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 fol.</p>  
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 some copies;  
 p.89 misnumbered 91; p. 90 misnumbered 92 -- 3rd count:  
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 numbered 167 and 168 respectively; p. 216 numbered 218 --  
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 $gg^2 Gg^6$   
 $hh^6 kk-bbb^6$ ; 2. West:  $\pi A^6 (\pi A1+1, \pi A5+1.2)^2 A-2B^6 2C^2 a-$   
 $g^6 ^2g^8 h-v^6 x^4$   
 $'gg3.4' (\pm'gg3')$  [para.]-2[para.]<sup>6</sup> 3[para.]<sup>1</sup> 2a-2f<sup>6</sup> 2g<sup>2</sup> 2G<sup>6</sup> 2h<sup>6</sup>  
 $2k-2v^6$   
 $x^6 2y-3b^6$ .</p>  
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 on leaf a1  
 recto; "The tragedy of Coriolanus" begins new pagination on  
 leaf aa1  
 recto.</p>  
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reader".

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Rare

The title page is trimmed and mounted, with a section of the  
towards the foot of the leaf mutilated resulting in the loss of  
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Condell.</p>  
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earlier  
state has lighter shading generall ; 2. Later state has heavier  
shading,  
especially around the collar, and minor differences particularly  
with the  
jawline and moustache. The vast majority of surviving copies  
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t.p.  
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 the head  
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 Gibson in  
 sent out  
 printed waste from  
 Pafraet, between  
 work see: Bod.
 Bodleian Library by William Wildgoose, with evidence of two  
 sprinkled edge. Formerly chained, with evidence of chain staple at  
 of the upper cover. Remains of paper label at the head of the  
 Original Bodleian Copy of First Folio, p. 12-13. One of four items  
 on 17th February 1624 for binding by Wildgoose containing  
 a copy of Cicero's "De Officiis, et al." [Deventer: Richard  
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"superfluous library books" to [Richard Davis](#), a bookseller in Oxford, in [1664](#) for the sum of [£24](#).

After leaving the Bodleian this copy entered the collection of [Richard Turbutt](#) of Ogston Hall, Derbyshire at some point in the early 18th century. It stayed in the family's possession until [1906](#), when it was reacquired by the Bodleian for the sum of [£3000](#), raised by public subscription. For a full discussion of the rediscovery and purchase of this copy see: F. Madan, G. M. R. Turbutt and S. Gibson, The Original Bodleian Copy of the First Folio of Shakespeare (the Turbutt Shakespeare) (Oxford, 1905).

For a full discussion of this copy and the digital version see <http://shakespeare.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/> and West

Rasmussen (2011), 31.

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[F-wiv-ser](#)

[Servant](#)

[Ser.](#)

[F-wiv-ser.1](#)

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[1 Ser.](#)

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Anne Page,</hi>
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<lb/>matter of
    it, if hee were twenty Sir <lb/>
    <hi rend="italic">Iohn
    Falstoffs</hi>, he shall not abuse <hi rend="italic">Robert
Shallow</hi>
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Gentleman
      borne <lb/>(Master Parson) who writes himselfe <hi
rend="italic">Armigero</hi>, in any <lb/>Bill, Warrant,
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    <p>I that I doe, and haue done any time these three <lb/>hundred
      yeeres.</p>
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you.</p>

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all his Ancestors (that come after him) may: they  
<lb/>may giue the dozen white Luces in their Coate.</p>  
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<speaker rend="italic">Euans.</speaker>  
<p>The dozen white Lowses doe become an old <lb/>Coat well:  
agrees well passant: It is a familiar beast to <lb/>man,  
and signifies Loue.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
<speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
<p>The Luse is the fresh&#x2011;fish, the  
salt&#x2011;fish, is an old <lb/>Coate.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
<speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
<l>I may quarter (Coz).</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
<speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
<l>You may, by marrying.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
<speaker rend="italic">Euans.</speaker>  
<l>It is marring indeed, if he quarter it.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
<speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
<l>Not a whit.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
<speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
<p>Yes per&#x2011;lady: if he ha's a quarter of your coat,  
<lb/>there is but three Skirts for your selfe, in my simple  
con&#x00AD;<lb/>iections; but that is all one: if Sir  
<hi rend="italic">Iohn Falstaffe</hi> haue  
<lb/>committed disparagements vnto you, I am of the Church  
<lb/>and will be glad to do my beneuolence, to make  
attone&#x00AD;<lb/>ments and compremises betweene  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
<speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>

<p>The Councell shall heare it, it is a Riot.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
<speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
<p>It is not meet the Councell heare a Riot: there <lb/>is no feare  
of Got in a Riot: The Councell (looke you) <lb/>shall desire to  
heare the feare of Got, and not to heare a <lb/>Riot: take your  
viza&#x2011;ments in that.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
<speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
<p>Ha; o' my life, if I were yong againe, the sword  
<lb/>should end it.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
<speaker rend="italic">Euans.</speaker>  
<p>It is petter that friends is the sword, and end <lb/>it: and  
there is also another deuice in my praine, which  
<lb/>peraduenture prings goot discretions with it. There is  
<lb/>  
<hi rend="italic">Anne Page</hi>, which is daughter to <hi  
rend="italic">Master Thomas Page</hi>, <lb/>which is  
pretty virginity.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
<speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
<p>  
<hi rend="italic">Mistris Anne Page</hi>? she has browne  
haire, and <lb/>speakes small like a woman.</p>  
</sp>  
<cb n="2"/>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
<speaker rend="italic">Euans.</speaker>  
<p>It is that ferry person for all the orld, as iust as  
<lb/>you will desire, and seuen hundred pounds of Moneyes,  
<lb/>and Gold, and Siluer, is her Grand&#x2011;sire vpon his  
deaths&#x2011;bed, (Got deliuer to a ioyfull  
resurrections) giue, when <lb/>she is able to ouertake  
seuenteene yeeres old. It were a <lb/>goot motion, if we leaue  
our pribbles and prabbles, and <lb/>desire a marriage betweene  
Master <hi rend="italic">Abraham</hi>, and Mistris  
<lb/>  
<hi rend="italic">Anne Page</hi>.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
<speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
<p>Did her Grand&#x2011;sire leaue her seuen hundred  
<lb/>pound?</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">

<speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
 <p>I, and her father is make her a petter penny.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
 <p>I know the young Gentlewoman, she hasgood <lb/>gifts.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
 <p>Seuen hundred pounds, and possibilities, is <lb/>goot  
 gifts.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
 <p>Wel, let vs see honest M<c rend="superscript">r</c> <hi  
 rend="italic">Page</hi>: is  
 <hi rend="italic">Falstaffe</hi> there? <lb/></p></sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker> <p> Shall I tell you a lye? I  
 doe despise a  
 lyer, as I <lb/>doe despise one that is false, or as I despise  
 one that is not <lb/>>true: the Knight Sir <hi  
 rend="italic">Iohn</hi> is there, and I beseech you be <lb/>ruled by your  
 well&#x2011;willers: I will peat the doore for M<c  
 rend="superscript">r</c>. <lb/>  
 <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>. What hoa? Got&#x2011;plesse your  
 house  
 here.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">M<c rend="superscript">r</c>.  
 Page.</speaker>  
 <l>Who's there?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
 <p>Here is go't's plessing and your friend, and  
 Iu&#x00AD;<lb/>stice  
 <hi rend="italic">Shallow</hi>, and  
 heere yong Master <hi rend="italic">Slender</hi>: that  
 perad&#x00AD;<lb/>uentures shall tell you another tale, if  
 matters grow to <lb/>your likings.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">M<c rend="superscript">r</c>.  
 Page.</speaker>  
 <p>I am glad to see your Worships well: I <lb/>thanke you for  
 my  
 Venison Master <hi rend="italic">Shallow</hi>.</p>  
 </sp>



<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
     <p>Master <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>, I am glad to see you:  
         much good <lb/>doe it your good heart: I wish'd your  
         Venison better, it <lb/>was ill killd: how doth good  
         Mistresse <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>? and I thank  
         <lb/>you alwaies with my heart, la: with my heart.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">M.Page.</speaker>  
     <l>Sir, I thanke you.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
     <l>Sir, I thanke you: by yea, and no I doe.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">M.Pa.</speaker>  
     <l>I am glad to see you, good Master <hi  
 rend="italic">Slender</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
     <p>How do's your fallow Greyhound, Sir, I heard <lb/>say he  
         was out&#x2011;run on <hi rend="italic">Cotsall</hi>.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">M.Pa.</speaker>  
     <l>It could not be iudg'd, Sir.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
     <l>You'll not confesse: you'll not confesse.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
     <p>That he will not, 'tis your fault, 'tis your fault:  
         <lb/>'tis a good dogge.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">M.Pa.</speaker>  
     <l>A Cur, Sir.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
     <p>Sir: hee's a good dog, and a faire dog, can there <lb/>be  
         more said? he is good, and faire. Is Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn  
 Falstaffe</hi>  
         <lb/>heere?</p>  
 </sp>



<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">M.Pa.</speaker>  
     <p>Sir, hee is within: and I would I could doe a <lb/>good  
         office betweene you.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
     <l>It is spoke as a Christians ought to speake.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
     <l>He hath wrong'd me (Master <hi  
 rend="italic">Page</hi>.)</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">M.Pa.</speaker>  
     <l>Sir, he doth in some sort confesse it.</l>  
 </sp>  
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 rend="inverted">l</c></fw>  
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     <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
     <p>If it be confessed, it is not redressed; is not that <lb/>so (M.  
         <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>?) he hath wrong'd me, indeed  
         he hath, at a <lb/>word he hath: beleeue me, <hi  
 rend="italic">Robert Shallow</hi> Esquire, saith <lb/>he is wronged.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Ma.Pa.</speaker>  
     <l>Here comes Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
     <p>Now, Master <hi rend="italic">Shallow</hi>, you'll  
         complaine of me to <lb/>the King?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
     <p>Knight, you haue beaten my men, kill'd my <lb/>deere, and  
         broke open my Lodge.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
     <l>But not kiss'd your Keepers daughter?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">

<speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
 <l>Tut, a pin: this shall be answer'd.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>I will answer it strait, I haue done all this:</l>  
 <l>That is now answer'd.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
 <l>The Councell shall know this.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>'Twere better for you if it were known in  
 coun&#x00AD;cell: <lb/>you'll be laugh'd at.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eu.</speaker>  
 <l>  
 <hi rend="italic">Pauca verba</hi>; (Sir <hi  
 rend="italic">Iohn</hi>) good worts.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>Good worts? good Cabidge; <hi rend="italic">Slender</hi>, I  
 broke  
 <lb/>your head: what matter haue you against me?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
 <p>Marry sir, I haue matter in my head against you, <lb/>and  
 against your cony&#x2011;catching Rascalls, <hi  
 rend="italic">Bardolf</hi>, <hi rend="italic">Nym</hi>,  
 <lb/>and <hi rend="italic">Pistoll</hi>.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-bar">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Bar.</speaker>  
 <l>You Banbery Cheese.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
 <l>I, it is no matter.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
 <l>How now, <hi rend="italic">Mephostophilus</hi>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>

<l>I, it is no matter.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-nym">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Nym.</speaker>  
 <l>Slice, I say; <hi rend="italic">pauca, pauca</hi>: Slice, that's  
 my humor.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
 <p>Where's <hi rend="italic">Simple</hi> my man? can you  
 tell, Cosen?</p></sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker> <p>Peace, I pray  
 you: now let vs vnderstand: there <lb/>is three Vmpires  
 in this matter, as I vnderstand; that is,  
 <lb/>Master <hi rend="italic">Page</hi> (fidelicet  
 Master <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>,) & there is my  
 selfe, <lb/>(fidelicet my selfe) and the three party is  
 (lastly, and fi&#x00AD;nally) <lb/>mine Host  
 of the Gater.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ma.Pa</speaker>  
 <l>We three to hear it, & end it between them.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
 <p>Ferry goo't, I will make a priefe of it in my  
 <lb/>note&#x2011;booke, and we wil afterwards orke vpon the  
 cause, <lb/>with as great discreetly as we can.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>  
 <hi rend="italic">Pistoll</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
 <l>He heares with eares.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
 <p>The Teuill and his Tam: what phrase is this? <lb/>he heares  
 with  
 eare? why, it is affectations.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>  
 <hi rend="italic">Pistoll</hi>, did you picke M. <hi

*Slenders* purse?  
 I, by these gloues did hee, or I would I might neuer  
 come  
 in mine owne great chamber againe else, of  
 groates  
 in mill; sixpences, and two  
*Edward*  
 Shovelboards, that cost me two shilling and  
 two pence a peece of *Yead Miller*:  
 by these gloues.  
 Is this true, *Pistoll*?  
 No, it is false, if it is a pickpurses.  
 Ha, thou mountaine Forreyner: Sir  
*Iohn*,  
 and Master mine, I combat challenge of this Latine  
 Bilboe: word of deniall in thy  
*labras* here; word of denial; froth, and scum thou  
 liest.  
 By these gloues, then 'twas he.  
 Nym.  
 Be auis'd sir, and passe good humours: I will say  
 marry trap with you, if you runne the nut; hooks  
 and mor on me, that is the very note of it.  
 By this hat, then he in the red face had it: for though I  
 cannot remember what I did when you made me drunke,  
 yet I  
 am not altogether an asse.  
 Fal.

<l>What say you <hi rend="italic">Scarlet</hi>, and <hi  
 rend="italic">Iohn</hi>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-bar">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Bar.</speaker>  
 <p>Why sir, (for my part) I say the Gentleman had <lb/>drunke  
 himselfe out of his fiue sentences.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eu.</speaker>  
 <l>It is his fiue sences: fie, what the ignorance  
 is.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-bar">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Bar.</speaker>  
 <p>And being fap, sir, was (as they say) casheerd: and <lb/>so  
 conclusions past the Car&#x2011;eires.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <cb n="2"/>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
 <p>I, you spake in Latten then to: but 'tis no  
 mat&#x00AD;ter; <lb/>Ile nere be drunk whilst I liue  
 againe, but in honest, <lb/>ciuill, godly company for  
 this tricke: if I be drunke, Ile <lb/>be drunke with those that  
 haue the feare of God, and not <lb/>with drunken knaues.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
 <p>So got&#x2011;udge me, that is a vertuo<c  
 rend="inverted">u</c>s minde.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>You heare all these matters deni'd, Gentlemen; <lb/>you  
 heare it.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">M<c  
 rend="superscript">r</c>.Page.</speaker>  
 <p>Nay daughter, carry the wine in, wee'll <lb/>drinke  
 within.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
 <l>Oh heauen: This is Mistresse <hi rend="italic">Anne  
 Page</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">M<c

rend="superscript">r</c>.Page.</speaker>  
 <l>How now Mistris <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>  
 <hi rend="italic">Mistris Ford</hi>,  
 by my troth you are very wel met: <lb/>by your leaue good  
 Mistris.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">M<c  
 rend="superscript">r</c>.Page.</speaker>  
 <p>Wife, bid these gentlemen welcome: come, <lb/>we haue a  
 hot  
 Venison pasty to dinner; Come gentle&#x00AD;<lb/>men, I  
 hope we shall drinke downe all vnkindnesse.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
 <p>I had rather then forty shillings I had my booke <lb/>of Songs  
 and Sonnets heere: How now <hi rend="italic">Simple</hi>,  
 where  
 <lb/>haue you beene? I must wait on my selfe, must  
 I? you <lb/>haue not the booke of Riddles about you, haue  
 you?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sim.</speaker>  
 <p>Booke of Riddles? why did you not lend it to <lb/>  
 <hi rend="italic">Alice Short&#x2011;cake</hi> vpon  
 Alhallowmas  
 last, a fortnight a&#x00AD;fore <lb/>Michaelmas.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
 <p>Come Coz, come Coz, we stay for you: a word <lb/>with you  
 Coz: marry this, Coz: there is as 'twere a  
 ten&#x00AD;<lb/>der,  
 a kinde of tender, made a farre&#x2011;off by Sir  
 <hi rend="italic">Hugh</hi> here: <lb/>doe you vnderstand  
 me?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
 <l>I Sir, you shall finde me reasonable; if it be so,</l>  
 <l>I shall doe that that is reason.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>

<l>Nay, but vnderstand me.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
<speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
<l>So I doe Sir.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
<speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
<p>Giue eare to his motions; (M<c rend="superscript">r</c>. <hi  
rend="italic">Slender</hi>) I  
will <lb/>description the matter to you, if you be capacity of  
it.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
<speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
<p>Nay, I will doe as my Cozen <hi rend="italic">Shallow</hi>  
saies:  
I <lb/>pray you pardon me, he's a Iustice of Peace  
in his Coun&#x00AD;trie, <lb/>simple though I stand  
here.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
<speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
<p>But that is not the question: the question is  
<lb/>concerning your marriage.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
<speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
<l>I, there's the point Sir.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
<speaker rend="italic">Eu.</speaker>  
<l>Marry is it: the very point of it, to Mr. <hi rend="italic">An  
Page</hi>.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
<speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
<p>Why if it be so; I will marry her vpon any  
rea&#x00AD;sonable  
<lb/>demands.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
<speaker rend="italic">Eu.</speaker>  
<p>But can you affection the 'o&#x2011;man, let  
vs command <lb/>to know that of your mouth, or of your lips:  
for diuers <lb/>Philosophers hold, that the lips is parcell of  
the mouth: <lb/>therfore precisely,  
<choice><abbr>c&#x0101;</abbr><expand>can</expand></choice> you carry your  
good wil to y&#x0364; maid?</p>  
</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Sh.</speaker>  
     <l>Cosen <hi rend="italic">Abraham Slender</hi>, can you loue  
         her?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
     <p>I hope sir, I will do as it shall become one that <lb/>would  
 doe  
         reason.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Eu.</speaker>  
     <p>Nay, got's Lords, and his Ladies, you must speake  
         <lb/>possitable, if you can carry&#x2011;her your desires  
         towards her.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
     <l>That you must: <lb/>Will you, (vpon good dowry) marry  
         her?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
     <p>I will doe a greater thing then that, vpon your  
         <lb/>request (Cosen) in any reason.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
     <p>Nay conceiue me, conceiue mee, (sweet Coz): <lb/>What I  
 doe is  
         to pleasure you (Coz:) can you loue the <lb/>maid?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
     <p>I will marry her (Sir) at your request; but if <lb/>there  
         bee no great loue in the beginning, yet Heauen <lb/>may  
         decrease it vpon better acquaintance, when wee <lb/>are  
         married, and haue more occasion to know one  
 ano&#x00AD;<lb/>ther:  
         I hope vpon familiarity will grow more content: <lb/>but  
         if you say mary&#x2011;her, I will mary&#x2011;her, that I  
 am  
         freely <lb/>dissolued, and dissolutely.</p>  
 </sp>  
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 <fw type="rh">The Merry Wiues of Windsor.</fw>  
 <cb n="1"/>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">



<speaker rend="italic">Eu.</speaker>  
 <p>It is a fery discretion&#x2011;answere; saue the fall is in  
 <lb/>the 'ord, dissolutely: the ort is (according to our  
 mea&#x00AD;<lb/>ning) resolutely: his meaning is good.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sh.</speaker>  
 <l>I: I thinke my Cosen meant well.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sl.</speaker>  
 <l>I, or else I would I might be hang'd (la.)</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sh.</speaker>  
 <p>Here comes faire Mistris <hi rend="italic">Anne</hi>; would  
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 I were <lb/>yong for your sake, Mistris <hi  
 rend="italic">Anne</hi>.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-ann">  
 <speaker rend="italic">An.</speaker>  
 <p>The dinner is on the Table, my Father desires <lb/>your  
 worships  
 company.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sh.</speaker>  
 <l>I will wait on him, (faire Mistris <hi  
 rend="italic">Anne</hi>.)</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eu.</speaker>  
 <l>Od's plessed&#x2011;wil: I wil not be  
 <choice><abbr>abs&#x0113;ce</abbr><expn>absence</expn></choice> at  
 the grace.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-ann">  
 <speaker rend="italic">An.</speaker>  
 <l>Wil't please your worship to come in, Sir?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sl.</speaker>  
 <l>No, I thank you forsooth, hartely; I am very well.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-ann">  
 <speaker rend="italic">An.</speaker>  
 <l>The dinner attends you, Sir.</l>  
 </sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sl.</speaker>  
 <p>I am not a&#x2011;hungry, I thanke you, forsooth: goe,  
 <lb/>Sirha, for all you are my man, goe wait vpon my Cosen<lb/>  
 <hi rend="italic">Shallow</hi>: a Iustice of peace sometime  
 may be beholding <lb/>to his friend, for a Man; I keepe but  
 three Men, and a<lb/>Boy yet, till my Mother be dead: but  
 what though, yet  
 <lb/>I liue like a poore Gentleman borne.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-ann">  
 <speaker rend="italic">An.</speaker>  
 <p>I may not goe in without your worship: they <lb/>will not sit  
 till you come.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sl.</speaker>  
 <p>I'faith, ile eate nothing: I thanke you as much as  
 <lb/>though I did.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-ann">  
 <speaker rend="italic">An.</speaker>  
 <l>I pray you Sir walke in.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sl.</speaker>  
 <p>I had rather walke here (I thanke you) I bruiz'd <lb/>my  
 shin th' other day, with playing at Sword and  
 Dag&#x00AD;<lb/>ger with a Master of Fence (three veneys  
 for a dish of <lb/>stew'd Prunes) and by my troth,  
 I cannot abide the smell <lb/>of hot meate since. Why doe your  
 dogs barke so? be <lb/>there Beares ith' Towne?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-ann">  
 <speaker rend="italic">An.</speaker>  
 <l>I thinke there are, Sir, I heard them talk'd of.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sl.</speaker>  
 <p>I loue the sport well, but I shall as soone quarrell <lb/>at it,  
 as any man in <hi rend="italic">England</hi>: you are afraid if  
 you see the <lb/>Beare loose, are you not?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-ann">  
 <speaker rend="italic">An.</speaker>  
 <l>I indeede Sir.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sl.</speaker>  
 <p>That's meate and drinke to me now: I haue seene <lb/>

taken

so

<hi rend="italic">Saskerson</hi> loose, twenty times, and haue  
him by the <lb/>Chaine: but (I warrant you) the women haue  
cride <lb/>and shrekt at it, that it past: But women  
indeede, cannot <lb/>abide 'em, they are very  
ill&#x2011;fauour'd rough things.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
<speaker rend="italic">Ma.Pa</speaker>  
<l>Come, gentle M. <hi rend="italic">Slender</hi>, come; we  
stay for you.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
<speaker rend="italic">Sl.</speaker>  
<l>Ile eate nothing, I thanke you Sir.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
<speaker rend="italic">Ma.Pa</speaker>  
<l>By cocke and pie, you shall not choose, Sir: <lb/>come,  
come.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
<speaker rend="italic">Sl.</speaker>  
<l>Nay, pray you lead the way.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
<speaker rend="italic">Ma.Pa.</speaker>  
<l>Come on, Sir.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
<speaker rend="italic">Sl.</speaker>  
<l>Mistris <hi rend="italic">Anne</hi>: your selfe shall goe  
first.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-ann">  
<speaker rend="italic">An.</speaker>  
<l>Not I Sir, pray you keepe on.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
<speaker rend="italic">Sl.</speaker>  
<l>Truely I will not goe first: truly&#x2011;la: I will  
not <lb/>doe you that wrong.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-ann">  
<speaker rend="italic">An.</speaker>  
<l>I pray you Sir.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
<speaker rend="italic">Sl.</speaker>

your

<p>Ile rather be vnmanly, then troublesome: you <lb/>doe  
 selfe wrong indeede&#x2011;la.</p>  
 </sp>  
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 <div type="scene" n="2">  
 <head rend="italic center">Scena Secunda.</head>  
 <head type="supplied">[Act 1, Scene 2]</head>  
 <stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">Enter Euans, and  
 Simple.</stage>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eu.</speaker>  
 <p>Go your waies, and aske of Doctor <hi  
 rend="italic">Caius</hi> house, <lb/>which is the way; and there dwels one  
 Mistris <hi rend="italic">Quickly</hi>; <lb/>which is in  
 the manner of his Nurse; or his dry&#x2011;Nurse; or <lb/>his  
 Cooke; or his Laundry; his Washer, and his Ringer.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Si.</speaker>  
 <l>Well Sir.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <cb n="2"/>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eu.</speaker>  
 <p>Nay, it is petter yet: giue her this letter; for it is <lb/>a  
 'oman that altogethers  
 <choice><abbr>acquaint&#x0101;ce</abbr><expan>acquaintance</expan></choice>  
 > with  
 Mistris <hi rend="italic">Anne <lb/>Page</hi>; and the  
 Letter is to desire, and require her to soli&#x00AD;<lb/>cite  
 your Masters desires, to Mistris <hi rend="italic">Anne  
 Page</hi>: I pray <lb/>you be gon: I will  
 make an end of my dinner; ther's Pip&#x00AD;<lb/>pins  
 and Cheese to come.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <stage rend="italic rightJustified" type="exit">Exeunt.</stage>  
 </div>  
 <div type="scene" n="3">  
 <head rend="italic center">Scena Tertia.</head>  
 <head type="supplied">[Act 1, Scene 3]</head>  
 <stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">Enter Falstaffe,  
 Host, Bardolfe, Nym, Pistoll, Page.</stage>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>Mine <hi rend="italic">Host</hi> of the <hi  
 rend="italic">Garter</hi>?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ho.</speaker>

