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VOLUME II.

A Continuation of the Roman School,

Correggio, and other Painters of the Parma School,

The Caracci's, and their Disciples, of the Bolognese School,

TITIAN, and other Painters of the VE-NETIAN School.



EARLY PICTURES.

THE

VIRGIN and CHILD,

PAINTED on copper; each of them having a crown on their head. This picture was done by one of the Greeks who came into Italy, and instructed the Italians in the art of painting.

A Gentleman of learning and taste, who travelled in Greece, assured me he had seen there pictures in this manner still preserved in churches.

The dimensions are, one foot feven inches in height, by one foot one inch and three fourths in breadth.

AN

ALTAR-PIECE,

On Wood.

THIS picture is very antient, in the stile of Cimabue, and seems not confined to one point of time; the hero of the picture appears first giving charity, represented as a young man; and at last, when old, as a Pope upon horseback, with his attendants.

There is a great picture of a fimilar composition described by Vasari in his life of Cimabue.

The dimensions are, three feet and half an inch in height, by two feet four inches and three fourths in breadth.

THE

ADORATION of the MAGI,

Painted on wood by PERUGINO.

THE background of the picture is enriched with a great variety of architecture.

At the extremity of the right fide of the picture, there is a figure in black, with a cap, and a dog by him of a white colour. This is probably the portrait of the painter.

The dimensions are, one foot and three fourths of an inch in height, by one foot four inches and an half in breadth. THE

HEAD of JOHN the BAPTIST

IN A CHARGER,

By LEONARDO DA VINCI.

THE dimensions are, one foot one inch and three fourths in height, by one foot seven inches and one fourth in breadth.

THE
VIRGIN AND CHILD,
With St. CATHERINE;
Painted on wood by Leonardo
DA VINCI.

THE dimensions are, one foot ten inches in height, by one foot sive inches and an half in breadth. ST. JOHN the BAPTIST, a Child,

RECEIVING

Our SAVIOUR'S BENEDICTION;

By LEONARDO DA VINCI.

St. John's hands are firetched out, and folded; his right knee is upon the ground; his left bended, is supported by his foot, which rests upon the ground.

Our Saviour fits upon the ground; his right hand lifted up, his two forefingers pointing forwards, being the usual form of benediction, leave no doubt about the subject; his left hand rests upon the ground; his feet cross

one another; in the foot that is under the other, the fole is feen; and in the foot above, the upper part of the foot. Our Saviour is feen in profile, and St. John nearly fo.

Behind our Saviour is the Virgin; her left hand tenderly fupports our Saviour; her right is stretched out, pointing to St. John with her foresinger, and her second singer and thumb curved, touch one another.

The character of the St. John is the simplicity of a child; the character of our Saviour divine authority; the pointing of the Virgin marks the intention of the painter to understand by the benediction St. John's being au-

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thorized to proclaim the glad tidings.

These figures have been painted on four separate pieces of cloth. The back-ground represents a wilderness.

The dimensions are, three feet two inches in height, by two feet feven inches and an half in breadth.

THE

VIRGIN AND CHILD,

BY

LEONARDO DA VINCI.

THE drapery of the Virgin is red and blue. The Child is naked; his right hand lifted up, in the attitude of bleffing, fupported by the right hand of the Virgin; and her left hand under the Child's arm, supports the body leaning that way. Her head reclines toward the left, and near a full view of the face.

The face of the Child is likewife near a full view, but a little turned toward the left. The body turns gently toward the right. The Child is fitting on his mother's knee.

The dimensions of the picture are, one foot nine inches and three fourths in height, by one foot six inches in breadth.

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THE

FINDING OF MOSES

BY

PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER,

By LEONARDO DA VINCI.

THERE are fix figures in the picture. In the middle of the picture is Pharaoh's daughter crowned. Her eyes are flut in meditation; her left hand is upon her breaft; her right stretched from the elbow; the hand open, and the thumb and fingers bent.

On the right hand a maid, feen in profile, prefents the child to Moses' mother, who ftretches

out the right hand towards the child. Her breafts are covered with a white drapery, and by their protuberant roundness mark the nurse: the forepart of her right arm is seen, and the back of the left.

One of Pharaoh's maids flands behind her, leaning forwards and fpeaking to her, feems to excite fondness for the child.

The back part of the picture feems to represent a bath, with a landscape, and some buildings.

The colours of the drapery are broken; and the strongest lights fall upon a bright yellow, orange, and white.

The dimensions are, three feet in height, by three feet and half an inch in breadth.

THE.

VIRGIN AND CHILD,
SAINT JOHN AND AN ANGEL,

IN THE WILDERNESS.

THIS picture is an improvement of the one formerly described; the whole picture much enlarged, and every figure sinished in the highest manner.

The back-ground is altogether different from the other; it confifts chiefly of rocks of uncommon forms, with water.

The disposition of the figures is much the same with the picture formerly described; only, in

place of the Virgin pointing, an angel points, and feems to look to the spectator with great joy and benevolence in his countenance; as if he said, Behold the Child who one day will announce glad tidings to mankind.

The Virgin is in the centre of the picture; her right arm coming behind St. John, her open hand takes hold of him; her left hand stretches directly forward over the head of our Saviour, and is shortened in a masterly manner; her countenance is beautiful; her hair equally divided; no drapery on her head; the expression of her countenance is full of benignity, placid, and tranquil; her drapery is of filk partaking more of the blue than

of the white, lined with a bright yellow.

