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thou shouldst moze grieue for that little want, then reioyce in all thy former plenty.

4 When since what thou canst enioy, consume thy oyle to the socket, and thy substance to a mozsell, will not, be one to thy pleasure for ten thousand that escape it, the variety so large neuer to bee gathered into one bundle of thy fruition, to set vp thy rest, but the moze thou pursuest if the moze thou art distracted: Content thy selfe within thy lawfull limits, and destroy not thy selfe to runne after that thou canst nere oztake, which the faster thou folowest if the swifter it flies from thee.

5 What it were a grieue to die for the full pleasure of any sence, but a torment for a taste to a greater distemper, like to him that should purchase at a deare rate salt water to quench his thirst, which the moze hee should drinke should but the moze increase it.

6 What if beauty, or wisdom, or any other portion of the body or minde assaile thee, recell them with this thought, that they are but shadowes of that substance, which should the moze allure thee: But pictures, which if they please, are but that the patterne should be the moze desired.

Thinke that as each day is an abridgement of all time, presents the same light, the same vse, the same Sunne and firmament, and the ending of this reues but the same to morrow: So each woman an abridgement of that whole seue, and infirmity, how meane so euer, exprestly the same substance, the same mould, and mettall, proportion, quality, and vse of all other in the world: Who then would be so mad against sence, though they would persuade otherwise by Title, by Trapping, by copious adulterating all partes, to beleue (as they would be thought) that they are other then what they are, other then the same, unlesse worse then other: The same way and the same fashion, leading to the Harbrough of the same life, of the same condition and quality, though a
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little moze circumstances (in some then other) beates the Bush, and vsers it on. Know this, that the end of all such variety is no moze then one dish, dressed and presented by a feuerall Cooke, and fashion the same in all one but in circumstance and carriage: Who would thus be mad without reason to teyle after the whole Alphabet of woman, when the lest letter in the row expoundeth all that Tert and Couerture. And for Title, or Toombe like bzaury, well may they worke vpon the eie of folke but neuer besiege the heart of vnderstanding: And as it was lately well obserued by one, who, to that effect, thus further noted their vanitie.

Things were first made, then cal'd, woman the same,
With or without false Title, or proud name.

And if this bee not yet enough, take with thee besides for a conclusion and barre to all the rest, this Motto or Sentence to leade thee home: that,

Since all earths pleasures are so short and small,
The way to enioy most is to abiure them all.

CHAP. XV.

Discontents in all Ages, Sexes, States, Conditions.

VNmedled ioyes here to no man befall,
Who least hath some, who most hath neuer all:
I haue examin'd from the King on's Throne,
To him that at his chayned Oare doth groane,
Euery estate, condition, and degree
Scyuate betweene this large extremitie:
Yet wheresoever that I cast mine eye,
I neuer was so fortunate to spye

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