<p>What saies my Bully Rooke? speake schollerly, <lb/>and  
 wisely.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>
 <p>Truely mine <hi rend="italic">Host</hi>; I must turne  
 away some of my <lb/>followers.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">
 <speaker rend="italic">Ho.</speaker>
 <p>Discard, (bully <hi rend="italic">Hercules</hi>) casheere; let  
 them wag; <lb/>trot, trot.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>
 <p>I sit at ten pounds a weeke.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">
 <speaker rend="italic">Ho.</speaker>
 <p>Thou'rt an Emperor (<hi rend="italic">Cesar, Keiser</hi>  
 and <hi rend="italic">Pheazar</hi>)  
 <lb/>I will entertaine <hi rend="italic">Bardolfe</hi>: he shall  
 draw;  
 he shall tap; said <lb/>I well (bully <hi  
 rend="italic">Hector</hi>?)</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">
 <speaker rend="italic">Fa.</speaker>
 <l>Doe so (good mine <hi rend="italic">Host</hi>.</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">
 <speaker rend="italic">Ho.</speaker>
 <p>I haue spoke; let him follow: let me see thee froth, <lb/>and  
 liue: I am at a word: follow.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>
 <p>
 <hi rend="italic">Bardolfe</hi>, follow him: a <hi  
 rend="italic">Tapster</hi> is a good trade: <lb/>an old Cloake, makes  
 a new Ierkin: a wither'd Seruing&#x00AD;<lb/>man, a  
 fresh Tapster: goe, adew.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-bar">
 <speaker rend="italic">Ba.</speaker>
 <p>It is a life that I haue desir'd: I will thriue.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>

the spigot wield. </l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-nym">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ni.</speaker>  
 <l>He was gotten in drink: is not the humor  
 <choice><abbr>c&#x014D;ceited</abbr><expn>conceited</expn></choice>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>I am glad I am so acquit of this Tinderbox: his  
 <lb/>Thefts were too open: his filching was like an  
 vnskilfull  
 <lb/>Singer, he kept not time.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-nym">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ni.</speaker>  
 <p>The good humor is to steale at a minutes rest.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
 <p>Conuay: the wise it call: Steale? foh: a fico for <lb/>the  
 phrase.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>Well sirs, I am almost out at heeles.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
 <l>Why then let Kibes ensue.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>There is no remedy: I must conicatch, I must  
 shift.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
 <l>Yong Rauens must haue foode.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>Which of you know <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi> of this  
 Towne?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
 <l>I ken the wight: he is of substance good.</l>  
 </sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
     <l>My honest Lads, I will tell you what I am about.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
     <l>Two yards, and more.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
     <p>No quips now <hi rend="italic">Pistoll</hi>: (Indeede I am  
         in the waste <lb/>two yards about: but I am now about no  
         waste: I am a&#x00AD;<lb/>bout thrift) briefly: I doe  
         meane to make loue to <hi rend="italic">Fords</hi>  
 <lb/>wife: I  
         spie entertainment in her: shee discourses: shee <lb/>carues:  
         she giues the leere of inuitation: I can construe  
         <lb/>the action of her familier stile, & the  
         hardest voice of her <lb/>behauior (to be  
         english'd rightly) is, <hi rend="italic">I am Sir Iohn  
         Falstafs</hi>.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
     <p>He hath studied her will; and translated her will:  
         <lb/>out of honesty, into English.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-nym">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Ni.</speaker>  
     <p>The Anchor is deepe: will that humor passe?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
     <p>Now, the report goes, she has all the rule of her  
 <lb/>husbands  
         Purse: he hath a legend of Angels.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
     <p>As many diuels entertaine: and to her Boy say I.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-nym">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Ni.</speaker>  
     <p>The humor rises: it is good: humor me the angels.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
     <p>I haue writ me here a letter to her: & here  
 ano&#x00AD;<lb/>ther  
         to <hi rend="italic">Pages</hi> wife, who euen now gaue

mee good eyes <lb/>too; examind my parts with most  
iudicious illiads: some&#x00AD;<lb/>times the beame of her  
view, guilded my foote: some&#x00AD;<lb/>times my portly  
belly.</p>

</sp>

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<fw type="catchword" rend="italic" place="footRight">Pist.</fw>

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<sp who="#F-wiv-pis">

<speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>

<l>Then did the Sun on dung&#x2011;hill shine.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-nym">

<speaker rend="italic">Ni.</speaker>

<l>I thanke thee for that humour.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<p>O she did so course o're my exteriors with such <lb/>a

greedy intention, that the appetite of her eye, did seeme

<lb/>to scorch me vp like a burning&#x2011;glasse:

here's another <lb/>letter to her: She beares the Purse

too: She is a Region <lb/>in <hi rend="italic">Guiana</hi>: all

gold, and bountie: I will be Cheaters to <lb/>them both, and

they shall be Exchequers to mee: they <lb/>shall be my East

and

West Indies, and I will trade to <lb/>them both: Goe,

beare thou this Letter to Mistris <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>;

<lb/>and thou this to Mistris <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>: we will thriue (Lads) we

<lb/>will

thriue.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-pis">

<speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>

<l>Shall I Sir <hi rend="italic">Pandarus</hi> of <hi

rend="italic">Troy</hi> become,</l>

<l>And by my side weare Steele? then Lucifer take all.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-nym">

<speaker rend="italic">Ni.</speaker>

<l>I will run no base humor: here take the

humor&#x2011;<lb/>Letter; I will keepe the hauior of reputation.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>Hold Sirha, beare you these Letters tightly,</l>

<l>Saile like my Pinnasse to these golden shores.</l>

<l>Rogues, hence, auaunt, vanish like haile&#x2011;stones;



goe,</l>  
 <l>Trudge; plod away ith' hoofe: seeke shelter, packe:</l>  
 <l>  
 <hi rend="italic">Falstaffe</hi> will learne the  
 honor of the age,</l>  
 <l>French&#x2011;thrift, you Rogues, my selfe, and skirted <hi  
 rend="italic">Page</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
 <l>Let Vultures gripe thy guts: for gourd, and</l>  
 <l>Fullam holds: &amp; high and low beguiles the rich &amp;  
 poore,</l>  
 <l>Tester ile haue in pouch when thou shalt lacke,</l>  
 <l>Base <hi rend="italic">Phrygian</hi> Turke.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-nym">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ni.</speaker>  
 <l>I haue operations,</l>  
 <l>Which be humors of reuenge.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
 <l>Wilt thou reuenge?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-nym">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ni.</speaker>  
 <l>By Welkin, and her Star.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
 <l>With wit, or Steele?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-nym">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ni.</speaker>  
 <l>With both the humors, I:</l>  
 <l>I will discusse the humour of this Loue to <hi  
 rend="italic">Ford</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
 <l>And I to <hi rend="italic">Page</hi> shall eke vnfold</l>  
 <l>How <hi rend="italic">Falstaffe</hi> (varlet  
 vile)</l>  
 <l>His Doue will proue; his gold will hold,</l>  
 <l>And his soft couch defile.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-nym">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ni.</speaker>  
 <p>My humour shall not coole: I will incense <hi

*Ford*  
 to deale with poyson: I will possesse him with  
 yallownesse, for the reuolt of mine is  
 dangerous:  
 that is my true humour.  
 Pist.  
 Thou art the Mars of  
*Malecontents*: I  
 second thee: troope on.  
 Exeunt.

Scene 4  
 Scena Quarta.  
 [Act 1, Scene 4]  
 Enter Mistris Quickly,  
 Simple, Iohn Rugby, Doctor, Caius, Fenton.  
 Qu.  
 What, Iohn Rugby, I pray thee goe to  
 the  
 Case;ment, and see if you can see my Master,  
 Master Docter Caius  
 comming: if he doe (I'faith) and finde any body  
 in the house; here will be an old abusing of Gods  
 patience, and the Kings English.  
 Ru.  
 Ile goe watch.  
 Qu.  
 Goe, and we'll haue a posset for't soone at night,  
 (in faith) at the latter end of a  
 Sea;cole;fire: An honest,  
 willing, kinde fellow, as euer seruant shall come in house  
 withall: and I warrant you, no tale, nor no  
 breede;bate: his worst fault is, that he is  
 giuen to prayer; hee is something peeuish that way: but no  
 body but has his fault: but let that passe. *Peter Simple*, you say your name is?  
 Si.  
 I: for fault of a better.

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
   <l>And Master <hi rend="italic">Slender</hi>'s your  
     Master?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Si.</speaker>  
   <l>I forsooth.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
   <l>Do's he not weare a great round Beard, like a</l>  
   <l>Glouers pairing&#x2011;knife?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Si.</speaker>  
   <p>No forsooth: he hath but a little wee&#2011;face; <lb/>with a  
     little yellow Beard: a Caine colourd Beard.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
   <l>A softly&#x2011;sprighted man, is he not?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Si.</speaker>  
   <p>I forsooth: but he is as tall a man of his hands, as <lb/>any is  
     betweene this and his head: he hath fought with <lb/>a  
     Warrener.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
   <p>How say you: oh, I should remember him: do's <lb/>he not  
     hold vp his head (as it were?) and strut in his gate?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Si.</speaker>  
   <l>Yes indeede do's he.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
   <l>Well, heauen send <hi rend="italic">Anne Page</hi>, no  
     fortune:</l>  
   <l>Tell Master Parson <hi rend="italic">Euans</hi>, I will doe  
     what I can for your</l>  
   <l>Master: <hi rend="italic">Anne</hi> is a good girle, and I  
     wish&#x2014;</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-rug">

worse

<speaker rend="italic">Ru.</speaker>  
 <l>Out alas: here comes my Master.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
 <p>We shall all be shent: Run in here, good young <lb/>man: goe  
 into this Closset: he will not stay long: what <lb/>  
 <hi rend="italic">Iohn Rugby</hi>? <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>:  
 what  
 <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi> I say? goe <hi  
 rend="italic">Iohn</hi>, goe en&#x00AD;<lb/>quire for my Master, I  
 doubt he be not well, that hee <lb/>comes not home: (<hi  
 rend="italic">and downe, downe, adowne'a.  
 &c.</hi></p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ca.</speaker>  
 <p>Vat is you sing? I doe not like des&#x2011;toyes: pray  
 <lb/>you  
 goe and vetch me in my Closset, vnboyteene verd; <lb/>a Box,  
 a  
 greene&#x2011;a&#x2011;Box: do intend vat I speake? a  
 greene&#x2011;<lb/>a&#x2011;Box.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
 <l>I forsooth ile fetch it you:</l>  
 <l>I am glad hee went not in himselfe: if he had found the  
 <lb/>yong man he would haue bin horne&#x2011;mad.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ca.</speaker>  
 <l rend="italic">Fe, fe, fe, mai foy, il fait for ehando, Ie  
 man voi a le  
 </l>  
 <l rend="italic">Court la grand affaires.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
 <l>Is it this Sir?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ca.</speaker>  
 <l rend="italic">Ouy mette le au mon pocket, de&#x2011;peech  
 quickly:</l>  
 <l>Vere is dat knaue <hi rend="italic">Rugby</hi>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
 <l>What <hi rend="italic">Iohn Rugby, Iohn</hi>?</l>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-rug">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ru.</speaker>  
   <l>Here Sir.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ca.</speaker>  
   <l>You are <hi rend="italic">Iohn Rugby</hi>, and you are <hi  
 rend="italic">Iacke Rugby</hi>:</l>  
   <l>Come, take&#x2011;a&#x2011;your Rapier, and come after  
 my heele  
     to <lb/>the Court.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-rug">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ru.</speaker>  
   <l>'Tis ready Sir, here in the Porch.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ca.</speaker>  
   <p>By my trot: I tarry too long: od's&#x2011;me: <hi  
 rend="italic">que ay ie <lb/>oublie</hi>: dere is some Simples in my Closset, dat I  
 vill not  
     <lb/>for the varld I shall leaue behinde.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
   <l>Ay&#x2011;me, he'll finde the yong man there, & be  
     mad.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ca.</speaker>  
   <l>O <hi rend="italic">Diable, Diable</hi>: vat is in my  
     Closset?</l>  
   <l>Villanie, La&#x2011;roone: <hi rend="italic">Rugby</hi>,  
 my  
     Rapier.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
   <l>Good Master be content.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ca.</speaker>  
   <l>Wherefore shall I be content&#x2011;a?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
   <l>The yong man is an honest man.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">

<speaker rend="italic">Ca.</speaker>  
 <p>What shall de honest man do in my Closset: dere <lb/>is no  
 honest man dat shall come in my Closset.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
 <p>I beseech you be not so flegmaticke: heare the <lb/>truth  
 of it. He came of an errand to mee, from Parson <lb/>  
 <hi rend="italic">Hugh</hi>.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ca.</speaker>  
 <l>Vell.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Si.</speaker>  
 <l>I forsooth: to desire her to&#x2014;</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
 <l>Peace, I pray you.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ca.</speaker>  
 <l>Peace&#x2011;a&#x2011;your tongue:  
 speake&#x2011;a&#x2011;your  
 Tale.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Si.</speaker>  
 <p>To desire this honest Gentlewoman (your Maid) <lb/>to  
 speake a good word to Mistris <hi rend="italic">Anne  
 Page</hi>, for my Ma&#x00AD;<lb/>ster in the way of  
 Marriage.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
 <p>This is all indeed&#x2011;la: but ile nere put my finger  
 <lb/>in the fire, and neede not.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ca.</speaker>  
 <p>Sir <hi rend="italic">Hugh</hi> send&#x2011;a you? <hi  
 rend="italic">Rugby</hi>, ballow  
 mee some <lb/>paper: tarry you a  
 littell&#x2011;a&#x2011;while.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <fw type="catchword" rend="italic" place="footRight"><hi  
 rend="italic">Qu.</hi> I</fw>  
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<fw type="rh">The Merry Wiues of Windsor.</fw>  
 <cb n="1"/>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
   <p>I am glad he is so quiet: if he had bin  
 through&#x00AD;<lb/>ly  
     moued, you should haue heard him so loud, and so  
     me&#x00AD;<lb/>lancholly: but notwithstanding man, Ile  
     doe yoe your <lb/>Master what good I can: and the very  
     yea, & the no is, y&#x0364;  
 <lb/>French Doctor my  
     Master, (I may call him my Master, <lb/>looke you,  
     for I keepe his house; and I wash, ring, brew, <lb/>bake,  
     scowre, dresse meat and drinke, make the beds, and <lb/>doe  
 all  
     my selfe.)</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Simp.</speaker>  
   <p>'Tis a great charge to come vnder one bodies  
     <lb/>hand.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
   <p>Are you a&#x2011;uis'd o'that? you shall finde it a  
     great <lb/>charge: and to be vp early, and down late: but  
     notwith&#x00AD;<lb/>standing, (to tell you in your eare,  
     I wold haue no words <lb/>of it) my Master himselfe is in  
     loue with Mistris <hi rend="italic">Anne <lb/>Page</hi>:  
     but notwithstanding that I know <hi rend="italic">Ans</hi>  
     mind, that's <lb/>neither heere nor there.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Caius.</speaker>  
   <p>You, Iack'Nape: giue&#x2011;a this Letter to  
     Sir  
     <lb/><hi rend="italic">Hugh</hi>, by gar it is a shallenge: I  
 will cut  
     his troat in de  
     <lb/>Parke, and I will teach a scuruy  
 Iack&#x2011;a&#x2011;nape Priest to  
     <lb/>meddle, or make: & you may be gon: it is not  
 good  
     <lb/>you  
     tarry here: by gar I will cut all his two stones: by  
     <lb/>gar, he shall not haue a stone to throw at his  
     dogge.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>

<l>Alas: he speakes but for his friend.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Caius.</speaker>  
 <p>It is no matter 'a ver dat: do not you  
 tell&#x2011;a&#x2011;me  
 <lb/>dat I shall haue <hi rend="italic">Anne Page</hi> for my  
 selfe? by gar, I vill <lb/>kill de Iack&#x2011;Priest:  
 and I haue appointed mine Host of <lb/>de Iarteer to  
 measure our weapon: by gar, I wil my selfe <lb/>haue <hi  
 rend="italic">Anne Page</hi>.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <l>Sir, the maid loues you, and all shall bee well:</l>  
 <l>We must giue folkes leaue to prate: what the  
 good&#x2011;ier.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Caius.</speaker>  
 <l>  
 <hi rend="italic">Rugby</hi>, come to the Court with me: by gar,  
 if  
 <lb/>I haue not <hi rend="italic">Anne Page</hi>, I shall turne  
 your  
 head out of my <lb/>dore: follow my heeles, <hi  
 rend="italic">Rugby</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <p>You shall haue <hi rend="italic">An</hi>&#x2011;fooles  
 head of  
 your owne: <lb/>No, I know <hi rend="italic">Ans</hi> mind  
 for  
 that: neuer a woman in <hi  
 rend="italic">Wind&#x00AD;</lb/>sor</hi> knowes more of <hi  
 rend="italic">Ans</hi> minde then I doe, nor can doe <lb/>more then I doe  
 with her, I thanke heauen.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fen">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fenton.</speaker>  
 <l>Who's with in there, hoa?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <l>Who's there, I troa? Come neere the house I <lb/>pray  
 you.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fen">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fen.</speaker>



<l>How now (good woman) how dost thou?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <l>The better that it pleases your good Worship <lb>to aske?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fen">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fen.</speaker>  
 <l>What newes? how do's pretty Mistris <hi  
 rend="italic">Anne</hi>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <p>In truth Sir, and shee is pretty, and honest, and  
 <lb>gentle, and one that is your friend, I can tell you that  
 by <lb>the way, I praise heauen for it.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fen">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fen.</speaker>  
 <l>Shall I doe any good thinkst thou? shall I not <lb>loose  
 my suit?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <p>Troth Sir, all is in his hands aboue: but  
 not&#x00AD;<lb>withstanding (Master <hi  
 rend="italic">Fenton</hi>) Ile be  
 sworne on a booke <lb>shee loues you: haue not your Worship  
 a  
 wart aboue <lb>your eye?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fen">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fen.</speaker>  
 <l>Yes marry haue I, what of that?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <p>Wel, thereby hangs a tale: good faith, it is such <lb>another  
 Nan; (but (I detest) an honest maid as euer <lb>broke  
 bread: wee had an howres talke of that wart; I <lb>shall neuer  
 laugh but in that maids company: but (in&#x00AD;<lb>deed)  
 shee  
 is giuen too much to Allicholy and musing: <lb>but for  
 you&#x2014;  
 well&#x2014; goe too&#x2E3A;</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fen">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fen.</speaker>  
 <p>Well: I shall see her to day: hold, there's  
 mo&#x00AD;<lb>ney

for thee: Let mee haue thy voice in my behalfe: if  
 <lb/>thou seest her before me, commend me.&#x2E3A;</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>
 <p>Will I? I faith that wee will: And I will tell <lb/>your
 </p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fen">
 <speaker rend="italic">Fen.</speaker>
 <l>Well, fare&#x2011;well, I am in great haste now.</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>
 <p>Fare&#x2011;well to your Worship: truely an honest
 <lb/>Gentleman: but <hi rend="italic">Anne</hi> loues hiim not: for I
 know <hi rend="italic">Ans</hi>
 <lb/>minde as well as another
 do's: out vpon't: what haue I <lb/>forgot.</p>
 </sp>
 <stage rend="italic rightJustified" type="exit">Exit.</stage>
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 <div type="act" n="2">
 <div type="scene" n="1">
 <head rend="italic center">Actus Secundus. Sc&#x0153;na
 Prima.</head>
 <head type="supplied">[Act 2, Scene 1]</head>
 <stage rend="center" type="entrance"><hi rend="italic">Enter
 Mistris</hi> Page,
 <hi rend="italic">Mistris</hi> Ford, <hi
 rend="italic">Master</hi> Page, <hi rend="italic">Master</hi> <lb/>Ford,
 Pistoll, Nim, Quickly, Host, Shallow.</stage>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>
 <p>What, haue scap'd Loue&#x2011;letters in the
 <lb/>holly&#x2011;day&#x2011;time of my beauty, and am I
 now a
 subiect
 <lb/>for them? let me see?</p>
 <p rend="italic">Aske me no reason why I loue you, for though
 Loue vse Rea&#x00AD;<lb/>son for his precisian, hee admits
 him
 not for his Counsaillour: <lb/>you are not yong, no more am I:
 goe to then, there's simpatheie: <lb/>you are merry, so
 am I: ha, ha, then there's more simpatheie: <lb/>you loue
 sacke, and so do I: would you desire better simpatheie? <lb/>Let

it suffice thee (Mistris Page) at the least if  
the Loue of <b>Souldier can suffice, that I loue thee:  
I will not say pittie mee, <b>'tis not a  
Souldier&#x2011;like phrase; but I say, loue me:

</p>

<l rend="italic">By me, thine owne true Knight, by day or  
night:</l>  
<l rend="italic">Or any kinde of light, with all his  
might,</l>  
<l rend="italic">For thee to fight. Iohn  
Falstaffe.</l>

<l>What a <hi rend="italic">Herod</hi> of <hi  
rend="italic">Iurie</hi> is this? O wicked, wicked world:</l>  
<l>One that is well&#x2011;nye worne to peeces with age</l>  
<l>To show himselfe a yong Gallant? What an vnwaied</l>  
<l>Behauour hath this Flemish drunkard pickt (with</l>  
<l>The Deuills name) out of my conuersation, that he dares</l>  
<l>In this manner assay me? why, hee hath not beene thrice</l>  
<l>In my Company: what should I say to him? I was then</l>  
<l>Frugall of my mirth: (heauen forgiue mee:) why Ile</l>  
<l>Exhibit a Bill in the Parliament for the putting downe </l>  
<l>of men: how shall I be reueng'd on him? for reueng'd  
I</l>  
<l>will be? as sure as his guts are made of puddings.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
<speaker rend="italic">Mis.Ford.</speaker>  
<l>  
<hi rend="italic">Mistris Page</hi>, trust me, I was  
going to your <b>house.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
<speaker rend="italic">Mis.Page.</speaker>  
<l>And trust me, I was comming to you: you <b>looke very  
ill.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
<speaker rend="italic">Mis.Ford.</speaker>  
<l>Nay Ile nere beleeee that; I haue to shew <b>to the  
contrary.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
<speaker rend="italic">Mis.Page.</speaker>  
<l>'Faith but you doe in my minde.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
<speaker rend="italic">Mis.Ford.</speaker>  
<p>Well: I doe then: yet I say, I could shew <b>you to the  
contrary: O Mistris <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>, giue mee

some <lb/>counsaile.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
<speaker rend="italic">Mis.Page.</speaker>  
<l>What's the matter, woman?</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
<speaker rend="italic">Mi.Ford.</speaker>  
<l>O woman: if it were not for one trifling  
re&#x00AD;<lb/>spect,I could come to such honour.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
<speaker rend="italic">Mi.Page.</speaker>  
<p>Hang the trifle (woman) take the honour: <lb/>what is it?  
dispenche with trifles: what is it?</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
<speaker rend="italic">Mi.Ford.</speaker>  
<p>If I would but goe to hell, for an eternall <lb/>moment, or so:  
I could be knighted.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
<speaker rend="italic">Mi.Page.</speaker>  
<p>What thou liest? Sir <hi rend="italic">Alice Ford</hi>?  
these  
<lb/>Knights will hacke, and so thou shouldst not alter the  
ar&#x00AD;<lb/>ticle of thy Gentry.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
<speaker rend="italic">Mi.Ford.</speaker>  
<p>Wee burne day&#x2011;light: heere, read, read:  
<lb/>perceiue how  
I might bee knighted, I shall thinke the <lb/>worse of fat men,  
as long as I haue an eye to make diffe&#x00AD;<lb/>rence of  
mens liking: and yet hee would not sweare:  
<fw type="catchword" place="footRight">praise</fw>  
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<fw type="rh">The Merry Wiues of Windsor.</fw>  
<cb n="1"/>  
<lb/>praise womens modesty: and gaue such orderly and  
wel&#x2011;<lb/>behaued reproofe to al vncomelinesse, that I  
would haue <lb/>sworne his disposition would haue gone to  
the  
truth of <lb/>his words: but they doe no more adhere and keep  
place <lb/>together, then the hundred Psalms to the tune of  
Green&#x00AD;sleeues: What tempest (I troa) threw this  
Whale, (with <lb/>so many  
Tuns of oyle in his belly) a'shoare at Windsor? <lb/>How shall  
I bee reuenged on him? I thinke the best way  
<lb/>were, to entertaine him with hope, till the wicked

fire **<lb/>**of lust haue melted him in his owne  
greace: Did you e&#x00AD;**<lb/>**uer heare the like?**</p>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Mis.Page.**</speaker>**

**<p>**Letter for letter; but that the name of **<lb/>**

**<hi rend="italic">**Page**</hi>** and **<hi rend="italic">**Ford**</hi>**

differs: to thy

great comfort in this my&#x00AD;**<lb/>**stery of ill  
opinions, heere's the twyn&#x2011;brother of thy  
Let&#x00AD;**<lb/>**ter: but let thine inherit first,  
for I protest mine neuer **<lb/>**shall: I warrant he hath a  
thousand of these Letters, writ **<lb/>**with

blancke&#x2011;space

for different names (sure more): and **<lb/>**these are of  
the second edition: hee will print them out **<lb/>**of doubt: for  
he cares not what hee puts into the presse, **<lb/>**when he would  
put vs two: I had rather be a Giantesse, **<lb/>**and lye vnder  
Mount **<hi rend="italic">**Pelion**</hi>**: Well; I will find you  
twen&#x00AD;**<lb/>**tie lasciuious Turtles ere one chaste  
man.**</p>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Mis.Ford.**</speaker>**

**<p>**Why this is the very same: the very hand: **<lb/>**the very

words:

what doth he thinke of vs?**</p>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Mis.Page.**</speaker>**

**<p>**Nay I know not: it makes me almost rea&#x00AD;**<lb/>**die to  
wrangle with mine owne honesty: Ile entertaine **<lb/>**my  
selfe like one that I am not acquainted withall: for **<lb/>**sure  
vnlesse hee know some straine in mee, that I know  
**<lb/>**not my selfe, hee would neuer haue boorded me in this  
**<lb/>**furie.**</p>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Mi.Ford.**</speaker>**

