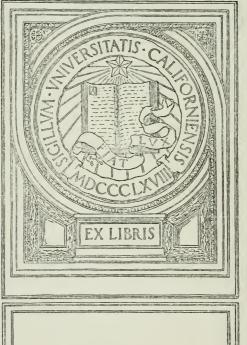


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Epigrammata prima Ad Musam. I

Lie merry Muse vnto that merry towne,
Where thou maist playes, reuel, and triumphs see
The house of same, and theatre of renowne,
Where all good wittes and spirites love to be.

Fall in betweene their hands that praise and loue thee And be to them a laughter and a lest:
But as for them which scorning shall reproduct thee, Disdaine their wittes, and thinke thine owne the best.

But if thou find any so groffe and dull,
That thinke I do to private taxing leane,
Bid him go hang, for he is but a gull,
And knowes not what an Epigramme doth meane:
Which taxeth vnder a particular name,
A generall vice that merites publike blame.

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Of the street of

A gull is he who feares a veluet gowne, And when a wench is braue, dares not speake to her: A gull is he which trauer seth the towne, And is for marriage knowne a common wooer.

A gull is he, which while he prowdly weares
A filter hitted rapier by his fide,
Indures the lies and knockes about the eares,
whilf in his sheathe his sleeping sword doth bide.

A gull is he which weares good hanfome cloathes,
And stands in presence stroking, up his haire,
And filles up his unperfect speech with othes,
But speakes not one wise word throughout the yeare:
Putto define a gull in termes precise,
A gull is he which seemes, and is not wise.

R Vfus the Courtier at the theatre, Leaving the best and most conspicuous place. Loth either to the stage himselfe transfer, Or through a grate doth shew his doubtfull face.

For that the clamorous frie of Innes of court, Filles vp the private roomes of greater prife: And such a place where all may have refort, He in his singularitie doth despise.

Yet doth not his particular humour shunne,
The common stews and brothels of the towne,
Though all the world in troupes do thither runne,
Cleane and vicleane, the gentle and the clowne:
Then why should Rusus in his pride abhorre
A common seate that loves a common whore.

In Quintum 4

Quintus the Dauncer victheuermore,
His feete in measure and in tule to moue,
Yet on a time he calld his Mistris whore,
And thought with that sweete word to win her loue:
Oh had his tongue like to his feete bin taught,
It neuer would have yttered such a thought.

Faustinus, Sextus, Cinna, Ponticus, With Gella, Lesbia, Thais, Rodope Rode all to Stanes for no cause serious, But for their mirth, and for their lechery.

Scarfe were they feeled in their lodging, when wenches with wenches, men vith men fellout: Men with their wenches, wenches with their men, which strait diffolues this ill assembled rowt.

Put fince the divell brought them thus together, To my discoursing thoughts it is a wonder, why presently as soone as they came thither, The seltesame divel did them part asunder:

Doubtlefle it feemes it was a foolish deuill, I hat thus would part them ere they did some euill.

InTuum 6

Titus the braue and valorous yong gallant
Three yeares together in this towne hath beene,
Yet my lord Chancellors toombe he hath not seene,
Not the new water-worke, nor the elephant,

I earnot tell the cause without a smile, He hath beene in the Counter all this while.

In Faustum 7

Faustus not lord, nor knight, nor wise, nor old,
To every place about the towned or hride,
Herides into the fieldes Playes to behold,
Herides to take boate at the water side,
Herides to Poules, herides to th'ordinarie,
Herides vnto the house of bawderie too,
Thither his horse so often doth him carry,
That shortly he will quite forget to go.

In Katum 8

Kate being pleafde, witht that her pleafure could Indure as long as a buffe ierkin would.
Content thee Kate, although thy pleafure wafteth, Thy pleafures place like a buffe ierkin lafteth:
For no buffe ierkin hath bin oftner worne,
Nor hath more ferapings or more dreflings borne.

In Librum 9

Liber doth vaunt how chaftely he hath liude
Since he hath beene in towne, 7 yeeres and more,
For that he sweares he hath seure onely swiude,
A maide, a wife, a widow, and a whore:
Then I iber thou hast swide all women kinde,
For a fift fort I know thou can't not finde.

Great captaine Medon weares a chaine of gold, which at fine hundred crownes is valewed, For that it was his granfites chaine of olde, when great king Henry Boloigne conqueted:

And weare it Medon, for it may enfue,
That thou by vertue of this maffy chaine,
A fitronger towne then Boloigne maift fubdue,
If wife mens fawes be not reputed vaine:
For what faid Philip king of Macedon?
There is no cattle to well fortified,
But if an affe laden with golde comes on,
The garde wil ftoope, and gates flie open wide.

In Gellem 1 I
Gella, if thou dost love thy selfe, take heede
Lest thou my rimes vnto thy lover reede,

Lest thou my rimes vnto thy louer reede, For strait thou grinst, and then thy louer seeth, Thy canker-eaten gummes, and rotten teeth.

Quintum 12

Quintus his wit infused into his braine,
Missikes the place, and fled into his fecte,
And there it wanders up and downe the streetes,
Dabled in the durt, and soaked in the raine:
Doubtlesse his wit intends not to aspire,
Which leaves his head to travell in the mire.

In Senerami 13

The puritane Severus oft doth read,
This text that doth pronounce vaine speach a sinne,
That thing defiles a man that doth proceed
From out the mouth, not that which enters in:
Hence is it that we seldome heare him sweare,
And thereof like a Pharisie he vauntes,
But he deuours more capons in a yeare,
Then would suffise a hundreth protessants:
And sooth, those sectaries are gluttons all,
Aswel the three bare Cobler as the Knight,
For those poore slaues which have not wher withal,
Feede on the rich till they deuoure them quite:
And so like Pharoes kine they eate up cleane,
Those that be fat, yet still themselves be leane.

