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times seuen to acquaint themselves in the labozynth of this and the management thereof befoze they undertake it, theresoze hauing this notion make vse thereof, either discharge it willingly and contentedly, or undertake it not at all.

CHAP. XIII.

Certaine Precepts to be obserued either in Wiuing or Marriage.



Doe not by Embassadour.

- 2 Make not thy friend too familiar with thy wife.
 - 3 Conceiue not an idle ieaousy, being a fire once kindled not easily put out.
 - 4 Affect him not that would ill possesse thee.
 - 5 Blase not her beauty with thine owne tongue.
 - 6 If thy estate bee weake and pooze marry farre off and quickly; if otherwise firme and rich, at home and with deliberation.
 - 7 Bee aduised befoze thou conclude, for though thy errour may teach thee wit it is vncertaine in this whether thou shalt euer haue the like occasion to practise it.
 - 8 Marry not for Gentility without her suppozt, because it can buy nothing in the Market without money.
 - 9 Make thy choicet rather of a vertuous then a learned wife.
 - 10 Esteeme rather what shee is of her selfe, then what shee should bee by inheritance.
 - 11 Intactam quæris intactam esto.
- Bee that example to thy wife thou wouldst haue her to imitate.
- For hee that strikes with the Point must bee content to bee beaten with the Pommell.
- 12 Shee whose youth hath pleased thee dispise not her age.

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- 13 That thou maist bee loued, be amiable.
 - 14 Saile not on this Sea without a good Compasse, for a wicked woman byings a man to repentance sooner than a surfet, sooner then suretiship.
 - 15 'Tis the greater dispraise to children to bee like to wicked parents.
 - 16 'Tis moze toymet to bee ieaalous of a mans wife, then resolued of her dishonesty.
- And the moze misery that a man may bee assured of her vice that way, but cannot bee of her vertue.
- 17 True chastity doth not onely consist in keeping the body from vncleanesse, but in with-holding the minde from lust; & she may be moze maide that hath bene vnwillingly forced thereto in body, then shee that hath barely consented in heart.
- 18 A true wife should bee like a Turcoyse stone, cleere in heart in her husbands health, and cloudy in his sicknesse.
- And like a Tortoysse vnder her shell euer bearing her house vpon her backe.
- 19 Deferre not thy Marriage to thy age, for a woman out of her owne choyce seldome pluckes a man, (as a Rose) full blowne.
- 20 Marry so thy body that thou maist marry thy mind; which that thou maist the better do, thus meditate.
- 1 That if thou hadst in variety of woman out-para-leld Salomon, thou shouldst in the end giue by thy verdict with his: That all is but vanity and vexation of Spirit.
- 2 That it is in lust as in riches, where to desire nothing and to inioy all things is but one: To vncouer moze seuerall nakednesse then the Turke from his Decimary Seraglio hath authority for, with an vnfatiate illimited appetite, and to desire none, at least wife no variety, is the same I with aduantage.
- 3 That if thou shouldst thus seeking to please thine appetite inioy a thousand, and but want one thou desirest,

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