**<p>**Boording, call you it? Ile bee sure to keepe **<lb/>**him aboute  
decke.**</p>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Mi.Page.**</speaker>**

**<p>**So will I: if hee come vnder my hatches, **<lb/>**Ile neuer to Sea  
againe: Let's bee reueng'd on him: let's  
**<lb/>**appoint him a meeting: giue him a show of comfort in  
**<lb/>**his Suit, and lead him on with a fine baited delay, till  
hee **<lb/>**hath pawn'd his horses to mine Host of the  
Garter.**</p>**

him  
 cause, and that (I hope) is an vnmeasurable  
 di&#x00AD;stance.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">
 <speaker rend="italic">Mi.Ford.</speaker>
 <p>Nay, I wil consent to act any villany against <lb/>him,  
 that may not sully the charinesse of our honesty: oh  
 <lb/>that my husband saw this Letter: it would giue eternall  
 <lb/>food to his iealousie.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">
 <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Page.</speaker>
 <p>Why look where he comes; and my good <lb/>man too: hee's  
 as farre from iealousie, as I am from gi&#x00AD;<lb/>uing  
 cause, and that (I hope) is an vnmeasurable  
 di&#x00AD;stance.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">
 <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Ford.</speaker>
 <l>You are the happier woman.</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">
 <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Page.</speaker>
 <p>Let's consult together against this greasie  
 <lb/> Knight: Come hither.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>
 <l>Well: I hope, it be not so.</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>
 <l>Hope is a curtall&#x2011;dog in some affaires:</l>
 <l>Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi> affects thy  
 wife.</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>
 <l>Why sir, my wife is not young.</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>
 <l>He wooes both high and low, both rich & poor, <lb/>both  
 yong  
 and old, one with another (<hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>) he  
 loues  
 the</l>
 <l>Gally&#x2011;mawfry (<hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>)  
 perpend.</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">

<speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Loue my wife?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
 <l>With liuer, burning hot: preuent:</l>  
 <l>Or goe thou like Sir <hi rend="italic">Acteon</hi> he,  
 with</l>  
 <l>Ring&#x2011;wood at thy heeles: O, odious is the name.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>What name Sir?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
 <l>The horne I say: Farewell:</l>  
 <l>Take heed, haue open eye, for theeues doe foot by night.</l>  
 <l>Take heed, ere sommer comes, or Cuckoo&#x2011;birds do  
 sing.</l>  
 <l>Away sir Corporall <hi rend="italic">Nim</hi>:</l>  
 <l>Beleeue it (<hi rend="italic">Page</hi>) he speakes  
 sence.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>I will be patient: I will find out this.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <cb n="2"/>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-nym">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Nim.</speaker>  
 <p>And this is true: I like not the humor of lying: <lb>hee hath  
 wronged mee in some humors: I should haue <lb>borne the  
 humour'd Letter to her: but I haue a sword: <lb>and it  
 shall bite vpon my necessitie: he loues your wife;<lb>There's  
 the short and the long: My name is Corporall<lb>  
 <hi rend="italic">Nim</hi>: I speak, and I auouch; 'tis true: my  
 name is <hi rend="italic">Nim</hi>: <lb>and <hi  
 rend="italic">Falstaffe</hi> loues your wife: adieu, I loue not  
 the hu&#x00AD;<lb>mour of bread and cheese: adieu.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <l>The humour of it (quoth'a?) heere's a fellow  
 <lb>frights English out of his wits.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>I will seeke out <hi rend="italic">Falstaffe</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>

though  
 you.  
 yonder: shee shall  
 bee our

<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <l>I neuer heard such a drawling&#x2011;affecting  
 rogue.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>If I doe finde it: well.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <l>I will not beleeeue such a <hi rend="italic">Cataian</hi>,  
 the <lb/>Priest o' th' Towne commended him for a true  
 man.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>'Twas a good sensible fellow: well.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <l>How now <hi rend="italic">Meg</hi>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
 <l>Whether goe you (<hi rend="italic">George</hi>?) harke  
 you.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>How now (sweet <hi rend="italic">Frank</hi>) why art thou  
 me&#x00AD;<lb/>lancholy?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>I melancholy? I am not melancholy:</l>  
 <l>Get you home: goe.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Faith, thou hast some crochets in thy head,</l>  
 <l>Now: will you goe, <hi rend="italic">Mistris Page</hi>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Page.</speaker>  
 <p>Haue with you: you'll come to dinner  
 <lb/><hi rend="italic">George</hi>? Looke who comes



<lb/>Messenger to this paltrie Knight.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">
 <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Ford.</speaker>
 <l>Trust me, I thought on her: shee'll fit it.</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">
 <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Page.</speaker>
 <l>You are come to see my daughter <hi rend="italic">Anne</hi>?</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>
 <l>I forsooth: and I pray how do's good Mistresse <lb/><hi rend="italic">Anne</hi>?</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">
 <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Page.</speaker>
 <l>Go in with vs and see: we haue an houres <lb/>talke with you.</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>
 <l>How now Master Ford?</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">
 <speaker rend="italic">For.</speaker>
 <l>You heard what this knaue told me, did you not?</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>
 <l>Yes, and you heard what the other told me?</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>
 <l>Doe you thinke there is truth in them?</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">
 <speaker rend="italic">Pag.</speaker>
 <p>Hang 'em slaues: I doe not thinke the Knight <lb/>would offer it: But these that accuse him in his intent <lb/>towards our wiues, are a yoake of his discarded men: ve&#x2011;ry rogues, now they be out of seruice.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>
 <l>Were they his men?</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">

<speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <l>Marry were they.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>I like it neuer the beter for that,</l>  
 <l>Do's he lye at the Garter?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <p>I marry do's he: if hee should intend this  
 voy&#x00AD;<lb/>age  
 toward my wife, I would turne her loose to him; <lb/>and  
 what hee gets more of her, then sharpe words, let it <lb/>lye  
 on my head.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <p>I doe not misdoubt my wife: but I would bee <lb/>loath to  
 turne  
 would  
 them together: a man may be too confi&#x00AD;<lb/>dent: I  
 haue nothing lye on my head: I cannot <lb/>be thus  
 satisfied.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <p>Looke where my ranting&#x2011;Host of the Garter  
 <lb/>comes: there is eyther liquor in his pate, or mony in his  
 <lb/>purse, when hee lookes so merrily: How now mine  
 <lb/>Host?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <l>How now Bully&#x2011;Rooke: thou'rt a Gentleman</l>  
 <l>Caeleiro Iustice, I say.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
 <p>I follow, (mine Host) I follow: Good&#x2011;euen, <lb/>and  
 twenty (good Master <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>.)  
 Master <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>, wil you go <lb/>with  
 vs? we haue sport in hand.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <l>Tell him Caeleiro&#x2011;Iustice: tell him  
 Bully&#x2011;<lb/>Rooke.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">

<speaker rend="italic">Shall.</speaker>  
 <l>Sir, there is a fray to be fought, betweene Sir  
 <lb/><hi rend="italic">Hugh</hi> the Welch Priest, and <hi  
 rend="italic">Caius</hi> the French Doctor.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <fw type="catchword" rend="italic" place="footRight">Ford.  
 Good</fw>  
 <pb facs="FFimg:axc0065-0.jpg" n="45"/>  
 <fw type="rh">The Merry Wiues of Windsor.</fw>  
 <cb n="1"/>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Good mine Host o'th' Garter: a word with  
 you.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <l>What saist thou, my Bully&#x2011;Rooke?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
 <p>Will you goe with vs to behold it? My merry <lb/>Host hath  
 had the measuring of their weapons; and (I <lb/>thinke) hath  
 appointed them contrary places: for (be&#x00AD;<lb/>leeue  
 mee)  
 I heare the Parson is no Iester: harke, I will <lb/>tell  
 you what our sport shall be.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <l>Hast thou no suit against my Knight? my  
 guest&#x2011;<lb/>Caualeire?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
 <p>None, I protest: but Ile giue you a pottle of  
 <lb/>burn'd sacke, to giue me recourse to him, and tell  
 him <lb/>my name is <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>: onely  
 for a  
 iest.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <p>My hand, (Bully:) thou shalt haue egress and <lb/>regresse,  
 (said I well?) and thy name shall be <hi  
 rend="italic">Broome</hi>. It <lb/>is a merry Knight: will you goe  
 An&#x2011;heires?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>

his  
 his  
 stands so  
 in  
 Falstaffe,  
 Pistoll, Robin, Quickly, Bardolffe,

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    <l>Haue with you mine Host.</l>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">
    <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>
    <l>I haue heard the French&#x2011;man hath good skill <lb>in
    Rapier.</l>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">
    <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>
    <p>Tut sir: I could haue told you more: In these <lb>times you
      stand on distance: your Passes, Stoccado's,
      and <lb>I know not what: 'tis the heart (Master
      <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>) 'tis heere,
      <lb>'tis heere: I haue seene the time, with my
      long&#x2011;sword, I <lb>would haue made you fowre tall
      fellowes skippe like <lb>Rattes.</p>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">
    <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>
    <l>Heere boyes, heere, heere: shall we wag?</l>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">
    <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>
    <l>Haue with you: I had rather heare them scold, <lb>then
      fight.</l>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-for">
    <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>
    <p>Though <hi rend="italic">Page</hi> be a secure foole, and
      <lb>firmely on his wiues frailty; yet, I cannot
      put&#x2011;off my o&#x00AD;<lb>pinion so easily: she was
      his company at <hi rend="italic">Pages</hi> house: <lb>and
      what they made there, I know not. Well, I wil looke
      <lb>further into't, and I haue a disguise, to sound <hi
      rend="italic">Falstaffe</hi>; if <lb>I finde
      her honest, I loose not my labor: if she be
      other&#x00AD;<lb>wise, 'tis labour well
      bestowed.</p>
  </sp>
  <stage rend="italic rightJustified" type="exit">Exeunt.</stage>
</div>
<div type="scene" n="2">
  <head rend="italic center">Sc&#x0153;na Secunda</head>
  <head type="supplied">[Act 2, Scene 2]</head>
  <stage rend="center" type="entrance"><hi rend="italic">Enter</hi>
    Falstaffe,
    Pistoll, Robin, Quickly, Bardolffe, <lb>Ford.</stage>
  
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<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>I will not lend thee a penny.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
 <l>Why then the world's mine Oyster, which I,  
 <lb/>with sword will open.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>Not a penny: I haue beene content (Sir,) you <lb/>should lay  
 my  
 countenance to pawne: I haue grated vp&#x00AD;<lb/>on my  
 good  
 friends for three Repreeues for you, and <lb/>your  
 Coach&#x2011;fellow <hi rend="italic">Nim</hi>; or else  
 you had  
 look'd through <lb/>the grate, like a Geminy of  
 Baboones: I am damn'd in <lb/>hell, for swearing to  
 Gentlemen my friends, you were <lb/>good Souldiers, and  
 tall&#x2011;fellowes. And when Mistresse <lb/>  
 <hi rend="italic">Briget</hi> lost the handle of her Fan, I  
 took't vpon mine ho&#x00AD;<lb/>nour thou hadst it  
 not.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
 <l>Didst not thou share? hadst thou not fiftene  
 <lb/>pence?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>Reason, you roague, reason: thinkst thou Ile  
 en&#x00AD;<lb/>danger my soule, <hi  
 rend="italic">gratis</hi>?  
 at a word, hang no more about <lb/>mee, I am no gibbet for  
 you:  
 goe, a short knife, and a <lb/>throng, to your Mannor of <hi  
 rend="italic">Pickt&#x2011;hatch</hi>: goe, you'll not  
 <lb/>beare a Letter for mee you roague? you stand vpon  
 your <lb/>honor: why, (thou vnconfinable basenesse) it is  
 as much <lb/>as I can doe to keepe the termes of my honor  
 precise: <lb/>I, I, I my selfe sometimes, leauing the feare of  
 heauen on <cb n="1"/>  
 <lb/>the left hand, and hiding mine  
 honor in my necessity, am <lb/>faine to shufflle: to  
 hedge, and to lurch, and yet, you <lb/>Rogue, will  
 en&#x2011;sconce your raggs; your

Cat&#x2011;a&#x2011;Moun&#x00AD;<lb/>taine&#x2011;lookes, your  
red&#x2011;lattice phrases, and your bold&#x2011;<lb/>  
beating&#x2011;oathes, vnder the shelter of your honor?  
you <lb/>will not doe it? you?</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-pis">

<speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>

<l>I doe relent: what would thou more of man?</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-rob">

<speaker rend="italic">Robin.</speaker>

<l>Sir, here's a woman would speake with you.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>Let her approach.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">

<speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>

<l>Giue your worship good morrow.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>Good&#x2011;morrow, good&#x2011;wife.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">

<speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>

<l>Not so, and't please your worship.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>Good maid then.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">

<speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>

<l>Ile be sworne,</l>

<l>As my mother was the first houre I was borne.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>I doe beleue the swearer; what with me?</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">

<speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>

<l>Shall I vouch&#x2011;safe your worship a word, or

<lb/>two?</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>Two thousand (faire woman) and ile vouchsafe <lb/>thee the

hearing.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
<speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
<p>There is one Mistresse <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>, (Sir) I  
pray come a <lb/>little neerer this waies: I my selfe dwell  
with M. Doctor <lb/>  
<hi rend="italic">Caius</hi>:</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
<l>Well, on; Mistresse <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>, you  
say.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
<speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
<p>Your worship saies very true: I pray your  
wor&#x00AD;<lb/>ship  
come a little neerer this waies.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
<p>I warrant thee, no&#x2011;bodie heares: mine owne  
<lb/>people,  
mine owne people</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
<speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
<p>Are they so? heauen&#x2011;blesse them, and make  
<lb/>them his  
Seruants.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
<l>Well; Mistresse <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>, what of  
her?</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
<speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
<p>Why, Sir; shee's a good&#x2011;creature; Lord, Lord,  
<lb/>your Worship's a wanton: well: heauen forgiue you,  
<lb/>and all of vs, I pray&#x2014;</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
<l>Mistresse <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>: come,  
Mistresse <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
<speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>

<p>Marry this is the short, and the long of it: you <lb/>haue  
 brought her into such a Canaries, as 'tis  
 wonder&#x00AD;<lb/>full: the best Courtier of them all  
 (when the Court lay <lb/>at <hi rend="italic">Windsor</hi>)  
 could neuer haue brought her to such a  
 Ca&#x00AD;<lb/>narie:  
 yet there has beene Knights, and Lords, and  
 Gen&#x00AD;<lb/>tlemen, with their Coaches; I warrant you  
 Coach  
 after <lb/>Coach, letter after letter, gift after gift,  
 smelling so sweet&#x00AD;<lb/>ly; all Muske, and so  
 rushling, I  
 warrant you, in silke <lb/>and golde, and in such alligant  
 termes, and in such wine <lb/>and suger of the best, and  
 the fairest, that would haue <lb/>wonne any womans heart:  
 and I warrant you, they could <lb/>neuer get an  
 eye&#2011;winke of her: I had my selfe twentie <lb/>Angels  
 giuen me this morning, but I defie all Angels (in <lb/>any such  
 sort, as they say) but in the way of honesty: and <lb/>I  
 warrant you, they could neuer get her so much as sippe <lb/>on  
 a cup with the prowdest of them all, and yet there has  
 <lb/>beene Earles: nay, (which is more) Pentioners, but I  
 <lb/>warrant you all is one with her.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>But what saies shee to mee? be briefe my good  
 <lb/>shee&#x2011;Mercurie</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <p>Marry, she hath receiu'd your Letter: for the <lb/>which  
 she thanks you a thousand times; and she giues <lb/>you to  
 notifie, that her husband will be absence from his  
 <lb/>house, betweene ten and eleuen.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>Ten, and eleuen.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <p>I, forsooth: and then you may come and see the  
 <lb/>picture (she sayes) that you wot of: Master  
 Ford her hus&#x00AD;<lb/>band will be from home: alas, the  
 sweet woman leades <lb/>an ill life with him: hee's a  
 very iealousie&#x2011;man; she leads <lb/>a very frampold  
 life  
 with him, (good hart.)</p>  
 </sp>



<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>Ten, and eleuen.</l>  
 <fw type="catchword" place="footRight">Woman</fw>  
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 <fw type="rh">The Merry Wiues of Windsor.</fw>  
 <cb n="1"/>  
 <l>Woman, commend me to her, I will not faile her.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <p>Why, you say well: But I haue another  
 messen&#x00AD;<lb/>ger to  
 your worship: Mistresse <hi rend="italic">Page</hi> hath  
 her heartie <lb/>commendations to you to: and let mee tell you  
 in your <lb/>eare, shee's as fartuous a ciuill  
 modest wife, and one (I <lb/>tell you) that will not  
 misse you morning nor euening <lb/>prayer, as any is in <hi  
 rend="italic">Windsor</hi>, who ere bee the other: and  
 <lb/>shee bade me tell your worship, that her husband is  
 sel&#x00AD;<lb/>dome from home, but she hopes there will  
 come a  
 time.  
 <lb/>I neuer knew a woman so doate vpon a man; surely I  
 <lb/>thinke you haue charmes, la: yes in truth.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>Not I, I assure thee; setting the attraction of my  
 <lb/>good parts aside, I haue no other charmes.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <l>Blessing on your heart for't.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>But I pray thee tell me this: has <hi rend="italic">Fords</hi>  
 wife, and <lb/>  
 <hi rend="italic">Pages</hi> wife acquainted  
 each other, how they loue me?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <p>That were a iest indeed: they haue not so little  
 <lb/>grace I hope, that were a tricke indeed: But Mistris  
 <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>  
 <lb/>would desire you to send her  
 your little Page of al loues: <lb/>her husband has a maruellous

<choice><abbr>infecti&#x014D;</abbr><expn>infection</expn></choice> to the  
little Page: <lb/>and truely

Master <hi rend="italic">Page</hi> is an honest man:  
neuer a wife in <lb/>

<hi rend="italic">Windsor</hi> leades a  
better life then she do's: doe what shee <lb/>will, say  
what she will, take all, pay all, goe to bed when <lb/>she  
list, rise when she list, all is as she will: and  
truly she <lb/>deserues it; for if there be a kinde woman in  
<hi rend="italic">Windsor</hi>, she <lb/>is one: you must  
send her your Page, no remedie.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>Why, I will.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">

<speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>

<p>Nay, but doe so then, and looke you, hee may <lb/>come and

goe

betweene you both: and in any case haue <lb/>a

nay&#x2011;word,

that you may know one anothers minde, <lb/>and the Boy

neuer

needes to vnderstand any thing; for' <lb/>tis not good  
that children should know any wickednes: <lb/>olde folkes you  
know, haue discretion, as they say, and <lb/>know the  
world.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<p>Farethee&#x2011;well, commend mee to them both:

<lb/>there's my purse, I am yet thy debter: Boy, goe  
along <lb/>with this woman, this newes distracts  
me.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-pis">

<speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>

<l>This Puncke is one of <hi rend="italic">Cupids</hi>

Carriers,</l>

<l>Clap on more sailes, pursue: vp with your fights:</l>

<l>Giue fire: she is my prize, or Ocean whelme them all.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<p>Saist thou so (old <hi rend="italic">Iacke</hi>) go thy  
waies: Ile make <lb/>more of thy olde body then I haue done:

will

they yet <lb/>looke after thee? wilt thou after the expence of  
so much <lb/>money, be now a gainer? good Body, I thanke

thee:

let <lb/>them say 'tis grossely done, so it bee fairely done,  
no <lb/>matter.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-bar">

<speaker rend="italic">Bar.</speaker>

<p>Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>, there's one Master  
<hi rend="italic">Broome</hi> below would <lb/>faine speake  
with you, and be acquainted with you; and <lb/>hath sent your  
worship a mornings draught of Sacke.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>

<hi rend="italic">Broome</hi> is his name?</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-bar">

<speaker rend="italic">Bar.</speaker>

<l>I Sir.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<p>Call him in: such <hi rend="italic">Broomes</hi> are

welcome to

mee, <lb/>that ore'flowes such liquor: ah ha,  
Mistresse <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi> and  
Mi&#x00AD;<lb/>stresse

<hi rend="italic">Page</hi>, haue

I encompass'd you? goe to, <hi rend="italic">via</hi>.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-for">

<speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>

<l>'Blesse you sir.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>And you sir: would you speake with me?</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-for">

<speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>

<p>I make bold, to presse, with so little

prepara&#x00AD;<lb/>tion

vpon you.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>You'r welcome, what's your will? giue vs leaue

<lb/>Drawer.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-for">

<speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Sir, I am a Gentleman that haue spent much, <lb/>my name is  
 <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>Good Master <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>, I desire more  
 acquaintance <lb/>of you.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <p>Good Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>, I sue for yours: not to  
 charge <lb/>you, for I must let you vnderstand, I  
 thinke my selfe in <cb n="2"/>  
 <lb/>better plight for a  
 Lender, then you are: the which hath <lb/>something  
 me to this vnseason'd intrusion: <lb/>for they say, if  
 money goe before, all waies doe lye <lb/>open.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>Money is a good Souldier (Sir) and will on.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <p>Troth, and I haue a bag of money heere  
 trou&#x00AD;<lb/>bles me:  
 if you will helpe to beare it (Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>)  
 take all, <lb/>or halfe, for easing me of the carriage.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>Sir, I know not how I may deserue to bee your  
 <lb/>Porter.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>I will tell you sir, if you will giue mee the  
 hea&#x00AD;<lb/>ring.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>Speake (good Master <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>) I shall  
 be glad to <lb/>be your Seruant.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <p>Sir, I heare you are a Scholler: (I will be briefe <lb/>with  
 you) and you haue been a man long knowne to me,

<lb/>though I

had neuer so good means as desire, to make my <lb/>selfe acquainted with you. I shall discover a thing to <lb/>you, wherein I must very much lay open mine owne im&#x00AD;<lb/>perfection: but (good Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>) as you haue one eye vp&#x00AD;<lb/>on my follies, as you heare them vnfolded, turne another <lb/>into the Register of your owne, that I may passe with a <lb/>reprooffe the easier, sith you your selfe know how easie it <lb/>is to be such an offender.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>Very well Sir, proceed.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-for">

<speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>

<l>There is a Gentlewoman in this Towne, her <lb/>husbands

name is

<hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>Well Sir.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-for">

<speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>

<p>I haue long lou'd her, and I protest to you, be&#x00AD;<lb/>stowed much on her: followed her with a doating ob&#x00AD;<lb/>seruance: Ingross'd opportunities to meete her: fee'd e&#x00AD;<lb/>uery slight occasion that could but nigardly giue mee <lb/>sight of her: not only bought many presents to giue her, <lb/>but haue giuen largely to many, to know what shee <lb/>would haue giuen: briefly, I haue pursu'd her, as Loue <lb/>hath pursued mee, which hath beene on the wing of all <lb/>occasions: but whatsoeuer I haue merited, either in my <lb/>minde, or in my meanes, meede I am sure I haue receiued <lb/>none, vnlesse Experience be a Iewell, that I haue purcha&#x00AD;<lb/>sed at an infinite rate, and that hath taught mee to say <lb/>this,</p>

<l rend="italic">"Loue like

a shadow flies, when substance Loue pursues,</l>

<l rend="italic">"Pursuing that that flies, and flying what pursues.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>Haue you receiu'd no promise of satisfaction at <lb/>her hands?</l>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>Neuer.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
   <l>Haue you importun'd her to such a purpose?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>Neuer.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
   <l>Of what qualitie was your loue then?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
   <p>Like a fair house, built on another mans ground, <lb/>so that I  
     haue lost my edifice, by mistaking the place,  
     <lb/>where I erected it.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
   <l>To what purpose haue you vnfolded this to me?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
   <speaker rend="italic">For.</speaker>  
   <p>When I haue told you that, I haue told you all: <lb/>Some  
 say,  
     that though she appeare honest to mee, yet in <lb/>other places  
     shee enlargeth her mirth so farre, that there <lb/>is shrewd  
     construction made of her. Now (Sir <hi  
 rend="italic">Iohn</hi>) here <lb/>is the heart of my purpose:  
     you are a gentleman of excellent breeding,  
     admirable discourse, of great admittance,  
     authenticke in your place and person, generally  
     <lb/>allow'd for your many warlike,  
     courtlike, and learned <lb/>preparations.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
   <l>O Sir.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
   <p>Beleeue it, for you know it: there is money, <lb/>spend it,  
     spend it, spend more; spend all I haue, onely <fw  
 type="catchword" place="footRight">giue</fw>

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of Windsor.</fw>

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<lb/>giue me so much of your time  
in enchange of it, as to lay <lb/>an amiable siege to the  
honesty of this <hi rend="italic">Fords</hi> wife: vse  
<lb/>your Art of wooing; win her to consent to you: if any  
<lb/>man may, you may as soone as any.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<p>Would it apply well to the vehemency of your  
<lb/>affection that I should win what you would  
enioy? Me&#x00AD;<lb/>thinkes you prescribe to your selfe

very

preposterously.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-for">

<speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>

<p>O, vnderstand my drift: she dwells so securely <lb/>on the  
excellency of her honor, that the folly of my soule <lb/>dares  
not present it selfe: shee is too bright to be look'd  
<lb/>against. Now, could I come to her with any  
detection <lb/>in my hand; my desires had instance and  
argument to <lb/>commend themselues, I could driue her then  
from the <lb/>ward of her purity, her reputation, her  
marriage&#x2011;vow, <lb/>and a thousand other her

defences,

which now are too&#x2011;<lb/>too strongly embattaild  
against me: what say you too't, <lb/>Sir <hi

rend="italic">Iohn</hi>?</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<p>Master <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>, I will  
first make bold with your <lb/>money: next, giue  
mee your hand: and last, as I am a <lb/>gentleman, you shall,  
if you will, enioy <hi rend="italic">Fords</hi> wife.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-for">

<speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>

<l>O good Sir.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>I say you shall.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-for">

<speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>

want

<l>Want no money (Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>) you shall  
none.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
<p>Want no <hi rend="italic">Mistresse Ford</hi> (Master  
<hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>) you shall <lb/>want none: I  
shall be with her (I may tell you) by her <lb/>owne  
appointment, euen as you came in to me, her  
assi&#x00AD;<lb/>stant, or goe&#x2011;betweene, parted  
from me: I say I shall be <lb/>with her betweene ten and  
eleuen: for at that time the  
<lb/>iealous&#x2011;rascally&#x2011;knaue her husband  
will be  
forth: come <lb/>you to me at night, you shall know how I  
speed.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
<speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
<l>I am blest in your acquaintance: do you know <lb/>  
<hi rend="italic">Ford</hi> Sir?</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
<p>Hang him (poore Cuckoldly knaue) I know <lb/>him not: yet  
I  
wrong him to call him poore: They say <lb/>the iealous  
wittolly&#x2011;knaue hath masses of money, for <lb/>the  
which  
his wife seemes to me well&#x2011;fauourd: I will vse  
<lb/>her  
as the key of the Cuckoldly&#x2011;rogues Coffe, &amp;  
ther's <lb/>my haruest&#x2011;home.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
<speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
<p>I would you knew <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>, sir, that you  
might  
a&#x00AD;<lb/>uoid him, if you saw him.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
<p>Hang him, mechanicall&#x2011;salt&#x2011;butter rogue; I  
wil  
<lb/>stare him out of his wits: I will awe&#x2011;him  
with my cud&#x00AD;<lb/>gell: it shall hang like a Meteor  
ore  
the Cuckolds horns: <lb/>Master <hi  
rend="italic">Broome</hi>, thou shalt know, I will predominate



o&#x00AD;<lb/>uer  
 the pezant, and thou shalt lye with his wife. Come  
 <lb/>to me soone at night: <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>'s a  
 knaue, and I will aggra&#x00AD;<lb/>uate his stile:  
 thou (Master <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>) shalt know him  
 for <lb/>knaue, and Cuckold. Come to me soone at night.</p>
</sp>
<sp who="#F-wiv-for">
<speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>
<p>What a damn'd Epicurian&#2011;Rascall is this? my  
 <lb/>heart is ready to cracke with impatience: who saies this  
 is <lb/>improuident iealousie? my wife hath sent to him, the  
 <lb/>howre is fixt, the match is made: would any man haue  
 <lb/>thought this? see the hell of hauing a false woman: my  
 <lb/>bed shall be abus'd, my Coffers  
 ransack'd, my reputati&#x00AD;<lb/>on gnawne at, and I  
 shall not onely receiue this villainous <lb/>wrong, but  
 stand vnder the adoption of abhominable <lb/>termes, and  
 by him that does mee this wrong: Termes, <lb/>names: <hi  
 rend="italic">Amaimon</hi> sounds well: <hi rend="italic">Lucifer</hi>, well: <hi  
 rend="italic">Barbason</hi>, <lb/>well: yet they are Diuels  
 additions, the names of fiends: <lb/>But Cuckold,  
 Wittoll, Cuckold? the Diuell himselfe <lb/>hath not such a  
 name.  
 <hi rend="italic">Page</hi> is an Asse, a secure Asse; hee  
 <lb/>will trust his wife, hee will not be iealous: I will  
 rather <lb/>trust a <hi rend="italic">Fleming</hi> with my  
 butter, Parson <hi rend="italic">Hugh</hi> the <hi  
 rend="italic">Welsh&#x00AD;<lb/>man  
 </hi> with my Cheese, an <hi rend="italic">Irish&#x2011;man</hi>  
 with my Aqua&#x2011;vit&#x00E6;&#x2011;bottle, <lb/>or a  
 Theefe  
 to walke my ambling gelding, then <lb/>my wife with her  
 selfe. Then she plots, then shee rumi&#x00AD;<cb  
 n="2"/><lb/><c rend="inverted">n</c>ates,  
 then shee deuises: and what they thinke in their  
 <lb/>hearts they may effect; they will breake  
 their hearts but <lb/>they will effect. Heauen bee  
 prais'd for my iealousie: <lb/>eleuen o'clocke  
 the howre, I will preuent this, detect  
 <lb/>my wife, bee  
 reueng'd on <hi rend="italic">Falstaffe</hi>,  
 and laugh at <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>. I <lb/>will about it,  
 better three houres too soone, then a my&#x00AD;<lb/>nute  
 too  
 late: fie, fie, fie: Cuckold, Cuckold,  
 Cuckold.</p>
</sp>
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promis'd <lb/>to meet.</l>

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  <head type="supplied">[Act 2, Scene 3]</head>
  <stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">Enter Caius, Rugby,
    Shallow, Slender, Host.</stage>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">
    <speaker rend="italic">Caius.</speaker>
    <l rend="italic">Iacke Rugby.</l>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-rug">
    <speaker rend="italic">Rug.</speaker>
    <l>Sir.</l>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">
    <speaker rend="italic">Caius.</speaker>
    <l>Vat is the clocke, <hi rend="italic">Iack</hi>.</l>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-rug">
    <speaker rend="italic">Rug.</speaker>
    <l>'Tis past the howre (Sir) that Sir <hi rend="italic">Hugh</hi>
    promis'd <lb/>to meet.</l>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">
    <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>
    <p>By gar, he has saue his soule, dat he is no&#x2011;come:
      <lb/>hee has pray his Pible well, dat he is no&#x2011;come:
      gar <lb/>(<hi rend="italic">Iack Rugby</hi>) he is dead
      already, if he be come.</p>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-rug">
    <speaker rend="italic">Rug.</speaker>
    <p>Hee is wise Sir: hee knew your worship would <lb/>kill him
    if he
      came.</p>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">
    <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>
    <p>By gar, de herring is no dead, so as I vill kill <lb/>him: take
      your Rapier, (<hi rend="italic">Iacke</hi>) I vill tell you how
      I vill <lb/>kill him.</p>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-rug">
    <speaker rend="italic">Rug.</speaker>
    <l>Alas sir, I cannot fence.</l>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">
    <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>
    <l>Villaine, take your Rapier.</l>
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</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-rug">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Rug.</speaker>  
   <l>Forbeare: heer's company.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
   <l>'Blesse thee, bully&#2011;Doctor.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
   <l>'Saue you M<c rend="superscript">r</c>. Doctor <hi  
 rend="italic">Caius</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
   <l>Now good M<c rend="superscript">r</c>. Doctor.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
   <l>'Giue you good&#2011;morrow, sir.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Caius.</speaker>  
   <l>Vat be all you one, two, tree, fowre, come for?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
   <p>To see thee fight, to see thee foigne, to see thee  
   <lb/>trauerse, to see thee heere, to see thee there, to see  
   thee <lb/>passe thy puncto, thy stock, thy  
   reuerse, thy distance, thy <lb/>montant: Is he dead, my  
   Ethiopian? Is he dead, my Fran&#x00AD;<lb/>cisco? ha  
 Bully?  
   what saies my <hi rend="italic">Esculapius</hi>? my <hi  
 rend="italic">Galien</hi>? my <lb/>heart of Elder? ha? is he  
   dead bully&#x2011;Stale? is he dead?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
   <p>By gar, he is de Coward&#x2011;Iack&#x2011;Priest of de  
   world: <lb/>he is not show his face.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
   <l>Thou art a Castalion&#x2011;king&#x2011;Vrinall:  
   <hi rend="italic">Hector</hi> of <lb/>  
 <hi rend="italic">Greece</hi> (my Boy)</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">

Cai.  
 I pray you beare witness, that me haue stay, sixe or  
 seuen, two tree howres for him, and hee is  
 come.  
 Shal.  
 He is the wiser man (M.Docto)  
 rhe (M. Doctor) he is a curer of  
 soules, and you a curer of bodies: if you should  
 fight, you goe against the haire of your  
 professions: is it not true, Master  
 Page?

Shallow; you haue your selfe  
 beene a great fighter, though now a man of  
 peace.

Shal.  
 Bodykins M. Page, though I  
 now be  
 old, and of the peace; if I see a sword out, my  
 finger itches to make one: though wee are  
 Iustices, and Doctors, and Churchmen  
 (M. Page) wee haue some salt of our  
 youth  
 in vs, we are the sons of women.

Page.  
 Page.  
 'Tis true, M. r.

Shallow.  
 Shal.  
 It wil be found so, (M. Page:) M.  
 Doctor Caius, I am come to fetch  
 you home: I am sworn of the peace: you  
 haue show'd your selfe a wise Physician, and Sir  
 Hugh hath showne himselfe a wise and  
 patient Churchman; you must goe with me, M.  
 Doctor.

Host. Par

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 <cb n="1"/>  
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     <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
     <l>Pardon, Guest&#x2011;lustice; a Mounseur  
         Mocke&#x00AD;<lb/>water</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
     <l>Mock&#x2011;vater? vat is dat?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
     <l>Mock&#x2011;water, in our English tongue, is Valour  
 <lb/>(Bully.)</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
     <l>By gar, then I haue as much Mock&#x2011;vater as de  
 <lb/>Englishman: scuruy&#x2011;Jack&#x2011;dog&#x2011;Priest: by  
         gar, mee vill <lb/>cut his eares.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
     <l>He will Clapper&#x2011;claw thee tightly (Bully.)</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
     <l>Clapper&#x2011;de&#x2011;claw? vat is dat?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
     <l>That is, he will make thee amends.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
     <l>By-gar, me doe looke hee shall  
         clapper-de-claw <lb/>me, for by-gar, me  
         vill haue it.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
     <l>And I will prouoke him to't, or let him wag.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
     <l>Me tanck you for dat.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">

Ghuest,  
Caualeiro  
Towne

<speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
<p>And moreouer, (Bully) but first, M<c rend="italic">r</c>.  
<lb/>and M. <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>, &amp; eeke  
<hi rend="italic">Slender</hi>, goe you through <lb/>the  
to <hi rend="italic">Frogmore</hi>.</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
<speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
<l>Sir <hi rend="italic">Hugh</hi> is there, is he?</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
<speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
<l>He is there, see what humor he is in: and I will <lb/>bring the  
Doctor about by the Fields: will it doe well?</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
<speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
<l>We will doe it.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-all">  
<speaker rend="italic">All.</speaker>  
<l>Adieu, good M. Doctor.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
<speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
<l>By&#x2011;gar, me vill kill de Priest, for he speake for  
a <lb/>Iack&#x2011;an&#x2011;Ape to <hi  
rend="italic">Anne  
Page</hi>.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
<speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
<p>Let him die: sheath thy impatience: throw cold <lb/>water on  
thy  
Choller: goe about the fields with mee <lb/>through <hi  
rend="italic">Frogmore</hi>, I will bring thee where  
Mistris <hi rend="italic">Anne  
<lb/>  
Page</hi> is, at a Farm&#x2011;house a  
Feasting: and thou shalt wooe <lb/>her:  
Cride&#x2011;game, said I well?</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
<speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
<p>By&#x2011;gar, mee dancke you vor dat: by gar I loue  
<lb/>you:  
and I shall procure 'a you de good Guest: de Earle,

de Knight, de Lords, de Gentlemen, my patients.

Host.

For the which, I will be thy aduersary toward

Anne Page: said I well?

Cai.

Bygar, 'tis good: vell said.

Host.

Let vs wag then.

Cai.

Come at my heeles, Iack Rugby.

Exeunt.

Actus Tertius. Scena

Prima.

[Act 3, Scene 1]

Enter Euans, Simple,

Shallow, Slender, Host, Caius, Rugby.

Euans.

I pray you now, good Master Slenders

seruingman, and friend Simple by your name; which way haue you

look'd for Master Caius,

that calls himselfe Doctor of Phisicke.

Sim.

Marry Sir, the pittieward, the Parkeward:

euery way: olde Windsor way,

and

euery way but the Towneward;

Euan.

I mostfehemently desire you, you will also

looke that way.

<sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sim.</speaker>  
 <l>I will sir.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
 <p>'Plesse my soule: how full of Chollors I am, and  
 <lb/>trempling of minde: I shall be glad if he haue deceiued  
 <lb/>me: how melancholies I am? I will knog his Vrinalls  
 a&#x00AD;<lb/>bout his knaues costard, when I haue good  
 opportunities <lb/>for the orke: 'Plesse my soule: <hi  
 rend="italic">To shallow Riuer to whose <lb/>falls: melodious Birds sings  
 Madrigalls: There will we  
 make  
 <lb/>  
 our Peds of Roses: and a  
 thousand fragrant posies. To shal&#x00AD;<lb/>low</hi>: 'Mercie  
 on mee, I haue a great  
 dispositions to cry. <cb n="2"/>  
 <lb/>  
 <hi rend="italic">Melodious birds sing Madrigalls: &#x2014;When  
 as I sat in Pa&#x00AD;<lb/>bilon: and a thousand vagram Posies.  
 To shallow, &#x2014;c.</hi></p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sim.</speaker>  
 <l>Yonder he is comming, this way, Sir <hi  
 rend="italic">Hugh</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
 <l>Hee's welcome: <hi rend="italic">To shallow Riuer, to  
 whose fals</hi>:</l>  
 <l>Heauen prosper the right: what weapons is he?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sim.</speaker>  
 <l>No weapons, Sir: there comes my Master, M<c  
 rend="superscript">r</c>.<lb/>  
 <hi rend="italic">Shallow</hi>, and another Gentleman; from <hi  
 rend="italic">Frogmore</hi>, ouer <lb/>the stile, this  
 way.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
 <l>Pray you giue mee my gowne, or else keepe it <lb/>in your  
 armes.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>



<l>How now Master Parson? good morrow good <lb/>Sir <hi rend="italic">Hugh</hi>: keepe a Gamester from the dice, and a good <lb/>Student from his booke, and it is wonderfull.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">

<speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>

<l>Ah sweet <hi rend="italic">Anne Page</hi>.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">

<speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>

<l>'Saue you, good Sir <hi rend="italic">Hugh</hi>.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">

<speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>

<l>'Plesse you from his mercy&#x2011;sake, all of you.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">

<speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>

<l>What? the Sword, and the Word?</l>

<l>Doe you study them both, M<c rend="italic">r</c>.

Parson?</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">

<speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>

<l>And youthfull still, in your doublet and hose, <lb/>this raw&#x2011;rumaticke day?</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">

<speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>

<l>There is reasons, and causes for it.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">

<speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>

<l>We are come to you, to doe a good office, M<c rend="italic">r</c>. <lb/>Parson.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">

<speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>

<l>Fery&#x2011;well: what is it?</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">

<speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>

<p>Yonder is a most reuerend Gentleman; who

<lb/>(be&#x2011;like) hauing receiued wrong by some person, is

at <lb/>most odds with his owne grauity and patience, that euer <lb/>you saw.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">

<speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
 <p>I haue liued foure&#x2011;score yeeres, and vpward: I  
 <lb/>neuer  
 heard a man of his place, grauity, and learning, so <lb/>wide  
 of his owne respect.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
 <l>What is he?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <p>I thinke you know him: M<c rend="superscript">r</c>.  
 Doctor <hi rend="italic">Caius</hi> the <lb/>renowned French Physician.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
 <p>Got's&#x2011;will, and his passion of my heart: I had  
 <lb/>as lief you would tell me of a messe of porredge.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <l>Why?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
 <l>He has no more knowledge in <hi  
 rend="italic">Hibocrates</hi>  
 and <lb/>  
 <hi rend="italic">Galen</hi>, and hee is a knaue besides: a  
 cowardly knaue, as <lb/>you would desires to be acquainted  
 withall.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <l>I warrant you, hee's the man should fight with  
 <lb/>him.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
 <l>O sweet <hi rend="italic">Anne Page</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
 <l>It appeares so by his weapons: keepe them  
 a&#x00AD;<lb/>sunder:  
 here comes Doctor <hi rend="italic">Caius</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>

weapon.</l>
 <l>Nay good M<c rend="italic">r</c>. Parson, keepe in your  
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>
 <l>So doe you, good M<c rend="superscript">r</c>. Doctor.</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>
 <l>Disarme them, and let them question: let them <lb/>keepe  
 their limbs whole, and hack our English.</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">
 <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>
 <p>I pray you let&#x2011;a&#x2011;mee speake a word with  
 your  
 <lb/>eare; wherefore vill you not meet&#x2011;a me?</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>
 <l>Pray you vse your patience in good time.</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">
 <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>
 <l>By&#x2011;gar, you are de Coward: de Iack dog: Iohn  
 <lb/>Ape.</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>
 <p>Pray you let vs not be laughing&#x2011;stocks to other  
 <lb/>mens humors: I desire you in friendship, and I will one  
 <lb/>way or other make you amends: I will knog your Vrinal  
 <lb/>about your knaues Cogs&#x2011;combe.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">
 <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>
 <p>
 <hi rend="italic">Diable: Iack Rugby</hi>: mine <hi  
 rend="italic">Host de Iarteer</hi>: haue I  
 <lb/>not stay for him, to kill him? haue I not at de  
 place I did <lb/>appoint?</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>
 <l>As I am a Christians&#x2011;soule, now looke you:  
 <lb/>this is the place appointed, Ile bee iudgement by mine  
 <lb/>
 <hi rend="italic">Host of the  
 Garter</hi>.</l>
 </sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <l>Peace, I say, <hi rend="italic">Gallia</hi> and <hi  
 rend="italic">Gaule</hi>, <hi rend="italic">French & Welch</hi>,  
 <lb/>Soule&#x2011;Curer, and Body&#x2011;Curer.</l>  
 </sp>  
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 <hi rend="italic">Cai</hi>.  
 I</fw>  
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 <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
 <l>I, dat is very good, excellant.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <l>Peace, I say: heare mine Host of the Garter,</l>  
 <l>Am I politicke? Am I subtle? Am I a Machiuell?</l>  
 <p>Shall I loose my Doctor? No, hee giues me the Potions  
 <lb/>and the Motions. Shall I loose my Parson? my Priest?  
 <lb/>my Sir <hi rend="italic">Hugh</hi>? No, he giues me the  
 Prouerbes, and the <lb/>No&#x2011;verbes. Giue me thy hand  
 (Celestiall) so: Boyes  
 of <lb/>Art, I haue deceiu'd you both: I haue directed you  
 to <lb/>wrong places: your hearts are mighty, your skinnes are  
 <lb/>whole, and let burn'd Sacke be the issue: Come, lay  
 their <lb/>swords to pawne: Follow me, Lad of peace, follow,  
 fol&#x00AD;<lb/>low, follow.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
 <l>Trust me, a mad Host: follow Gentlemen,  
 fol&#x00AD;<lb/>low.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
 <l>O sweet <hi rend="italic">Anne Page</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
 <l>Ha' do I perceiue dat? Haue you  
 make&#x2011;a&#x2011;de&#x2011;sot <lb/>of vs, ha,  
 ha?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
 <p>This is well, he has made vs his vlowting&#x2011;stog:  
 <lb/>I desire you that we may be friends: and let vs knog our

<lb/>praines together to be reuenge on this same  
 scall&#x2011;scur&#x00AD;<lb/>uy&#x2011;cogging&#x2011;companion the  
 Host of the Garter.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">
 <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>
 <p>By gar, with all my heart: he promise to bring <lb/>me where  
 is
 <hi rend="italic">Anne Page</hi>: by gar he deceiue me  
 too.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>
 <p>Well, I will smite his noddles: pray you follow.</p>
 </sp>
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 <head rend="italic center">Scena Secunda.</head>
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 Ford, Page, Shallow, Slender, Host, <lb/>Euans,  
 Caius.</stage>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>
 <p>Nay keepe your way (little Gallant) you <lb/>were wont to be  
 a
 follower, but now you are a Leader: <lb/>whether had your  
 rather
 lead mine eyes, or eye your ma&#x00AD;  
 <lb/>sters heeles?</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-rob">
 <speaker rend="italic">Rob.</speaker>
 <p>I had rather (forsooth) go before you like a man, <lb/>then  
 follow him like a dwarfe.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">
 <speaker rend="italic">M. Pa.</speaker>
 <l>O you are a flattering boy, now I see you'l be a <lb  
 rend="turnover"/><pc rend="turnover">(</pc>Courtier.</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>
 <l>Well met mistris <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>, whether go  
 you.</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">
 <speaker rend="italic">M. Pa.</speaker>
 <l> Truly Sir, to see your wife, is she at home?</l>
 </sp>

company: I

marry.</l>

<sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>I, and as idle she may hang together for want <lb/>of  
 think if your husbands were dead, you <lb/>two would

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">M.Pa.</speaker>  
 <l>Be sure of that, two other husbands.</l>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Where had your this pretty weather&#x2011;cocke?</l>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">M.Pa.</speaker>  
 <l>I cannot tell what (the dickens) his name is my <lb/>husband

had

him of, what do you cal your Knights name <lb  
 rend="turnunder"/><pc rend="turnunder">(</pc>sirrah?</l>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-rob">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Rob.</speaker>  
 <l>Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn Falstaffe</hi>.</l>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn Falstaffe</hi>.</l>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">M. Pa.</speaker>  
 <l>He, he I can neuer hit on's name: there is such a  
 <lb/>league between my goodman, and he: is your Wife at <lb  
 rend="turnunder"/><pc rend="turnunder">(</pc>home  
 indeed?</l>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Indeed she is.</l>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">M.Pa.</speaker>  
 <l>By your leaue sir, I am sicke till I see her.</l>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <p>Has <hi rend="italic">Page</hi> any braines? Hath he any

eies?

Hath he <lb/>any thinking? Sure they sleepe, he hath no vse of

them: <lb/>why this boy will carrie a letter twentie mile as  
 easie, as <lb/>a Canon will shoot point&#x2011;blanke twelue  
 score: hee pee&#x00AD;<lb/>ces out his wiues inclination: he  
 giues her folly motion <lb/>and aduantage: and now she's  
 going to my wife, <hi  
 rend="italic">Fal&#x00AD;<lb/>staffes</hi>  
 boy with her: A man  
 may heare this showre sing <lb/>in the winde; and <hi  
 rend="italic">Falstaffes</hi> boy with her: good  
 plots, <lb/>they are laide, and our reuolted wiues share  
 damnation <lb/>together. Well, I will take him, then torture my  
 wife, <lb/>plucke the borrowed vaile of modestie from the  
 so&#x2011;see&#x00AD;<lb/>ming Mist. <hi  
 rend="italic">Page</hi>, divulge <hi rend="italic">Page</hi> himselfe for a  
 secure and <cb n="2"/>  
 <lb/>wilfull <hi rend="italic">Acteon</hi>, and to these violent  
 proceedings all my  
 <lb/>neighbors shall cry aime. The clocke giues my Qu,  
 <lb/>and my assurance bids me search, there I shall finde <hi  
 rend="italic">Fal&#x00AD;<lb/>staffe</hi>: I shall  
 be rather praisd for this, then mock'd, for <lb/>it is  
 as possitiue, as the earth is firme, that <hi  
 rend="italic">Falstaffe</hi> is <lb/>there: I will  
 go.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha #F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal. Page &c.</speaker>  
 <p>Well  
 met M<c rend="superscript">r</c> <hi  
 rend="italic">Ford</hi>.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <p>Trust me a good knotte; I haue good cheere at <lb/>home,  
 and I pray you all go with me.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
 <l>I must excuse my selfe M<c rend="superscript">r</c>. <hi  
 rend="italic">Ford</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
 <l>And so must I Sir,</l>  
 <l>We haue appointed to dine with Mistris <hi  
 rend="italic">Anne</hi>,</l>  
 <l>And I would not breake with her for more mony</l>  
 <l>Then Ile speake of.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">

<speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
 <p>We haue linger'd about a match betweene <hi  
 rend="italic">An  
 <lb/>Page</hi>, and my cozen <hi rend="italic">Slender</hi>, and  
 this day wee shall haue <lb/>our answer.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
 <l>I hope I haue your good will Father <hi  
 rend="italic">Page</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Pag.</speaker>  
 <l>You haue M<c rend="superscript">r</c> <hi  
 rend="italic">Slender</hi>, I stand wholly  
 for you,</l>  
 <l>But my wife (M<c rend="superscript">r</c> Doctor) is for  
 you altogether.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
 <l>I be&#x2011;gar, and de Maid is  
 loue&#x2011;a&#x2011;me: my  
 nursh&#x2011;<lb/>a&#x2011;Quickly <lb/>tell me so  
 mush.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <p>What say you to yong M<c rend="superscript">r</c> <hi  
 rend="italic">Fenton</hi>? He capers,  
 <lb/>he dances, he has eies of youth: he writes verses, hee  
 <lb/>speakes holliday, he smels April and May, he wil  
 carry't, <lb/>he will carry't, 'tis in his  
 buttons, he will carry't.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <p>Not by my consent I promise you. The  
 Gentle&#x00AD;<lb/>man is  
 of no hauing, hee kept companie with the wilde <lb/>Prince,  
 and  
 <hi rend="italic">Pointz</hi>: he is of too high a Region, he  
 knows <lb/>too much: no, hee shall not knit a knot in his  
 fortunes, <lb/>with the finger of my substance: if  
 he take her, let him <lb/>take her simply: the wealth I haue  
 waits on my consent, <lb/>and my consent goes not that  
 way.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>



to

<p>I beseech you heartily, some of you goe home <lb/>with me

you shal <lb/>go,

dinner: besides your cheere you shall haue <lb/>sport, I will shew you a monster: M<c rend="superscript">r</c> Doctor,

so shall you Mr <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>, and you Sir <hi rend="italic">Hugh</hi>.</p>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
 <l>Well, fare you well:</l>  
 <l>We shall haue the freer woing at M<c rend="superscript">r</c> <hi rend="italic">Pages</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
 <l>Go home <hi rend="italic">Iohn Rugby</hi>, I come anon.</l>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <l>Farewell my hearts, I will to my honest Knight <lb/>  
 <hi rend="italic">Falstaffe</hi>, and drinke Canarie with him.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <p>I thinke I shall drinke in Pipe&#x2011;wine first with <lb/>him, Ile make him dance. Will you go Gentles?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-all">  
 <speaker rend="italic">All.</speaker>  
 <p>Haue with you, to see this Monster.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <stage rend="italic rightJustified" type="exit">Exeunt.</stage>  
 </div>  
 <div type="scene" n="3">  
 <head rend="italic center">Scena Tertia.</head>  
 <head type="supplied">[Act 3, Scene 3]</head>  
 <stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">Enter M.Ford, M.Page, Seruants, Robin, Falstaffe, <lb/>Ford, Page, Caius, Euans.</stage>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>What <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>, what <hi rend="italic">Robert</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">M.Page.</speaker>  
 <l>Quickly, quickly: Is the Buck&#x2011;basket&#x2014;</l>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>I warrant. What <hi rend="italic">Robin</hi> I say.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Page.</speaker>  
   <l>Come, come, come.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>Heere, set it downe.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Pag.</speaker>  
   <l>Giue your men the charge, we must be briefe.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>  
   <p>Marrie, as I told you before (<hi rend="italic">Iohn &  
     Robert</hi>) <lb/>be ready here hard&#x2011;by in the  
     Brew&#x2011;house, & when I so&#x00AD;<lb/>dainly  
 call you,  
     come forth, and (without any pause, or <lb/>staggering)  
     take this basket on your shoulders: y<c  
 rend="superscript">t</c> done, <lb/>trudge  
     with it in all hast, and carry it among the  
     Whit&#x00AD;<lb/>sters in <hi rend="italic">Dotchet</hi>  
     Mead, and there empty it in the muddie <lb/>ditch, close by the  
     Thames side.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Page.</speaker>  
   <l>You will do it?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>I ha told them ouer and ouer, they lacke no <lb  
 rend="turnover"/><pc rend="turnover">(</pc>direction.</l>  
   <fw type="sig" place="footCentre">E</fw>  
   <fw type="catchword" place="footRight">Be</fw>  
   <pb facs="FFimg:axc0070-0.jpg" n="58"/>  
   <fw type="rh">The Merry Wiues of Windsor.</fw>  
   <cb n="1"/>  
   <l>Be gone, and come when you are call'd.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Page.</speaker>  
   <l>Here comes little Robin.</l>  
 </sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>How now my Eyas&#x2011;Musket, what newes <lb  
 rend="turnover"/><pc rend="turnover">(</pc>with you?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-rob">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Rob.</speaker>  
 <l>My M. Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi> is come in at your  
 backe  
 doore</l>  
 <l>(Mist. <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>, and requests your  
 company.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">M.Page.</speaker>  
 <l>You litle Iack&#x2011;a&#x2011;lent, haue you bin true to  
 vs</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-rob">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Rob.</speaker>  
 <l>I, Ile be sworne: my Master knowes not of your <lb/>being  
 heere: and hath threatned to put me into  
 euerla&#x00AD;<lb/>sting liberty, if I tell you of it:  
 for he swears he'll turne <lb/>me away.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Pag.</speaker>  
 <p>Thou'rt a good boy: this secrecy of thine <lb/>shall be a  
 Tailor to thee, and shal make thee a new  
 dou&#x00AD;<lb/>blet  
 and hose. Ile go hide me.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mi.Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Do so: go tell thy Master, I am alone: Mi&#x00AD;<lb/>stris  
 <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>, remember you your <hi rend="italic">Qu</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Pag.</speaker>  
 <l>I warrant thee, if I do not act it, hisse me.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
 <p>Go&#x2011;too then: we'l vse this vnwholsome  
 <lb/>humidity, this grosse&#x2011;watry Pumpion; we'll  
 teach him <lb/>to know Turtles from Iayes.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>Haue I caught thee, my heauenly Iewell? Why <lb/>now let

me die,

for I haue liu'd long enough: This is the **period** of  
my ambition: O this blessed houre.

**F-wiv-mfo**

*Mist.Ford.*

O sweet Sir *Iohn*.

**F-wiv-fal**

*Fal.*

Mistris *Ford*, I cannot cog, I cannot  
prate (Mist. **period**)

*Ford*) now shall I sin in my wish; I would  
thy Husband **period**were dead, Ile speake it before the best  
Lord, I would **period**make thee my Lady.

**F-wiv-mfo**

*Mist.Ford.*

I your Lady Sir *Iohn*? Alas, I should

bee a

**period**pittifull Lady.

**F-wiv-fal**

*Fal.*

Let the Court of France shew me such another:

**period**I see how thine eye would emulate the Diamond: Thou

**period**hast the right arched beauty of the brow,

that becomes **period**the Ship tyre, the

Tyre valiant, or any Tire of Venetian

**period**admittance.

**F-wiv-mfo**

*Mist.Ford.*

A plaine Kerchiefe, Sir *Iohn*:

My browes become nothing else, nor that well neither.

**F-wiv-fal**

*Fal.*

Thou art a tyrant to say so: thou wouldst make **period**an  
absolute Courtier, and the firme fixture of thy  
foote, **period**would giue an excellent motion to thy gate, in a  
semi **period**; **period**circled Farthingale. I see what thou wert if  
Fortune thy **period**foe, were not Nature thy friend: Come, thou  
canst not **period**hide it.

**F-wiv-mfo**

*Mist.Ford.*

Beleeue me, ther's no such thing in me.

**F-wiv-fal**

buds,  
 cannot,  
 that come like women in mens apparrell, and smell like  
 Bucklersberry in simple time: I  
 but I loue thee, none but thee; and thou  
 deseru'st it.

Fal.  
 What made me loue thee? Let that perswade thee.  
 Ther's something extraordinary in thee: Come, I  
 cannot cog, and say thou art this and that, like  
 a manie of these lipping hauthorne  
 that come like women in mens apparrell, and smell like  
 Bucklersberry in simple time: I  
 but I loue thee, none but thee; and thou  
 deseru'st it.

M.Ford.  
 Do not betray me sir, I fear you loue M

Fal.  
 Thou mightst as well say, I loue to walke by the  
 Counter gate, which is as hatefull to me, as the reeke of  
 a Lime kill.

Mis.Ford.  
 Well, heauen knowes how I loue you,  
 And you shall one day finde it.

Fal.  
 Keepe in that minde, Ile deserue it.

Mist.Ford.  
 Nay, I must tell you, so you doe;  
 Or else I could not be in that minde.

Rob.  
 Mistris Ford, Mistris Ford: heere's Mistris Ford at the  
 doore, sweating, and  
 blowing, and looking wildely, and would needs speake  
 with  
 you presently.

Fal.  
 She shall not see me, I will ensconce mee behind the  
 Arras.

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>Pray you do so, she's a very tatling woman.</l>  
   <l>Whats the matter? How now?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <cb n="2"/>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
   <l>O mistris <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi> what haue you  
     done?</l>  
   <l>You'r sham'd, y'are ouerthrowne,  
     y'are vndone for euer.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>What's the matter, good mistris <hi  
 rend="italic">Page</hi>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Page.</speaker>  
   <l>O weladay, mist. <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>, hauing an  
     honest man <lb/>to your husband, to giue him such cause  
     of suspition.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>What cause of suspition?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Page.</speaker>  
   <l>What cause of suspition? Out vpon you:</l>  
   <l>How am I mistooke in you?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>Why (alas) what's the matter?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Page.</speaker>  
   <p>Your husband's comming hether (Woman) <lb/>with all the  
     Officers in Windsor, to search for a  
 Gentle&#x00AD;<lb/>man,  
     that he sayes is heere now in the house; by your  
     <lb/>consent to take an ill aduantage of his absence: you are  
     <lb/>vndone.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>'Tis <gap reason="illegible" agent="hole" extent="1"

unit="chars" resp="#JS"/>ot so, I hope.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">

<speaker rend="italic">M.Page.</speaker>

<p>Pray heauen it be not so, that you haue such <lb/>a man

heere:

but 'tis most certaine your husband's  
com&#x00AD;<lb/>ming, with halfe Windsor at his heeles, to  
serch for such <lb/>a one, I come before to tell you: If you  
know your selfe <lb/>cleere, why I am glad of it: but if you  
haue a friend here, <lb/>conuey, conuey him out. Be not  
amaz'd, call all your <lb/>senses to you, defend your  
reputation, or bid farwell to <lb/>your good life for euer.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">

<speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>

<p>What shall I do? There is a Gentleman my <lb/>deere friend:

and

I feare not mine owne shame so much, <lb/>as his perill. I had  
rather then a thousand pound he were <lb/>out of the

house.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">

<speaker rend="italic">M.Page.</speaker>

<p>For shame, neuer stand (you had rather, and <lb/>you had  
rather:) your husband's heere at hand, bethinke <lb/>you  
of some conueyance: in the house you cannot hide <lb/>him.

Oh,

how haue you deceiu'd me? Looke, heere is a <lb/>basket,  
if he be of any reasonable stature, he may creepe <lb/>in  
heere, and throw fowle linnen vpon him, as if it were  
<lb/>going to bucking: Or it is whiting time, send him by  
<lb/>your two men to <hi

rend="italic">Datchet</hi>&#x2011;Meade.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">

<speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>

<l>He's too big to go in there: what shall I do?</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>Let me see't, let me see't, O let me  
see't:</l>

<l>Ile in, Ile in: Follow your friends counsell, Ile in.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">

<speaker rend="italic">M.Page.</speaker>

<l>What Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn Falstaffe</hi>? Are these

your Let&#x00AD;<lb/>ters,

Knight?</l>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
   <l>I loue thee, helpe mee away: let me creepe in <lb/>heere: ile  
   neuer&#x2E3A;</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Page.</speaker>  
   <l>Helpe to couer your master (Boy:) Call <lb/>your men  
   (Mist. <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>.) You dissembling  
   Knight.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>  
   <p>What <hi rend="italic">Iohn, Robert, Iohn</hi>; Go, take vp  
 these <lb/>cloathes  
   heere, quickly: Wher's the  
   Cowle&#x2011;staffe? Look <lb/>how you drumble?  
   Carry them to the Landresse in Dat&#x00AD;<lb/>chet mead:  
   quickly, come.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>'Pray you come nere: if I suspect without  
   cause,</l>  
   <l>Why then make sport at me, then let me be your iest,</l>  
   <l>I deserue it: How now? Whether beare you this?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-ser">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ser.</speaker>  
   <l>To the Landresse forsooth?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>  
   <p>Why, what haue you to doe whether they <lb/>beare it? You  
 were  
   best meddle with buck&#x2011;washing.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>Buck? I would I could wash my selfe of y&#x0364; Buck:</l>  
   <l>Bucke, bucke, bucke, I bucke: I warrant you Bucke,</l>  
   <l>And of the season too; it shall appeare.</l>  
   <p>Gentlemen, I haue dream'd to night, Ile tell you my  
   <lb/>dreame: heere, heere, heere bee my keyes, ascend my  
 <lb/>Chambers, search, seeke, finde out: Ile warrant  
   wee'le <lb/>vnkennell the Fox. Let me stop this  
   way first: so, now <lb/>vncape.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">



<speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <l>Good master <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>, be contented:</l>  
 <l>You wrong your selfe too much.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>True (master <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>) vp Gentlemen,</l>  
 <l>You shall see sport anon:</l>  
 <fw type="catchword" place="footRight">Follow</fw>  
 <pb facs="FFimg:axc0071-0.jpg" n="51"/>  
 <fw type="rh">The Merry Wiues of Windsor.</fw>  
 <cb n="1"/>  
 <l>Follow me Gentlemen.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Euans.</speaker>  
 <l>This is fery fantastick humors and iealousies.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Caius.</speaker>  
 <l>By gar, 'tis no&#x2011;the fashion of France:</l>  
 <l>It is not iealous in France.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <l>Nay follow him (Gentlemen) see the yssue of <lb/>his  
 search.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page</speaker>  
 <l>Is there not a double excellency in this?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>I know not which pleases me better,</l>  
 <l>That my husband is deceiued, or Sir <hi  
 rend="italic">Iohn</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
 <l>What a taking was hee in, when your <lb/>husband askt who  
 was in  
 the basket?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
 <p>I am halfe affraid he will haue neede of <lb/>washing: so  
 throwing him into the water, will doe him <lb/>a  
 benefit.</p>  
 </sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
     <p>Hang him dishonest rascal: I would all <lb/>of the same  
         straine, were in the same distresse.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
     <p>I thinke my husband hath some speciall <lb/>suspition of <hi  
 rend="italic">Falstaffs</hi> being heere: for I  
         neuer saw him so <lb/>grosse in his iealousie till now.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
     <p>I will lay a plot to try that, and wee will <lb/>yet haue more  
         trickes with <hi rend="italic">Falstaffe</hi>: his  
         dissolute disease <lb/>will scarce obey this medicine.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Ford.</speaker>  
     <p>Shall we send that foolishion Carion, Mist. <lb/>  
 <hi rend="italic">Quickly</hi> to him, and excuse his throwing into  
         the water, <lb/>and giue him another hope, to betray him to  
         another <lb/>punishment?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
     <p>We will do it: let him be sent for to mor&#x00AD;<lb/>row  
 eight  
         a clocke to haue amends.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
     <p>I cannot finde him: may be the knaue bragg'd  
         <lb/>of that he could not compasse.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Page.</speaker>  
     <l>Heard you that?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Ford.</speaker>  
     <l>You vse me well, M. <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>? Do  
 you?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
     <l>I, I do so.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
     <speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>

<l>Heauen make you better then your thoghts</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Amen.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mi.Page.</speaker>  
 <l>You do your selfe mighty wrong (M. <hi  
 rend="italic">Ford</hi>)</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>I, I: I must beare it.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eu.</speaker>  
 <p>If there be any pody in the house, & in the  
 cham&#x00AD;<lb/>bers,  
 and in the coffers, and in the presses: heauen  
 for&#x00AD;<lb/>giue my sins at the day of iudgement.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Caius.</speaker>  
 <l>Be gar, nor I too: there is no&#x2011;bodies.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <p>Fy, fy, M. <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>, are you not asham'd?  
 What spi&#x00AD;<lb/>rit,  
 what diuell suggests this imagination? I wold not ha  
 <lb/>your distemper in this kind, for y&#x0364; welth of  
 <hi rend="italic">Windsor castle</hi>.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>'Tis my fault (M. <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>) I  
 suffer for it.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Euans.</speaker>  
 <p>You suffer for a pad conscience: your wife is <lb/>as  
 honest a o'mans, as I will desires among fiae  
 thou&#x00AD;<lb/>sand, and fiae hundred too.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
 <l>By gar, I see 'tis an honest woman.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">

<lb/>knowne  
 to you why I haue done this. Come wife, come <lb/>Mi. <hi  
 rend="italic">Page</hi>, I pray you pardon me. Pray hartly  
 pardon me.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <p>Let's go in Gentlemen, but (trust me) we'l  
 mock <lb/>him: I doe inuite you to morrow morning to my  
 house  
 <lb/>to breakfast: after we'll a Birding together,  
 I haue a fine <lb/>Hawke for the bush. Shall it be  
 so:</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Any thing.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eu.</speaker>  
 <l>If there is one, I shall make two in the Companie</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ca.</speaker>  
 <l>If there be one, or two, I shall  
 make&#x2011;a&#x2011;theturd.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Pray you go, M. <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
 <l>I pray you now remembrance to morrow on the <lb/>lowsie  
 knaue,  
 mine Host.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
 <l>Dat is good by gar, withall my heart.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
 <l>A lowsie knaue, to haue his gibes, and his  
 moc&#x00AD;<lb/>keries.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <stage rend="italic rightJustified" type="exit">Exeunt.</stage>

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</div>
<div type="scene" n="4">
  <head rend="italic center">Sc&#x0153;na Quarta.</head>
  <head type="supplied">[Act 3, Scene 4]</head>
  <stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">Enter Fenton, Anne,
    Shallow, Slender, <lb/>Quickly, Page, Mist.Page.</stage>
  <cb n="2"/>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-fen">
    <speaker rend="italic">Fen.</speaker>
    <l>I see I cannot get thy Fathers loue,</l>
    <l>Therefore no more turne me to him (sweet Nan.)</l>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-ann">
    <speaker rend="italic">Anne.</speaker>
    <p>Alas, how then?</p>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-fen">
    <speaker rend="italic">Fen.</speaker>
    <l>Why thou must be thy selfe.</l>
    <l>He doth obiect, I am too great of birth,</l>
    <l>And that my state being gall'd with my expence,</l>
    <l>I seeke to heale it onely by his wealth.</l>
    <l>Besides these, other barres he layes before me,</l>
    <l>My Riots past, my wilde Societies,</l>
    <l>And tels me 'tis a thing impossible</l>
    <l>I should loue thee, but as a property.</l>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-ann">
    <speaker rend="italic">An.</speaker>
    <l>May be he tels you true.</l>
    <l>No, heauen so speed me in my time to come,</l>
    <l>Albeit I will confesse, thy Fathers wealth</l>
    <l>Was the first motiue that I woo'd thee (<hi
rend="italic">Anne</hi>:</l>
    <l>Yet wooing thee, I found thee of more vaw</l>
    <l>Then stamper in Gold, or summes in sealed bagges:</l>
    <l>And 'tis the very riches of thy selfe,</l>
    <l>That now I ayme at.</l>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-ann">
    <speaker rend="italic">An.</speaker>
    <l>Gentle M. <hi rend="italic">Fenton</hi>,</l>
    <l>Yet seeke my Fathers loue, still seeke it sir,</l>
    <l>If opportunity and humblest suite</l>
    <l>Cannot attaine it, why then harke you hither.</l>
  </sp>
  <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">
    <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>
    <l>Breake their talke Mistris <hi rend="italic">Quickly</hi>,</l>
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<l>My Kinsman shall speake for himselfe.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
 <l>Ile make a shaft or a bolt on't, slid, tis but  
 ventu<lb rend="turnunder"/><pc  
 rend="turnunder">(</pc>ring.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
 <l>Be not dismaid.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
 <l>No, she shall not dismay me:</l>  
 <l>I care not for that, but that I am affeard.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <l>Hark ye, M. <hi rend="italic">Slender</hi> would speak a  
 word  
 with you</l></sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-ann"><speaker rend="italic">An.</speaker>  
 <l>I come to him. This is my Fathers choice:</l>  
 <l>O what a world of vild ill&#x2011;fauour'd faults</l>  
 <l>Lookes handsome in three hundred pounds a yeere?</l></sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <l>And how do's good Master <hi  
 rend="italic">Fenton</hi>?</l>  
 <l>Pray you a word with you.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
 <l>Shee's comming; to her Coz:</l>  
 <l>O boy, thou hadst a father.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
 <l>I had a father (<hi rend="italic">M. An</hi>) my vnclē can tel  
 you good <lb/>iests of him:  
 pray you Vnclē, tel Mist. <hi rend="italic">Anne</hi> the  
 iest how <lb/>my Father stole two Geese out of a  
 Pen, good Vnckle.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
 <l>Mistris <hi rend="italic">Anne</hi>, my Cozen loues

you.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">

<speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>

<l>I that I do, as well as I loue any woman in  
Glo&#x00AD;<lb/>cestershire.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">

<speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>

<l>He will maintaine you like a Gentlewoman.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">

<speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>

<l>I that I will, come cut and long&#x2011;taile, vnder the  
<lb/>degree of a Squire.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">

<speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>

<l>He will make you a hundred and fiftie pounds  
<lb/>ioynture.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-ann">

<speaker rend="italic">Anne.</speaker>

<l>Good Maister <hi rend="italic">Shallow</hi> let him woo for  
him&#x00AD;<lb/>selfe.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">

<speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>

<p>Marrie I thanke you for it: I thanke you for <lb/>that good  
comfort: she cals you (Coz) Ile leaue you.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-ann">

<speaker rend="italic">Anne.</speaker>

<l>Now Master <hi rend="italic">Slender</hi>.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">

<speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>

<l>Now good Mistris <hi rend="italic">Anne</hi>.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-ann">

<speaker rend="italic">Anne.</speaker>

<l>What is your will?</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">

<speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>

<l>My will? Odd's&#x2011;hart&#x2011;lins, that's a  
prettie <lb/>iest indeede: I ne're made my Will  
yet (I thanke Hea&#x00AD;<lb/>uen:) I am not such a sickely  
creature, I giue Heauen <lb/>praise.</l>

</sp>

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 <fw type="rh">The Merry Wiues of Windsor.</fw>  
 <cb n="1"/>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-ann">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Anne.</speaker>  
   <l>I meane (M. <hi rend="italic">Slender</hi>) what wold you  
 with  
     me?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
   <p>Truely, for mine owne part, I would little or <lb/>nothing  
 with  
     you: your father and my vncke hath made <lb/>motions: if it be  
     my lucke, so; if not, happy man bee his <lb/>dole, they can  
     tell you how things go, better then I can: <lb/>you may aske  
     your father, heere he comes.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
   <l>Now Mr <hi rend="italic">Slender</hi>; Loue him daughter  
 <hi rend="italic">Anne</hi>.</l>  
   <l>Why how now? What does M<c rend="superscript">r</c> <hi  
 rend="italic">Fenter</hi> here?</l>  
   <l>You wrong me Sir, thus still to haunt my house.</l>  
   <l>I told you Sir, my daughter is disposd of.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fen">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Fen.</speaker>  
   <l>Nay M<c rend="superscript">r</c> <hi  
 rend="italic">Page</hi>, be not impatient.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
   <l>Good M. <hi rend="italic">Fenton</hi>, come not to my  
 child.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
   <l>She is no match for you.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fen">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Fen.</speaker>  
   <l>Sir, will you heare me?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
   <l>No, good M. <hi rend="italic">Fenton</hi>.</l>



<l>Come M. <hi rend="italic">Shallow</hi>: Come sonne <hi rend="italic">Slender</hi>, in;</l>

<l>Knowing my minde, you wrong me (M. <hi rend="italic">Fenton</hi>.)</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">

<speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>

<l>Speake to Mistris <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fen">

<speaker rend="italic">Fen.</speaker>

<l>Good Mist. <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>, for that I loue  
your daughter</l>

<l>In such a righteous fashion as I do,</l>

<l>Perforce, against all checkes, rebukes, and manners,</l>

<l>I must aduance the colours of my loue,</l>

<l>And not retire. Let me haue your good will.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-ann">

<speaker rend="italic">An.</speaker>

<l>Good mother, do not marry me to yond foole.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">

<speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>

<l>I meane it not, I seeke you a better

hus&#x00AD;<lb/>band.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">

<speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>

<l>That's my master, M. Doctor.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-ann">

<speaker rend="italic">An.</speaker>

<l>Alas I had rather be set quick i'th earth,</l>

<l>And bowl'd to death with Turnips.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">

<speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>

<l>Come, trouble not your selfe good M.</l>

<l>

<hi rend="italic">Fenton</hi>, I will not be your friend, nor  
enemy:</l>

<l>My daughter will I question how she loues you,</l>

<l>And as I finde her, so am I affected:</l>

<l>Till then, farewell Sir, she must needs go in,</l>

<l>Her father will be angry.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fen">

<speaker rend="italic">Fen.</speaker>

<l>Farewell gentle Mistris: farewell <hi

*Nan*.  
 Qui.  
 This is my doing now: Nay, saide I, will you cast  
 away your childe on a Foole, and a Physitian:  
 Looke on M. *Fenton*, this is my  
 doing.  
 Fen.  
 I thanke thee: and I pray thee once to night,  
 Giue my sweet *Nan* this Ring:  
 there's for thy paines.  
 Qui.  
 Now heauen send thee good fortune, a kinde heart he  
 hath: a  
 woman would run through fire & wa<sup>ter</sup>  
 for  
 such a kinde heart. But yet, I would my Maister had  
 Mistris *Anne*, or I would M. *Slender*  
 had her: or (in sooth) I would  
 M. *Fenton* had her; I will do what I can  
 for them all three, for so I haue promisd, and Ile bee as  
 good as my word, but speciously for M. *Fenton*. Well, I must of another errand to Sir  
*Iohn Falstaffe* from my two  
 Mistresses:  
 what a beast am I to slacke it.  
 Exeunt  
 Scene 5  
 Scena Quinta.  
 [Act 3, Scene 5]  
 Enter Falstaffe,  
 Bardolfe, Quickly, Ford.  
 Fal.  
 Bardolfe I say.  
 Bar.  
 Heere Sir.  
 Fal.

<p>Go, fetch me a quart of Sacke, put a tost in't.  
 <lb/>Haue I liu'd to be carried in a Basket like a  
 barrow of <lb/>butchers Offall? and to be throwne in the  
 Thames? Wel, <lb/>if I be seru'd such another tricke,  
 Ile haue my braines <lb/>'tane out and butter'd,  
 and giue them to a dogge for a <lb/>New&#x2011;yeares gift.

