dozen children would be a thread. Guessing “is the word: it is a deed in fashion”! Shakespeare had perhaps read in the Carmen Nuptiale of Catullus, Virginitas non tota tua est: ex parte parentum est: Tertia pars patri data, pars data tertia matri, Tertia sola tua est, Maidenhood is not all thine: it partly belongs to thy parents; a third part given to father, a third part to mother, a third is thine alone. Here are three, Prospero, Miranda, Ferdinand: they shall share equally in her who is ‘my life.’ For twelve years or more (see I, ii, 16, 17, and King John, III, iv, 104) that ‘life’ had belonged to two, father and daughter; now it shall be parted among three. —Shakes. may combine several meanings in this ‘third.’ —7. afore. Rom., ix, 23. —9. boast her of = boast of her? —Keightley reads boast of her, and Furness approves. We follow the 1st folio. All the other folios and all the editors read boast her off; a reading, says Furness, “which somehow carries with it the image of an auctioneer’s exaggeration and volubility, which is, as Sydney Smith would say, ‘infinitely distress-
For thou shalt find she will outstrip all praise,
And make it halt behind her.
   Ferdinand. I do believe it
Against an oracle.
   Prospero. Then, as my gift and thine own acquisition
Worthily purchas’d, take my daughter: but
If thou dost break her virgin-knot before
All sanctimonious ceremonies may
With full and holy rite be minister’d,
No sweet aspersion shall the heavens let fall
To make this contract grow; but barren hate,
Sour-eyed disdain, and discord shall bestrew
The union — with weeds so loathly
That you shall hate it both: therefore take heed,
As Hymen’s lamps shall light you.
   Ferdinand. As I hope
For quiet days, fair issue, and long life,
With such love as ‘tis now, the strong’st suggestion
Our worser genius can, shall never melt
Mine honor into lust, to take away

ing.’” — 11. halt. Mer. of Ven., III, ii, 129; Wint. T., V, iii, 52, 53.—13. gift. The folios have guest. Rowe (1709) and all subsequent editors read gift. Any good reason for retaining guest? — 15. virgin-knot = maiden zone or belt. This girdle was unclasped by the husband at the wedding. Prospero’s care! He is both father and mother to her; she so young, motherless, and loving, like Mildred in Browning’s Blot in the Scutcheon, II, 361, 362.—16. sanctimonious. Whence originates the modern unfavorable sense?—18. aspersion. Lat. ad, to; spargere, to scatter; aspergère, to sprinkle; aspersio, sprinkling. Any allusion to sprinkling with ‘holy water’? — Whence the present ill use of the word? — 21. The union of your bed with weeds so loathly, etc. Is this the order of ideas: shall bestrew the union of your bed with so loathly [i.e. disgusting, loathsome] weeds? — 22. That you shall hate it both = that both of you shall hate it?—23. Hymen’s lamps. Elze shows that ‘lamps’ of the folio should be ‘lamp.’ See line 97. Furness approves the correction. It seems, however, to be unimportant. — Hymen was the handsome youthful god of the marriage ceremony, not of married life. He is son of Apollo, carries in his hand a bridal torch. See in our Masterpieces, note, p. 78.—25. as ‘tis now, the murkiest den. A. S. mwruc, dark; related to μέλας, melas, black.—26. The most opportune place, the strong’st, etc. Shakes. twice uses opportune. He accents the 2d syl. — 27. worser. Used by Shakes. 17 times.—Abbott, 11.—genius. Shakes. seems to recognize two ‘geniuses,’ a guardian angel, and an evil tempter. “In mediaeval theology, the rational soul is an angel, the lowest in the hierarchy for being clothed for a time in the perishing vesture of the body. But it is not necessarily an angel of light.” Edinburgh Review, July, 1869, p. 98. — See our ed. of Jul. Cæs., II, i, 66; our Macb., III, i, 55. —can. Ellipsis? Hamlet, IV, vii, 83; Abbott, 307.—melt. Timon of A., IV, iii, 365–367.—28. lust, to take away. Supply ‘so as’ before ‘to
The edge of that day's celebration
When I shall think, or Phoebus' steeds are founder'd,
Or night kept chain'd below.

Prospero. Fairly spoke.
Sit then and talk with her; she is thine own.

What, Ariel! my industrious servant, Ariel!

Enter Ariel.

Ariel. What would my potent master? here I am.
Prospero. Thou and thy meaner fellows your last service
Did worthily perform, and I must use you
In such another trick. Go bring the rabble,
O'er whom I give thee power, here to this place.
Incite them to quick motion, for I must
Bestow upon the eyes of this young couple
Some vanity of mine art; it is my promise,
And they expect it from me.

Ariel. Presently?

Prospero. Ay, with a twink.

Ariel. Before you can say 'come' and 'go,'
And breathe twice, and cry 'so, so,'
Each one, tripping on his toe,
Will be here with mop and mow.—
Do you love me, master? no?

Prospero. Dearly, my delicate Ariel. Do not approach
Till thou dost hear me call.

Ariel. Well, I conceive.

[Exit.]

take'? — 29. The edge of that day's celebration = the keen enjoyment of the celebration of our wedding-day [Jephson]? The -ion in celebration is resolved in scanning into two syllables. — 30. or = either? — Phoebus' = the sun-god's. See our Hamlet, III, ii, 138. — founder'd. "The signe to know it [foundering of horses] is, the horse cannot go, but will stand cripling with al his four legs together." Topsell's Hist. of Foure-footed Beasts, 1608, quoted by Furness. — 31. chained. As the sun's chariot goes down in the west, night's car ascends in the east; both so slowly that it seems as if the evening's festivities would never come. — spoke. Abbott, 338. — 37. rabble = lower spirits? Stephano, Trinculo, etc.? — "Not used slightingly." Furness. — O. Du. rabbelen, to chatter. Gr. ῥαβδόσειν, rabassein, to make a noise. The suffix -te gives a frequentative force. Skeat. — 41. vanity = illusion [Steevens]? Psalms, xxxix, 6; Ecclesiastes, xii, 8. — 42. presently. I, ii, 125. — 43. twink = twinkling? A. S. twiccian, to twitch; twincian, to twinkle; twink is nasalized from twiccian. Skeat. — 47. mop. Du. moppen, Local Ger. muppen, to sulk; Eng. mop and mope, to grimace. — mow. III, iii, 82; II, ii, 9.
Prospero. Look thou be true; do not give dalliance 51
Too much the rein: the strongest oaths are straw
To the fire i' the blood.

Ferdinand. I warrant you, sir;
The white cold virgin snow upon my heart—

Prospero. Well.—
Now come, my Ariel! bring a corollary,
Rather than want a spirit; appear, and pertly!—
No tongue! all eyes! be silent. [Soft music.

Enter Iris.

Iris. Ceres, most bounteous lady, thy rich leas 60
Of wheat, rye, barley, vetches, oats, and pease;
Thy turfy mountains, where live nibbling sheep,
And flat meads thatch'd with stover, them to keep;
Thy banks with pioned and twilled brims,

51. dalliance. A. S. dol, foolish; Du. dwalen, to be foolish.—52. rein. Lat. re, back, tene, to hold; retinere, to hold back; retinaculum, a holdback, tether, halter, rein. Fr. réne, bridle strap, rein. Skeat, Bracket.—
53. To the fire i' the blood; be more abstemious. To the fire, etc. So we speak of 'fetters of flax to bind the flame.' Abstemious, Skeat derives fr. Lat. abs, from, and obsolete teumum, strong drink.—54. Or else good night your vow! Lines 23-28.—55. The white cold virgin snow. Shakespeare is fond of this imagery. Coriolanus, V, iii, 64-67.—
56. Abates the ardor of my liver. Capell cites from Elyot's Castle of Health, 1610, the converse, "that the heat of the heart may vanquish the colde of the liver."—The liver was the supposed seat of the passions, particularly love. As You L. I., III, ii, 390; Mer. of Ven., I, i, 81.—
57. corollary = supernumerary, surplus, an extra. Gr. kopōrrn, korone, curved end of a bow; Welsh crown, round; Lat. corona, garland, crown; corolla, little crown; corollarium, gift of a garland besides the regular pay; a gratuity; the gift of an actor in addition to his wages. Worc., Bracket, etc.—58. want. Emphatic?—58. pertly. W. pert, smart, spruce.—59. silent. In the presence of supernatural beings in Shakes., silence is enjoined. IV, i, 124-127; Macb. IV, i, 70, "'Hear his speech, but say thou nought."—"Prospero surrounds the marriage of Ferdinand to his daughter with a religious awe. Ferdinand must honor her as sacred, and win her by hard toil. But the work of the higher imagination is not drudgery—it is swift and serviceable among all the elements—fire upon the topmast, the sea-nymphs upon the sands, Ceres, the goddess of earth, with harvest blessings, in the Masque. It is essentially Ariel, an airy spirit—the imaginative genius of poetry, but recently delivered in England from long slavery to Sycorex."—Edward Dowden.

60. leas. A. S. leah, field.—61. vetches. Leguminous plants. In folio fetches, still pronounced so in portions of England; the fetches of Isaiah, xxviii, 25, 27; Ezek., iv, 9.—63. stover. Coarse winter fodder for cattle? O. Fr. estover, necessaries, provisions; akin probably to stow, or to Lat. stare, to stand?—64. pioned and twilled brims. Of these four
Which spongy April at thy hest betrims,
To make cold nymphs chaste crowns; and thy broom
groves,
Whose shadow the dismissed bachelor loves,
Being lass-lorn; thy pole-clipt vineyard;
And thy sea-marge, sterile and rocky-hard,
Where thou thyself dost air; — the queen o' the sky,
Whose watery arch and messenger am I,
Bids thee leave these, and with her sovereign grace,
Here on this grass-plot, in this very place,
To come and sport. Her peacocks fly amain;
Approach, rich Ceres, her to entertain.

words the innumerable emendations and explanations are 'tedious as a
king,' 'most tolerable and not to be endured,' to use Dogberry's happy
phrases. See the Var. Ed. of Furness, who says, "We have simply lost
the meaning of words which were perfectly intelligible to Shakespeare's
audience. As agricultural or horticultural terms, 'pioned' and 'twilled'
will be some day, probably, sufficiently explained to enable us to weave
from them the chaste crowns for cold nymphs." With Hudson, Phillpotts,
and Deighton, we have felt inclined to adopt Dr. T. S. Baynes's explana-
tion in the Edinburgh Review, of October, 1872, confirmed as it seemed to
be by our own observation at Stratford in 1882, as follows: "Twilled is
the very word to describe the crowded sedges in the shallower reaches
of the Avon as it winds around Stratford. It was, indeed, while watching
the masses of waving sedge cutting the water line of the Avon, not far
from Stratford Church, that we first felt the peculiar force and significance
of the epithet. And although the season was too far advanced for the
reeds to be brightened by the flowers of the marsh marygold [called peony
by the Warwickshire peasantry], the plant was abundant enough to glorify
the banks in the early spring. The whole line, therefore, gives a vivid
and truthful picture of what is most characteristic of water margins at
that period of the year." Thus far Baynes; but able botanists deny his
conclusions. See Furness.—line 129; Lyceidas, 104.—65. spongy = full
of moisture as a wet sponge?—66. broom groves = woods overgrown
with genista, pathless woods [Schmidt]?—67. See on bachelorie in our
Masterpieces, p. 27.—68. lass-lorn. Lass, fem. of lad, shortened fr. ladd-ness! The -ess is for -es, which is a Welsh fem. ending. Lorn (lo-ren) is
old past part. of lose. Skeat.—pole-clipt = clipped as with shears so as
to be trained to poles [Jephson, Delius]? with vines twined about the poles,
embracing the poles [Wright, Phillpotts]? with poles clipped or twined
about, embraced, clasped, by vines [Steevens, Dyce, Hudson, Meikle-
john]?—A. S. clyppan, to embrace; Icel. klippa, to cut, shear the hair.
The orig. sense was to draw tightly together. Skeat.—vineyard.
Trisyl.?—69. sea-marge. A. S. meark, mark; akin to Lat. maro, margein.—71. Juno's messenger identifies herself with the rainbow? Says
Hartley Coleridge, "Shakespeare manifestly throws the heathen deities into
the elementary powers, resolving Greek anthropomorphism into its first
principles. Ceres is the earth."—73. to come. Like to suffer, III, i,
627.—74. peacocks draw Juno's car? — amain. A. S. on, (later) an,
(latest) a=in, with. A. S. magen, strength. II, i, 180. 'Might' and
'main,' like 'mop' and 'mow,' are almost, if not quite, exact equiva-
lents.
Enter Ceres.