In Leucam 14

Leuca in presence once a fart didlett,
Some laught alittle, she fotsooke the place,
And mad with shame, did eke her gloue forget,
Which she returned to fetch with bashfull grace:
And when she would have said, this is my gloue,
My fart (quoth she) which did more laughter moue.

In Macrum 15

Thou canst not speake yet Macer, for to speake,
Is to distinguish soundes significant,
Thou with harsh noyse the aire dost rudely breake,
But what thou veterest common sence doth want:
Halse English words, with sustain tearmes among,
Much like the burthen of a northern song.

In Fausium 16

That youth faith Faustus hath a lion seene, Who from a dicing house comes monilesse, Rut when he lost his haire, where had he beene, I doubt me he had seene a lionesse.

In Comum 17

Cosmus hath more discoursing in his head,
Then Ioue, when Pallas issued from his braine,
And still he striues to be deliuered
Of all his thoughts at once, but all in vaine:
For as we see at all the play house doores,
When ended is the play the daunce, and song,
A thousand townsmen, gentlemen, and whores,

Porters and feruingmen togither throng, So thoughts of drinking, thriuing, wenching, warre, And borrowing money raging in his mind, To iffue all at once to forward are, As none at all can perfect passage find.

In Fluccum 18

The falle knave Flaccus once a bribe I gaue, The more foole I to bribe fo falle a knaue, But hee gaue backe my bribe, he more foole he, That for my folly did not colen me,

In Cineans 19

Thou dogged Cineas hated like a dogge, For still thou grumblest like a mastic dogge, Comparst thy selfe to nothing but a dogge. Thou saist thou art as wearie as a dogge, As angrie, sicke, and hungrie as a dogge, As dull and melancholy as a dogge, As lazie, sicepie, idle as a dogge, But why dost thou compare thee to a dogge? In that for which all men despite a dogge, I will compare thee better to a dogge:

Thou art as faire and comely as a dogge,
Thou art as true and honest as a dogge,
Thou art as kinde and liberall as a dogge.
Thou art as wise and valiant as a dogge:
But Cineas, I have oft heard thee tell
Thou art as like thy father as may be,
Tis like inough, and faith I like it well,
But I am glad thou art not like to mee.

In Gerontem. 20

Geron whose mouldie memorie corrects, Old Hollinshed our famous chronicler, VVith morrall rules, and pollicie collects Out of all actions doone this fourescore yeare, Accounts the times of everie odde event, Not from christs birth, not from the princes raigne But from some other tamous accident, V Vhich in mens generall notife doth remaine, The fiege of Bulloigne, and the plaguie fwear, The going to faint Quintines and new Hauen, Therifing in the North, the frost fo great, That cart wheele prints on Thames face were feen, The fall of Money, & burning of Paules Steeple, The blazing starre, and Spaniards overthrow: By these cuents notorious to the people He measures times, and things forepast doth shew.

But most of all he chiefly reckons by A private chance, the death of his curst wife, I his is to him the decrest memorie, And th'happiest accident of all his life.

In Marcum. 21

when Marcus comes from Mins, he still doth sweare By, come a seauen, that all is lost and gone, But thats not true, for he hath lost his haire, Onely for that hee came too much at one,

In Ciprium. 22

The fine) outh Ciprius is more tierfe and neate,
Then the new garden of the old temple is,
And ftill the newest fashion he doth get,
And with the time doth change from that to this,
He weates a bat now of the flat crowne blocke,
The treble rustes, long cloake, and doublet French,
He takes tobacco, and doth weare a locke,
And wastes more time in dressing then a wench,
Yet this new-fangled youth made for these times,
Doth about all prayse old Gascoins times.

In Cincame 23

When Cincas comes amongst his frinds in morning, He fully lookes who first his Cap doth moone, Him he falutes, the rest so grinly scorning, As if for euer they had lost his loue:

I knowing how it doth the humour sit,
Of this fond gull to be saluted first,
Catch at my Cap, but moone it not a white
Which perceiving he seems for spite to burst:
But Cincas, why expect you more of me,
Then I of you? I am as good a man,
And better too by many a quallitie,
For vault, and daunce, and sence, and rime I can,
You keepe a whore at your own charge men tel me,
In deede friend Cincas, therein you excell me.

In Gallum 24

Gallus hath beene this Sommertime in Frizeland, And now returnd he speakes such watlike wordes, As if I could their English understand. I seare me they would cut my throate like swordes. He talkes of counterscarphes and casomates, Ot parapets of curteneys and Palizadois, Of Flankers, Rauelings, gabions he prates, And of sale brayes and fallyes and scaladose.

But to requite such gulling termes as these, With wordes of my profession I reply, I tell of foorching, vouchers, counter pleas, Of whithernames essoynes and champartie, So neither of vs understanding either, We part as wise as when we came together.

In Decium 25

Audacious Painters haue nine woorthies made, But Poet Decius more Audacious farre, Making his Mistris march with men of warre, With title of tenth woorthly doth her laide Me thinkes that Gull did vse hister mes as fit, Which termd his loue a Giant for hir wit,

In Gellim 26

If Gellas bewrie be examined,
She hath a dull dead eye, a fadle nofe,
An ill shapteface, with Morpheu ouerspred,
And rotten teeth, which she in laughing showes,
Breefly, she is the filthist wench in towne,
Of all that doth the art of whoring vse,
But when she hath put on her sattin gowne,
Hir out lawne apron and hir veluet shooes,

Hir greene filke flockings, and hir pericoate
Of taffatie, with golden fringe arounde,
And is withall perfumed with Ciuet hot,
Which doth hir valiant flinking breath confound,
Yet the with these additions is no more,
Then a sweete, filthie, fine, alfauoted whore.