The

rogues slighted me into the riuer <lb/>with as little remorse,  
 as they would haue drown'de a <cb n="1"/>

<lb/>blinde

bitches Puppies, fifteene i'th litter: and you may  
 <lb/>know by my size, that I haue a kinde of alacrity in  
 sink&#x00AD; <lb/>ing: if the bottome were as deepe as hell, I  
 shold down. <lb/>I had beene drown'd, but that the shore  
 was sheluy and <lb/>shallow: a death that I abhorre: for the  
 water swelles a <lb/>man; and what a thing should I haue

beene,

when I <lb/>had beene swel'd? I should haue beene a  
 Mountaine of <lb/>Mummie.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-bar">
 <speaker rend="italic">Bar.</speaker>
 <l>Here's M. <hi rend="italic">Quickly</hi> Sir to speake  
 with you.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>
 <p>Come, let me poure in some Sack to the Thames <lb/>water:

for my

bellies as cold as if I had swallow'd snow&#x00AD; <lb/>bals,  
 for pilles to coole the reines. Call her in.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-bar">
 <speaker rend="italic">Bar.</speaker>
 <l>Come in woman.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>
 <l>By your leaue: I cry you mercy?</l>
 <l>Giue your worship good morrow.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>
 <l>Take away these Challices:</l>
 <l>Go, brew me a pottle of Sacke finely.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-bar">
 <speaker rend="italic">Bard.</speaker>
 <l>With Egges, Sir?</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>Simple of it selfe: Ile no Pullet&#2011;Spersme in my  
 <lb/>brewage. How now?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <l>Marry Sir, I come to your worship from M. <hi  
 rend="italic">Ford</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>Mist. <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>? I haue had Ford enough:  
 I was thrown <lb/>into the Ford; I haue my belly full of  
 Ford.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <p>Alas the day, (good&#x2011;heart) that was not her  
 <lb/>fault:  
 she do's so take on with her men; they mistooke  
 <lb/>their erection.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>So did I mine, to build vpon a foolish Womans <lb  
 rend="turnover"/><pc rend="turnover">(</pc>promise.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <p>Well, she laments Sir for it, that it would yern <lb/>your heart  
 to see it: her husband goes this morning a <lb/>birding; she  
 desires you once more to come to her,  
 be&#x00AD;<lb/>tweene eight and nine: I must carry her word quickly,  
 <lb/>she'll make you amends I warrant you.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>Well, I will visit her, tell her so: and bidde her <lb/>thinke  
 what a man is: Let her consider his frailty, and <lb/>then  
 iudge of my merit.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <l>I will tell her.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>Do so. Betweene nine and ten saist thou?</l>  
 </sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
     <l>Eight and nine Sir.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
     <l>Well, be gone: I will not misse her.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
     <l>Peace be with you Sir.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
     <l>I meruaile I heare not of M<c rend="superscript">r</c> <hi  
 rend="italic">Broome</hi>: he  
         sent me <lb>word to stay within: I like his money  
         well.</l>  
     <l>Oh, heere he comes.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
     <l>Blesse you Sir.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
     <l>Now M. <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>, you come to  
 know</l>  
     <l>What hath past betweene me, and <hi  
 rend="italic">Fords</hi> wife.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
     <l>That indeed (Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>) is my  
         businessse.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
     <l><hi rend="italic">M. Broome</hi> I will not lye to you,</l>  
     <l>I was at her house the houre she appointed me.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
     <l>And sped you Sir?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
     <l>very ill&#x2011;fauouredly M. <hi  
 rend="italic">Broome</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>How so sir, did she change her determination?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
   <p>No (M. <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>) but the peaking  
 Curnuto her  
   hus&#x00AD;<lb/>band (M. <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>)  
   dwelling in a continual larum of ielou&#x00AD;<lb/>sie, coms  
 me  
   in the instant of our encounter, after we had  
   <lb/>embrast, kist, protested, & (as it  
   were) spoke the prologue <lb/>of our Comedy: and at his  
 heeles,  
   a rabble of his compa&#x00AD;<lb/>nions, thither prouoked  
 and  
   instigated by his distemper, <lb/>and (forsooth) to  
   serch his house for his wiues Loue.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>What? While you were there?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
   <l>While I was there.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
   <speaker rend="italic">For.</speaker>  
   <l>And did he search for you, & could not find you?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
   <p>You shall heare. As good lucke would haue it, <lb/>comes in  
 one  
   <hi rend="italic">Mist. Page</hi>, giues intelligence of  
   <hi rend="italic">Fords</hi> ap&#x00AD;<lb/>proch: and in  
 her  
   inuenton, and <hi rend="italic">Fords</hi> wiues  
   distraction, <lb/>they conuey'd me into a  
   bucke&#x2011;basket.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <fw type="catchword" rend="italic" place="footRight">Ford.</fw>  
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 <fw type="rh">The Merry Wiues of Windsor.</fw>  
 <cb n="1"/>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>A Buck&#x2011;basket?</l>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>Yes: a Buck&#x2011;basket: ram'd mee in with foule  
 <lb/>Shirts and Smockes, Socks, foule Stockings, greasie  
 <lb/>Napkins, that (Master <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>  
 there  
 was the rankest <lb/>compound of villanous smell, that  
 euer offended no&#x00AD;<lb/>strill.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>And how long lay you there?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>Nay, you shall heare (Master <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>  
 what I <lb/>hau<gap reason="illegible"  
 agent="partiallyInkedType" extent="1" unit="chars" resp="#JS"/> sufferd, to bring  
 this woman to euill,  
 for your <lb/>good: Being thus cram'd in the Basket, a  
 couple of <lb/>  
 <hi rend="italic">Fords</hi> knaues, his Hindes,  
 were cald forth by their Mi&#x00AD;<lb/>stris, to carry  
 mee in the name of foule Cloathes to <lb/>  
 <hi rend="italic">Datchet&#x2011;lane</hi>: they tooke me on  
 their shoulders: met  
 <lb/>the ielialous knaue their Master in the doore; who  
 <lb/>ask'd them once or twice what they had in their  
 Bas&#x00AD;<lb/>ket? I quak'd for feare least the  
 Lunatique Knaue <lb/>would haue search'd it: but Fate  
 (ordaining he should <lb/>be a Cuckold) held his hand: well,  
 on  
 went hee, for <lb/>a search, and away went I for foule  
 Cloathes: But <lb/>marke the sequell (Master <hi  
 rend="italic">Broome</hi>) I suffered the pangs <lb/>of  
 three seuerall deaths: First, an intollerable fright,  
 <lb/>to be detected with a ielialous rotten  
 Bell&#x2011;weather: <lb/>Next to be compass'd like a  
 good Bilbo in the circum&#x00AD;<lb/>ference of a Pecke,  
 hilt  
 to point, heele to head. And <lb/>then to be stopt in  
 like a strong distillation with  
 stink&#x00AD;<lb/>ing Cloathes, that fretted in their  
 owne grease: <lb/>thinke of that, a man of my Kidney; thinke  
 of  
 that, <lb/>that am as subiect to heate as butter; a man  
 of conti&#x00AD;<lb/>nuall dissolution, and thaw: it was a  
 miracle to scape <lb/>suffocation. And in the height of  
 this Bath (when I <lb/>was more then halfe stew'd in

like

grease (like a Dutch dish) to be throwne into the Thames, and could, glowing hot, in that serge

a Horse; shoo; thinke of that; hissing hot: thinke of that (Master

*Broome*.)

*F-wiv-for*

*Ford*.

In good sadnesse Sir, I am sorry, that for my sake you

haue

sufferd all this.

My suite then is desperate: You'll vndertake her no more?

*F-wiv-fal*

*Fal*.

Master *Broome*: I will be throwne into *Etna*, as I haue beene into Thames, ere I will leaue her thus; her Husband is this morning gone a Birding: I haue receiued from her another ambassie of meeting: 'twixt eight and nine is the houre (Master

*Broome*.)

*F-wiv-for*

*Ford*.

'Tis past eight already Sir.

*F-wiv-fal*

*Fal*.

Is it? I will then addresse mee to my

appointment: Come to mee at your conuenient leisure, and you shall know

how I speede: and the conclusion shall be crowned with your enjoying her: adieu: you shall haue her (Master

*Broome*) Master

*Broome*, you shall cuckold

*Ford*.

*F-wiv-for*

*Ford*.

Hum: ha? Is this a vision? Is this a dreame? doe I

sleepe?

Master *Ford* awake, awake

Master *Ford*: ther's a

hole made in your best coate (Master

*Ford*;) this 'tis to be married;

this 'tis to haue Lynnen, and Buck baskets:

Well, I will proclaime my selfe what I am: I will



now take the Leacher: hee is at my house: hee **<lb/>**cannot  
 scape  
 me: 'tis impossible hee should: hee can**&#x00AD;****<lb/>**not  
 creepe into a halfe**&#x2011;**penny purse, nor into a  
 Pepper**&#x2011;****<lb/>**Boxe: But least the Diuell that guides  
 him,  
 should **<lb/>**aide him, I will search impossible places: though  
**<lb/>**what I am, I cannot auoide; yet to be what I would  
**<lb/>**not, shall not make me tame: If I haue hornes, to make  
**<lb/>**one mad, let the prouerbe goe with me, Ile be  
 horne**&#x2011;****<lb/>**mad.**</p>**  
**</sp>**  
**<stage rend="italic rightJustified" type="exit">**Exeunt.**</stage>**  
**</div>**  
**</div>**  
**<div type="act" n="4">**  
**<div type="scene" n="1">**  
**<head rend="italic center">**Actus Quartus. Sc**&#x0153;**na  
 Prima.**</head>**  
**<head type="supplied">**[Act 4, Scene 1]**</head>**  
**<stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">**Enter Mistris Page,  
 Quickly, William, Euans.**</stage>**  
**<cb n="2"/>**  
**<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">**  
**<speaker rend="italic">**Mist.Pag.**</speaker>**  
**<l>**Is he at M. **<hi rend="italic">**Fords**</hi>** already  
 think'st thou?**</l>**  
**</sp>**  
**<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">**  
**<speaker rend="italic">**Qui.**</speaker>**  
**<p>**Sure he is by this; or will be presently; but **<lb/>**truely he is  
 very couragious mad, about his throwing **<lb/>**into the water.  
 Mistris **<hi rend="italic">**Ford**</hi>** desires you to come  
 so**&#x00AD;****<lb/>**dainely.**</p>**  
**</sp>**  
**<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">**  
**<speaker rend="italic">**Mist.Pag.**</speaker>**  
**<p>**Ile be with her by and by: Ile but bring **<lb/>**my  
 yong**&#x2011;**man  
 here to Schoole: looke where his Master **<lb/>**comes;  
 'tis a playing day I see: how now Sir **<hi**  
**rend="italic">**Hugh**</hi>**, no **<lb/>**Schoole to day?**</p>**  
**</sp>**  
**<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">**  
**<speaker rend="italic">**Eua.**</speaker>**  
**<l>**No: Master **<hi rend="italic">**Slender**</hi>** is let the Boyes  
 leaue to play.**</l>**  
**</sp>**  
**<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">**  
**<speaker rend="italic">**Qui.**</speaker>**

<p>'Blessing of his heart.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Pag.</speaker>  
 <p>Sir <hi rend="italic">Hugh</hi>, my husband saies my sonne  
 pro&#x00AD;<lb/>fits nothing in the world at his Booke: I  
 pray  
 you aske <lb/>him some questions in his Accidence.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eu.</speaker>  
 <l>Come hither <hi rend="italic">William</hi>; hold vp your  
 head;  
 come.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Pag.</speaker>  
 <p>Come&#x2011;on Sirha; hold vp your head;  
 an&#x00AD;<lb/>swere  
 your Master, be not afraid.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
 <l>  
 <hi rend="italic">William</hi>, how many Numbers is in  
 Nownes?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-wil">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Will.</speaker>  
 <l>Two.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <p>Truely, I thought there had bin one Number <lb/>more,  
 because  
 they say od's&#x2011;Nownes.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
 <l>Peace, your tatlings. What is (<hi rend="italic">Faire)  
 William</hi>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-wil">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Will.</speaker>  
 <l>  
 <hi rend="italic">Pulcher</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
 <l>Powlcats? there are fairer things then Powlcats, <lb/>sure.</l>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
   <p>You are a very simplicity o'man: I pray you <lb/>peace.  
     What is (<hi rend="italic">Lapis</hi>) <hi  
 rend="italic">William</hi>?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-wil">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Will.</speaker>  
   <l>A Stone.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
   <l>And what is a Stone (<hi rend="italic">William?</hi>)</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-wil">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Will.</speaker>  
   <l>A Peeble.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
   <l>No; it is <hi rend="italic">Lapis</hi>: I pray you remember in  
     your <lb/>praine.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-wil">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Will.</speaker>  
   <l>  
 <hi rend="italic">Lapis</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
   <l>That is a good <hi rend="italic">William</hi>: what is he  
 (<hi rend="italic">William</hi>) that <lb/>do's lend  
     Articles.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-wil">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Will.</speaker>  
   <p>Articles are borrowed of the Pronoune; and be <lb/>thus  
     declined. <hi rend="italic">Singulariter nominatio hic,  
 h&#x00E6;c,  
     hoc</hi>.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
   <l>  
 <hi rend="italic">Nominatio hig, hag, hog</hi>: pray you marke:  
   <hi rend="italic">geni&#x00AD;<lb/>tio huius</hi>: Well:  
 what is your <hi rend="italic">Accusatiue&#x2011;case</hi>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-wil">

<speaker rend="italic">Will.</speaker>  
 <l>  
 <hi rend="italic">Accusatiuo hinc</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
 <l>I pray you haue your remembrance (childe)  
 <hi rend="italic">Ac&#x00AD;<lb/>cusatiuo hing, hang,  
 hog</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
 <l>Hang&#x2011;hog, is latten for Bacon, I warrant you.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
 <p>Leaue your prables (o'man) What is the <hi  
 rend="italic">Foca&#x00AD;<lb/>tue case</hi> (<hi  
 rend="italic">William</hi>?)</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-wil">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Will.</speaker>  
 <l>  
 <hi rend="italic">O, Vocatiuo, O</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
 <l>Remember <hi rend="italic">William</hi>, <hi  
 rend="italic">Focatiue</hi>, is <hi rend="italic">caret</hi>,</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
 <l>And that's a good roote.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
 <l>O'man, forbear.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Pag.</speaker>  
 <l>Peace.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
 <l>What is your <hi rend="italic">Genitiue case plurall</hi> (<hi  
 rend="italic">William</hi>?)</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-wil">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Will.</speaker>  
 <l>

<hi rend="italic">Genitiue case</hi>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
   <l>I.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-wil">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Will.</speaker>  
   <l>  
 </sp>  
 <hi rend="italic">Genitiue horum, harum, horum</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
   <l>'Vengeance of Ginyes case; fie on her; neuer  
     <lb/>name her (childe) if she be a whore.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
   <l>For shame o'man.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
   <p>You doe ill to teach the childe such words: hee <lb/>teaches

him

to hic, and to hac; which they'll doe fast  
   <lb/>enough of themselues, and to call <hi  
 rend="italic">horum</hi>; fie vpon you.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <fw type="sig" place="footCentre">E3</fw>  
 <fw type="catchword" place="footRight">  
 <hi rend="italic">Eua</hi>.  
   'Oman</fw>  
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 <cb n="1"/>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Euans.</speaker>  
   <p>O'man, art thou Lunaties? Hast thou no  
     vn&#x00AD;<lb/>derstandings for thy Cases, & the  
     numbers of the Gen&#x00AD;<lb/>ders? Thou art as foolish  
     Christian creatures, as I would <lb/>desires.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mi.Page.</speaker>  
   <l>Pre'thee hold thy peace.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Eu.</speaker>  
   <l>Shew me now (<hi rend="italic">William</hi>) some

declensions of

your **<lb>**Pronounes.**</l>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-wil">**  
**<speaker rend="italic">**Will.**</speaker>**  
**<l>**Forsooth, I haue forgot.**</l>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">**  
**<speaker rend="italic">**Eu.**</speaker>**  
**<p>**It is **<hi rend="italic">**Qui, que,  
quod**</hi>**; if you forget your **<hi rend="italic">**Quies**</hi>**,  
**<lb>**your **<hi rend="italic">**Ques**</hi>**, and your **<hi**  
**rend="italic">**Quods**</hi>**, you must be preeches: Goe  
**<lb>**your waies and play, go.**</p>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">**  
**<speaker rend="italic">**M.Pag.**</speaker>**  
**<l>**He is a better scholler then I thought he was.**</l>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">**  
**<speaker rend="italic">**Eu.**</speaker>**  
**<l>**He is a good sprag&#x2011;memory: Farewel **<hi**  
**rend="italic">**Mis. Page**</hi>**.**</l>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">**  
**<speaker rend="italic">**Mis.Page.**</speaker>**  
**<l>**Adieu good Sir **<hi rend="italic">**Hugh**</hi>**:**</l>**  
**<l>**Get you home boy, Come we stay too long.**</l>**

**</sp>**

**<stage rend="italic rightJustified" type="exit">**Exeunt.**</stage>**

**</div>**

**<div type="scene" n="2">**  
**<head rend="italic center">**Scena Secunda.**</head>**  
**<head type="supplied">**[Act 4, Scene 2]**</head>**  
**<stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">**Enter Falstoffe,  
Mist.Ford, Mist.Page, Seruants, Ford, **<lb>**Page, Caius,  
Euans, Shallow.**</stage>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">**  
**<speaker rend="italic">**Fal.**</speaker>**

**<p>**  
**<hi rend="italic">**Mi. Ford**</hi>**, Your  
sorrow hath eaten vp my suffe&#x00AD;**<lb>**rance; I see  
you are obsequious in your loue, and I  
pro&#x00AD;**<lb>**fesse requitall to a haire bredth, not onely Mist. **<hi**  
**rend="italic">**Ford**</hi>**, **<lb>**in the simple office of  
loue, but in all the accustrement, **<lb>**complement, and  
ceremony of it: But are you sure of **<lb>**your husband  
now?**</p>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">**  
**<speaker rend="italic">**Mis.Ford.**</speaker>**

<l>Hee's a birding (sweet Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>.)</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Page.</speaker>  
   <l>What hoa, gossip <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>: what hoa.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>Step into th'chamber, Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Page.</speaker>  
   <l>How now (sweete heart) whose at home <lb/>besides your  
 selfe?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>Why none but mine owne people.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Page.</speaker>  
   <l>Indeed?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>No certainly: Speake louder.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Pag.</speaker>  
   <l>Truly, I am so glad you haue no body here.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>Why?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Page.</speaker>  
   <p>Why woman, your husband is in his olde <lb/>lines againe:  
 he so  
     takes on yonder with my husband, so <lb/>railes against  
     all married mankinde; so curses all <hi  
 rend="italic">Eues</hi>  
     <lb/>daughters, of what complexion soeuer; and so  
     buffettes <lb/>himselpe on the for&#x2011;head: crying  
     peere&#x2011;out, peere&#x2011;out, <lb/>that any  
 madnesse I  
     euer yet beheld, seem'd but tame&#x00AD;<lb/>nesse,  
     ciuility, and patience to this his distemper he is  
     in <lb/>now: I am glad the fat Knight is not heere.</p>  
 </sp>

out the  
 owne

<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Why, do's he talke of him?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
 <p>Of none but him, and sweares he was ca&#x00AD;<lb/>rried  
 last time hee search'd for him, in a Basket:  
 <lb/>Protests to my husband he is now heere, & hath  
 drawne <lb/>him and the rest of their company from their  
 sport, to <lb/>make another experiment of his suspition: But I  
 am glad <lb/>the Knight is not heere; now he shall see his  
 foo&#x2E17;<lb/>lerie.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>How neere is he Mistris <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Pag.</speaker>  
 <l>Hard by, at street end; he wil be here anon.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>I am vndone, the Knight is heere.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
 <p>Why then you are vtterly sham'd, & hee's  
 <lb/>but a dead man. What a woman are you? Away with  
 <lb/>him, away with him: Better shame, then murther.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Which way should he go? How should I <lb/>bestow him?  
 Shall I put him into the basket againe?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>No, Ile come no more i'th Basket:</l>  
 <l>May I not go out ere he come?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <cb n="2"/>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
 <p>Alas: three of M<c rend="superscript">r</c>. <hi  
 rend="italic">Fords</hi> brothers watch <lb/>the doore with  
 Pistols, that none shall issue out: other&#x00AD;<lb/>wise



you

might slip away ere hee came: But what make **<lb/>**you  
heere?**</p>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Fal.**</speaker>**

**<l>**What shall I do? Ile creepe vp into the chimney.**</l>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Mist.Ford.**</speaker>**

**<l>**There they alwaies vse to discharge their

**<lb/>**Birding**&#x2011;**peeces: creepe into the Kill**&#x2011;**hole.**</l>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Fal.**</speaker>**

**<l>**Where is it?**</l>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Mist.Ford.**</speaker>**

**<p>**He will seeke there on my word: Neyther **<lb/>**Presse,

Coffer, Chest, Trunke, Well, Vault, but he hath

**<lb/>**an abstract for the remembrance of such

places, and goes **<lb/>**to them by his Note: There is no hiding

you in the **<lb/>**house.**</p>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Fal.**</speaker>**

**<l>**Ile go out then.**</l>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Mist.Ford.**</speaker>**

**<p>**If you goe out in your owne semblance, **<lb/>**you die Sir **<hi**

**rend="italic">**Iohn**</hi>**, vnlesse you go out

disguis'd.**</p>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Mist.Ford.**</speaker>**

**<l>**How might we disguise him?**</l>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Mist.Page.**</speaker>**

**<p>**Alas the day I know not, there is no wo**&#x00AD;****<lb/>**mans

gowne

bigge enough for him: otherwise he might **<lb/>**put on a hat, a

muffler, and a kerchiefe, and so escape.**</p>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Fal.**</speaker>**

**<p>**Good hearts, deuise something: any extremitie, **<lb/>**rather

then

a mischief.

*Mist.Ford.*  
 My Maids Aunt the fat woman of *Brain*, has a gowne aboue.

*Mist.Page.*  
 On my word it will serue him: shee's as big as he is: and there's her thrum'd hat, and her muffler too: run vp Sir *Iohn*.

*Mist.Ford.*  
 Go, go, sweet Sir *Iohn*: *Mistriis* Page and I will looke some linnen for your head.

*Mist.Page.*  
 Quicke, quicke, wee'll come dresse you straight: put on the gowne the while.

*Mist.Ford.*  
 I would my husband would meete him in this shape: he cannot abide the old woman of *Brain*; he swears she's a witch, forbad her my house, and hath threatned to beate her.

*Mist.Page.*  
 Heauen guide him to thy husbands cudgell:

and the diuell guide his cudgell afterwards.

*Mist.Ford.*  
 But is my husband comming?

*Mist.Page.*  
 I in good sadnesse is he, and talkes of the basket too, howsoeuer he hath had intelligence.

*Mist.Ford.*  
 Wee'll try that: for Ile appoint my men to carry the

basket againe, to meete him at the doore with *it*, as they did last time.

*Mist.Page.*  
Nay, but hee'l be heere presently: let's go  
*dress* him like the witch of *Brainford*.

*Mist.Ford.*  
Ile first direct direct my men, what they shall doe with the basket: Goe vp, Ile bring linnen for him straight.

*Mist.Page.*  
*Hang him dishonest Varlet,*  
*We cannot misuse enough:*  
*We'll leaue a prooffe by that which we will doo,*  
*Wiues may be merry, and yet honest too:*  
*We do not acte that often, iest, and laugh,*  
*'Tis old, but true, Still Swine eats all the draugh.*

*Mist.Ford.*  
Go Sirs, take the basket againe on your *shoulders*: your Master is hard at doore: if hee bid you *set it downe*, obey him: quickly, dispatch.

*1 Ser.*  
Come, come, take it vp.

*2 Ser.*  
Pray heauen it be not full of Knight againe.

*1 Ser.*  
I hope not, I had lief as beare so much lead.