Ceres. Hail, many-color'd messenger, that ne'er
Dost disobey the wife of Jupiter;
Who, with thy saffron wings, upon my flowers
Diffusest honey-drops, refreshing showers,
And with each end of thy blue bow dost crown
My bosky acres and my unshrubb'd down,
Rich scarf to my proud earth! Why hath thy queen
Summon'd me hither, to this short-grass'd green?

Iris. A contract of true love to celebrate,
And some donation freely to estate
On the blest lovers.

Ceres. Tell me, heavenly bow,
If Venus or her son, as thou dost know,
Do now attend the queen? Since they did plot
The means that dusky Dis my daughter got,
Her and her blind boy's scandal'd company
I have forsworn.

Iris. Of her society
Be not afraid; I met her deity
Cutting the clouds towards Paphos, and her son
Dove-drawn with her. Here thought they to have done
Some wanton charm upon this man and maid,
Whose vows are, that no bed-right shall be paid
Till Hymen's torch be lighted: but in vain;
Mars's hot minion is return'd again;
Her waspish-headed son has broke his arrows,

78. saffron. Vergil's Æneid, iv, 700, seems in Shakespeare's mind.
—81. bosky. Ital. bosco, busk; fr. Mid. Lat. boscus, a wood. Milton has
'bosky bourn,' i.e. woody bourn.—down = large open plain? sandy
hill?—A.S. dún. —85. estate = settle? endow?—Fr. état, fr. Lat. status,
state.—89. that . . . got, etc. = which obtained my daughter for Dis?
by which Dis obtained my daughter?—Dis. Lat. dives, rich. When S.
wants a monosyl. for the name, 'Dis' suffices; when a dissyl., 'Pluto.'
The king of the realm of shades is poetically characterized as 'dusky';
just as in Virgil, atri Ditis, of black Pluto, Æneid, vi, 127.—Milton has
'gloomy Dis' in Par. Lost, iv, 270. —93. Paphos. Near Old Paphos on
the west coast of Cyprus, sea-born Venus (Gr. Aphrodite) first floated
ashore. S. has in mind Æneid, i, 415-417? —94. dove-drawn. So
usually represented. Horace makes her chariot to be drawn by swans.—
96. vows are. We should say 'vow is.' See III, iii, 79. —98. minion = favorite. See our Macb., I, ii, 19. Venus of course is
Swears he will shoot no more, but play with sparrows, and be a boy right out.

Ceres. Highest queen of state, Great Juno comes; I know her by her gait.

Enter Juno.

Juno. How does my bounteous sister? Go with me To bless this twain, that they may prosperous be, And honor’d in their issue. [They sing.

Juno. Honor, riches, marriage, blessing! Long continuance, and increasing Hourly joys be still upon you! Juno sings her blessings on you. Earth’s increase, and foison plenty, Burns and garners never empty, Vines with clustering bunches growing, Plants with goodly burthen bowing; Spring come to you at the farthest In the very end of harvest! Scarcity and want shall shun you; Ceres’ blessing so is on you.

Ferdinand. This is a most majestic vision, and Harmonious charmingly. May I be bold To think these spirits?

Prospero. Spirits, which by mine art meant. — 101. right out = outright? complete? — 102. gait. It was majestic. Æneid, I, 46, 405. Supernatural beings glide, not walk! Par. Lost, xii, 629, 630. "In gliding state she wins her easy way." Spoken of Venus in Gray’s Progress of Poesy, 39. — 110. and foison. For foison, see II, i, 160. — The first folio omits and. Omitting and, Abbott would make a trisyl. of in-cre-ease! Allen, a dissyl. of e-earth’s! Wright would make earth’s into earth-es, as moon into moon-es in Mid. N. Dr., II, i, 7. Says Furness, “Shakespeare always, I think, makes ‘increase’ an iamb. . . . Wherefore it seems to me that the simplest way is to accept the and.” — Psalms, lxvii, 6. — Following the example of Theobald, all subsequent editors, except Holt and Furness, give lines 110-117 to Ceres. But the stage direction, They sing, would seem to imply that all three, Juno, Iris, and Ceres, all sing. — 114. spring, etc. Levit., xxvi, 4, 5; Amos, ix, 13; Faerie Q., III, vi, 42. So in the garden of Alcinous, Odyssey, vii, 115–125. — 119. harmonious charmingly = charmingly harmonious [Hudson]? harmonious; charmingly! [Holt]? harmoniously charming [Steevens]? “Staunton with truth says that ‘charmingly’ here imports
I have from their confines call'd to enact
My present fancies.

_Ferdinand._ Let me live here ever:
So rare a wonder'd father and a wife
Makes this place Paradise.

_[Juno and Ceres whisper, and send Iris on employment._

_Prosp. _Sweet now, silence!
Juno and Ceres whisper seriously;
There's something else to do: hush, and be mute,
Or else our spell is marr'd.

_Iris._ You nymphs, call'd Naiads, of the windring
brooks,
With your sedg'd crowns and ever harmless looks,
Leave your crisp channels, and on this green land
Answer your summons; Juno does command.
Come, temperate nymphs, and help to celebrate
A contract of true love; be not too late. —

_Enter certain Nymphs._

You sunburnt sicklemen, of August weary,
Come hither from the furrow, and be merry.
Make holiday; your rye-straw hats put on,

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магически, не приятно. — Furness. 130. confines. Lat. con, вместе; finis, граница; Lat. confines, границы. In *Hamlet*, I, i, 155, confine seems to mean bound which must not be passed, or place of confinement. — 131. wise. Some copies of folio 1 have 'wife,' and some 'wise.' The majority prefer 'wise.' White says, "To read 'wife' is to degrade the poetical feeling of the passage." So it is, if the passage merely means so wonderful a father plus a wife! On the other hand, if it means merely that Prospero is rarely wonderful and very wise! what a paradise! made up of a wonderful father and his wisdom! — Hudson suggests that we should 'extend the meaning' of 'so rare a wonder'd' (i.e. 'so rarely wonderful') to 'wife.' So rarely wonderful a father and so rarely wonderful (and the word *Miranda* means to be wondered at) a wife! these in combination may well make a paradise for the young prince. Such extension of meaning is quite Shakespearian.

— 133. marr'd, etc. Line 59. — 134. Naiads = fresh water nymphs? Gr. ναῖάδες, naein, to flow. — windring. So the folios, 'wandering,' 'wand'-ring,' 'winding,' 'wiring,' have been suggested. Wright compares wilderness for 'wildness,' in *Meas. for Meas.*, III, i, 141. We might add augurers for 'augurs,' *Jul. Cæs.*, II, ii, 37. Is there not in windring a notion or feeling of intelligence on the part of the brooks, as if they, like persons, were directors of their own windings, and not simply passive? — 136. crisp. Milton has 'crisp brooks,' *Par. Lost*, iv, 237; and 'crisp shades,' *Comus*, 984. Lat. *crispus*, curled. The channel looks curled under the ripples
And these fresh nymphs encounter every one
In country footing.

Enter certain Reapers, properly habited: they join with the
Nymphs in a graceful dance; towards the end whereof Pros-
pero starts suddenly, and speaks; after which, to a strange,
hollow, and confused noise, they heavily vanish.

Prospero. [Aside] I had forgot that foul conspiracy
Of the beast Caliban and his confederates 140
Against my life; the minute of their plot
Is almost come. — [To the Spirits] Well done! Avoid; no
more!

Ferdinand. This is strange; your father’s in some passion
That works him strongly.

Miranda. Never till this day
Saw I him touch’d with anger so distemper’d.

Prospero. You do look, my son, in a mov’d sort,
As if you were dismay’d; be cheerful, sir.
Our revels now are ended. These our actors,
As I foretold you, were all spirits, and
Are melted into air, into thin air;
And, like the baseless fabric of this vision,
The cloud-capp’d towers, the gorgeous palaces,
The solemn temples, the great globe itself,
Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve,

through which the sunshine makes the lights and shadows wind and flit
142. Avoid = vacate (this place)? — Fr. vider la maison.— O. Fr.
avoider; to empty; fr. Lat. ex, out; viduare, to empty. Avoid was the
common phrase in bidding a spirit begone.—145. distemper’d. Hamlet,
III, ii, 280; Abbott, 439. — Why distempered? From the sense of all in-
juries, past and present, surging upon his mind at once [Phillpotts]? —
146. It is hard to believe that Shakes. wrote this line as it stands. Ab-
bott’s suggestion (483) is plausible, viz.: “Perhaps aware of Ferdinand’s
comment on his emotion, ‘your father’s in some passion,’ Prospero turns
to Ferdinand and says, ‘it is you who are moved,’ in

‘You | do lók | my són | in a | mov’d sórt.’ ”

Might we not still further avoid the awkwardness by printing ‘moved’ in
place of mov’d? thus:

“If you | do lók | my són | in a mov | ed sort.”

—sort. See II, i, 100; our Jul. Cæs., I, ii, 201. — 149. foretold. Line
120.—150. into thin air. A recollection of in tenues auras, into thin air,Æneid, ii, 791. — 154. inherit. Furness thinks it probable that it (mean-
And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,
Leave not a rack behind. We are such stuff
As dreams are made on, and our little life
Is rounded with a sleep. — Sir, I am vex'd;
Bear with my weakness; my old brain is troubled.
Be not disturb'd with my infirmity:
If you be pleas'd, retire into my cell
And there repose; a turn or two I'll walk,
To still my beating mind.

_Ferdinand. Miranda._ We wish your peace. [Exeunt.
_Prosp_ero._ Come with a thought. I thank thee, Ariel: come!

_Enter Ariel._

_Ariel._ Thy thoughts I cleave to. What's thy pleasure?

_Prospero._

Spirit,
We must prepare to meet with Calibian.

_Ariel._ Ay, my commander; when I presented Ceres,
I thought to have told thee of it, but I fear'd
Lest I might anger thee.

(ing globe) is the subject, and which (meaning which things) the object, of inherit, the s, needed to convert 'inherit' into inherits, being present in the s of the succeeding 'shall.'—Test! — II, ii, 162. — 155. pageant = great and splendid show? Our _Mer. of Ven._, I, i, 11; Furness's _The Tempest_, p. 212. — 156. rack = scudding or drifting clouds? _Icel. rek, drift, motion; sky rek, drifting clouds._ The orig. sense of wreck or wrack is 'that which is drifted or driven ashore.' — _Skeat._ Our _Hamlet_, II, ii, 470. So in Moore's _Fire Worshippers_,

"The day is lowering: stilly black
Sleeps the grim wave, while heaven's rack,
Dispersed and wild, 'twixt earth and sky
Hangs like a shattered canopy."