In Sillam 27

Silla is often chalengd to the field,
To answere like a Gentleman his foes,
But then doth he this only answere yeeld,
That he hath livings and faire lands to lose:
Silla, if none but beggers valiant were,
The King of Spaine would put vs all in feare.

In Sillam. 28

Who dares affirme that Silla dares not fight?
When I dare sware he dares aduenture more
then the most braue, and most al-daring wight,
that euer armes whith resolution bore,
He that dare touch the most viholsome whore,

He that dare touch the most vinholsome whore, that ever was retirde into the spittle,
And dares court wenches standing at a dore,
The portion of his wit being passing little,

He that dares give his dearest friend offences,
Which other valuant fooles doe feare to do,
And when a fever doth confound his tenses,
Dare eate raw biefe and drinke strong wine thereto.
Hethat dares take Tabaco on the stage,
Daresman a whore at noon-day through the strees
Dares daunce in Poules, and in this formall age,
Dares say and doe what ever is vineete,
V Vhom seare of shame could never yet affight,
V Vho dares assume that Silla dares not sight?

In Haywodum. 29

Maywood which did in Epigrams excell, Is now put down fince my light mufe arofe, As buckets are put downe into a well, Or as a Schoole-boy putteth downe his hofe.

In Dacum. 30

Amongst the Poets Dacus numbred is,
Yet could he never make an English rime,
But some prose speeches I have heard of his,
V Vhich have beene spoken many a hundreth time,
The man that keepes the Elephant hath one,
V Vherein he tels the wonders of the beast,

An other Panks pronounced long a goe,
VVhen he his curtailes quallities exprest,
He first raught him that keepes the monumentes
At VV estimater his formall tale to say,
And also him which puppets represents,
And also him which with the Ape doth play:
Though all his Poetrie be like to this,
Amongst the Poets Dacus numbered is.

In Priscum. 31

V Vhen Priscus raise f. om low to high estate, Rode through the streetes in pompous iollitie, Caius his poore familiar friend of late, Bespake him thus: Sir now you know not me, Tis likely friend (quoth Priscus) to be so, For at this time my selfe I doe not know.

In Brunum. 32

Brunus which thinkes himselfe a faire sweete youth,
Is thirtie nine yeares of age at least,
Yet was he neuer, to consesse the truth,
But a drie statueling when he was at best:
This Gull was sicke to shew his night cap fine,

And his wrought pillow ouerspred with lawne, and But hath been well since his grieses cause hath line At Trollups by Saint Clements Church in pawne.

VVhen Francus comes to folace with his whore, He fends for rods and strips himselfe starke naked, For his lust sleepes and will not rise before, By whipping of the wench it be awaked:

I enuie him not, but with I had the powre, To make my felfe his wench but one halfe howre.

In Castorem. 34

Of speaking well why doe we learne the skill, Hoping thereby honor and wealth to gaine, threating Castor doth by speaking ill, Opinion of much wit and golde obtaine.

In Septimum. 235

Septimus liues, and is like Garlike seene,
For though his head be white, his blade is greene,
This olde mad coult descrues a Martyrs praise,
For he was burned in Queene Maries daies.

Of Tabacco. 36

Homer of Moly, and Nepenthe lings. Moly the gods most soueraigne herbe diuine, Nepenthe Heuens drinke which gladnes brings, Harts griefe expels, and doth the wits refine: But this our age another world hath found, From whence an herbe of heauenly power is Moly is not fo foueraigne for a would, (brought Nor hath Nepenthe fo great wonders brought. It is Tabacco, whose sweete substantiall fume the hellish torment of the teeth doth ease. By drawing downe and drying vp the rume, The mother and the nurse of each disease, It is Tabaco which doth colde expell, And cleeres the obstructions of the arteries. And furfets threatning death digesteth well, Decocting all the itomackes crudities: It is Tabacco which hath power to clarifie, The cloudy miftes before dim eies appearing, It is Tabaco which hath power to rarefie, The thicke grose humor which doth stop the hearing The wasting Heclicke and the quartane feuer, VV hich doth of Phylicke make a mockerje, The goute it cures, and helpes ill breaths for euer, V Vhether the cause in tooth or stomacke be.

And though ill breaths were by it but confounded, Yet that medicine it dooth farre excell, V V hich by tir Thomas Morehath bin propounded, For this is thought a gentlemanlike imell, O that I were one of these mountybankes, (fell, V V hich praise their oyles, and powders which they My customers would give me coyne with thankes, I for this ware so smooth a tale would tell:

Yet would I vienone of those termes before, I would but say, that it the Pox will cure:
This were enough without discoursing more, All our braue Gallants in the towne t'allure.

In Crassum 37

Crassus his lies are not pernitious lies,
But pleasant sictions, hurtfull vnto none
But to himselfe, for no man counts him wise,
to tell for truth, that which for fasse is knownes
He swares that Gaunt is threescore miles about,
And that the bridge at Parris on the Seine,
Is of such thicknes, length, and breadth, throughout
That sixscore arches can it scarse sustaine,
He swares he saw so great a dead mans scull,
At Canterburie digd out of the ground,

that would containe of wheate three bushels ful,
And that in Kent are twentie yeomen found,
Of which the poorest every yeare dispends
Five thousand pound; these & sive thousand moe
So oft he hath recited to his friends,
that nowehimselse perswades himselse tis so:
But why doth Crassins tell his lies so rife,
Ofbridges, townes, and things that have no life?
Hee is a lawyer, and doth well espie,
that for such lies an action will not lie.