*Ford.*  
I, but if it proue true (*M<sup>r</sup>*) *Page* haue you any way then to vnfoole me againe. Set downe the basket *villaine*: some body call my wife: Youth in a basket:  
Oh you Panderly Rascals, there's a knot: a gin, a packe,

<lb/>a conspiracie against me: Now shall the diuel be  
 sham'd.</l>

<l>What wife I say: Come, come forth: behold what  
 ho&#x00AD; <fw type="catchword"

place="footRight">nest</fw>

<pb facs="FFimg:axc0075-0.jpg" n="55"/>

<fw type="rh">The Merry Wiues of Windsor.</fw>

<cb n="1"/>

<lb/>nest cloathes you send forth to bleaching.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>

<l>Why, this passes M. <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>: you are not

to

goe <lb/>loose any longer, you must be  
 pinnion'd.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">
 <speaker rend="italic">Euans.</speaker>

<l>Why, this is Lunaticks: this is madde, as a <lb/>mad

dogge.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">
 <speaker rend="italic">Shall.</speaker>

<l>Indeed M. <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>, this is not well  
 indeed.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-for">
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>

<p>So say I too Sir, come hither Mistris <hi

rend="italic">Ford</hi>, Mi&#x00AD;<lb/>stris

<hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>, the honest woman, the modest wife, the  
 vertu&#x00AD;<lb/>ous creature, that hath the iealious foole

to

her husband: <lb/>I suspect without cause  
 (Mistris) do I?</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>

<p>Heauen be my wnesse you doe, if you <lb/>suspect me in  
 any dishonesty.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-for">
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>

<p>Well said Brazon&#x2011;face, hold it out: Come forth  
 <lb/>sirrah.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>

<l>This passes.</l>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>Are you not asham'd, let the cloths alone.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>I shall finde you anon.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
   <l>'Tis vnreasonable; will you take vp your wiues  
     <lb/>cloathes? Come, away.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>Empty the basket I say.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>Why man, why?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
   <p>Master <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>, as I am a man, there  
     was one con&#x00AD;<lb/>uay'd out of my house  
     yesterday in this basket: why <lb/>may not he be there  
     again, in my house I am sure he is: <lb/>my Intelligence is  
     true, my iealousie is reasonable, pluck <lb/>me out all the  
     linnen.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>If you find a man there, he shall dye a Fleas  
     <lb/>death.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
   <l>Heer's no man.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sha">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Shal.</speaker>  
   <l>By my fidelity this is not well M<c rend="superscript">r</c>.  
 <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>: This <lb/>wrongs you.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Euans.</speaker>  
   <l>M<c rend="superscript">r</c> <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>,  
 you must pray, and not  
     follow the <lb/>imaginations of your owne heart: this is

iealousies.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Well, hee's not heere I seeke for.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <l>No, nor no where else but in your braine.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <p>Helpe to search my house this one time: if I find <lb/>not  
 what  
 I seeke, shew no colour for my extremity: Let <lb/>me for euer  
 be your Table&#x2011;sport: Let them say of me, as  
 <lb/>iealous  
 as <hi rend="italic">Ford</hi>, that search'd a hollow  
 Wall&#x2011;nut for his <lb/>wiues Lemman. Satisfie me  
 once more, once more serch <lb/>with me.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
 <speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>  
 <p>What hoa (Mistris <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>,) come you  
 and <lb/>the old woman downe: my husband will come into  
 the  
 <lb/>Chamber.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Old woman? what old womans that?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
 <speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Why it is my maids Aunt of <hi  
 rend="italic">Brainford</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <p>A witch, a <hi rend="italic">Queane</hi>, an olde couzening  
 queane: <lb/>Haue I not forbid her my house. She comes of  
 errands <lb/>do's she? We are simple men, wee doe not  
 know what's <lb/>brought to passe vnder the profession  
 of Fortune&#x2011;telling. <lb/>She workes by Charmes, by  
 Spels, by th'Figure, & such <lb/>dawbry as this is,  
 beyond our Element: wee know no&#x00AD;<lb/>thing.  
 Come downe  
 you Witch, you Hagge you, come <lb/>downe I say.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">

let him *Mist.Ford.*  
 Nay, good sweet husband, good Gentleman;  
 strike the old woman.  
*Mist.Page.*  
 Come mother *Prat*, Come giue me  
 your hand.  
*Ford.*  
 Ile *Prat*; her: Out of my  
 doore, you Witch, you Ragge, you Baggage, you Poulcat, you  
 Runnion,  
 out, out: Ile coniure you, Ile fortune-tell  
 you.  
*Mist.Page.*  
 Are you not asham'd?  
 I thinke you haue kill'd the poore woman.  
*Mist.Ford.*  
 Nay he will do it, 'tis a goodly credite for  
 you.  
*Ford.*  
 Hang her witch.  
 2  
*Eua.*  
 By yea, and no, I thinke the o'man is a witch  
 in; deede: I like not when a o'man has a great  
 peard; I spie a  
 great peard vnder his muffler.  
*Ford.*  
 Will you follow Gentlemen, I beseech you  
 fol; low:  
 see but the issue of my iealousie: If I cry out thus  
 vpon no traile, neuer trust me when I open  
 againe.

<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
     <l>Let's obey his humour a little further:</l>  
     <l>Come Gentlemen.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
     <l>Trust me he beate him most pittifully.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
     <l>Nay by th'Masse that he did not: he beate <lb/>him  
         most vn timerittifully, me thought.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
     <l>Ile haue the cudgell hallow'd, and hung <lb/>ore the  
         Altar, it hath done meritorious seruice.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
     <p>What thinke you? May we with the war&#x00AD;<lb/>rant  
         woman&#x2011;hood, and the wisesse of a good  
         consci&#x00AD;<lb/>ence, pursue him with any further  
         reuenge?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">M.Page.</speaker>  
     <p>The spirit of wantonnesse is sure scar'd out <lb/>of him,  
         if the diuell haue him not in fee&#x2011;simple, with  
         <lb/>fine and recouery, he will neuer (I thinke) in the  
         way of <lb/>waste, attempt vs againe.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
     <p>Shall we tell our husbands how wee haue <lb/>seru'd  
         him?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
     <p>Yes, by all meanes: if it be but to scrape <lb/>the  
         figures out of your husbands braines: if they can  
         find <lb/>in their hearts, the poore vnuertuous fat  
         Knight shall be <lb/>any further afflicted, wee  
         two will still bee the mini&#x00AD;<lb/>sters.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
     <p>Ile warrant, they'l haue him publicquely

of



<lb/>sham'd, and me thinks there would be no period to  
 the <lb/>iest, should he not be publikely  
 sham'd.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>
 <l>Come, to the Forge with it, then shape it: <lb/>I would not  
 haue things coole.</l>
 </sp>
 <stage rend="italic rightJustified" type="exit">Exeunt</stage>
 </div>
 <div type="scene" n="3">
 <head rend="italic center">Scena Tertia.</head>
 <head type="supplied">[Act 4, Scene 3]</head>
 <stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">Enter Host and  
 Bardolfe.</stage>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-bar">
 <speaker rend="italic">Bar.</speaker>
 <p>Sir, the Germane desires to haue three of your <lb/>horses:  
 the  
 Duke himselfe will be to morrow at Court, <lb/>and they are  
 going to meet him.</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>
 <p>What Duke should that be comes so secretly? <lb/>I heare not  
 of him in the Court: let mee speake with the <lb/>Gentlemen, they speake  
 English?</p>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-bar">
 <speaker rend="italic">Bar.</speaker>
 <l>I Sir? Ile call him to you.</l>
 </sp>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>
 <p>They shall haue my horses, but Ile make them <lb/>pay: Ile  
 sauce  
 them, they haue had my houses a week at <lb/>commaund: I  
 haue  
 turn'd away my other guests, they <lb/>must  
 come off, Ile sawce them, come.</p>
 </sp>
 <stage rend="italic rightJustified" type="exit">Exeunt</stage>
 </div>
 <div type="scene" n="4">
 <head rend="italic center">Scena Quarta.</head>
 <head type="supplied">[Act 3, Scene 4]</head>
 <stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">Enter Page, Ford,  
 Mistris Page, Mistris <lb/>Ford, and Euans.</stage>
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">

<speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
 <l>'Tis one of the best discretions of a o'man  
 as e&#x00AD;<lb/>uer I did looke vpon.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <l>And did he send you both these Letters at an  
 <lb/>instant?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
 <l>VVithin a quarter of an houre.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Pardon me (wife) henceforth do what y<c  
 rend="superscript">u</c> wilt:</l>  
 <l>I rather will suspect the Sunne with gold,</l>  
 <l>Then thee with wantonnes: Now doth thy honor stand</l>  
 <fw type="catchword" place="footRight">(In</fw>  
 <pb facs="FFimg:axc0076-0.jpg" n="56"/>  
 <fw type="rh">The Merry Wiues of Windsor.</fw>  
 <cb n="1"/>  
 <l>(In him that was of late an Heretike)</l>  
 <l>As firme as faith.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <l>'Tis well, 'tis well, no more:</l>  
 <l>Be not as extreme in submission, as in offence,</l>  
 <l>But let our plot go forward: Let our wiues</l>  
 <l>Yet once againe (to make vs publike sport)</l>  
 <l>Appoint a meeting with this old fat&#x2011;fellow,</l>  
 <l>Where we may take him, and disgrace him for it.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>There is no better way then that they spoke of.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <l>How? to send him word they'll meete him in <lb/>the Parke  
 at midnight? Fie, fie, he'll neuer come.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eu.</speaker>  
 <p>You say he has bin throwne in the Riuers: and <lb/>has bin  
 greeuously peaten, as an old o'man: me&#x2011;thinks  
 <lb/>there should be terrors in him, that he should not come:  
 <lb/>Me&#x2011;thinks his flesh is punish'd, hee

shall haue no de&#x00AD;<lb/>sires</p>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
<speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
<l>So thinke I too.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
<speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>  
<l>Deuise but how you'l vse him  
<choice><abbr>wh&#x0113;</abbr><expa>when</expa></choice> he comes,</l>  
<l>And let vs two deuise to bring him thether.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
<speaker rend="italic">Mis.Page.</speaker>  
<l>There is an old tale goes, that <hi rend="italic">Herne</hi>  
the</l>  
<l>Hunter (sometime a keeper heere in Windsor Forrest)</l>  
<l>Doth all the winter time, at still midnight</l>  
<l>Walke round about an Oake, with great  
rag'd&#x2011;hornes,</l>  
<l>And there he blasts the tree, and takes the cattle,</l>  
<l>And make milch&#x2011;kine yeeld blood, and shakes a  
chaine</l>  
<l>In a most hideous and dreadfull manner.</l>  
<l>You haue heard of such a Spirit, and well you know</l>  
<l>The superstitious idle&#x2011;headed&#x2011;Eld</l>  
<l>Receiu'd, and did deliuer to our age</l>  
<l>This tale of <hi rend="italic">Herne</hi> the Hunter, for a  
truth.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
<speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
<l>Why yet there want not many that do feare</l>  
<l>In deepe of night to walke by this Hernes Oake:</l>  
<l>But what of this?</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
<speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
<l>Marry this is our deuise,</l>  
<l>That <hi rend="italic">Falstaffe</hi> at that Oake  
shall meete with vs.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
<speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
<l>Well, let it not be doubted but he'll come,</l>  
<l>And in this shape, when you haue brought him thether,</l>  
<l>What shall be done with him? What is your plot?</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
<speaker rend="italic">Mist.Pa.</speaker>

<l>That likewise haue we thoght vpon: & thus:</l>  
 <l>  
 <hi rend="italic">Nan Page</hi> (my daughter) and my little  
 sonne,</l>  
 <l>And three or foure more of their growth, wee'l dresse</l>  
 <l>Like Vrchins, Ouphes, and Fairies, greene and white,</l>  
 <l>With rounds of waxen Tapers on their heads,</l>  
 <l>And rattles in their hands; vpon a sodaine,</l>  
 <l>As <hi rend="italic">Falstaffe</hi>, she, and I, are  
 newly met,</l>  
 <l>Let them from forth a saw&#x2011;pit rush at once</l>  
 <l>With some diffused song: Vpon their sight</l>  
 <l>We two, in great amazednesse will flye:</l>  
 <l>Then let them all encircle him about,</l>  
 <l>And Fairy&#x2011;like to pinch the vncleane Knight;</l>  
 <l>And aske him why that houre of Fairy Reuell,</l>  
 <l>In their so sacred pathes, he dares to tread</l>  
 <l>In shape prophane.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>And till he tell the truth,</l>  
 <l>Let the supposed Fairies pinch him, sound,</l>  
 <l>And burne him with their Tapers.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
 <l>The truth being knowne,</l>  
 <l>We'll all present our selues; dis&#x2011;horne the  
 spirit,</l>  
 <l>And mocke him home to Windsor.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>The children must</l>  
 <l>Be practis'd well to this, or they'll  
 neu'r doo't.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
 <l>I will teach the children their behauiours: and I <lb>will be  
 like a lacke&#x2011;an&#x2011;Apes also, to burne the Knight  
 <lb>with my Taber.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>That will be excellent,</l>  
 <l>Ile go buy them vizards.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <cb n="2"/>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
     <l>My Nan shall be the Queene of all the <lb/>Fairies, finely  
 attired in a robe of white.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
     <l>That silke will I go buy, and in that time</l>  
     <l>Shall M. <hi rend="italic">Slender</hi> steale my <hi  
 rend="italic">Nan</hi> away,</l>  
     <l>And marry her at <hi rend="italic">Eaton</hi>: go, send to  
 <hi rend="italic">Falstaffe</hi> straight.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
     <l>Nay, Ile to him againe in name of <hi  
 rend="italic">Broome</hi>,</l>  
     <l>Hee'l tell me all his purpose: sure hee'l come.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
     <l>Feare not you that: Go get vs properties</l>  
     <l>And tricking for our Fayries.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Euans.</speaker>  
     <l>Let vs about it,</l>  
     <l>It is admirable pleasures, and ferry honest knaueries.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mis.Page.</speaker>  
     <l>Go <hi rend="italic">Mist</hi>. <hi  
 rend="italic">Ford</hi>,</l>  
     <l>Send quickly to Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>, to know his  
     minde:</l>  
     <l>Ile to the Doctor, he hath my good will,</l>  
     <l>And none but he to marry with <hi rend="italic">Nan  
     Page</hi>:</l>  
     <l>That <hi rend="italic">Slender</hi> (though well landed) is  
 an  
     Idiot:</l>  
     <l>And he, my husband best of all affects:</l>  
     <l>The Doctor is well monied, and his friends</l>  
     <l>Potent at Court: he, none but he shall haue her,</l>  
     <l>Though twenty thousand worthier come to craue her.</l>  
 </sp>  
 </div>  
 <div type="scene" n="5">  
     <head rend="italic center">Scena Quinta.</head>  
     <head type="supplied">[Act 4, Scene 5]</head>

<stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">Enter Host, Simple,  
 Falstaffe, Bardolfe, Euans, <lb/>Caius,  
 Quickly.</stage>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
   <p>What wouldst thou haue? (Boore) what? (thick <lb/>skin)  
     speake, breathe, discusse: breefe, short, quicke,  
     <lb/>snap.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Simp.</speaker>  
   <p>Marry Sir, I come to speake with Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn  
 Falstaffe</hi>  
 from  
     M. <hi rend="italic">Slender</hi>.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
   <p>There's his Chamber, his House, his Castle,  
     <lb/>his standing bed and truckle bed:  
     'tis painted about <lb/>with the story of the  
     Prodigall, fresh and new: go, knock <lb/>and call: hee'l  
     speake like an Anthropophaginian vnto <lb/>thee: Knocke I  
     say.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Simp.</speaker>  
   <p>There's an olde woman, a fat woman gone vp <lb/>into his  
     chamber: Ile be so bold as stay Sir till she come  
     <lb/>downe: I come to speake with her indeed.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
   <p>Ha? A fat woman? The Knight may be robb'd: <lb/>Ile call.  
 Bully Knight, Bully Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>: speake from thy  
 <lb/>Lungs Military: Art thou there? It is thine Host, thine <lb/>Ephesian cals.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
   <l>How now, mine Host?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
   <p>Here's a Bohemian Tartar taries the comming  
     <lb/>downe of thy fat woman: Let her descend  
 (Bully) let  
     <lb/>her descend: my Chambers are honourable: Fie,  
     prieacy? Fie.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

euen

<lb/>with

sent to her <lb/>seeing her go thorough the

rend="italic">Nim</hi> (Sir) that beguil'd him of a

Chaine, cozon'd him of it.</l>

type="catchword" place="footRight">her</fw>

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<fw type="rh">The Merry Wiues of Windsor.</fw>

<cb n="1"/>

<lb/>her selfe, I had other things to haue spoken with her

<lb/>too, from him.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<p>There was (mine Host) an old&#x2011;fat&#x2011;woman

<lb/>now with me, but she's gone.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sim">

<speaker rend="italic">Simp.</speaker>

<l>Pray you Sir, was't not the Wise&#x2011;woman of <lb/>

<hi rend="italic">Brainford</hi>?</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<p>I marry was it (Mussel&#x2011;shell) what would you

her?</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sim">

<speaker rend="italic">Simp.</speaker>

<p>My Master (Sir) my master <hi rend="italic">Slender</hi> ,

streets, to know (Sir) whe&#x00AD;<lb/>ther one <hi

chaine, had the <lb/>chaine, or no.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>I spake with the old woman about it.</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sim">

<speaker rend="italic">Sim.</speaker>

<l>And what sayes she, I pray Sir?</l>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>Marry shee sayes, that the very same man that

<lb/>beguil'd Master <hi rend="italic">Slender</hi> of his

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-sim">

<speaker rend="italic">Simp.</speaker>

<p>I would I could haue spoken with the Woman <fw

<fw type="rh">The Merry Wiues of Windsor.</fw>

<cb n="1"/>

<lb/>her selfe, I had other things to haue spoken with her

<lb/>too, from him.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>What are they? let vs know.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <l>I: come: quicke.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>I may not conceale them (Sir.)</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <l>Conceale them, or thou di'st.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sim.</speaker>  
 <l>Why sir, they were nothing but about Mistris <lb/>  
 <hi rend="italic">Anne Page</hi>, to know if it were my  
 Masters fortune to <lb/>haue her, or no.</l></sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal"><speaker  
 rend="italic">Fal.</speaker><l>'Tis, 'tis his fortune.</l></sp>  
  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sim.</speaker>  
 <l>What Sir?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>To haue her, or no: goe; say the woman told <lb/>me so.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sim.</speaker>  
 <l>May I be bold to say so Sir?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>I Sir: like who more bold.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-sim">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Sim.</speaker>  
 <p>I thanke your worship: I shall make my Master <lb/>glad  
 with these tydings.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <p>Thou art clearkly: thou art clearkly (Sir <hi  
 rend="italic">Iohn</hi>) <lb/>was there a wise woman with thee?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>



<p>I that there was (mine <hi rend="italic">Host</hi>) one  
 that hath taught <lb/>me more wit, then euer I learn'd  
 before in my life: and <lb/>I paid nothing for it neither, but  
 was paid for my lear&#x00AD;<lb/>ning.</p>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-bar">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Bar.</speaker>  
 <l>Out alas (Sir) cozonage: meere cozonage.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <l>Where be my horses? speake well of them  
 var&#x00AD;<lb/>letto.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-bar">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Bar.</speaker>  
 <p>Run away with the cozoners: for so soone as <lb/>I came  
 beyond  
 <hi rend="italic">Eaton</hi>, they threw me off, from  
 behinde <lb/>one of them, in a slough of myre; and set spurres,  
 and <lb/>away; like three <hi  
 rend="italic">Germane</hi>&#x2011;diuels; three Doctor <hi  
 rend="italic">Fau&#x00AD;<lb/>staffes</hi>.</p>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <p>They are gone but to meete the Duke (villaine) <lb/>doe not  
 say  
 they be fled: <hi rend="italic">Germanes</hi> are  
 honest men.</p>

</sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
 <l>Where is mine <hi rend="italic">Host</hi>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <l>What is the matter Sir?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
 <p>Haue a care of your entertainments: there is a <lb/>friend of  
 mine come to Towne, tels mee there is three  
 <lb/>Cozen&#x2011;Iermans, that has cozend all the <hi  
 rend="italic">Hosts</hi> of <hi rend="italic">Reading</hi>, <lb/>of <hi  
 rend="italic">Maidenhead</hi>; of  
 <hi rend="italic">Cole&#x2011;brooke</hi>, of horses and  
 money:  
 I <lb/>tell you for good will (looke you) you are wise, and  
 full <lb/>of gibes, and vlouting&#x2011;stocks: and

'tis not conuenient <lb/>you should be cozoned. Fare you well.</p>
</sp>
<sp who="#F-wiv-cai">
<speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>
<l>Ver' is mine <hi rend="italic">Host de Iarteere?</hi></l>
</sp>
<sp who="#F-wiv-hos">
<speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>
<p>Here (Master <hi rend="italic">Doctor</hi>) in perplexitie, and doubt&#x00AD;<lb/>full delemma.</p>
</sp>
<sp who="#F-wiv-cai">
<speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>
<p>I cannot tell vat is dat: but it is tell&#x2011;a&#x2011;me,
dat
<lb/>you make grand preparation for a Duke <hi rend="italic">de Iamanie</hi>: by <lb/>my trot: der is no Duke that the Court is know, to <lb/>come: I tell you for good will: adieu.</p>
</sp>
<sp who="#F-wiv-hos">
<speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>
<p>Huy and cry, (villaine) goe: assist me Knight, I <lb/>am vndone: fly, run: huy, and cry (villaine) I am vn&#x00AD;<lb/>done.</p>
</sp>
<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">
<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>
<p>I would all the world might be cozond, for I <lb/>haue beene cozond and beaten too: if it should come <lb/>to the eare of the Court, how I haue beene transformed; <lb/>and how my transformation hath beene washd, and <lb/>cudgeld, they
would
melt mee out of my fat drop by <lb/>drop, and liquor Fishermens&#x2011;boots with me: I warrant <lb/>they would
whip
me with their fine wits, till I were as <lb/>crest&#x2011;falne as a dride&#x2011;peare: I neuer prosper'd, since I <lb/>forsoore my selfe at <hi rend="italic">Primero</hi>: well, if my winde were <lb/>but long enough; I would repent: Now? Whence come
<lb/>you?</p>
</sp>
<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">
<speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>
<l>From the two parties forsooth.</l>
</sp>
<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">
<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

so

<p>The Diuell take one partie, and his Dam the <lb/>other: and

they shall be both bestowed; I haue

suf&#x00AD;<cb n="2"/>

<lb/>fer'd more for their

sakes; more then the villanous in&#x00AD;<lb/>constancy

of mans disposition is able to beare.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">

<speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>

<p>And haue not they suffer'd? Yes, I warrant;

spe&#x00AD;<lb/>ciously one of them; Mistris <hi

rend="italic">Ford</hi> (good heart) is beaten <lb/>blacke and

blew, that you cannot see a white spot about <lb/>her.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<p>What tell'st thou mee of blacke, and blew? I

<lb/>was beaten my selfe into all the colours of the

Raine&#x00AD;<lb/>bow: and I was like to be apprehended

for the

Witch <lb/>of <hi rend="italic">Braineфорд</hi>, but that my

admirable dexteritie of wit, <lb/>my counterfeiting the action

of an old woman deliuer'd <lb/>me, the knaue Constable

had set me ith'Stocks, ith'com&#x00AD;<lb/>mon

Stocks, for a Witch.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">

<speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>

<p>Sir: let me speake with you in your Chamber, <lb/>you shall

heare how things goe, and (I warrant) to your <lb/>content:

here is a Letter will say somewhat: (good&#x2011;<lb/>hearts)

what a&#x2011;doe here is to bring you together? Sure,

<lb/>one of you do's not serue heauen well, that you are

so <lb/>cross'd.</p>

</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">

<speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>Come vp into my Chamber.</l>

</sp>

<stage rend="italic rightJustified" type="exit">Exeunt.</stage>

</div>

<div type="scene" n="6">

<head rend="italic center">Scena Sexta.</head>

<head type="supplied">[Act 4, Scene 6]</head>

<stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">Enter Fenton,

Host.</stage>

<sp who="#F-wiv-hos">

<speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>

<p>Master <hi rend="italic">Fenton</hi>, talke not to mee, my

minde is **heavy**: I will giue ouer all.

Fen.

Yet heare me speake: assist me in my purpose,

And (as I am a gentleman) ile giue thee

A hundred pound in gold, more then your losse.

Host.

I will heare you (Master *Fenton*) and  
I will (at **the least**) keepe your counsell.

Fen.