Shakes. seems to anticipate the deductions of science. Langley, in his _The New Astronomy_, tells how universes come and go like clouds successively forming and dissolving. _Psalms_, ciii, 25, 26; 2 _Peter_, iii, 10; _Rev._, xx, 11; xxi, 1.—157. _on_. I, ii, 87. "Something could be said in favor of its retaining its ordinary meaning of upon." — Furness. — 158. rounded = completed, finished off as with a crown [Wright]? rounded off with (the sleep of death) [Hudson]? — "Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting." — Wordsworth. — Nos petites vies sont les îles du sommeil._ Darmesteter._ _Hamlet_, III, i, 60–82; _Jul. Cæs._, V, iii, 24, 25; _Lear_, V, iii, 175; _Richard II_, III, ii, 160, 161. — This magnificent passage, lines 150–158, is sometimes absurdly quoted to prove Shakes. an atheist; e.g. by Birch, _Philosophy and Religion of Shakespeare_, 1848; Douglas Campbell, _Puritans in England, Holland, and America_, 1894; but see I, ii, 159; III, iii, 72–82.

164. _with a thought._ "With a thought, seven of the eleven I paid." _1 Henry IV_, II, iv, 202, 203. — 166. meet with = encounter, oppose [Hudson, Wright, Deighton]? — 167. presented = represented, played? —
Prospero. Say again, where didst thou leave these varlets?

Ariel. I told you, sir, they were red-hot with drinking;
So full of valor that they smote the air
For breathing in their faces, beat the ground
For kissing of their feet, yet always bending
Towards their project. Then I beat my tabor,
At which, like unback'd colts, they prick'd their ears,
Advanc'd their eyelids, lifted up their noses
As they smelt music; so I charm'd their ears
That, calf-like, they my lowing follow'd through
Tooth'd briers, sharp furzes, pricking gorse, and thorns,
Which enter'd their frail shins: at last I left them
I' the filthy mantled pool beyond your cell,
There dancing up to the chins, that the foul lake
O'erstunk their feet.

Prospero. This was well done, my bird.
Thy shape invisible retain thou still;
The trumpery in my house, go bring it hither,
For stale to catch these thieves.

Ariel. I go, I go. [Exit.

Prospero. A devil, a born devil, on whose nature
Nurture can never stick; on whom my pains,
Humanely taken, all, all lost, quite lost;
And as with age his body uglier grows,
So his mind cankers. I will plague them all,
Even to roaring. —

Enter Ariel, loaden with glistening apparel, etc.

Come hang them on this line.

174. kissing of I, ii, 100.—175. tabor III, ii, 119.—176. unback'd. Mer. of Ven., V, i, 71.—177. advanc'd. I, ii, 407.—180. tooth'd = dentate? — furzes = thorny evergreen with yellow flowers? — gorse = thick prickly shrub akin to furze? — 182. mantled = scum-covered? — O. Fr. mantel, later manteau, a cloak; Lat. mantellum, a napkin; also, as a means of covering, a cloak. The orig. sense seems to be 'covering.' Compare A. S. mentel, a mantle. Skeat. — 184. bird. 'Chick,' V, i, 317. — 186. trumpery. Fr. trompe, a trumpet; tromper, to deceive; tromperie, craft, wily fraud. Skeat. The orig. sense was to play on the trump, or trumpet. Littre. Tromper, properly to play the horn, alluding to quacks and mountebanks. Bracket. — 187. stale = decoy, snare? — A. S. stalu, theft; stelan, to steal. Probably 'steal' meant 'to put by.' Skeat. Autolycus, in Winter's T., was 'a snapper-up of unconsidered trifles.'

193. glistening. Shakes. and Milton do not use glisten.—line = linden or lime-tree? clothes-line? The players used to stretch up a clothes-line on the stage; and Knight, Dyce, Staunton, and others think
Prospero and Ariel remain invisible. Enter Caliban, Stephano, and Trinculo, all wet.

Caliban. Pray you, tread softly, that the blind mole may not
Hear a foot fall; we now are near his cell.

Stephano. Monster, your fairy, which you say is a harm-
less fairy, has done little better than played the Jack with us.

Trinculo. Monster, I do smell all horse — at which
My nose is in great indignation.

Stephano. So is mine. — Do you hear, monster? If I
should take a displeasure against you, look you,—

Trinculo. Thou wert but a lost monster.

Stephano. Give me thy hand. I do begin to have bloody
thoughts.

Caliban. Prithee, my king, be quiet. Seest thou here,
This is the mouth o' the cell; no noise, and enter.
Do that good mischief which may make this island
Thine own for ever, and I, thy Caliban,
For aye thy foot-licker.

Stephano. Give me thy hand. I do begin to have bloody
thoughts.

they were right in so doing, while Hunter, Wright, Brae, Rolfe, insist that
a line-tree is meant. The battle is still on, and, like Grant, they "will
fight it out on this line if it takes all summer." — 194. blind mole =
Prospero's ellipsis of even? — Moles were supposed blind, but with hearing
preternaturally acute.— 197. Jack = jack o' lantern, will o' the wisp,
ignis fatuaus that leads into the bogs? the knave (with an allusion to
cards)? II, ii, 6 — 201. Good my lord. In such expressions 'my lord' 'my liege,' etc., seem compound nouns, like Fr. monsieur, Du. mynheer.
See our Jul. Ces., II, i, 255; our Hamlet, I, ii, 50. — Abbott, 484, thinks
this 'good' a dissyl., as if Caliban had said Goo-god! — 203. hoodwink =
blindfold? conceal? impose upon? — See our Hamlet, III, iv, 64; our Mac-
beth, IV, iii, 72 — 215. I. Like 'I' in between you and I,' Mer. of Ven.,
III, ii, 313? or is I the subject of will be, understood? Abbott, 209. —
Trinculo. O King Stephano! O peer! O worthy Stephano! look what a wardrobe here is for thee! 

Caliban. Let it alone, thou fool; it is but trash.

Trinculo. O, ho, monster! we know what belongs to a frippery. — O King Stephano!

Stephano. Put off that gown, Trinculo; by this hand! I'll have that gown.

Trinculo. Thy grace shall have it.

Caliban. The dropsy drown this fool! What do you mean,

To dote thus on such luggage? Let's alone,
And do the murther first; if he awake,
From toe to crown he'll fill our skins with pinches, 230
Make us strange stuff.

Stephano. Be you quiet, monster. — Mistress line, is not this my jerkin? Now is the jerkin under the line; now, jerkin, you are like to lose your hair, and prove a bald jerkin.

Trinculo. Do, do; we steal by line and level, an't like your grace.

Stephano. I thank thee for that jest; here's a garment for't: wit shall not go unrewarded while I am king of this country. 'Steal by line and level' is an excellent pass of pate; there's another garment for't. 240

Trinculo. Monster, come, put some lime upon your fingers, and away with the rest.

220. wardrobe. As will be seen by the version in Percy's Reliques, the 'wardrobe' is especially prominent in the old ballad beginning "King Stephen was a worthy peer." — 221. trash. See note on I, ii, 81.— 222. frippery = old-clothes shop? — Fr. friper, to crumple; wear out; devour; fripe, a rag, scrap; friperie, trifles, rags, 'old-clo'." — 224. by this hand! III, ii, 47. — 228. alone = you and me without Trinculo. Beginning with Theobald, many editors read, "Let's along"; some, with Collier, "Let't alone"; Hanmer, 'Let it alone.' — 232. line. See on this word in line 193. — 233. jerkin = doublet? jacket? — Du. jurk, a frock. — 234. hair. 'Crossing the line' [i.e. equator]? Sailors were liable to lose their hair from fever, or by tricks played on them. Much learning has been expended in explaining the puns of the drunken butler and the professional jester. Clothes-line, equinoctial line, plumb-line, hangman's line, and even hair line, as if the rope were made of hair (which a cockney would call 'air; and Mr. Brae says clothes were hung out to be aired — air line therefore!) — each of these offers itself, or is pressed into service, "as who should say, 'And you will not have me, choose!'" — 235. by line and level; i.e. scientifically? — 239. pass of pate = thrust or sally of wit? Pass is a fencing term; pate, slang for 'head.' See our Hamlet, II, ii, 557. — 241. lime = bird-lime. See on timed, in our Hamlet, III, iii, 88.—
Caliban. I will have none on’t; we shall lose our time, And all be turn’d to barnacles, or to apes With foreheads villanous low.

Stephano. Monster, lay to your fingers; help to bear this away where my hogshead of wine is, or I’ll turn you out of my kingdom: go to, carry this.

Trinculo. And this.

Stephano. Ay, and this.

A noise of hunters heard. Enters divers Spirits, in shape of dogs and hounds, and hunt them about, Prospero and Ariel setting them on.

Prospero. Hey, Mountain, hey!

Ariel. Silver! there it goes, Silver!

Prospero. Fury, Fury! there, Tyrant, there! hark, hark!—

[Caliban, Stephano, and Trinculo are driven out.

Go charge my goblins that they grind their joints. With dry convulsions, shorten up their sinews With aged cramps, and more pinch-spotted make them Than pard or cat o’ mountain.

Ariel. Hark, they roar!

244. barnacles = shell-fish growing on timber in water? geese fabled to have been evolved from shell-fish growing on trees and falling into the water? — Max Müller (Science of Lang., 2d series, Am. ed., p. 552 et seq.) thinks the word to be derived like ‘Barney’ from Hibernia, Ireland! Rolfe quotes from Marston’s Malcontent, III, i,

"Be like your Scotch barnacle, now a block, Instantly a worm, and presently a great goose."

In Butler’s Hudibras, we read

"As barnacles turn Soland geese In th’ islands of the Orcades."

— Barnacles or geese? that’s the question! — 245. foreheads, etc. Is it clear that Shakes. liked high foreheads? Two Gent. of Ven., IV, iv, 186; Ant. and Cleop., III, iii, 36, 37; Chaucer’s Prot., 154, 155; Faerie Q., II, iii, 34. — villanous. In Shakes. adjectives are freely used as adverbs. Abbott, 1. — 248. go to = hush up? come? go to — —? — Our Mer. of Ven., I, iii, 105. — 254. grind their joints with dry, etc. “The mucilage sometimes gets dried out of the joints . . . so as to cause a creaking or grating sound. . . . Of course the effect is very painful.” Hudson. — 255. aged = huge [Hudson]? such as afflict the old [Wright, Deighton, etc.]? — I, ii, 367. — 256. pard = panther? Leopard (leo-pard) is lion pard. See our As You Like It, II, vii, 150. — cat o’ mountain = catamount? wild
Prospero. Let them be hunted soundly. At this hour
Lies at my mercy all mine enemies;
Shortly shall all my labors end, and thou
Shalt have the air at freedom. For a little
Follow, and do me service. [Exeunt.


In this scene, note the Masque in rhyme, lines 60–138. Such pieces, with dancing, singing, splendid scenery, exquisite music, and with high-born gentlemen and ladies for actors, were very fashionable in the reigns of Elizabeth, James, and the first Charles. Some have supposed that this was intended for presentation at the marriage of the Earl of Essex and Lady Frances Howard in 1611.