In Philonem. 38 Philo the Gentleman and the fortune-teller. the schoolemaster, the midwife, and the baude, the conjurer, the buyer and the feller. Of painting, which with breathing will be thawde, Doth practife Philicke, and his credite growes, As doth the ballad-fingers auditorie, Which hath at temple-Barre his standing chose, And to the vulgar fings an ale-house storie. First flands a Porter, then an oyster wife Doth stint her cry, and stay her steps to heare him. then comes a cut-purse readie with his knife, And then a countrie clyent presseth neere him. there stands the costable, there stands the whore, And heatkening to the long, marke not ech other. There There by the Sergant stands the debterpoore, And doth no more mistrust him then his brother, Thus Orpheus to such heavers grueth musicke, And Philo to such Patients grueth phisicke.

In Fuscum. 39

Fuscus is free, and hath the world at will,
Yet in the course of life that hee doth leade,
Hees like a horse which turning round a mill,
Doth alwaies in the selfesame circle treade:
First he doth rise at ten, and at cleuen
He goes to Gilles, where he doth ease til one,
Then sees a play till fixe, and suppes at seauen,
And after supper straight to bed is gone,
And there till tenne next day he doth remaine,
And then he dines, then sees a Commedie,
And then he suppes, and goes to bed againe,
Thus rounde he runnes without varietie,
Saue that sometimes he comes not to the play,
But falles into a whore house by the way.

In Afrum. 40

The Imel feaft Afer trauailes to the Burle Twife every day ile flying news to heare, Which when he bath no is ony in his purfe, Torich mens tables he doth often teare: He tel hew Gror seen is taken in By the brave conduct of illustrious Vere, And how the spatish forces i rell would winne, But that they do victorious Norris feate: No sooner is a shippe at lea surprilde, But straight he learnes the newes and doth disclose it No tooner harb the Turke a plor devilde To conquerie Christendom, but fir sight he knows it, Faire viritten in a teroule he hath the names (fall the widocwes which the plague hath made, And perfons, times, end places still he frames To every tale thebetter to petfwade: We call him Fame, for that the wide mouth flaue Will eate as fast as he will viter lies, For Fame is faid a hundred mouthes to have, And he cates more then would fue fcore fuffice.

In Paulum 4I

By lawfull mart, and by vnlawfull fealth,
Paulus in spite of enuie fortunate,
Deriues out of the Oceans to much wealth,
As he may well maintaine a Lords estate,
But on the land a little guife there is,
V Vherein he drowneth all this wealth of his,

In Lycum. 42

Lyous which lately is to Venis gone, Shall if he doe returne, gaine three for one, But tenne to one, his knowledge and his witte, VVill not be bettered nor increased a whit.

In Publium. 43

Publius student at the common law,
Oft leaves his bookes, and for his recreation,
To parish garden doth himselfe withdraw,
VV here he is ranisht with such delectation,
As downe amongst the dogges and beares he goes,
VV here whiles he skipping cries to head to head,
His satten doublet and his veluet hose,
Areall with spittle from about bespread.

Then is he like his fathers country Hall,
Stinking with dogges, and muted all with hawkes,
And rightly too, on him this filth doth fall,
Which for fuch filthy sports his bookes for ske,
Leauing old Ployden, Diar, and Brooke alone,
To see old Harry Hunkes and Sakersone.

In Sillam 44

When I this proposition had defended,
A coward cannot be an honest man,
Thou Sylla seemest forthwith to be offended,
And holdes the contrarie and sweares he can:
But when I tell thee that he will forsake
His dearest friend, in perill of his life,
Thou then art changde, and says thou didst mistake,
And so we end our argument and strife,
Yet I thinke oft, and thinke I thinke aright,

Yet I thinke oft, and thinke I thinke aright, Thy argument argues thou wilt not fight.

In Dacums 45

Dacus with some good colour and pretence, Tearmes his loues beautie filent eloquence, For she doth lay more colours on her face, Then cuer Tully vide his speech to grace.

In Marcum 46

Why doft thou Marcus in thy miferie,
Raile and blaspheme, and call the heavens vnkinde,
The heavens do owe no kindnesse vnto thee,
Thou hast the heavens so little in thy minde:
For in thy life thou never vsess prayer,
But at Primero, to encounter faire.

Meditations of a Gull. 47

See yonder melancholy Gentleman,
Vi hich hoodwinch'd with his hat, alone doth fit,
Thinke what he thinkes, and tel me if you can,
VV hat great affaires troubles his little wit:
He thinkes not of the warre twixt France & Spain,
VV hether it be for Europes good or ill,
Nor whether the Empire can it felfe maintaine
Against the Turkish powre encroching still.
Nor what great towne in all the nether lands,
The States determine to besiege this spring,
Nor how the Scottish pollicie now standes,
Nor what becomes of th'Irish mutining:
But he doth serious bethinke him whether
Of the guld people he be more esteemde,
For his long cloake, or for his great blacke feathet.

By which each gull is now a gallant deemde.