From time to time, I haue acquainted you

With the deare loue I beare to faire *Anne*  
Page,

Who, mutually, hath answer'd my  
affection,

(So farre forth, as her selfe might be her chooser)

Euen to my wish; I haue a letter from her

Of such contents, as you will wonder at;

The mirth whereof, so larded with my matter,

That neither (singly) can be manifested

Without the shew of both: fat *Falstaffe*

Hath a great Scene; the image of the iest

Ile show you here at large (harke good mine *Host*);

To night at *Hernes*; Oke, iust  
'twixt twelue and one,

Must my sweet *Nan* present the *Faerie*  
*Queene*;

The purpose why, is here: in which disguise

VVhile other Iests are something ranke on foote,

Her father hath commanded her to slip

Away with *Slender*, and with him, at  
*Eaton*

Immediately to Marry: She hath consented: Now Sir,

Her Mother, (euen strong against that match

And firme for Doctor *Caius*)  
hath appointed

That he shall likewise shuffle her away,

While other sports are tasking of their mindes,

And at the *Deanry*, where a *Priest*  
attends

Strait marry her: to this her Mothers plot

thus it rests, </l>  
 his  
 time</l>  
 <l>To take her by the hand, and bid her goe,</l>  
 <l>She shall goe with him: her Mother hath intended</l>  
 <l>(The better to deuote her to the <hi rend="italic">Doctor;</hi>  
 </l>  
 <l>For they must all be mask'd, and vizarded)</l>  
 <fw type="catchword" place="footRight">That</fw>  
 <pb facs="FFimg:axc0078-0.jpg" n="58"/>  
 <fw type="rh">The Merry Wiues of Windsor.</fw>  
 <cb n="1"/>  
 <l>That quaint in greene, she shall be loose  
 en&#x2011;roab'd,</l>  
 <l>With Ribonds&#x2011;pendant, flaring 'bout her  
 head;</l>  
 <l>And when the Doctor spies his vantage ripe,</l>  
 <l>To pinch her by the hand, and on that token,</l>  
 <l>The maid hath giuen consent to go with him.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <l>Which meanes she to deceiue? Father, or  
 Mo&#x00AD;<lb/>ther.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fen">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fen.</speaker>  
 <l>Both (my good Host) to go along with me:</l>  
 <l>And heere it rests, that you'll procure the Vicar</l>  
 <l>To stay for me at Church, 'twixt twelue, and  
 one,</l>  
 <l>And in the lawfull name of marrying,</l>  
 <l>To giue our hearts vnited ceremony.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-hos">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Host.</speaker>  
 <l>Well, husband your deuice; Ile to the Vicar,</l>  
 <l>Bring you the Maid, you shall not lacke a Priest.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fen">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fen.</speaker>  
 <l>So shall I euermore be bound to thee;</l>  
 <l>Besides, Ile make a present recompence.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <stage rend="italic rightJustified" type="exit">Exeunt</stage>

</div>  
 </div>  
 <div type="act" n="5">  
 <div type="scene" n="1">  
 <head rend="italic center">Actus Quintus. Sc&#x0153;na  
 Prima.</head>  
 <head type="supplied">[Act 5, Scene 1]</head>  
 <stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">Enter Falstoffs,  
 Quickly, and Ford.</stage>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>Pre'thee no more pratling: go, Ile hold, this is <lb/>the  
 third time: I hope good lucke lies in odde numbers:</l>  
 <l>Away, go, they say there is Diuinity in odde Numbers,  
 <lb/>either in natiuity, chance, or death: away.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
 <p>Ile prouide you a chaine, and Ile do what I can <lb/>to get  
 you  
 a paire of hornes.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fall.</speaker>  
 <p>Away I say, time weares, hold vp your head &amp;  
 <lb/>mince. How  
 now M <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>? Master <hi  
 rend="italic">Broome</hi>, the mat&#x00AD;<lb/>ter will be  
 knowne to night, or neuer. Bee you in the <lb/>Parke about  
 midnight, at Hernes&#x2011;Oake, and you shall <lb/>see  
 wonders.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <p>Went you not to her yesterday (Sir) as you told <lb/>me  
 you had appointed?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>I went to her (Master <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>) as you  
 see, like a <lb/>poore&#x2011;old&#x2011;man, but I came  
 from  
 her (Master <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>) <lb/>like a  
 poore&#x2011;old&#x2011;woman; that same knaue (<hi  
 rend="italic">Ford</hi> hir  
 hus&#x00AD;<lb/>band) hath the finest mad diuell of  
 iealousie in him (Ma&#x00AD;<lb/>ster  
 <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>) that euer gouern'd Frensie. I will  
 tell  
 you, <lb/>he beate me greuously, in the shape of a woman:

(for

in **<lb/>**the shape of Man (Master **<hi rend="italic">**Broome**</hi>**) I feare not Goliah **<lb/>**with a Weauers beame,  
because I know also, life is a **<lb/>**Shuttle) I am in  
hast, go along with mee, Ile tell you all  
**<lb/>**(Master **<hi rend="italic">**Broome**</hi>**;) since I  
pluckt Geese, plaide Trewant, **<lb/>**and whipt Top, I knew not  
what 'twas to be beaten, till **<lb/>**lately. Follow mee,  
Ile tell you strange things of this **<lb/>**knaue **<hi rend="italic">**Ford**</hi>**, on whom to night I will be reuenged,  
and I **<lb/>**will deliuer his wife into your hand. Follow,  
straunge **<lb/>**things in hand (M. **<hi rend="italic">**Broome**</hi>**) follow.**</p>**

**</sp>**

**<stage rend="italic rightJustified" type="exit">**Exeunt.**</stage>**

**</div>**

**<div type="scene" n="2">**

**<head rend="italic center">**Scena Secunda.**</head>**

**<head type="supplied">**[Act 5, Scene 2]**</head>**

**<stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">**Enter Page, Shallow,  
Slender.**</stage>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Page.**</speaker>**

**<p>**Come, come: wee'll couch i'th

Castle&#x2011;ditch, **<lb/>**till we see the light of our  
Fairies. Remember son **<hi**

**rend="italic">**Slen&#x00AD;**<lb/>**der**</hi>**,  
my**</p>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Slen.**</speaker>**

**<p>**I forsooth, I haue spoke with her, & we haue **<lb/>**a  
nay&#x2011;word, how to know one another. I come to her

**<lb/>**in

white, and cry Mum; she cries Budget, and by that **<cb n="2"/>**  
**<lb/>**we know one another.**</p>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-sha">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Shal.**</speaker>**

**<p>**That's good too: But what needes either your **<lb/>**Mum, or  
her Budget? The white will decipher her well **<lb/>**enough. It  
hath strooke ten a'clocke.**</p>**

**</sp>**

**<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">**

**<speaker rend="italic">**Page.**</speaker>**

**<p>**The night is darke, Light and Spirits will

be&#x00AD;**<lb/>**come it wel: Heauen prosper our sport. No man means **<lb/>**euill  
but the deuill, and we shal know him by his hornes. **<lb/>**Lets  
away: follow me.**</p>**

**</sp>**




<stage rend="italic rightJustified" type="exit">Exeunt.</stage>  
 </div>  
 <div type="scene" n="3">  
   <head rend="italic center">Scena Tertia.</head>  
   <head type="supplied">[Act 5, Scene 3]</head>  
   <stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">Enter Mist.Page,  
     Mist.Ford, Caius.</stage>  
   <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
     <p>M<c rend="superscript">r</c> Doctor, my daughter is in  
 green, when <lb/>you see  
       your time, take her by the hand, away with her <lb/>to the  
       Deanerie, and dispatch it quickly: go before into <lb/>the  
       Parke: we two must go together.</p>  
   </sp>  
   <sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
     <l>I know vat I haue to do, adieu.</l>  
   </sp>  
   <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
     <p>Fare you well (Sir:) my husband will not <lb/>reioyce so  
 much at  
       the abuse of <hi rend="italic">Falstaffe</hi>, as he  
       will chafe <lb/>at the Doctors marrying my daughter: But  
       'tis no mat&#x00AD;<lb/>ter; better a little chiding,  
       then a great deale of heart&#x00AD;<lb/>breake.</p>  
   </sp>  
   <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
     <p>Where is <hi rend="italic">Nan</hi> now? and her troop of  
 Herne?<p>  
       Fai&#x00AD;<lb/>ries? and the Welch&#x2011;deuill  
   </sp>  
   <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
     <p>They are all couch'd in a pit hard by Hernes <lb/>Oake,  
       with obscur'd Lights; which at the very instant  
       <lb/>of <hi rend="italic">Falstaffes</hi> and our  
       meeting, they will at once display to <lb/>the night.</p>  
   </sp>  
   <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
     <l>That cannot choose but amaze him.</l>  
   </sp>  
   <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
     <l>If he be not amaz'd he will be mock'd: If <lb/>he  
       be amaz'd, he will euery way be mock'd.</l>  
   </sp>



<sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
     <l>Wee'll betray him finely.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
     <l>Against such Lewdsters, and their lechery,</l>  
     <l>Those that betray them, do no treachery.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Ford.</speaker>  
     <l>The houre drawes&#x2011;on: to the Oake, to the  
 <lb/>Oake.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <stage rend="italic rightJustified" type="exit">Exeunt.</stage>  
 </div>  
 <div type="scene" n="4">  
     <head rend="italic center">Scena Quarta.</head>  
     <head type="supplied">[Act 5, Scene 4]</head>  
     <stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">Enter Euans and  
         Fairies.</stage>  
     <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
         <speaker rend="italic">Euans.</speaker>  
         <p>Trib, trib Fairies: Co<c rend="inverted">m</c>e, and  
 remember your <lb/>parts: be pold  
         (I pray you) follow me into the pit, and <lb/>when I giue the  
         watch&#x2011;'ords, do as I pid you: Come, <lb/>come,  
         trib, trib.</p>  
     </sp>  
     <stage rend="italic rightJustified" type="exit">Exeunt</stage>  
 </div>  
 <div type="scene" n="5">  
     <head rend="italic center">Scena Quinta.</head>  
     <head type="supplied">[Act 5, Scene 5]</head>  
     <stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">Enter Falstaffe,  
         Mistris Page, Mistris Ford, Euans, <lb/>  
         Anne Page, Fairies, Page, Ford, Quickly,  
         <lb/>  
         Slender, Fenton, Caius,  
         Pistoll.</stage>  
     <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
         <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
         <p>The Windsor&#x2011;bell hath stroke twelue: the  
 Mi&#x00AD;<lb/>nute drawes&#2011;on: Now the  
 hot&#x2011;bloodied&#x2011;Gods  
         assist me: <lb/>Remember Ioue, thou was't a Bull  
         for thy <hi rend="italic">Europa</hi>, Loue <lb/>set on thy  
         hornes. O powerfull Loue, that in some  
 re&#x00AD;<lb/>spects makes a Beast a Man: in som other, a Man a  
         beast. <lb/>You were also (Iupiter) a Swan, for the loue

of *Leda*: O omnipotent

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omnipotent Loue, how nere the God drew to the  
complexion of a Goose: a fault done first in

the

forme of a beast, (O Ioue, a beastly fault:)  
and then another fault, in the semblance of a Fowle,  
thinke on't (Ioue) a fowle fault. When Gods  
haue hot backes, what shall poore men do? For me, I am  
heere a Windsor Stagge, and the fattest (I thinke)  
i'th Forrest. Send me a coole ruttime  
(Ioue) or who can blame me to pisse my Tallow? Who  
comes heere? my Doe?

M.Ford.  
 Sir *Iohn*? Art thou there (my  
 Deere?)  
 My male; Deere?  
 Fal.  
 My Doe, with the blacke Scut? Let the skie raine

Potatoes:

let it thunder, to the tune of Greene; sleeues,  
haile; kissing Comfits, and snow Eringoes: Let  
there come a tempest of prouocation, I will shelter  
mee heere.

M.Ford.  
 Mistris *Page* is come with me (sweet  
 hart.)  
 Fal.  
 Diuide me like a brib'd Bucke, each a Haunch:  
 I will keepe my sides to my selfe, my shoulders for the  
 fellow of this walke; and my hornes I bequeath your  
 husbands. Am I a Woodman, ha? Speake I like *Herne*  
 the Hunter? Why, now is Cupid a  
 child of conscience, he makes restitution. As I am a  
 true spirit, welcome.  
 M.Page.

<l>Alas, what noise?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>  
   <l>Heauen forgiue our sinnes.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
   <l>What should this be?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo #F-wiv-mpa">  
   <speaker rend="italic">M.Ford. M.Page.</speaker>  
   <l>Away, away.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
   <l>I thinke the diuell wil not haue me damn'd,</l>  
   <l>Least the oyle that's in me should set hell on  
     fire;</l>  
   <l>He would neuer else crosse me thus.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <stage rend="italic center" type="entrance">Enter Fairies.</stage>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
   <l>Fairies blacke, gray, greene, and white,</l>  
   <l>You Moone&#x2011;shine reuellers, and shades of night.</l>  
   <l>You Orphan heires of fixed destiny,</l>  
   <l>Attend your office, and your quality.</l>  
   <l>Crier Hob&#x2011;goblyn, make the Fairy Oyes.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
   <l>Elues, list your names: Silence you aiery toyes.</l>  
   <l>Cricket, to Windsor&#x2011;chimnies shalt thou leape;</l>  
   <l>Where fires thou find'st vnrak'd,  
     and hearths vnswept,</l>  
   <l>There pinch the Maids as blew as Bill&#x2011;berry,</l>  
   <l>Our radiant Queene, hates Sluts, and Sluttury.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
   <l>They are Fairies, he that speaks to them shall die,</l>  
   <l>Ile winke, and couch: No man their workes must eie.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Eu.</speaker>  
   <l>Wher's <hi rend="italic">Bede</hi>? Go you, and where you  
     find a maid</l>  
   <l>That ere she sleepe has thrice her prayers said,</l>  
   <l>Raise vp the Organs of her fantasie,</l>

<|>Sleepe she as sound as carelesse infancie,</|>  
 <|>But those as sleepe, and thinke not on their sins,</|>  
 <|>Pinch them armes, legs, backes, shoulders, sides, &shins.</|>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
   <|>About, about:</|>  
   <|>Search Windsor Castle (Elues) within, and out.</|>  
   <|>Strew good lucke (Ouphes) on euery sacred roome,</|>  
   <|>That it may stand till the perpetuall doome,</|>  
   <|>In state as wholesome, as in state 'tis  
     fit,</|>  
   <|>Worthy the Owner, and the Owner it.</|>  
   <|>The seuerall Chaires of Order, looke you scowre</|>  
   <|>With iuyce of Balme; and euery precious flowre,</|>  
   <|>Each faire Instalment, Coate, and seu'rall  
     Crest,</|>  
   <|>With loyall Blazon, euermore be blest.</|>  
   <|>And Nightly&#x2011;meadow7#x2011;Fairies, looke you  
 sing</|>  
   <|>Like to the <hi  
 rend="italic">Garters</hi>&#x2011;Compass, in a  
     ring</|>  
   <|>Th'expressure that it beares: Greene let it be,</|>  
   <|>More fertile&#x2011;fresh then all the Field to see:</|>  
   <|>And, <hi rend="italic">Hony Soit Qui  
     Mal&#x2011;y&#x2011;Pence</hi>, write</|>  
   <|>In Emrold&#x2011;tuffes, Flowres purple, blew, and  
     white,</|>  
   <|>Like Sapphire&#x2011;pearle, and rich embroidery,</|>  
   <cb n="2"/>  
   <|>Buckled below faire Knight&#x2011;hoods bending knee;</|>  
   <|>Fairies vse Flowres for their characterie.</|>  
   <|>Away, disperse: But till 'tis one a clocke,</|>  
   <|>Our Dance of Custome, round about the Oke</|>  
   <|>Of <hi rend="italic">Herne</hi> the Hunter, let vs not  
 forget.</|>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
   <|>Pray you lock hand in hand: your selues in order <lb  
 rend="turnover"/><pc rend="turnover">(</pc>set:</|>  
   <|>And twenty glow&#x2011;wormes shall our Lanthornes  
 bee</|>  
   <|>To guide our Measure round about the Tree.</|>  
   <|>But stay, I smell a man of middle earth.</|>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>

<l>Heauens defend me from that Welsh Fairy,</l>  
 <l>Least he transforme me to a peece of Cheese.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
   <l>Vilde worme, thou wast ore&#x2011;look'd euen in thy  
 </l>birth.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qu.</speaker>  
   <l>With Triall&#x2011;fire touch me his finger end:</l>  
   <l>If he be chaste, the flame will backe descend</l>  
   <l>And turne him to no paine: but if he start,</l>  
   <l>It is the flesh of a corrupted hart.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pis">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Pist.</speaker>  
   <l>A triall, come.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Eua.</speaker>  
   <l>Come: will this wood take fire?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
   <l>Oh, oh, oh.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mqu">  
   <speaker rend="italic">Qui.</speaker>  
   <l>Corrupt, corrupt, and tainted in desire.</l>  
   <l>About him (Fairies) sing a scornfull rime,</l>  
   <l>And as you trip, still pinch him to your time.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <lg><head>The Song.</head>  
   <l rend="italic">Fie on sinnefull phantasie: Fie on Lust, and  
 Luxurie:  
   </l>  
   <l rend="italic">Lust is but a bloody fire, kindled with vchaste  
   desire,</l>  
   <l rend="italic">Fed in heart whose flames aspire,</l>  
   <l rend="italic">As thoughts do blow them higher and higher.</l>  
   <l rend="italic">Pinch him (Fairies) mutually: Pinch him for his  
 villanie.</l>  
   <l rend="italic">Pinch him, and burne him, and turne him  
 about,</l>  
   <l rend="italic">Till Candles, & Star&#x2011;light, &  
 Moone&#x2011;shine be  
   out.</l></lg>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">

<speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
 <p>Nay do not flye, I thinke we haue watcht you <lb/>now:  
 VVill none but <hi rend="italic">Herne</hi> the Hunter serue  
 your <lb/>turne?</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
 <speaker rend="italic">M.Page.</speaker>  
 <l>I pray you come, hold vp the iest no higher.</l>  
 <l>Now (good Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>) how like you <hi  
 rend="italic">Windsor</hi> wiues?</l>  
 <l>See you these husband? Do not these faire yoakes</l>  
 <l>Become the Forrest better then the Towne?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>Now Sir, whose a Cuckold now?</l>  
 <l>M<sup>r</sup> <hi  
 rend="italic">Broome</hi>, <hi rend="italic">Falstaffes</hi> a Knaue, a Cuckoldly  
 knaue,</l>  
 <l>Heere are his hornes Master <hi  
 rend="italic">Broome</hi>:</l>  
 <l>And Master <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>, he hath enioyed  
 nothing of <hi rend="italic">Fords</hi>, <lb/>but his  
 Buck&#x2011;basket, his cudgell, and twenty pounds of  
 <lb/>money, which must be paid to M<sup>r</sup> <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>, his horses are  
 <lb/>arrested for it, M<sup>r</sup> <hi  
 rend="italic">Broome</hi>.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mfo">  
 <speaker rend="italic">M.Ford.</speaker>  
 <p>Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>, we haue had ill lucke: wee  
 could  
 <lb/>neuer meete: I will neuer take you for my Loue againe,  
 <lb/>but I will alwayes count you my Deere.</p>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <l>I do begin to perceiue that I am made an Asse.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
 <l>I, and an Oxe too: both the proofes are  
 ex&#x00AD;<lb/>tant.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
 <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
 <p>And these are not Fairies:</p>  
 <p>I was three or foure times in the thought they were not  
 <lb/>Fairies, and yet the guiltinesse of my minde, the sodaine

surprize of my powers, droue the grossenesse of the  
fop&#x00AD;pery into a receiu'd beleefe, in  
despight of the teeth of all rime and reason, that they  
were Fairies. See now how wit may be made a  
lacke&#x2011;a&#x2011;Lent, when 'tis vpon ill  
imployment.

*who="#F-wiv-eva">*

*speaker rend="italic">Euant.</speaker>*

*hi rend="italic">John Falstaffe</hi>, serue Got,  
and leaue your desires, and Fairies will not pinse  
you.</p>*

*who="#F-wiv-for">*

*speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>*

*hi rend="italic">Hugh</hi>.</p>*

*who="#F-wiv-eva">*

*speaker rend="italic">Euans.</speaker>*

*hi rend="italic">Hugh</hi>.</p>*

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*fw type="rh">The Merry Wiues of Windsor.</fw>*

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*hi rend="italic">Hugh</hi>.</p>*

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and leaue your desires, and Fairies will not pinse  
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and leaue your desires, and Fairies will not pinse  
you.</p>*

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<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
    <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
    <p>Why Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>, do you thinke though  
        <lb/>would haue thrust vertue out of our hearts by the  
        head <lb/>and shoulders, and haue giuen our selues without  
        scru&#x00AD;<lb/>ple to hell, that euer the deuill could haue  
        made you our <lb/>delight?</p>

</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
    <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
    <l>What, a hodge&#x2011;pudding? A bag of flax?</l>

</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
    <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
    <l>A puft man?</l>

</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
    <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
    <l>Old, cold, wither'd, and of intollerable  
        en&#x00AD;<lb/>trailes?</l>

</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
    <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
    <l>And one that is as slanderous as Sathan?</l>

</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
    <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
    <l>And as poore as Iob?</l>

</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
    <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
    <l>And as wicked as his wife?</l>

</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-eva">  
    <speaker rend="italic">Euan.</speaker>  
    <p>And giuen to Fornications, and to Tauernes, <lb/>and Sacke,

and

Wine, and Metheglins, and to drinkings <lb/>and swearings,

and

starings? Pribles and prables?</p>

</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-fal">  
    <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>  
    <p>Well, I am your Theame: you haue the start of <lb/>me, I  
        am deieted: I am not able to answer the Welch  
        <lb/>Flannell, Ignorance it selfe is a plummet ore me, vse me  
        <lb/>as you will.</p>

</sp>



*sp who="#F-wiv-for"*  
*speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>*  
*p>Marry Sir, wee'l bring you to Windsor to one <lb>M<c*  
*rend="superscript">r</c> <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>*, that you haue cozon'd of  
money, to whom *<lb>*you should haue bin a Pander: ouer and  
aboue that you *<lb>*haue suffer'd, I thinke, to  
repay that money will be a bi&#x00AD;*<lb>*ting  
affliction.</p>

*</sp>*  
*sp who="#F-wiv-pag"*  
*speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>*  
*p>Yet be cheerefull Knight: thou shalt eat a*  
*pos&#x00AD;<lb>*set to night at my house, wher I will desire thee to laugh  
*<lb>*at my wife, that now laughes at thee: Tell her M<  
*rend="superscript">r</c> <hi rend="italic">Slen&#x00AD;<lb>*der  
*</hi>*hath married her  
daughter.</p>

*</sp>*  
*sp who="#F-wiv-mpa"*  
*speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>*  
*<l>Doctors doubt that;</l>*  
*<l>If <hi rend="italic">Anne Page</hi> be my daughter, she is*

(by

this) Doctour *<lb>*  
*<hi rend="italic">Caius</hi> wife.</l>*  
*</sp>*  
*sp who="#F-wiv-sle"*  
*speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>*  
*<l>Whoa hoe, hoe, Father <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>.</l>*  
*</sp>*  
*sp who="#F-wiv-pag"*  
*speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>*  
*<l>Sonne? How now? How now Sonne,</l>*  
*<l>Haue you dispatch'd?</l>*  
*</sp>*  
*sp who="#F-wiv-sle"*  
*speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>*  
*p>Dispatch'd? Ile make the best in Glostershire*  
*<lb>*know on't: would I were hang'd la, else.</p>  
*</sp>*  
*sp who="#F-wiv-pag"*  
*speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>*  
*p>Of what sonne?</p>*  
*</sp>*  
*sp who="#F-wiv-sle"*  
*speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>*  
*p>I came yonder at <hi rend="italic">Eaton</hi> to marry*  
Mistris *<hi rend="italic">Anne <lb>Page</hi>*, and she's a  
great lubberly boy. If it had not bene *<lb>*i'th Church,  
I would haue swing'd him, or hee should *<lb>*haue

swing'd me. If I did not thinke it had beene <hi  
rend="italic">Anne <lb/>Page</hi>, would  
I might neuer stirre, and 'tis a  
Post&#x2011;masters <lb/>Boy.</p>

</sp>  
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<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
<speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
<l>Vpon my life then, you tooke the wrong.</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
<speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
<p>What neede you tell me that? I think so, when <lb/>I tooke a  
Boy for a Girle: If I had bene married to him,  
<lb/>(for all he was in womans apparrell) I would not haue  
<lb/>had him.</p>

</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
<speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
<l>Why this is your owne folly,</l>  
<l>Did not I tell you how you should know my daughter,</l>  
<l>By her garments?</l>  
</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-sle">  
<speaker rend="italic">Slen.</speaker>  
<p>I went to her in greene, and cried Mum, and <lb/>she cride  
budget, as <hi rend="italic">Anne</hi> and I had appointed,  
and  
yet <lb/>it was not <hi rend="italic">Anne</hi>, but a  
Post&#x2011;masters boy.</p>

</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
<speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>  
<p>Good <hi rend="italic">George</hi> be not angry, I knew of  
<lb/>your purpose:  
turn'd my daughter into white, and in&#x00AD;<lb/>deede  
she is now with the Doctor at the Deanrie, and  
<lb/>there married.</p>

</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
<speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
<p>Ver is Mistris <hi rend="italic">Page</hi>: by gar I am  
cozoned, I ha <lb/>married oon Garsoon, a boy; oon pesant, by  
gar. A boy, <lb/>it is not <hi rend="italic">An Page</hi>, by  
gar, I am cozoned.</p>

</sp>  
<sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
<speaker rend="italic">M.Page.</speaker>  
<l>VVhy? did you take her in white?</l>  
</sp>

<sp who="#F-wiv-cai">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Cai.</speaker>  
     <l>I bee gar, and 'tis a boy: be gar, Ile raise all <lb/>Windsor.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
     <l>This is strange: Who hath got the right <hi  
 rend="italic">Anne</hi>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
     <l>My heart misgiues me, here comes M<c  
 rend="superscript">r</c> <hi rend="italic">Fenton</hi>. <lb/>How now Mr <hi  
 rend="italic">Fenton</hi>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-ann">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Anne.</speaker>  
     <l>Pardon good father, good my mother pardon</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>  
     <l>Now Mistris:</l>  
     <l>How chance you went not with M<c rend="superscript">r</c>  
 <hi rend="italic">Slender</hi>?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">  
     <speaker rend="italic">M.Page.</speaker>  
     <l>Why went you not with M<c rend="superscript">r</c>  
 Doctor, maid?</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-fen">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Fen.</speaker>  
     <l>You do amaze her: heare the truth of it,</l>  
     <l>You would haue married her most shamefully,</l>  
     <l>Where there was no proportion held in loue:</l>  
     <l>The truth is, she and I (long since contracted)</l>  
     <l>Are now so sure that nothing can dissolve vs:</l>  
     <l>Th'offence is holy, that she hath committed,</l>  
     <l>And this deceit looses the name of craft,</l>  
     <l>Of disobedience, or vnduteous title,</l>  
     <l>Since therein she doth euitate and shun</l>  
     <l>A thousand irreligious cursed houres</l>  
     <l>Which forced marriage would haue brought vpon her.</l>  
 </sp>  
 <sp who="#F-wiv-for">  
     <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>  
     <l>Stand not amaz'd, here is no remedie:</l>  
     <l>In Loue, the heauens themselues do guide the state,</l>  
     <l>Money buyes Lands, and wiues are sold by fate.</l>  
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    <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">
      <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>
      <p>I am glad, though you haue tane a special stand <lb/>to
        strike at me, that your Arrow hath glanc'd.</p>
    </sp>
    <sp who="#F-wiv-pag">
      <speaker rend="italic">Page.</speaker>
      <p>Well, what remedy? <hi rend="italic">Fenton</hi>, heauen
giue
        thee <lb/>ioy, what cannot be eschew'd, must be
        embrac'd.</p>
    </sp>
    <sp who="#F-wiv-fal">
      <speaker rend="italic">Fal.</speaker>
      <p>When night&#x2011;dogges run, all sorts of Deere are
        <lb/>chac'd.</p>
    </sp>
    <sp who="#F-wiv-mpa">
      <speaker rend="italic">Mist.Page.</speaker>
      <l>Well, I will muse no further: M<c rend="superscript">r</c>
    <hi rend="italic">Fenton</hi>,</l>
      <l>Heauen giue you many, many merry dayes:</l>
      <l>Good husband, let vs euery one go home,</l>
      <l>And laugh this sport ore by a Countrie fire,</l>
      <l>Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi> and all.</l>
    </sp>
    <sp who="#F-wiv-for">
      <speaker rend="italic">Ford.</speaker>
      <l>Let it be so (Sir <hi rend="italic">Iohn</hi>:</l>
      <l>To Master <hi rend="italic">Broome</hi>, you yet shall hold
        your word,</l>
      <l>For he, to night, shall lye with Mistris <hi
rend="italic">Ford</hi>:</l>
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