"Darwin claims for the bonnet-monkey 'the forehead which gives to man his noble and intellectual appearance'; and it is obvious that it was not wanting in Caliban, for when he discovers the true quality of the drunken fools he has mistaken for gods, his remonstrance is, 'we shall all be turned to apes with foreheads villainous low.' . . . Caliban is not a brutalized, but a natural brute mind. He is a being in whom the moral instincts of man have no part; but also in whom the degradation of savage humanity is equally wanting. He is a novel anthropoid of a high type,—such as on the hypothesis of evolution must have existed immediately between the ape and man,—in whom some spark of rational intelligence has been enkindled, under the tutorship of one who has already mastered the secrets of nature. . . . Caliban seems indeed the half-human link between the brute and man." — Dr. Daniel Wilson's Caliban: the Missing Link, 1873.
ACT V. 

Scene I. Before the Cell of Prospero.

Enter Prospero in his magic robes, and Ariel.

Prospero. Now does my project gather to a head; My charms crack not, my spirits obey, and Time Goes upright with his carriage. How's the day?

Ariel. On the sixth hour; at which time, my lord, You said our work should cease.

Prospero. I did say so, When first I rais'd the tempest. Say, my spirit, How fares the king and's followers?

Ariel. Confin'd together In the same fashion as you gave in charge, Just as you left them; all prisoners, sir, In the line-grove which weather-fends your cell; They cannot budge till your release. The king, His brother, and yours, abide all three distracted, And the remainder mourning over them, Brimful of sorrow and dismay; but chiefly

ACT V. Scene I. 1. my project, etc. "Prospero's departure from the island is the abandoning by Shakespeare of the theatre, the scene of his marvellous works: 'Graves at my command Have waked their sleepers, oped, and let them forth By my so potent art.' Henceforth Prospero is but a man; no longer a great enchanter. He returns to the dukedom he had lost in Stratford-upon-Avon, and will pay no tribute henceforth to any Alonzo or Lucy of them all." Dowden. — 2. crack not = are without a flaw [Wright]? break not (as magic bands) [Allen]? — 3. carriage = chariot? load (under which, Time, as an old man, bends) [Warburton]? — In Hamlet, V, ii, 149, 'carriages' are sword-straps; in Acts, xxi, 15, luggage; in Merry Wives of W., II, ii, 155, it is that which is carried (a bag of money). — 9. To make this line metrical, Abbott, 484, would divide 'all' into two syllables (a-II), and squeeze 'prisoners' into 'pris'ners'! Reed would transpose sir to follow them. — 10. line-grove. IV, i, 193. — weather-fends. Fend = to ward off. Shortened from obs. fendere, to strike. Skeat. — 11. budge. Fr. bouger, to stir; fr. Lat. bulicare, frequentative of bulbire, to boil; Ital. bulicare, to bubble up.
Him that you term'd, sir, the good old lord, Gonzalo:
His tears run down his beard, like winter’s drops
From eaves of reeds. Your charm so strongly works ’em
That if you now beheld them, your affections
Would become tender.

_Propero._ Dost thou think so, spirit?
_Ariel._ Mine would, sir, were I human.

_Propero._ And mine shall.
Hast thou, which art but air, a touch, a feeling
Of their afflictions, and shall not myself,
One of their kind, that relish all as sharply
Passion as they, be kindlier mov’d than thou art?
Though with their high wrongs I am struck to the quick,
Yet with my nobler reason ’gainst my fury
Do I take part. The rarer action is
In virtue than in vengeance; they being penitent,
The sole drift of my purpose doth extend
Not a frown further. Go release them, Ariel;
My charms I’ll break, their senses I’ll restore,
And they shall be themselves.

_Ariel._ I’ll fetch them, sir. _Exit._

_Propero._ Ye elves of hills, brooks, standing lakes, and
groves,
And ye that on the sands with printless foot
Do chase the ebbing Neptune, and do fly him
When he comes back; you demi-puppets that
By moonshine do the green sour ringlets make,

_Brachet._—15. **him** = he [Furness]? — **Him** is often put for ‘he’ by
‘attraction.’ Abbott, 208. Here, according to Abbott, the relative to
which ‘him’ is attracted, is *that.*—May we supply, mentally, ‘I refer
especially to,’ before **him**? —23. **relish all as sharply, Passion as they** = relish all passion as sharply as they do? or relish passion all (i.e.
full) as sharply as they do [Holt, Walker, Furness]? feel as keenly the
emotions of joy and express sorrow as they do [Wright, who retains the
comma of folios 1, 2, after ‘sharply,’ and makes ‘passion’ a verb]? **Passion** = feel the force of passion [Theobald]? express emotion [Schmidt]?—24–30. This very significant Christian spirit breathes through all the
plays of Shakespeare’s latest period. —33–50. **Ye elves, etc.** Here are
traces of Shakespeare’s acquaintance both with the original of Medea’s
incantation in Ovid’s *Metamorphoses* (vii, 197–219) and with Golding’s
translation of the same in 1567. “Ovid,” says Maginn (Fraser’s *Magazine*,
October, 1839), “has contributed to the invocation of Prospero at
least as much as Golding.” —Evidently the story of Medea had deeply
impressed Shakespeare’s imagination. 2 Henry IV, V, ii, 59; Mer. of
Ven., V, i, 13.—34. **printless foot.** Comus, 897. —35. **Neptune.** I, ii,
433.—36. **demi-puppets.** Why **demi**? —37. **green sour ringlets** =
Whereof the ewe not bites; and you whose pastime
Is to make midnight mushrooms, that rejoice
To hear the solemn curfew; by whose aid —
Weak masters though ye be — I have bedimm’d
The noontide sun, call’d forth the mutinous winds,
And ’twixt the green sea and the azur’d vault
Set roaring war: to the dread rattling thunder
Have I given fire, and rifted Jove’s stout oak
With his own bolt; the strong-bas’d promontory
Have I made shake, and by the spurs pluck’d up
The pine and cedar; graves at my command
Have wak’d their sleepers, op’d, and let ’em forth
By my so potent art. But this rough magic
I here abjure; and, when I have requir’d
Some heavenly music — which even now I do,—
To work mine end upon their senses that
This airy charm is for, I’ll break my staff,
Bury it certain fathoms in the earth,
And deeper than did ever plummet sound
I’ll drown my book. [Solemn music.

Here enter Ariel before: then Alonso, with a frantic gesture,
attended by Gonzalo; Sebastian and Antonio in like manner,
attended by Adrian and Francisco: they all enter the circle which Prospero had made, and there stand charmed; which Prospero observing, speaks:

A solemn air, and the best comforter
To an unsettled fancy, cure thy brains,
Now useless, boil’d within thy skull! There stand,
For you are spell-stopp’d. —
Holy Gonzalo, honorable man,

‘fairy rings’? Grey (Crit., Hist., and Explan. Notes, 1754) says that these little rings ‘are higher, sourer, and of a deeper green than the grass which grows around them.’ They are ‘the circles formed in grassy lawns by certain fungi (as Marasmius Oreades), formerly supposed to be caused by fairies in their midnight dances.’ Webster’s Int. Dict. — 38. not bites. 113; II, i, 118. — 39, 40. rejoice to hear the solemn curfew. Our Comus, 432–435. — 41. weak masters = inferior masters of these supernatural powers [Steevens]? powerful auxiliaries, but weak if left to yourselves [Blackstone]? weak proficients, weak adepts [Furness]? — In ‘masters’ Jephson discovers slightly contemptuous irony; Rolfe, affectionate irony. — 43. azur’d. Adjective turned to verb? Abbott, 294. — 45, 46. Jove’s, etc. Oak and thunderbolt, sacred to Jove? As You Like It, III, ii, 221. — 53. that = which? whom?

60. boil’d. There is in this word an energy amounting to fierceness.
Mine eyes, even sociable to the show of thine,
Fall fellowly drops.—The charm dissolves apace;
And as the morning steals upon the night,
Melting the darkness, so their rising senses
Begin to chase the ignorant fumes that mantle
Their clearer reason.—O good Gonzalo,
My true preserver, and a royal sir
To him thou follow'st! I will pay thy graces
Home both in word and deed.—Most cruelly
Didst thou, Alonso, use me and my daughter;
Thy brother was a furtherer in the act.—
Thou art pinch'd for't now, Sebastian.—Flesh and blood,
You, brother mine, that entertain'd ambition,
Expell'd remorse and nature; who, with Sebastian,—
Whose inward pinches therefore are most strong,—
Would here have kill'd your king; I do forgive thee,
Unnatural though thou art.—Their understanding
Begins to swell, and the approaching tide
Will shortly fill the reasonable shore
That now lies foul and muddy. Not one of them
That yet looks on me, or would know me.—Ariel,
Fetch me the hat and rapier in my cell;
I will discourse me, and myself present
As I was sometime Milan. Quickly, spirit;
Thou shalt ere long be free.

See Wint. Tale, III, iii, 63; 'seething brains' in Mid. N. Dr., V, i, 4.—63.
sociable to the show = sympathizing with what appears [Wright]?
in close companionship and sympathy with the appearance [Rolfe]?—64.
fall. II, i, 292; As Y. L. I., III, v, 5.—fellowly. III, i, 84; our Jul.
Caes., III, i, 62.—The -ly, in fellowly, is A. S. lic, like.—Abbott, 447.
—67. ignorant = of ignorance [Wright]? causing ignorance [Furness]?—
—Fumes personified?—mantle. IV, i, 182.—71. home = completely?—
—Shakes. uses 'home' = 'to the quick,' or 'sensibly,' 'effectively,'
'earnestly.'—75. You. III, iii, 56.—76. remorse = pity? tender affec-
tion? compunction of conscience?—Lat. re, again; mordère, to bite; re-
morsus, biting back, biting again and again. Our Macb., I, v, 42; Mer.
of Ven., IV, i, 20.—77. thee. Thou, from a superior to an inferior, is often
confidential, good-humored. "But a master, finding fault, often resorts
to the unfamiliar 'you,' much as Caesar cut his soldiers to the heart by
giving them the respectful title of 'Quirites.'"—81. reasonable = of
reason? rational, appropriate, conformable to reason?—"The shore of
reason which has just been, by another figure, compared to clear water
covered with a scum of ignorant fumes." Wright.—See on ignorant, line
67.—85. discase. In Wint. T., IV, iii, 616-618, we have, "make an
exchange; therefore discase thee instantly . . . change garments," etc.—
In Meas. for M., II, iv, we read 'thy case, thy habit.'—86. sometime.
So 'our sometime sister,' Hamlet, I, ii, 8; Ephes., ii, 13.
Ariel sings, and helps to attire him.

Where the bee sucks, there suck I:
In a cowslip's bell I lie;
There I couch when owls do cry.
On the bat's back I do fly
After summer merrily.
Merrily, merrily, shall I live now
Under the blossom that hangs on the bough.

Prospero. Why, that's my dainty Ariel! I shall miss thee;
But yet thou shalt have freedom:— so, so, so,—
To the king's ship, invisible as thou art:
There shalt thou find the mariners asleep
Under the hatches; the master and the boatswain
Being awake, enforce them to this place,
And presently, I prithee.

Ariel. I drink the air before me, and return
Or ere your pulse twice beat.

Gonzalo. All torment, trouble, wonder, and amazement
Inhabits here; some heavenly power guide us
Out of this fearful country!

Prospero. Behold, sir king,
The wronged Duke of Milan, Prospero!