Or of a lourney he deliberates,
To Paris garden cock-pit, or the play,
Or how to steale a dogge he meditates,
Or what he shall vnto his mistris say:
Yet with these thoughts he thinks himselfe most st
To be of counsell with a King for with

Ad Mujam 48

Pease idle Muse, have done, for it is time, Since lowfie Ponticus enuies my fame, And sweares the better fort are much to blame. To make me so well knowne for so ill rime, Yet Banks his horse is better knowne then hee, So are the camels and the westerne hogge, And fo is Lepidus his printed dogge, V Vhy doth not Ponticus their fames enuie, Befides this Muse of mine, and the blacke feather, Grew both togither fresh in estimation, And both growne stale, were cast away togethers What fame is this that scarle last out a fathion : Onely this last in credite doth remaine, That from hence forth each baltard cast forth Which doth but fauour of a libell vaine, Shall call mefather, and be thought my crime. So dul! and with to little fence endude, Is my grose headed judge, the multitude.

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I Loue thee not for facred chastitie, Who loues for that I nor for thy sprightly wit, Houe thee not for thy sweete modestie, Which makes thee in perfections throane to six.

Iloue thee not for thy inchaunting eye, Thy beawty rauishing perfection, I loue thee not for vnchast luxurie, Nor for thy bodies faire proportion.

I love thee not for that my foule doth daunce, And leape with pleasure when those lips of thine, Give musicall and gracefull veterance, To some (by thee made happy) Poets line,

I love thee not for voice or flender fmall, But wilt thou know wherefore ? faire sweete for all.

Faith (wench) I cannot court thy sprightly eyes, With the bace viall plac'd betweene my thyghs, I cannot lispe nor to some adel! sing, Nor runne vpon a high streets minikin,

I cannot whine in puling Elegies,
Intombing Cupid with fad obfequies,
I am not fathiond for these amorous times,
To court thy beawtie with lascinious rimes:
I cannot dally, caper, daunce, and sing,
Oyling my faint with supple sonnetting,
I cannot crosse my armes or sigh ay me,
Ay me forlorne? egregious soppery,
I cannot buffe thy fitt, play with thy haire,
Swearing by Ioue thou art most debonaire:

Not I by God, but shal I tell thee roundly, (soundly.)
Harke in thine eare, Zoundes I can () thee

Sweete wench I loue thee, yet I will not fue,
Or thew my loue as muskie Courtiers doe,
I'le not carouse a health to honor thee,
In this same bezling drunken curtesse,
And when alls quast d, cate vp my bowsing glasse,
In glory that I am thy seruile Affe,
Nor will I weare a rotten Burbon lock,
As some sworm pesant to a semale smock.
Vell featured lasse, then knowest I loue thee deare,
Yet for thy sake I will not bore mine care:
To hang thy durtie silken shootyres thear.
Nor for thy loue wil I once anoth a bricke,
Or some pied coulers in my bonet sticke:
But by the chappes of hell to doe thee good,
I'le freely spende my thrise decocted blood.

CERTAINE OF OVIDS ELEGIES.

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Amorum lib. 1. Elegia 1.

Quemadmodum à Cupidine, pro bell. amores scribere coastus six.

VE which were Ouids fine books, now are three For these before the rest preferreth he: If reading five thou plainst of tediousnesse, Two tane away thy labor will be leffe: With muse vpreard I meane to fing of armes, Choosing a subject fit for feirle alarmes: Both vertes were alike till loue (men fay) Began to fmile and take one foote away. Rash boy, who gave thee power to change a line? We are the Mules prophets, none of thine. That if thy Mother take Dianas bowe ? Shall Dian fanne when loue begins to glowe. In wooddie groues ift meete that Ceres Raigne, And quitter bearing Dian till the plaine: Whole fet the faire trefte sonne in battell ray, While Mars doth take the Aonion harpe to play, Great are thy kingdomes, ouer strong and large, Ambitious Imp, why feekst thou further charge?

Are all things thine ? the Muses tempe thine? Then scarse can Phoebus say, this harpe is mine. When in this worke first verse I trod aloft, I flackt my Muse, and made my number loft. I have no mistris, nor no fauorit, Being fittest matter for a wanton wit, Thus I complaind, but loue vnlockt his quiver, Tooke out the shaft, ordaind my hart to shiver : And bent his finewy bow upon his knee, Saying, Poet heers a worke befeeming thee. Oh woe is me, he never shootes but hits, I burne, loue in my idle bolome fits. Let my first ver'e be fixe, my last five feete. Fare well sterne warre, for blunter Poets meete. El gian Muse, that warblest amorous laies, Gute my thuse browe with lea banke mirtle praife.

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Amorum lib. 1. Elegia 3.

ad amicum.

aske but right let hir that cought me late. Either loue, or cause that I may neuer hate: I aske too much, would the but let me love hir. Loue knowes with fuch like praiers, I dayly moue him Accept him that will ferue thee all his youth, Accept him that will love with spoiletle truth: If loftie titles cannot make me thine, That am descended but of knightly line. Soone may you plow the little lands I have. I gladly graunt my parents given, to faue. Apollo, Bacchus, and the Mules may, And Cupide who hath markt me for thy pray, My spotlesse life, which but to Gods give place. Naked simplicitie, and modest grace. I loue but one, and hir I loue change neuer, If men haue Faith, lle liue with thee for euer-The yeares that fatall destenic shall give, He live with thee, and die, or thou shalt greive. Be thou the happie subject of my Bookes, That I may write things worthy thy faire lookess By verses horned lo got hir name, And the to whom in shape of Bull love came. And the that on a faind Bull swamme to land. Griping his falle hornes with hir virgin hand: So likewise we will through the world be rung. And with my name shall thine be alwaies sung.

Amorum lib. I Elegia 5. Corinna concubitus.

