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Of the Good

PANTAGRUEL.

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L O N D O N:

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Fry. Damn'd.

Pan. What place is he to go to?

Fry. Hell.

Pan. But first, how would you have 'em serv'd here?

Fry. Burnt.

Pan. Some have been serv'd so?

Fry. Store,

Pan. That were Heretics.

Fry. Less.

Pan. And the number of those that are to be warm'd thus hereafter is?

Fry. Great.

Pan. How many of 'em d'ye intend to save?

Fry. None.

Pan. So you'd have them burnt?

Fry. All.

I wonder, said *Epistemon* to *Panurge*, what pleasure you can find in talking thus with this lowly Tatterdemallion of a Monk; I know you well, I might be ready to think you had no more wit in your head, than he has in both his shoulders. Come, come, scatter no words, return'd *Panurge*, every one as they like, as the Woman said when she kiss'd her Cow; I will I might carry him to *Gargantua*; when I'm married he might be my Wife's Fool. And make you one, cry'd *Epistemon*. Well said, quoth Fryar *Ihon*, now, poor *Panurge*, take that along with thee, thou'rt e'en fitted;

in a plain case, thou'lt never scape wearing the Bull's Feather; thy Wife will be as common as the high-way, that's certain.

CHAP. XXX.

How we came to the Land of Satin.

HAVING pleas'd our selves with observing that new Order of Semiquaver Fryars, we set Sail, and in three days our Skipper made the finest and most delightful Island that ever was seen; he call'd it the Island of *Frize*; for, all the ways were of *Frize*.

In that Island is the Land of *Satin*, so celebrated by our Court Pages. Its Trees and Shrubs never lose their Leaves or Flowers, and are all Damask and flower'd Velvet: As for the Beasts and Birds, they are all of Tapestry-work. There we saw many Beasts, Birds and Trees of the same Colour, Bigness and Shape of those in our Country, with this difference, however, that these did eat nothing, and never sung, or bit like ours; and we also saw there many sorts of Creatures which we had never seen before.

Among the rest, several Elephants in various Postures; twelve of which were the six Males and six Females that were brought

to Rome by their Governour in the Time of *Germanicus*, *Tiberius's* Nephew; some of them were Learned Elephants, some Musicians, others Philosophers, Dancers, and Showers of Tricks, and all sat down at Table in good Order, silently eating and drinking like so many Fathers in a Fraternity-room.

With their Snouts or *Proboscis's* some two Cubits long, they draw up water for their own drinking, and take hold of Palms, Leaves, Plumbs, and all manner of Edibles, using them offensively or defensively, as we do our Fists; with them tossing men high into the Air in Fight, and making them burst out with laughing when they come to the ground.

They have Joints, whatever some men, who doubtless never saw any but Painted, may have written to the contrary. Between their Teeth they have two huge Horns; thus *Juba* call'd 'em, and *Panjanias* tells us, they are no Teeth, but Horns. However, *Philostratus* will have 'em to be Teeth, and not Horns. 'Tis all one to me, provided you will be pleas'd to own them to be true Ivory. These are some three or four Cubits long, and are fixt in the upper Jaw-bone, and consequently not in the lowermost. If you hearken to those who will tell you the contrary, you'll find your selves damnably mistaken, for that's a Lye with a Latchet: Tho' 'twere *Alim*
that

that Long-Bow-man that told you so, never believe him, for he lyes as fast as a Dog can trot. 'Twas in this very Island that *Pliny*, his Brother tell-truth, had seen some Elephants dance on the Rope with Bells, and whip over the Tables, *Presto*, be gone, while people were at Feasts, without so much as touching the Topping Toppers, or the Topers toping.

I saw a *Rhinoceros* there, just such a one as *Harry Clerberg* had formerly shew'd me; methought it was not much unlike a certain Boar which I had formerly seen at *Limoges*, except the sharp Horn on its Snout, that was about a Cubit long; by the means of which that Animal dares encounter with an Elephant, that is sometimes kill'd with its Point thrust into its Belly, which is its most tender and defenceless part.

I saw there two and thirty Unicorns; they are a curst sort of Creatures, much resembling a fine Horse, unless it be that their Heads are like a Stags, their Feet like an Elephants, their Tails like a wild Boar's, and out of each of their Foreheads sprouts out a sharp black Horn, some six or seven Foot long; commonly it dangles down like a Turkey-Cock's Comb. When an Unicorn has a mind to fight, or put it to any other use, what does it do but make it stand, and then 'tis as straight as an Arrow.

I saw

I saw one of them, which was attended with a Throng of other wild Beasts, purify a Fountain with its Horn. With that *Panurge* told me, that his Prancer, *alias* his Nimble-Wimble, was like the Unicorn, not altogether in length indeed, but in Vertue and propriety: For as the Unicorn purify'd Pools and Fountains from Filth and Venom, so that other Animals came and drank securely there afterwards; in the like manner, others might water their Nags, and dabble after him without fear of Shankers, Carnosities, Gonorrhæas, Buboes, Crinckams, and such other Plagues caught by those who venture to quench their Amorous Thirst in a common Puddle; for with his Nervous Horn he removed all the Infection that might be lurking in some blind Cranny of the *Mephitic* sweet-scented Hole.

Well, quoth Friar *Ibon*, when you are Sped, that is, when you are Married, well make a Tryal of this on thy Spouse, merely for Charity-sake, since you are pleas'd to give us so beneficial an Instruction.

Ay, ay, return'd *Panurge*, and then immediately I'll give you a pretty gentle Aggregative Pill of God made up of two and twenty kind Stabs with a Dagger, after the *Cesarian* way. Cat 'so, cry'd Friar *Ibon*, I had rather take off a Bumper of good cool Wine.

I saw

I saw there the golden Fleece, formerly conquer'd by *Jason*, and can assure you on the word of an honest man, that those who have said it was not a Fleece, but a golden Pippin, because *Μῆλον* signifies both an Apple and a Sheep, were utterly mistaken.

I saw also a Chameleon, such as *Aristotle* describes it, and like that which had been formerly show'd me by *Charles Meris*, a famous Physician of the noble City of *Lyons* on the *Roſne*; and the said *Chameleon* liv'd on air just as the other did.

I saw three Hydra's, like those I had formerly seen. They are a kind of a Serpent, with seven different Heads.

I saw also fourteen Phoenixes. I had read in many Authors that there was but one in the whole World in every Century; but if I may presume to speak my mind, I declare, that those who said this, had never seen any, unless it were in the Land of *Tapestry*; tho' 'twere vouch'd by *Claudian* or *Lactantius Firmianus*.

I saw the Skin of *Apuleius's* golden Ass.

I saw three hundred and nine Pelicans.

Item, Six thousand and sixteen *Seleucid* Birds marching in Battalia, and picking up stragling Grasshoppers in Corn-Fields.

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