88-94. We leave to the botanists and ornithologists their disputes over this pretty song. Those who are curious about them may read the quotations and references in Furness, and we wish them much joy of the owl and the bat. “What,” says Furness, “has natural history to do with The Tempest, where all is unnatural history? as if a spirit, that could tread the ooze of the salt deep or work the veins of the earth when it is bak’d with frost, could not fly, if it chose, in perpetual sunshine, on the back of a bat, which was torpid as a stone with the cold of a dozen winters.”—96. so, so, so. Referring to Ariel’s assistance in attiring him [Furness]?—100. being awake. “Nom. absolute,” says Abbott, 376; but —? 101. presently. I, ii, 125; IV, i, 42.—102. drink the air. “It would be difficult to parallel this little speech,” say the Cowden-Clarkes (in their The Plays of Shakespeare, London ed.), “with one conveying an equal impression of swift motion. Shakespeare himself has matched it in his Puck’s ‘I’ll put a girdle round about the earth in forty minutes,’ and, ‘I go, I go, look how I go; swifter than arrow from the Tartar’s bow’; where the words seem to dart out with the speed and light leaps of Robin Goodfellow himself.”—Drink the air is like ‘devour the way,’ 2 Henry IV, I, i, 47; viam vorabit, will swallow the way, Catullus, xxxv, 7.—or ere. Note on I, ii, 11.—105. inhabitants. This form in s, where we should expect the ‘singular,’ is very common in S. Abbott, 333, 336, thinks s was still
For more assurance that a living prince
Does now speak to thee, I embrace thy body;
And to thee and thy company I bid
A hearty welcome.

_Alonso._ Whether thou beest he or no,
Or some enchanted trifle to abuse me,
As late I have been, I not know: thy pulse
Beats, as of flesh and blood; and, since I saw thee,
The affliction of my mind amends, with which,
I fear, a madness held me. This must crave—
And if this be at all—a most strange story.
Thy dukedom I resign, and do entreat
Thou pardon me my wrongs. —But how should Prospero
Be living and be here?

_Propero._ First, noble friend,
Let me embrace thine age, whose honor cannot
Be measur’d or confined.

_Gonzalo._ Whether this be
Or be not, I’ll not swear.

_Propero._ You do yet taste
Some subtleties o’ the isle, that will not let you
Believe things certain.—Welcome, my friends all!—
_[Aside to Sebastian and Antonio]_ But you, my brace of
lords, were I so minded,
I here could pluck his highness’ frown upon you,
And justify you traitors; at this time
I’ll tell no tales.

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recognized as a relic of the E. Eng. plu. in s or es.—112. enchanted
_trifle_ = bewitching phantom [Hudson]? trifle produced by enchantment
[Walker]? —The old sense of _trifle_ was a delusion, a trick. Skeat.—
_abuse_ = deceive. _Hamlet_, II, ii, 300, and often in _S_.—113. _not know._
38, 304; II, i, 118.—_saw_. _Abbott_, 347.—117. _And if._ So the folio.
Icel. _enda_, if. See our _Jul. Cæs._, I, ii, 257; _Matt._, xxiv, 48, ‘But and if
that evil servant,’ etc. _Abbott_, 101-103.—119. _wrongs_ = sins? Line 25.
—123. _subtleties._ A ‘_subtlety_’ denoted a device in pastry and confectionery.
Says Steevens, “When a dish was so contrived as to appear
unlike what it really was, they called it a _subtilty_. Dragones, castles,
trees, etc., made out of sugar had the like denomination. Froissart com-
plains much of this practice, which often led him into mistakes at din-
er,” “I am afraid Steevens is right.” _Furness_.—127. _pluck._ A. S.
_pluccian_, to pull. The butcher’s term (‘pluck’) arose from _pulling_ the
vital organs from the slain animal. _Skeat_.—128. _justify_ = exculpate?
prove just? prove? —_In All’s W. T. E. W._, IV, iii, 50, 51, _justified_ =
proved.—129. _No! _ Hudson, Meiklejohn, and some others follow Allen
_(Phila. Shake. Soc.)_ and read _Now_ instead of ‘_No_’; because, they say,

Prospero. No! —

For you, most wicked sir, whom to call brother
Would even infect my mouth, I do forgive
Thy rankest fault, — all of them; and require
My dukedom of thee, which perforce I know
Thou must restore.

Alonso. If thou beest Prospero,
Give us particulars of thy preservation;
How thou hast met us here, who three hours since
Were wrack'd upon this shore, where I have lost —
How sharp the point of this remembrance is! —
My dear son Ferdinand.

Prospero. I am woe for't, sir.

Alonso. Irreparable is the loss, and patience
Says it is past her cure.

Prospero. I rather think
You have not sought her help, of whose soft grace
For the like loss I have her sovereign aid,
And rest myself content.

Alonso. You the like loss?

Prospero. As great to me as late; and supportable
To make the dear loss have I means much weaker
Than you may call to comfort you, for I
Have lost my daughter.

Prospero could not have heard Sebastian's remark. But magicians have
good ears. Prospero's indignant No is as forcible as Now would be tame.
—132. rankest = of highest grade? most malodorous? — Fr. rang, range, rank; A. S. rancc, strong, proud, forward. The sense of 'strong-scented'
is late, due to confusion with Lat. rancidus, rancid, or rather with O. Fr.
rance, 'musty,usty, stale.' Skeat. —136. who. The 1st folio has whom, which, possibly, from the proximity of us, might be explained as a
case of 'attraction.'—139. woe = sorry [Malone, Hudson, Phillpotts,
Rolfe, Meiklejohn]? — Abbott, 230, calls the sentence 'an ungrammatical
remnant of an ancient usage,' for 'Woe is [to] me.' May it be that
Prospero means 'I am woe itself, an embodiment of woe'? See 'blas-
phemy,' line 218; 'conduct,' 244; 'cramp,' 287. —145. as late = and has
as lately happened [Johnson, Hudson, Meiklejohn, Deighton]? as it is
recent [Wright, Rolfe]? — The folio has a comma after 'me.' Which
interpretation does the comma favor? — supportable. How accented?
Abbott divides thus:

As gréat | to mé | as láté ; | and | support | ablé.

This seems to make a bull of the last syllable. Perhaps it would be better
to accent the 1st and 3d syl. of 'supportable.' —146. dear. II, i, 132.
148. daughter. Walker and Dyce tell us daughter is a trisyllable! They
do not tell us how. We may therefore guess. Try daugh—a—ter! or
Alonso. A daughter?  
O heavens, that they were living both in Naples,  
The king and queen there! that they were, I wish. 150  
Myself were mudded in that oozy bed  
Where my son lies. When did you lose your daughter?  
Prospero. In this last tempest. I perceive, these lords  
At this encounter do so much admire  
That they devour their reason, and scarce think  
Their eyes do offices of truth, their words  
Are natural breath: but, howsoe'er you have  
Been justled from your senses, know for certain  
That I am Prospero, and that very duke  
Which was thrust forth of Milan; who most strangely 160  
Upon this shore, where you were wrack'd, was landed,  
To be the lord out. No more yet of this;  
For 'tis a chronicle of day by day,  
Not a relation for a breakfast, nor  
Befitting this first meeting. Welcome, sir;  
This cell's my court: here have I few attendants,  
And subjects none abroad; pray you, look in.  
My dukedom since you have given me again,  
I will requite you with as good a thing;  
At least bring forth a wonder, to content ye  
As much as me my dukedom.

Here Prospero discovers Ferdinand and Miranda playing at chess.

Miranda. Sweet lord, you play me false.

daugh—ough—ter! or, possibly, daugh—ter—er! Any one of these would be dreadful, if it were not so irresistibly funny. Fill out the metre by a long pause, such as the sense naturally requires. See our Hamlet, I, i, 129, 132, 135. that = provided that?—154. admire. Lat. ad, at; mirari, to wonder.—See admired, Par. Lost, ii, 677.—155. devour. III, iii, 84.—156. their words = even their own words? But Capell and Hudson change their to 'these.' Wisely?—160. which . . . of. Abbott, 266, 166.—170. content ye = please you? Fr. contenter, to satisfy, gratify. As for ye, it is often used similarly in Shakes. and by Milton, Bayard Taylor, etc. Abbott, 236.

172. discovers = discloses? finds? — Fr. découvrir, to uncover, bring to view. The etymology is curious. Lat. dis, apart; O. Fr. des, Fr. de; Lat. co- or con-, together, with, completely; ob, towards, against, over; root per or par, to complete, make (or cover?); Lat. operire, to conceal; coopérerire, to cover over, or cover entirely; whence couvrir, to cover; and découvrir. —chess. In the Elizabethan age, Naples is said to have been the headquarters of this game. — play me. Abbott, 220.
Ferdinand. No, my dear'st love, I would not for the world.

Miranda. Yes, for a score of kingdoms you should wrangle, And I would call it fair play.

Alonso. If this prove A vision of the island, one dear son Shall I twice lose.

Sebastian. A most high miracle!

Ferdinand. Though the seas threaten, they are merciful; I have curs'd them without cause. [Kneels.

Alonso. Now all the blessings Of a glad father compass thee about! Arise, and say how thou cam'st here.

Miranda. O, wonder! How many goodly creatures are there here! How beauteous mankind is! O brave new world That has such people in't!

Prospero. 'Tis new to thee.

Alonso. What is this maid with whom thou wast at play? Your eld'st acquaintance cannot be three hours; Is she the goddess that hath sever'd us, And brought us thus together?

Ferdinand. Sir, she is mortal, But by immortal Providence she's mine; I chose her when I could not ask my father For his advice, nor thought I had one. She Is daughter to this famous Duke of Milan Of whom so often I have heard renown, But never saw before; of whom I have Receiv'd a second life, and second father This lady makes him to me.

175. score = (not the number twenty but) account (subject or bet) [Warburton]? twenty [Johnson]? Score of kingdoms = game in which the score is reckoned by kingdoms [Wright]? stake? wager? — wrangle = dispute noisily? wrong me [Hudson]? — A. S. wringan, to press; past, wrang, pressed. M. Eng. wranglen . . . The frequentative of wring, to press, to strain . . . The orig. sense was to keep on pressing, to urge; hence to argue vehemently. Skeat. — Does she mean, "If kingdoms were at stake, and you disputed my charge of cheating, (I am in such a state of mind that) I should call it fair play"? — 176. vision of the island. In Act III, sc. iii, he has seen one or two visions vanish into nothingness. — 182, 183. goodly . . . beauteous, etc. Goodly, as in Hamlet, I, ii, 186, is good-looking? So Milton's 'Adam, the goodliest man,' Par. Lost, iv, 323. It must be remembered that they were dressed in fine apparel, I, ii, 218, 219. — 187. Is she the goddess. Æneid, i, 328, 329; Comus,
Alonso. I am hers. But, O, how oddly will it sound that I Must ask my child forgiveness!

Prospero. There, sir, stop; Let us not burthen our remembrances with A heaviness that's gone.

Gonzalo. I have inly wept, Or should have spoke ere this. — Look down, you gods, And on this couple drop a blessed crown! For it is you that have chalk'd forth the way Which brought us hither.

Alonso. I say Amen, Gonzalo!

Gonzalo. Was Milan thrust from Milan, that his issue Should become kings of Naples? O, rejoice Beyond a common joy! and set it down With gold on lasting pillars: In one voyage Did Claribel her husband find at Tunis; And Ferdinand her brother found a wife, Where he himself was lost; Prospero his dukedom, In a poor isle; and all of us ourselves, When no man was his own.

Alonso. [to Ferdinand and Miranda] Give me your hands; Let grief and sorrow still embrace his heart That doth not wish you joy!

Gonzalo. Be it so! Amen! —

Enter Ariel, with the Master and Boatswain amazedly following.