N summers heate, and midtime of the day. To rest my limbes, vppon a bedde llay, One window thut, the other open stood, Which gaue such light, as twincles in a wood, Like twilight glimps at tetting of the funne, Or night being past, and yet not day beganne, Such light to thamefaste maidens must be showne, Where they may sport, and seeme to be vnknowne Then came Corinna in a long loole gowne, Her white necke hid with treffes hanging downe, Resembling faire Semiramis going to bed, Or Layis of a thousand louers spread, I fnatcht hir gowne being thin, the barme was small Yet striude the to be covered therewithall, And friging thus as one that would be caft. Betrayde her felfe, and yeelded at the laft, Starke naked as the flood before mine eie. Not one wen in her bodie could I fme, What armes and shoulders did I touch and see, How aut her breafts were to be preft by me, How Imoothe a bellie, under her waste sawe I. How large a legge, and what a luftie thigh, To leave the reft, all like me passing well, I clined her naked bodie, downe the fell, Judge you the rest, being tyrde she bad me kille, I oue lend me more such afternoones as this. C.Marlow.

Amorum lib. 3. Elegia 13.

Adamicum si peccatura est, ve occulte peccet.

C Ecing thou artfaire, Ibarre not thy falle playing. But let not mee poore foule know of thy straying. Nor do I give thee counfaile to live chafte, But that thou wouldth diffemble when tis paste, She hath not trode awrie that doth denie it, Such as confesse, have lost their good names by it, VV hat madne Ge ift to tell night prankes by day, Or hidden secrets openlie to bewray, The strumpet with the stranger will not do, Before the roome be cleere, and doore put too, will you make thipwracke of your honest name. And let the world be witnesse of the same Be more adu sde, walke as a puritane, And Ithallthinke you chafte do what you can. Slippe Rill, onely denie it when his done. And before folke immodelt peeches thunne. The bed is for lascinious toyings meete, There yse all tricks, and tread fliame under feete, When you are vp and dreft, be fage and grave. And in the bed hide all the faults you have. Be not ashamed to strippe you being there. And mingle thighs, mine euer yours to beare, There in your rolle lippes my tongue intombe, Practife a thousand sports when there you come,

Forbare no wanton words you there would speake . And with your pastime let the bedited creake, But with your robes, put on an honest face, And bluth, and feeme as you were full of grace, Deceine all, let me erre, and thinke I am right. And like a wittall thinke thee voyde of flight. Why fee I lines fo oft receiude and given, This bed, and that by tumbling made vneuen. Like one itart vp your haire toft and displaft, And with a wantons tooth, your necke new rafte. Graunt this, that what you do I may not fee, If you wey not ill speeches, yet wey mee: My foule fleetes when I thinke what you have done. And through cuerie vaine doth cold bloud runne, Then thee whom! must loue I hate in vaine, And would be dead, but dying, with thee remaine, Ile not fift much, but hold thee soone excuse, Say but thou wert injurously accuse, Though while the deede be doing you be tooke, And I see when you ope the two leaude booke: Sweare I was blinde, yeeld not, if you be wife, And I will trust your words more then mine eies, From him that yeelds the garland is quickly got, Teach but your rongue to fay, I did it not, And being justified by two words, thinke The cause acquits you not, but I that winke.

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Amorum lib.2. Elegia 15.

Adinuidos, quod fama poetarum sit perennis.

E Nuie, why carpell thou my time is spent so ill?
And tearmes our works fruits of an idle quill, Or that valike the line from whence I come, VVars dustie honors are refuted being young, Northar I stude nor the brawling lawes, Nor fet my voyce to fale in euerie caufe. Thy scope is mortall, mine eternall fame, That all the world might over chaunt my name. Homer shall live while Tenedos stands and Ide. Or to the fea swift Symois shall slide. Ascreus lives, while grapes with new wine swell, Or men with crooked fickles corne downefell, For ever lasts high Sophocles proud vaine. VVith funne and moone Æratus shall remaine. VVhile bond-men cheat, fathers hoord, bawds hooriffe And strumpets flatter, shall Menander flourish. Rude Ennius, and Plautus full of wit, Are both in Fames eternall legend writ What age of Varroes name shall not be tolde, And Ialons Argos, and the fleece of golde. Loftie Lucresius shall live that houre, That Nature shall dissolue this earthly bowre. Æneas warre, and Titerus shall be read, VV hile Rome of all the conquering world is head.

Till Cupids bow, and fierie shafts be broken, Thy versessweete Tibullus shall be spoken. And Gallus shall be knowne from East to V Vest. So shall Licorus whom he loued best: Therefore when flint and yron weare away, Verse is immortall, and shall nere decay. Let Kings give place to verse and kingly showes, The banks ore which gold bearing Tagus flowes. Let base conceited wirs, admire vilde things, Faire Phœbus leade me to the Muses fprings, About my head be quinering Mirtle wound, And in fad louers heads let me be found. The living, not the dead can envie bite, For after death all men receive their right: Then though death rackes my bones in funerall fier, He liue, and as he puls me downe, mount higher.

Amorum.lib.I.Elegia,13.

Adauroramne properet.

NOw on the sea from her old loue comes shee, That drawes the day fro heavens cold axeltree. Aurora whither flidest thou? downe againe, And birds from Memnon yearly shall be slaine. Now in her tender armes I sweetly bide, If ever, now well lies the by my fide. The aire is colde, and sleepe is sweetest now, And birds fen I forth shrill notes from everie bow. Whither runst thou, that men, and women, loue not? Hold in thy rofie horses that they move not. Ere thou rife starres teach seamen where to faile, But when thou comest they of their courses faile. Poore trauailers though tierd, rife at thy fight, And foul diours make them ready to the fight, The painfull Hinde by thee to field is fent, Slow oxen early in the yoake are pent. Thou coofnest boyes of sleepe, and dost betray them To Pedants, that with cruell lashes pay them. Thou makite the furetie to the lawyer runne, That with one worde hath nigh himselfe vndone, The lawier and the client both do hate thy view, Both whom thou railest vp to toyle anew. By thy meanes women of their rest are bard, Thou feeft their labouring hands to fpin and card.

