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CVTLERS.

OR,

A MERRY DIA-
LOGVE BETWEENE

{ Sword,
Rapier,
and
Dagger. }

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Cutlers : or, a merry Dialogue
betweene

{
Sword,
Rapier,
and
Dagger.
}

Enter Sword.

Sword.



Ay *Rapier*, come forth,
come forth I say, Ile giue
thee a crowne, though it
be but a crackt one: what
wilt not? art so hard to
be drawne forth *Rapier*?

Enter

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Enter Rapier.

Rapier. S'foot thou shalt know that *Rapier* dares enter: nay *Baske-Sword*.

Enter Dagger, he holds Rapiers hands behinde him.

Rapier. Whose this behinde me?

Dagger. Tis *Dagger* sir; what will you neuer leaue your quarrelling?

Rapier. Well *Sword*, *Dagger* hath defended you a good many times; but tis no matter, another time shall serue: shall I get you out *Sword* alone, that I may haue you *Single-sword*.

Sword. Yes if youle be single *Rapier* too.

Dag. Nay *Sword*, put the *Case* of *Rapiers* aside, that there were two of them, I hope you were able to buckle with them.

Sword. Ile tell you what, if I goe into the Field with him, hang *Sword* vp if I doe not cut *Rapiers* poynts, and lash him when I haue done: nay, you shall finde *Sword* mettle to the very backe: 'sfoot, my teeth be an edge at him.

Dag. If you offer but to thrust towards him

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him *Rapier*, Ile strike you downe.

Sword. Hang him, I defie him base Spaniard.

Rap. Defie me? sirrha *Sword*, *Rapier* spins i'thy face: dar'it meete mee i'the fields, crauenly Capon?

Sword. Capon?

Rapier. I Capon, so I say sir.

Dagg. Why any man may see that thou art well car'd *Sword*; and yet mee thinks that *Rapier* should not speake of that, for it's an hundred to one if he be not gilt too.

Sword. Well *Rapier*, if thou goest into the fields with me, Ile make a Capon of you before I haue done with you, you shall nere come home vncut Ile warrant you.

Dagger. Nay, you shall finde *Sword* a notable Cutter.

Rapier. He a Cutter? alas he nere went into the fields yet, but he was soundly hackt before he came out

Sword. Nere talke you of hacking, for it's a hundred to one if you haue not the *Foyle-Rapier*.

Rapier. 'Sfoot if you be so *Short-Sword*, *Rapier* nere feares you: come a long.

Dagger. Nay nere goe, for if you doe, Ile

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He sende one after you, which shall scowre you both. The *Cutler* can doe it. I haue scene him handle you both brauely.

Sword. The *Cutler*, Alas wee are the best Friends hee has, and if it were not for vs, the *Cutler* might soone shut vp his shoppe.

Dagger. Alas *Sword*, you need not talke of his shutting vp of Shoppe, and if it had not beene for him, you had broken by this time *Sword*, Nay, nere talke: For you know hee can holde your nose to the Grind-stone, when hee list.

And as for you *Rapier*, you knowe hee brought you vp first, and if you had stayed with him still, it might haue bene better for you.

Rapier. Better for mee? Alas hee knewe not how to vse mee.

Dagger. Hee vsde you too well indeede: for when you were with him he furnisht you with Siler and euerie thing, but now you are worne out of all fashion. You are euen like a Lapwing, you are no sooner Hatcht *Rapier*, but you runne abroade presently from him.

Rapier. Yet I scorne to runne away from him.

Sword.

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Sword. But it were more wisedome then to stand: For the *Cutler* is a man as well Armed as any man I knowe, and has as good skill ins weapons.

Rapier. Ha *Sword*, is the winde in that Doore? Faith nowe I see which waye you stand bent *Sword*, you had rather sleepe in a whole skinne, then goe into the Fields to trye your selfe.

Sword. Syr, *Sword* has bene prou'd before now, and yet heele prooue himselfe againe with you, if you dare follow him.