O, look, sir! look, sir! here is more of us! I prophesied, if a gallows were on land,

266, 267. — 196. hers = her second father? — 199. remembrances. Allen, Furness, and some others would not sound the s, and Furness would elide it and put an apostrophe to indicate the elision. Would not such apostrophe, however, convey to the average reader an erroneous notion; viz., that the word is in the possessive case? — "It is sufficient for a word to terminate in the sound of s to be regarded by the ear as a plural." Furness (referring to Walker, Vers. 246; Abbott, 471). See on 'princess,' I, ii, 173. — 200. heaviness. Mer. of V., V, i, 130; Jul. Ces., II, i, 275. — 203. chalk'd forth the way. So in Henry VIII, I, i, 60, 'chalks successors their way.' — 213. his own = in his senses [Steevens, Hudson]? master of himself [Rolfe, Deighton]? — Is the phrase 'self-possessed' quite equivalent? — Considering lines 205–213, Phillpotts thinks the play might well have been called, "Lost but Found." — 214. still = up to this time? always? continually? — I, ii, 229; III, iii, 64.
This fellow could not drown. — Now, blasphemy,
That swear'st grace o'erboard, not an oath on shore?
Hast thou no mouth by land? What is the news?

Boatswain. The best news is, that we have safely found
Our king and company; the next, our ship —
Which, but three glasses since, we gave out split —

216. here is. I, i, 16; ii, 477. — 221. safely found = found safe. Rolfe remarks, "Shakespeare often uses adverbs as 'predicate adjectives,' a fact not mentioned by Abbott." Rolfe cites 'look wearily,' III, i, 32; 'looks successfully' in As You L. I, I, ii, 137, etc. — 223. three glasses, etc. This sentence and that uttered by Helena in All's Well (II, i, 165, 166) are relied upon as 'a sure proof that Shakespeare never was at sea.' The elaborate argument to this effect by Br. Nicholson (New Shakespeare Soc. Trans., 1850-2, P't i, p. 53) is quoted with approbation by Furness (Var. Ed., The Tempest, pp. 255, 256). Briefly, he urges that the seaman's 'glass' is always a half-hour glass; that Prospero or Ariel (I, ii, 239-241), just after the storm had ceased, said it was 'at least two glasses,' meaning hours, past midday; that Alonzo had specified less than three hours (V, i, 186) as the time that had elapsed since Ferdinand made the acquaintance of Miranda; that the boatswain's 'three glasses' in this line must therefore cover three hours; that the 'four and twenty times the pilot's glass,' spoken of by Helena in All's Well, cannot mark half-hours; and therefore, to conclude, we must abandon the long-cherished belief in Shakespeare's accuracy in the technology of navigation. In reply, it may be suggested that a landman would naturally understand the word glass as meaning 'the sandy hour-glass' of Mer. of Ven., I, i, 25; that in All's Well, Helena is not a sailor, nor bound to be technically accurate, and she very likely speaks of twenty-four hours, though she uses the words, 'four and twenty times the pilot's glass'; that the expression 'at least two glasses' (Tempest, I, ii, 240) is neither spoken by nor to a sailor, but by Prospero to Ariel, both accustomed to hour-glasses; that the remark, "it cannot be three hours" proves nothing as to the mode of reckoning. It was past two when the lovers first met. The boatswain is not a good witness as to the lapse of time; (a) having probably taken too many glasses of a different sort (I, i, 50); (b) having been sound asleep (I, ii, 32; V, i, 230, 231); and (c) being disposed to heighten the miracle by shortening the time (V, i, 223). Wherefore, may we not still have faith in Shakespeare's technical knowledge of seamanship? — gave out = gave

1 The king asks her how soon her mysterious medicine can cure his malady. She answers virtually in a climax, first, less than two days; secondly, about a day and a half; thirdly, less than one day; thus:

"Ere twice the horses of the sun shall bring Their fiery torcher his diurnal ring;
Ere twice in murk and occidental damp Moist Hesperus hath quenched his sleepy lamp;
Or four and twenty times the pilot's glass
Hath told the thievish minutes how they pass." [i.e. two full days.]
[say 36 hours?]
[twenty-four hours.]

If this interpretation of the passage in All's Well is not correct, are we not forced to the conclusion that Helena simply repeats herself in utter tautology, 'ere two days, ere two days, ere two days'? Mr. P. A. Daniel in his Time Analysis, tells us "the pilot's glass in All's Well is a two-hour glass"! Furness concurs in this. Was then the king so stupid as to require such — iteration?
Is tight, and yare, and bravely rigg'd as when
We first put out to sea.

Ariel. [Aside to Prospero] Sir, all this service
Have I done since I went.

Prospero. [Aside to Ariel] My tricksy spirit!

Alonso. These are not natural events; they strengthen
From strange to stranger.—Say, how came you hither?

Boatswain. If I did think, sir, I were well awake,
I'd strive to tell you. We were dead of sleep,
And — how we know not — all clapp'd under hatches;
Where, but even now, with strange and several noises
Of roaring, shrieking, howling, jingling chains,
And moe diversity of sounds, all horrible,
We were awak'd; straightway, at liberty
Where we, in all her trim, freshly beheld
Our royal, good, and gallant ship;
Our master capering to eye her.
On a trice, so please you,
Even in a dream, were we divided from them
And were brought moping hither.

Ariel. [Aside to Prospero] Was't well done?

Prospero. [Aside to Ariel] Bravely, my diligence. Thou
Shalt be free.

Alonso. This is as strange a maze as e'er men trod;
And there is in this business more than nature
Was ever conduct of: some oracle
Must rectify our knowledge.

Prospero. Sir, my liege,
Do not infest your mind with beating on
The strangeness of this business. At pick'd leisure,
Which shall be shortly, single I'll resolve you,
Which to you shall seem probable, of every

up as [Rolfe]? believed and declared to be [Deighton]? — 224. yare. I, i, 3.—226. tricksy. Du. treckken, to draw; trek, a trick. Our Mer. of Ven., III, v, 50; Hamlet, IV, vii, 186.—230. of sleep. Abbott, 168.—232. several. III, i, 42.—240. moping. IV, i, 47; our Hamlet, III, iv, 81.—244. conduct = conductor? So said to be in Richard II, IV, i, 157; Rom. and Jul., V, iii, 116. See 'blasphemy,' line 218; 'diligence,' 241, etc.—246. infest. Lat. in, against; obs. fedère or fendère, to strike; infestare, to attack.—beating on. I, ii, 176; Hamlet, III, i, 174.—248. single = by myself [Wright]? single, one by one [Delius]? in private [Rolfe, Deighton, Meiklejohn]? to you (Alonso) alone [Warburton, Capell, Furness] — resolve. Our Jul. Cæs., III, i, 132. Do we say 'solve doubts'?—249. which. What? solution? explanation [Allen]? method [Johnson]? — probable = deserving approbation [Johnson]? proved
These happen’d accidents; till when, be cheerful, and think of each thing well. — [Aside to Ariel] Come hither, spirit:
Set Caliban and his companions free;
Untie the spell. — [Exit Ariel] How fares my gracious sir? There are yet missing of your company
Some few odd lads that you remember not.

Enter Ariel, driving in Caliban, Stephano, and Trinculo, in their stolen apparel.

Stephano. Every man shift for all the rest, and let no man take care for himself, for all is but fortune. — Coragio, bully-monster, coragio!

Trinculo. If these be true spies which I wear in my head, here’s a goodly sight.

Caliban. Setebos, these be brave spirits indeed! How fine my master is! I am afraid He will chastise me.

Sebastian. Ha, ha!
What things are these, my lord Antonio? Will money buy ’em?

Antonio. Very like; one of them Is a plain fish, and no doubt marketable.

Prospero. Mark but the badges of these men, my lords, Then say if they be true. — This misshapen knave, His mother was a witch; and one so strong That could control the moon, make flows and ebbs, And deal in her command without her power.


259. Coragio [Ital.] = courage. Lat. cor, heart; Fr. courage. — 261. Setebos. I, ii, 371. — 267. badges = stolen apparel? — “Household servants usually wore on their arms, as a part of their livery, silver ‘badges,’ whereon the shield of their masters was engraved.” Furness. — 268. if they = if the badges [Furness]? if the men [Johnson]? — true = genuine [Furness]? honest [Johnson]? — 271. without = beyond [Stan- ton, Wright, Hudson, Furness, Melkéjohn]? — without her power, etc. = exercise her rule without being empowered by her to do so, usurping her authority [Malone, Dyce, Rolfe, Phillpotts, Deighton]? exercise,
These three have robb'd me; and this demi-devil—
For he's a bastard one—had plotted with them
To take my life. Two of these fellows you
Must know and own; this thing of darkness I
Acknowledge mine.

Caliban. I shall be pinch'd to death.
Alonso. Is not this Stephano, my drunken butler?
Sebastian. He is drunk now; where had he wine?
Alonso. And Trinculo is reeling-ripe; where should they
Find this grand liquor that hath gilded 'em?

How cam'st thou in this pickle?
Trinculo. I have been in such a pickle, since I saw you
last, that, I fear me, will never out of my bones; I shall not
fear fly-blowing.

Sebastian. Why, how now, Stephano!
Stephano. O, touch me not; I am not Stephano, but a

Prospero. You'd be king o' the isle, sirrah?
Stephano. I should have been a sore one, then.
Alonso. This is a strange thing as e'er I look'd on.

Prospero. He is as disproportion'd in his manners
As in his shape.—Go, sirrah, to my cell;
Take with you your companions; as you look
To have my pardon, trim it handsomely.

Caliban. Ay, that I will; and I'll be wise hereafter,
And seek for grace. What a thrice-double ass
Was I, to take this drunkard for a god,
And worship this dull fool!

locally and exceptionally, the office of the moon, but without her power as
a universal cause of the tidal action [Knight]? beyond her power [Staunton,
Furness]? outdo the moon in exercising the moon's own command
[Hudson]? In 2 Corinth., x, 13, 'without our measure' = beyond our
measure. - 279. reeling ripe = ripe for reeling [Wright, Rolfe]? So
drunken that he reels [Deighton]? — In Love's L. L., V, ii, 275, and in
Sidney's Arcadia (1598), p. 61, we have 'weeping ripe'; in Com. of Er.,
i, i, 77, 'sinking ripe'; Beaum. and Fletch., 'crying ripe,' and 'drunk and
tumbling ripe.' - 280. gilded. Anciently used for intoxicated, Theo-
bald, Warburton, Steevens, Wright, etc., see an allusion to the Elixor
of the alchemists (aurum potabile, Milton's 'potable gold.' Par. Lost, iii,
608). In 'gilded,' Phillpotts sees a double play: (1) on their clothes;
(2) on sack (sherry) as the true elixir. - 283. fear me = permit myself
to fear? fear for myself? Abbott, 296. - 290. sere. Some find a quib-
ble here, and similarly in 2 Henry VI, IV, vii, 9. - 290. Ellipsis? Abbott,
276. - 296. grace. Everyone is forgiven, and even Caliban will begin a
Prospero.  Go to; away!
Alonso.  Hence, and bestow your luggage where you found it.
Sebastian.  Or stole it, rather.

[Exeunt Caliban, Stephano, and Trinculo.]

Prospero.  Sir, I invite your highness and your train
To my poor cell, where you shall take your rest
For this one night; which, part of it, I'll waste
With such discourse as, I not doubt, shall make it
Go quick away, — the story of my life,
And the particular accidents gone by
Since I came to this isle: and in the morn
I'll bring you to your ship, and so to Naples,
Where I have hope to see the nuptial
Of these our dear-belov'd solemnized;
And thence retire me to my Milan, where
Every third thought shall be my grave.