This could I beare, but that the wench should rife . VVho can induce, faue him with whom none lies? How oft witht I night would not give thee place, Nor morning starres shunne thy vprising face. How oft, that either wind would breake thy coche. Or freeds might fal fored with thick clouds approch. VV hither gost thou hateful n.mph? Memnon the elfe Received his cole-blacke colour from thy felfe. Say that thy lone with Caphalus were not knowne. Then thinkest thou thy loose life is not showne. VVould Tithon might but talke of thee a while, Nor one in heaven should be more base and vile. Thou leav'st his bed, because hees faint through age. And early mountest thy hatefull carriage: But hadit thou in thine armes some Caphalus, Then wouldst thou cry, stay night and runne not thus. Punish ye me, because yeares make him waine. I did not bid thee wed an aged swaine. The Moone sleepes with Endemion euerie day. Thou art as faire as shee, then kisse and play. Ioue that thou shouldst not hast but wait his leasure. Made two nights one to finish vp his pleasure. I chid no more, the blutht, and therefore heard me. Yet lingered not the day, but morning feard mes

Amorum lib.2. Elegia 4.

Quod amet mulieres, Cuiuscunque forme sint.

Meane not to defend the scapes of any, Or justifie my vices being many, For I confesse, if that might merite fauour, Heere I display my lewd and loose behauiour, I loathe, yet after that I loathe, I runne: Oh how the burden irkes, that we should shun, I cannot rule my selfe but where loue please, And driven like a thip vpon rough leas, No one face likes me belt, all faces mooue A hundred reasons makes me cuer loue. If any eie mee with a model looke, I blush, and by that blushfull glasse am tooke: And the that's coy! live, for being no clowne, Me thinkes the thould be minble when thees downe. Though her fowre looks a fabins brow refemble, I thinke theele doe, but deepely can diffemble, If the be learned, then for her skill I craue her, If not because thees simple I would have her, Before Calimecus one preferres me farre, Seeing the likes my bookes, why thould we iarre? Another railes at me and that I write, Yet would I lie with her if that I might. Trips she, it likes me well, plods she, what than? She would be nimbler, lying with a man,

And when one sweetely sings, then Rraight I long, To quauer on her lippes even in her fong, Orifonetouch the lute with art and cunning, Who would not love those hands for their swife run-And the I like that with a maiestie, (ning. Foldes vp her armes, and makes low curtefie, To leave my selfe, that am in love withall, Some one of these might make the chastest fall, If the be tall, thees like an amazon, And therefore filles the bed the lies vppon, If short, she lies the rounder to speake troth, Both thort and long please me, for I loue both: If her white necke be thadowds with blacke haire, V Vhy so was Ledas, yet was Leda faire, Yellow treft is thee, then on the morne thinke I, My loue alludes to euerie historie: A yong wench pleaseth, and an old is good, This tor her looks, that for her woman hood: Nay what is the that any Romane loues, But my ambutous ranging mind appropues?

Amorum lib. 2. Elegia 10.

Ad Grecinum quod eodem tempore duas amet.

GRecinus (well I wot) thou touldst me once, could not be in love with twoo at once, By thee deceived, by thee surprise am I, For now I loue two women equallie: Both are wel fauoured, both rich in array, Which is the loueliest it is hard to fay: This feemes the faireft, so doth that to mee. This doth please me most, and so doth she, Euen as a boate, toft by contrarie winde, So with this love, and that wavers my minde, Venus, why doublest thou my endlesse smart? Was not one wench inough to greeue my heart? Why addft thou flarres to heaven, Icaues to greene And to the deep valt fea fresh water flouds? (woods, Yet this is better farre then lie alone, Let fuch as be mine enemies have none. Yea, let my foes fleepe in an emptie bed, And in the midst their bodies largely spread: But may fost loue rowse vp my drowsie eies, And from my mistr is bosc me let me rise: Let one wench cloy me with sweete loues delight If one can doote, if not, two euerie night, Though I am stender, I haue flore of pith,

Nor want I strength, but weight to presse her with:
Pleasure addes suell to my lustfull fire,
I pay them home with that they most desire:
Oft have I spent the night in wantonnesse,
And in the morne beene lusely neterthelesse,
Hees happie who loves mutuall skirmish slayes,
And to the Gods for that death Ouid prayes,
Let fouldiour chase his enemies amaine,
And with his bloud eternall honour gaine,
Let marchants seeke wealth with periured lips,
And being wracks, carowse the sea tir'd by their shipss
But when I die, would I neight droope with doing,
And in the midst thereof, set my soule going,
That at my suneralles some may weeping crie,
Euen as he led his life, so did he die.

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Amorum lib. 3. Elegia 6.

Quedab amica receptus cum ea coire non potuit conqueritur.