Dagger. Doe you heare *Sword*? If you goe, looke for *Dagger* at your backs presentlie; For I am a Iustice of Peace, and am sworne to keepe and defend the Peace.

Rapier. Syr, wee will fight, and doe you take it in *Dudgeon Dagger* if you please: if you once offer to hinder vs, Ile so Pummell you *Dagger*, that you were neuer better Pummeld in your life; And howsoeuer, I hope theres Lawe against you as well as others, and *Rapier* can put vp a *Case* against you.

Dagger. Alas I care not if you were both Plaintifes against mee, you shall finde *Dagger* your Defendant Ile warrant you:

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I, and if neede bee, I could put vp an Action of Batterie against you.

Sword. What talke you of Law? *Sword* scornes to haue any other Law then *Martiall* law, and that vpon you *Rapier*.

Dagger. Away *Sworde*, the Time was indeed when thou wast a notable Swash-buckler, but now thou art growne olde *Sword*.

Rapier. I, you doe well, to excuse his Cowardise.

Sword. Why Sir, tis well knowne that *Sword* has flourish't in his dayes.

Dagger. Flourisht? yfaith Syr I, I haue seene *Sword* hang with nothing but Scarffes ere now.

Rapier. With Scarffes? with a Halter, if he had beene well seru'de, For hees a notable Theefe.

Dagger. A Theefe?

Rapier. I, a Thiefe.

Did you nere heare of *Cutting-Dicke*, this is the very same man.

Dagger. Nay *Rapier*, nere hit *Sword* ith teeth with that: for you know you were both Indited for treason before now, and were in danger to be hangd, and drawn too, and had escapt well if you had not bene quarterd.

Sword I hope knows how to keep his quarters.

Dagger. You are a craftie *Faxe-Sword*: It
were:

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were well if you knewe howe to keepe your friendship too, for Gentlemen and Friendes should not fall out.

Sword. *Rapier* a Gentleman?

Rap. A Gentleman? and has Armes.

Dag. But mee thinkes *Sworde* by the very founding of his Name should bee the better Gentleman, and has the better Armes too: for if the truth were well knowne, *Rapier* hath but one arme.

Rapier. *Sword* beare Armes? Hees a base companion. Alas I haue knowne you beare a Basket *Sword*.

Dag. If you looke ith *booke of Armorie*, Ile warrant you, you shall finde *Sworde* of more antiquitie then you *Rapier*: Hee deriues his Pedigree from *Morglay*, *Beuis of South-hamp-ton's sword*; and that from *S. George his sword*, that killd the Draggon.

Rapier. I, the draggon in *Suffex*, the other day: But Ile warrant you *Rapiers* of as good a blood as hee for his hart.

Dag. Byth masse, I thinke indeed, you are both wel sanguind. Your both of one blood, only thers this difference, that *sword* coms of the elder brother, & you *Rapier* of the yonger.

Rapier. And oftentimes the younger brother prooues the better Souldier.

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Dagger. Nay, *Dagger* will defende you both for good Souldiers.

Sworde. *Rapier* a Souldier? When did you ere knowe *Rapier* fight a Battell?

Dagger. Yes *Rapier* is a Souldier, and a Man as well Armed at all poyntes as anie one.

Sword. No, no, its *Sworde* that's the notable Souldier; Why, theres none of all you Captaines could doe anie thing in Warre without him.

Rapier. I hope *Rapier* hath not beene at Fencing-Schoole all this while for nothing.

Dagger. Alas there's none *Master of Defence* but *Dagger*: But yet if you speake of Souldiers, the rs Bow, Bill, and Gunne, worth twenty such as wee are.

Rapier. Indeede they say that Bow has bin an olde Souldier.

Sword. Yet hees not fit for a Souldier, any man may bende him as hee list.

Rapier. And as for Bow-string, I dare vnder-
dertake to whip him my selfe.

Sword. Then let mee alone to tickle *Bowes* owne nocke yfaith.

Dagger. But what say you to *Bill*? hees a notable sturdy villaine.