Alonso.  I long
To hear the story of your life, which must
Take the ear strangely.

Prospero.  I'll deliver all;
And promise you calm seas, auspicious gales,
And sail so expeditious that shall catch
Your royal fleet far off.  — [Aside to Ariel] My Ariel, chick,
That is thy charge; then to the elements
Be free, and fare thou well!  — Please you, draw near.

[Exeunt.

better life!—299. bestow.  2 Kings, v, 24.—304, II, i, 118; Abbott, 305.
—309. nuptial.  S. prefers the ‘singular’ form of this word, but uses
the plural also.—310. solemnized.  Shakes. here, and Milton in Par.
Lost, vii, 418, accent the 2d syl. —311. retire me.  Abbott, 296.—
314. deliver.  II, i, 45.—317. fleet far off.  I, ii, 234.—319. please
you = may it please you? if it please you?

"Stephano and Trinculo sum up the old distrust of the lower classes.
They are not a mob, to be sure; on the magic island there was no chance
for a mob to breed; in Stephano and Trinculo, however, all the folly and
the impotence of a mob are incarnate.  With Caliban the case is different;
in him there is a perception of something not hinted at before.

"The single unique figure of Caliban, in short, typifies the whole history
of such world-wide social evolution, such permanent race-conflict, as was
only beginning in Shakespeare's day, and is not ended in our own.  Civil-
ization, exploring and advancing, comes face to face with barbarism and
savagery.  Savage and barbarian alike absorb, not the blessings of civil-
ization, but its vices, amid which their own simple virtues are lost.  Ruin
follows. . . .  Humanity forbids the massacre of the lower races; the
equally noble instinct of race-supremacy forbids any but a suicidally
EPILOGUE.

SPOKEN BY PROSPERO.

Now my charms are all o'erthrown,
And what strength I have's mine own,
Which is most faint; now, 'tis true,
I must be here confin'd by you,
Or sent to Naples. Let me not,
Since I have my dukedom got,
And pardon'd the deceived, dwell
In this bare island by your spell;
But release me from my bands

philanthropic man of European blood to contemplate without almost equal horror the thought of miscegenation. Where Caliban would possess Miranda, we torment Caliban, but still we feel bound to preserve him,—which [sic] is not good for the morals or the temper of Caliban. That savage figure, then, shows a vision so prophetic that at least one modern scholar has chosen to study in Caliban the psychology of Darwin's missing link. Marvellously prophetic suggestiveness, however, is not exactly a condition of theatrical effect."—Wendell's William Shakespeare, 1894.

EPILOGUE. Prologues and epilogues, it is said, were often written in the Elizabethan age by other persons than the authors of the plays. Richard Grant White and some others are quite sure that such was the case with this. For proof they dwell upon what they term its 'fearful trite ideas confined within stiff couplets,' 'the clumsy verse,' the requested 'prayers,' etc.

To all of which it might perhaps be properly urged that this epilogue, like much of the play itself, seems somewhat allegorical; that we must therefore attempt to look beneath the surface; that there are also uncouth verses and harsh-sounding couplets in the play; but if we can find an inner meaning in the epilogue, we may not only pardon the clumsiness, but even say like Milton,

"Those rugged words to our like mouths grow sleek,
That would have made Quintillian stare and gasp."

Think of Prospero as Shakespeare himself, bidding farewell, not only to the glorious enchantments of the drama, but to its unspeakable degradations in the hands of other playwrights of that age; a magician who feels that, in spite of himself, his art has not been wholly free from the contamination of those surroundings of which he exclaims, in his one hundred and eleventh sonnet,

"And almost thence my nature is subdued
To what it works in, like the dyer's hand!"

He quits his theatre. "Every third thought shall be my grave." His mood is distinctly religious.

With the help of your good hands.  
Gentle breath of yours my sails 
Must fill, or else my project fails, 
Which was to please. Now I want 
Spirits to enforce, art to enchant; 
And my ending is despair, 
Unless I be reliev'd by prayer, 
Which pierces so that it assaults 
Mercy itself, and frees all faults. 
As you from crimes would pardon'd be, 
Let your indulgence set me free.

enchantments. See IV, i, 59. Allegory?—10. hands = hand-clapping? co-operation?—11. breath, of applause? of sympathy? of devotion?—13. to please. The mission of the drama to afford amusement, recreation, joy?—15. despair. Natural under the circumstances? common to necromancers in their last moments [Warburton]?—Furness’s Var. ed.; As You L. I., V, iv, 36, p. 269.—16. prayer. Efficaciously offered for necromancers [Warburton]? prayer for the sovereign offered, according to custom, by players kneeling, at the close of the play [Jephson]? James, V, 13, 16.—17. assaults. “The kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.” Matt., xi, 12; Luke, xviii, 1-7.—18. mercy itself = divine Mercy? God, the all-merciful?—frees all faults = absolves from all sins?—Shakespeare often omits the preposition. Sometimes the construction resembles the Greek accusative, which we translate by supplying in English the words as to, or in regard to. Abbott, 200.—“Forgiveness and freedom! these are the key-notes of this play.” —Dowden.
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HOW TO STUDY ENGLISH LITERATURE.

[From the Boston Board of School Supervisors, 1877.]

During the short time given to English Literature in the High Schools, few authors can be studied, and only selections from their works can be critically read. The main purpose, then, of this brief course of study should be to form and cultivate a taste for good literature, to encourage careful and systematic reading, and to illustrate the principles which should guide in selecting authors and works to be read after leaving school. It should be the purpose of the teacher, while keeping the exercises in literature from becoming either mere tasks or pastimes, to make the lessons so interesting that they will be eagerly and vigorously studied, and will inspire a desire for a larger acquaintance with the best authors. This purpose, it is believed, can be accomplished, partly by leading the pupils to perceive the real intent of the author, his thoughts and feelings, the strength of his argument, the beauty and nobleness of his sentiment, and his clear, distinct, forcible, and happy expression; partly by giving a vivid account of his life and times and their influence on each other, and by exciting an interest in the lives of his most eminent literary contemporaries. Thus, by association and comparison, the study of a single author may be an introduction and an incentive to the study of the literature of his period.

At the outset, the whole of a poem, sketch, essay, or novel should be read by the pupils, either at home or at school. Having formed a general conception of the production, they should study carefully and read intelligently with their teacher those parts of it that are most interesting and instructive, and that represent the genius and style of the author.

[From George H. Martin, Agent of the Mass. Board of Education.]

What is wanted is a carefully graded course, which, beginning with the poetry of action, should lead the student step by step to the sentimental and the reflective, all in their simplest forms, thence through
the more elaborate narrative to the epic and the dramatic. The aim here is not to teach authors or works, but poetry; and the works are selected for their value as illustrations, without reference to their authors. A parallel course in the study of prose should be pursued with the same end. Then, having learned what poetry is and what prose is, what they contain and how to find their contents, the pupils would be prepared to take up the study of individual authors. Having studied the authors, the final step would be to study the history of the literature, in which the relation of the authors to each other and to their times would appear. This would place the study of literature on a scientific basis,—first elementary ideas, then individual wholes, then relations and classifications.

[From an address by L. R. Williston, A.M., Supervisor of Public Schools, Boston.]

How shall the teacher bring his pupils best to see and feel the thoughts of his author as he saw and felt them?

First, Read the works carefully with them. Let the teacher read, and question as he reads. Let him often ask for paraphrases, and draw out in every way the thought of his class, making sure that all is clear. Let every impression have a corresponding expression, which shall re-act, and deepen the impression.

Second, When a part of the work, an act, book, or canto, has been carefully read, assign a theme for a written essay. Let the class tell what the poet has attempted, how he has succeeded, what are the impressions made by the characters, scenes, and descriptions.

Let the teacher himself write upon the themes assigned to his class, and thus give them a model of what he wishes them to do.

Third, When the book or play has been carefully read and studied in this way in all its parts, let it be re-read in a larger and freer way than before. Let the pupils read, and the teacher watch to see if the thought is clearly apprehended by the pupil. Let the fine passages be read again and again by different members of the class, and their rendering be criticised by class and teacher. If the work read be a play, let the parts be taken by different members of the class. Let all the parts of the work now be studied in their relation to each other and to the whole. Essays now should be written upon subjects suggested by this more comprehensive study of the work,—a comparison of characters, noteworthy scenes and their bearing upon the whole, the style of the author, and his skill in description, dramatic presentation, or invention.

Fourth, With the careful reading and study of some book in school, I think it important that there should go the reading of some other book out of school. Flowers are not all to be picked and analyzed, but are to be enjoyed as they are seen by "him who runs." "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, some few to be chewed and digested." Let the pupil have his exercise in merely "tasting" books, with enjoyment as the chief end. Let the teacher be his guide, and merely ask him to report what he finds. In other words, let him read, as we all read when we read for pleasure,—with his mind at
ease and open to every charm that genius can present. Let the teacher
make the book the subject of conversation with his class, and draw
their attention by his questions to the chief points which make it
noteworthy.

Do not make a disagreeable task of any such exercise. For, that
our pupils may receive the highest and best influence from this study
of English literature, it is essential that they love it, and retain only
pleasant memories of the hours spent at school in the society of its
best authors.

[From J. M. Buchan, Inspector of High Schools, Ontario, Canada:
quoted in Blaisdell's "Outline Studies in English Classics."
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With all classes of pupils alike, the main thing to be aimed at by
the teacher is to lead them clearly and fully to understand the mean-
ing of the author they are reading, and to appreciate the beauty, the
nobleness, the justness, or the sublimity of his thoughts and language.
Parsing, the analysis of sentences, the derivation of words, the expla-
nation of allusions, the scansion of verse, the pointing-out of figures
of speech, the hundred and one minor matters on which the teacher
may easily dissipate the attention of the pupil, should be strictly sub-
ordinated to this great aim. . . . It is essential that the mind of the
reader should be put en rapport with that of the writer. There is
something in the influence of a great soul upon another, which defies
analysis. No analysis of a poem, however subtle, can produce the
same effect upon the mind and heart as the reading of the poem
itself.

[From F. G. Fleay's "Guide to Chaucer and Spenser."
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No doubtful critical point should ever be set before the student as
ascertained. One great advantage of these studies is the acquirement
of a power of forming a judgment in cases of conflicting evidence.
Give the student the evidence; state your own opinion, if you like,
but let him judge for himself.

No extracts or incomplete works should be used. The capability of
appreciating a whole work, as a whole, is one of the principal aims in
æsthetic culture.

It is better to read thoroughly one simple play or poem than to
know details about all the dramatists and poets. The former trains
the brain to judge of other plays or poems: the latter only loads the
memory with details that can at any time be found, when required, in
books of reference.

For these studies to completely succeed, they must be as thorough
as our classical studies used to be. No difficult point in syntax, pros-
ody, accidence, or pronunciation; no variation in manners or customs;
no historical or geographical allusion,—must be passed over without
explanation. This training in exactness will not interfere with, but
aid, the higher aims of literary training.
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[From Blaisdell's "Outlines for the Study of English Classics."]

The following summary of points to be exacted . . . may prove useful:

I. — Points relative to substance.
   1. A general knowledge of the purport of the passages, and line of argument pursued.
   2. An exact paraphrase of parts of the whole, producing exactly and at length the author's meaning.
   3. The force and character of epithets.
   4. The meaning of similes, and expansions of metaphors.
   5. The exact meaning of individual words.