E Ither the was foule, or her attire was bad, Or the was not the wench I wisht t'haue had, Idly Ilay with her, as if loude her not. And like a burden greeude the bed that mooued not, Though both of vs performed our true intent. Yet could I not cast ancor where I meant, Shee on my necke her Iuorie atmes did throw. That were as white as is the cithean frow, And egerlie the kift me with her tongue, And under mine her wanton thigh the flong. Yea, and the fouthde me vp, and calde me fir. And vide all speech that wight proudke and stirre, Yer like as if cold hemlocke I had drunke. It mocked me, hung down the head and luncke, Like a dull Cipher, or rude blocke I lay, Or shad, or body was Io?who can say, VVhat will my age dotage I cannot fhunne, Seeing in my prime my force is spent and done. Iblush, and being youthfull, hor, and lustic, I prove neither youth nor man, but olde and ruftie. Pure rose shee, like a Nun to factifice, Or one that with her tender brother lies. Yet boorded I the golden Chie twife,

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And Libas, and the white cheek'de Pitho thrife, Corinna craude it in a summers night, And nine sweete bouts had we before day light, what wast my limbs through some Thesalian charms, May spelles and droughs do sillie soules such harmes? V Vith virgin waxe hath fome imbast my joynts, And pierft my liver with sharpe needle poynts, Charmes change corne to graffe, and makes it dye, By charmes are running springs and fountaines drie, By charms mafte drops from okes, from vines grapes And fruit from trees, when ther's no wind at al (fall, Why might not then my finews be inchanted, And I grow faint, as with some spirit haunted, To this ad shame, shame to performe it quaild mee, And was the second cause why vigor failde mee: My idle thoughts delighted her no more, Then did the robe or garment which the wore, Yet might her touch make youthful pilius fire. And Tuhon liuclier then his yeeres require, Euen her I had, and the had me in vaine, What might I crave more if I aske againe, I thinke the great Gods greeved they had bestowde this benefite, which lewdly I forflowd: I witht to be received in, and in I got me, to kiffe, I kiffe, to lie with her shee let me, Why was I bleft why made king? and refuse it, Chuf-like had I not gold, and could not vie it, So in a spring thriues he that told so much, And lookes vppon the fruits he cannot touch,

Hath any role fo from a fresh yong maide, As the might straight have gone to church & praide: VVell, I beleeve the kift not as the should. Nor vide the flight nor cunning which the could. Huge okes, hard Adamantes might the haue moved. And with sweete words cause deafe rockes to have VVorthy she was to moue both Gods & men (loued But neither was I man, not lived then, Can deafe yeares take delight when Phemius fings, Or Thamaris in curious painted things, VVhat sweetethought is there but I had the same, And one gaue place still as another came? yet notwithstanding, like one dead it lay, Drouping more then a Role puld yesterday: Now when he should not iette, he boults vpright, And craues his taske, and feekes to be at fight, Lie downe with stame, and see thou stirre no more, Seeing now thou wouldst deceive me as before: Thou cousendst mee, by thee surprized am I, And bide fore loffe, with endleffe infamic, Nay more, the wench did not disdaine a whit, To take it in her hand and play with it. But when the faw it would by no meanes stand, Butstill droupt downe regarding not her hand, VVhy mockst thou me she cried, or being ill, VVho bad thee lie downe here against thy will? Either thart witcht with blood of frogs new dead. Or jaded camft thou from some others bed. VVith that her loofe gowne on from me the cast her

In skipping out her naked feete much grac'd her, And leaft her maide should know of this disgrace, To couer it, spilt water in the place.

Amorum lib. 1. Elegia 2,

Quod primo Amore correptus, in triumphum duci je à Cupidine patiatur.

Hat makes my bed seem hard seeing it is soft? Or why flips downe the Couerlet so oft?

Although the nights be long, I sleepe not tho My sides are fore with tumbling to and sio. Were love the cause, it's like I shoulde descry him, Or lies he close, and shoots where none can spie him. I'was so he stroke me with a slender dart, Its cruell love turmoyles my caprime hart, yeelding or striuing doe we give him might I ets yeeld, a burden easly borne is light. I saw a brandisht streincrease in strength, Which being not shakt, saw it die at length, yong oxen newly yokt are beaten more, Then oxeti which have drawne the plow before.

End rough iades mouths with stul burn bits are torne

But managde horses heads are lightly borne. Viwilling Louers, lore doth more torment. Then such as in their bondage feele content. Loe ! confesse, I am thy captine I, And hold my conquered hands for thee to tie. What needes thou warre, fue to thee for grace. With armes to conquer aimlesse men is base, Yoke Venus Doues, put Mirtle on thy haire, Vulcan will give thee Chariots rich and faire. the people thee applauding thou shalte stand, Guiding the harmleffe Pigeons with thy hand. Yong men and women, shalt thou lead as thrall, So will thy triumplis seeme magnificall, I lately cought, will have a new made wound, And captine like be manacled and bound. Good meaning shame, and such as seeke loues wrack Shall follow thee, their hands tied at their backe, thee all shall feare and worship as a King, Io. triumphing shall thy people sing. Smooth speeches, feare and rage shall by thee ride. Which troopes hath alwayes bin on Cupids fide: thou with these souldiers conquerest gods and men. take these away, where is thy honor then? thy mother shall from heaven applaud this show, And on their faces heapes of Roles frow, With beautie of thy wings, thy faire haire guilded, Ride golden loue in Charlots richly builded, Valette! erre full many thalt thou burne, And give woundes infinite at everie turne.

In spite of thee, forth will thy arrowes slie,
A scorching slame burnes all the standers by,
So having conquerd Inde, was Bacchus hew,
Thee Pompous birds and him two tygres drew.
Then seeing I grace thy show in following thee,
Forbeareto hast thy selfe in spoyling mee.
Beholde thy kinsmans Ca sars prosperous bandes,
Whogatdes thee conquered with his conquering
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