Sword.

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Sword. *Bill*, Ile pay him soundly, if ere I reach him.

Dagger. Its more then you can doe, Ime affraide; For *Bill's* a Tall-fellow ons hands, and will quickly be Wood: and then theres *Gunne*, such another Bouncing-fellow too.

Rapier. *Gunne*, Alas hees No-body: any little Boy will make him roare.

I haue made him goe off 'oth Fieldes, a good many times my selfe.

Dagger. Well, is *Gunne* No-bodie? Ime sure hee giue some blowes sometimes.

Sword. Its nere but when *Powder* ouercharges him, then indeed hee be somewhat hote oth matter.

Rapier. I think that *Powder* is a vile bragger, he doth nothing but cracke.

Dagger. Faith I knowe not what Souldier hee is, but they say, Hees an excellent politician.

Rapier. Hee a Politician?

Dagger. Why, hee has an excellent wit?

Sword. Pish, Its nothing but a flash.

Dagger. Ime sure I can remember since he was a Parlement-man.

Rapier. Hee a Parlement-man: For what Shyre?

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Dag. Nay ber-lady, it was for the whole Country.

Sword. I wonder they should chuse him : Why he does euery thing on the sudden.

Dag. Oh he plottes shrewdly. If they had not look't too it, Hee had vndermined the vvhole parlement-house.

Sword. I but hees No-body now-adayes, Hees blowne vp long agoe.

Dagger. Well, if eyther you, or any body else shuld meete with Povvder, yer its a hundred to one, if he meete not vvith his match.

Rapier. Nay, you should let him alone *Dagger*, and you should see that *Swords'* as notable a bragger as Povvder. He thinks hee shall nere be matcht too : but hee shall, and ouer-matcht too, by *Rapier* ; I vvarrant him. Come *Sworde*, after your long Parley, Dare you goe into the Fieldes ?

Sword. Dare I ? You shall soone see that : Goe, and Ile follow you.

Dag. Well saide, desperate *Dicke* : *Sword*, You may be asham'd to offer it. You knowe you are two-handed-*Sworde*, and *Rapier* has but one hand (vnlesse I helpe him) to do any good vvithall, and yet you dehaue him go into the Fieldes vvith you. Come, theres neyther of you shall goe. Doe not you knowve that :

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that Duells are put downe ?

Youle bee bound to th Peace euer heere-after, if you strike but one stroke. Therefore you had best let me decide your controuerfie for you.

Sword. Why, you are a backe-Friend to vs both *Dagger*.

Dagger. Nay, you knowe Ime equally allyed to you both, and therefore shall proue an impartiall Iudge : How say you, will you be rulde by me ?

Rapier. Nay let him choose, *Rapiers* at a good poynt, whether he will or no.

Dagger. Why are are you so long *Sword* before you speake ?

Sworde. Are duells put downe ? Then I am forc'de to be Friends : Speake then.

Dagger. Then in brieft it shall bee thus. *Sworde*, you shall beare Chiefe force ith Campe, and be made Generall of the Field, to beare sway euery where. As for you *Rapier*, since Duells are put downe, you shall liue quietly and peaceablie heere ith Court, and goe euery day in Veluet : You shall be Friends vvith euery one, and bee on euery ones side, that if occasion serue, and *Sworde* be absent, so that matters are driue to a push, *Rapier*.

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Rapier shall be the onely man to performe a
Coinbate : And I my selfe will backe you
both, as occasion shall serue.

How say yee, are yet content?

Rapier. Wee are.

Dagger. Then goe before to my House,
to the *Dagger* in *Cheape* : and there weele
conclude all.

Rapier. A *Long-Sword*.

Exennt, Sworde and Rapier.

Dagger.

*Our weapons drawne and yet no hurt yee finde,
Did Dagger then defende into your minde?
Hee that defended others not long sense,
At last hee dares not stand ins owne defence,
But this hee hopes, with you it will suffice,
To craue a pardon for a Schollers Prize.*

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