II. — Points with regard to form.
   1. General grammar rules; if necessary, peculiarities of English grammar.
   2. Derivations: (1) General laws and principles of derivations, including a knowledge of affixes and suffixes.
      (2) Interesting historical derivation of particular words.

III. — The knowledge of all allusions.

IV. — A knowledge of such parallel passages and illustrations as the teacher has supplied.

From all that has been quoted from the foregoing authorities, it may justly be inferred that somehow or other the pupil must be made to feel an interest in the author, to admire what is admirable in the composition, and really to enjoy its study. Secure this, and all else will follow as a matter of course: fail in this, and the time is wasted.

The following suggestions,¹ or some of them, may be helpful in daily class-work:

1. At the beginning of the exercise, or as often as need be, require a statement of—
   (a) The main object of the author in the whole poem, oration, play, or other production of which to-day's lesson is a part.
   (b) The object of the author in this particular canto, chapter, act, or other division of the main work.

2. Read or recite from memory (or have the pupils do it) the finest part or parts of the last lesson. The elocutionary talent of the class should be utilized here, so that the author may appear at his best.

3. Require at times (often enough to keep the whole fresh in memory) a résumé of the "argument," story, or succession of topics, up to the present lesson.

¹ See Suggestions to Teachers, in Sprague's edition of the First Two Books of Paradise Lost and Lycidas; also in his Six Selections from Irving.
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4. Have the student read aloud the sentence, paragraph, or lines, now (or previously) assigned. The appointed portion should have some unity.

5. Occasionally let the student interpret exactly the meaning by substituting his own words; explain peculiarities. This paraphrase should often be in writing.

6. Let him state the immediate object of the author in these lines. Is this object relevant? important? appropriate in this place?

7. Let him point out the ingredients (particular thoughts) that make up the passage. Are they in good taste? just? natural? well arranged?

8. Let him point out other merits or defects,—anything noteworthy as regards nobleness of principle or sentiment, grace, delicacy, beauty, rhythm, sublimity, wit, wisdom, humor, naïveté, kindliness, pathos, energy, concentrated truth, logical force, originality; give allusions, kindred passages, principles illustrated, etc.

The choicest passages may be made the basis of language study, in accordance with the foregoing suggestions, somewhat as follows (Act IV, sc. i, 148-159): —

1. Repeat from memory, with proper expression, this passage, —

Our revels now are ended. These our actors,
As I foretold you, were all spirits, and
Are melted into air, into thin air:
And, like the baseless fabric of this vision,
The cloud-capp’d towers, the gorgeous palaces,
The solemn temples, the great globe itself,
Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve,
And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,
Leave not a rack behind. We are such stuff
As dreams are made on; and our little life
Is rounded with a sleep.

2. Comment on particular words and sentences.

In this passage ‘revels’ may be from Lat. rebellare, to rebel, influenced in meaning perhaps by Fr. réveiller, to awake, fr. Lat. re, again, ex, out, vigilare, to wake.

‘Foretold’ is told before (in line 120). ‘Spirits,’ as the etymology of the word suggests, from spirare, to breathe, are of the air and return to air. The word well illustrates the physical basis or analogy which commonly underlies all our vocabulary of the supernatural. ‘Into thin air,’ is an evident recollection of Virgil’s in tenuem auram, Æneid, iv, 278. ‘Palaces’ are so called originally from the splendid residences erected by the Cæsars and others upon the Palatine Mount at Rome. ‘Solemn,’ Old Lat. solus (for totus, entire) and annus, a year, originally meant happening but once in a whole year, annivers­ary, and therefore important, momentous. ‘Globe’ may mean the universe, the celestial, as well as the terrestrial sphere; but is generally supposed to mean here our earth. Gr. γᾶλας, Lat. globus.

‘Inherit’ is used, as elsewhere in Shakespeare, for possess. ‘Pageant’ is from Lat. compaginata, framed together, pagere, base pag,
to fasten, put together, to frame, to construct. A pageant in Shakespeare’s time signified a magnificent spectacle exhibited upon a great framework. See Mer. of Ven., I, i, 11.

‘Rack’ is etymologically the same with wrack (wreck), something drifted ashore, or drifting; from Icel. rek, drift. In Shakespeare it is perhaps a fragmentary cloud, precursor or relic of a storm. Moore’s verses in The Fire-Worshippers (in Lalla Rookh) well illustrate the sense:

The day is lowering; stilly black  
Sleeps the grim wave, while heaven’s rack,  
Dispersed and wild, twixt earth and sky,  
Hangs like a shattered canopy.  
There’s not a cloud in that blue plain  
But tells of storm to come or past,  
Here flying loosely as the mane  
Of a young war-horse in the blast,  
There rolled in masses dark and swelling,  
As proud to be the thunder’s dwelling,  
While some, already burst and riven,  
Seem melting down the verge of heaven.

‘Stuff,’ for material, seems used with slight disparagement, due, perhaps, in part, to the expulsive sound with which it must be enunciated.

‘Rounded with a sleep.’ This is variously interpreted. The circle of life begins and ends with sleep. Says Darmesteter (Introduction, p. xxxii), “Nos petites vies sont les îles du sommeil.” ‘Rounded’ is ‘finished off as with a crown,’ says Wright. Meiklejohn quotes

Our life is a watch and a vision  
Between a sleep and a sleep.

See in Carlyle’s Sartor Resartus the paragraph beginning, “We sit as in a boundless phantasmagoria or dream grotto”; and in Julius Caesar, V, iii, 23-25,—

This day I breathed first; time is come round,  
And where I did begin, there shall I end.  
My life is run his compass.

Douglas Campbell (Puritans in England, Holland, and America) and some others hastily infer from this passage that Shakespeare was an atheist, or infidel, or at least a disbeliever in the immortality of the soul. But the language of Prospero in Act I, Sc. ii, 159, of Ariel, Act III, Sc. iii, 70-82, the Prayer referred to in the Epilogue, and the explicit declaration in Shakespeare’s Will, strongly tend to a different conclusion.

3. Transtate into different English words.

Our fantastic sports at length are finished. All these play-performers of ours, as I previously declared to you, were beings incorporeal, and are dissolved into mere atmosphere, attenuated atmosphere. Similarly to this spectacle’s foundationless structure, too, the turrets whose heads are crowned with sky-mist, the rich and splendid houses of the great, the awe-inspiring edifices of the gods, the vast round world
itself — yes, everything which possesses it — shall melt away, and, like dissolve views of this magnificent show without substance, vanish, with not a film of cloud in the welkin to tell that they have ever been. We are such matter as constitutes the imaginings of one in sleep, and our petty existence is encircled with slumber.

We have Shakespeare's maturest thoughts. He seems to think, with Professor Langley, so universes come and go.

Criticism from the class should be called for, corrections should be made by the instructor, and parallel passages should be quoted.

Such treatment of choice passages, often thoroughly memorized and recited with proper elocutionary expression, should sometimes be mainly in writing. However imperfect, it gives in large measure that kind of drill which the best training in Latin and Greek imparts. Its importance as a mental discipline, an enlargement of the student's vocabulary, a cultivation of the taste, an acquisition of rich and fruitful treasures of thought, and a means of securing both facility and felicity of expression, can hardly be overestimated.

SPECIMEN OF EXAMINATION PAPERS.

Taken in part from the Papers of the English Civil Service Commission.

Perhaps too much attention is paid in them to phraseology.

A (FIRST ACT CHIEFLY)

1. Give the substance of the story told by Prospero to Miranda.
2. State the parts played by Ariel and Caliban; the history of each.
3. State by whom, to whom, and on what occasions the following lines were uttered:

(a) We are merely cheated of our lives by drunkards
(b) In the dark backward and abyss of time.
(c) From the still-vex'd Bermoothe's, there she's hid.
(d) To do me business in the veins o' the earth.
(e) He's gentle and not fearful.
(f) A single thing, as I am now, that wonders.
(g) What cares these roarsers for the name of king?

4. Explain the words in Italics in the above.
5. Explain Shakespeare's use of the following words and phrases:
   (a) Play the man; (b) incharitable; (c) god of power; (d) the very virtue; (e) holp; (f) from such a deed; (g) closeness; (h) a hint that wrings mine eyes; (i) grand hesits; (j) capable of.

5. Give some instances of Shakespeare's peculiar grammar in the use of double comparatives and such phrases as I were best.

B (SECOND ACT).

1. Give a brief account of the action in the Second Act.
2. State the substance of the passage quoted by Gonzalo from Montaigne; its bearing on the date of composition.
3. State by whom, to whom, and on what occasions the following lines were uttered:

(a) I saw him beat the surges under him.
(b) Bourn, bound of land, tilth, vineyard, none.
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(c) To the perpetual wink for aye might put.
(d) They will not give a doit to relieve a lame beggar.
(e) Misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows.

4. Explain the words in Italics in the above.
5. Annotate and explain the peculiarities in the following words and phrases: (a) A paragon to their queen; (b) the dearst of the loss; (c) minister occasion; (d) ebbing men; (e) candied; (f) sudden; (g) inch-meal; (h) after the wisest; (i) overblown; (j) an eye of green.

6. Give some instances of Shakespeare's compounds with un.

C (Third Act).

1. Give a short account of the conversation in Scene i.
2. Contrast the two conspiracies formed by the courtiers and by some of the sailors respectively.
3. By whom, and on what occasions, were the following lines uttered:—

(a) Most busy, least, when I do it.
(b) Thou shalt be my lieutenant or my standard.
(c) Here's a maze trod, indeed, through forthrights and meanders.
(d) Each putter-out of five for one will bring us.
(e) With good life and observation strange, my meaner ministers Their several kinds have done.

4. Explain the words in Italics.
5. Explain fully Shakespeare's use of the following words and phrases: (a) Sore; (b) the top of admiration; (c) plain; (d) brained like us; (e) to paunch; (f) brave; (g) gentle-kind; (h) ecstasy; (i) burn but his books.
6. Annotate any irregularities in Shakespeare's grammar you may have noticed in the Third Act.

D (Fourth Act).

1. Quote the speech beginning, 'Our revels now are ended.' Point out its merits.
2. State by whom, and on what occasions, the following lines were uttered:—

(a) Do not smile at me that I boast her off.
(b) You nymphs called Naiads of the wandering brooks.
(c) 'Steal by line and level,' is an excellent pass of pate.
(d) Being lass-lorn; thy pole-clipt vineyard.

3. Explain and annotate the words in Italics.
4. Explain fully Shakespeare's use of the following words and phrases: (a) Fairly; (b) freely; (c) wonder'd; (d) distempered; (e) meet with; (f) hoodwink this misconce; (g) aged cramps; (h) villainous low; (i) rounded with a sleep.
5. Quote a few instances of Shakespeare's use of the word rack.

E (Fifth Act Chiefly).

1. What event reconciles the opposing parties and differing circumstances? And how?
2. Quote Gonzalo's summing up of the play.
3. State by whom, and on what occasions, the following lines were uttered:

(a) In the lime-grove which weather-fends your cell.
(b) Destiny that hath to instrument this lower world.
(c) Bravely, my diligence. Thou shalt be free.
(d) And deal in her command without her power.
(e) Mine would, sir, were I human.

4. Explain fully the words in Italics.

5. Annotate and explain Shakespeare’s use of the following words and phrases: (a) His carriage; (b) high wrongs; (c) fancy; (d) sir; (e) remorse and nature; (f) taste; (g) do offices of truth; (h) resolve you.

6. Give some instances of Shakespeare’s use of the abstract for the concrete, and of the concrete for the abstract.

7. State what you know of the sources of The Tempest.

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