This picture is in high prefervation; no part of the carnation, drapery, or landscape seeming to have altered; the shades of the carnation being painted with ultramarine, together with the quantity of blue drapery, gives the picture more of the violet than usual.

The drapery of the angel is red cloth; turned up so as to co-

ver the upper part of the arm and shoulder; is a changeable filk, and seems to be an interweaving of green and gold, blended together with great delicacy; the lower part of the arm is covered with a drapery of sine lawn.

This picture is mentioned as being in France in the life of Leonardo da Vinci, placed before his book on painting. And this particular picture made a part of one of the oldest collections in France.

The dimensions are, five feet and half an inch in height, by four feet and one inch in height.

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BACCHANAL SUBJECT

Painted on wood by

MICHAEL ANGELO BUONOROTTI.

ON the foreground of the picture there is a young man naked, his back turned to the spectator, firetched upon the ground; his legs cross one another; he leans upon his left arm, which goes into a piece of blue drapery; he holds up a cup in his right arm, into which two Cupids are pouring wine.

Close by him, but further in the picture, is a young figure drinking from a large flaggon.

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In the fame line in the picture, is a male and female figure, both afleep, as overcome with wine. Under the arm of the male figure is a veffel lying on its fide and open, commonly a fymbol of a river-god.

Behind stands a figure firmly on one foot on the top of a wine-press; which feems to be a young Silenus.

Another naked figure holds him under the right arm; his left arm is stretched out with a cup in his hand; and his left leg and thigh is lifted up and stretched out.

Beyond him, on the left fide, are some distant figures.

The dimensions of the picture

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are, one foot one inch in height, by one foot five inches in breadth.

P E R S E U S

AND

ANDROMEDA;

A Picture on wood, by MICHAEL ANGELO, or JULIO ROMANO in his manner.

THE drapery of Andromeda is not inferior to Vandyke. The dimensions are, three feet six inches in height, by two feet sive inches in breadth.

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The Subject commonly called

A PIETAS;

A Copy after MICHAEL ANGELO improved in delicacy of expression by PARMEGIANO.

THE cross is immediately behind the Virgin; to her right mount Calvary. The dead body of our Saviour is between her knees, supported by two angels without wings, each of whom hold an arm.

The countenance of the Virgin has a great expression of grief and devotion; her arms are stretched out, and lifted upwards; her hands spread; her face is

feen in front; her eyes looking upwards, and her mouth open; the colour of her countenance is warm and ruddy.

The dimensions are, three feet and half an inch in height, by two feet one inch in breadth.

L U C R E T I A PUTTING THE

SWORD IN HER BREAST.

A SMALL picture of great expression; painted on wood by Michael Angelo.

The dimensions are, one foot one inch and an half in height, by nine inches and an half in breadth.

THE

SAME SUBJECT

Enlarged by the fame Painter; and painted on cloth pasted on wood.

THE expression of the picture is uncommonly great, as is also the relievo; the shades are deep.

Some connoisseurs think these two pictures ought to be ascribed to Parmegiano; who frequently improved on Michael Angelo, by adding sweetness to force of expression.

The dimensions are, two feet three inches in height, by one foot eight inches in breadth.

OUR SAVIOUR

ON

THE CROSS,

By MICHAEL ANGELO.

Mary Magdalene is at the foot of the cross, upon her knees; her arms around the cross; her right hand hanging down, and her left pointing upwards.

This picture is painted on wood; the dimensions are, two feet fix inches in height, by one foot eight inches and three fourths in breadth.

OUR SAVIOUR

MOCKED AND BLINDFOLDED;

A FLEMISH Picture;

VERY old; probably near the beginning of the reftoration of painting in Flanders. It has fuffered a good deal of damage by time. The objects appear to be feen by the light of a fire.

The dimensions are, two feet feven inches and an half in height, by two feet two inches and one fourth in breadth. A TOTAL

REPRESENTATION

OF A

FAMINE.

An old GERMAN Picture.

A SCENE of mifery, exceeding unpleafant; but fit to inspire terror and pity.

This picture is afcribed to the elder Goltzius; but it was probably painted before his time.

The dimensions are, two feet fix inches in height, by three feet five inches and an half in breadth. The VIRGIN about to give fuck to our SAVIOUR,

A Picture, on wood, by ALBERT DURER.

THE back-ground of the picture is a landscape, containing a great variety of objects.

Joseph is seen to the left of the picture; and the ass feeding near the centre of the background.

The dimensions are, one foot four inches in height, by one foot ten inches in breadth.

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SAINTLUKE

PAINTING THE VIRGIN,

By ALBERT DURER, on wood.

THERE is a cabinet to the left of the picture, the door of which is open. Looking in at the door, you fee an angel dreffed in white, grinding colours by the light of a window: and in a remote corner of the room, an old man fits reading, with a red cap.

The back-ground of this picture has been done with great labour, and is very learned in its perspectives; it contains much minute finishing. A mirror hangs

with its back to a window, which reflects part of the opposite side of the room; this window contains various forms of glass; and one of the leaves being open, presents distant buildings to view.

To the right of the window there is a desk of a singular form; on the top of which are books and bottles; on the lower part, a basket of fruit; and before the basket a sly, the size of life, which deceives the eye.

Beyond this, a large vafe of metal.

On the Virgin's left hand is a lofty pillar; beyond which is feen a pavement; beyond the pavement a water in which are fwans; beyond the water, a ftair and rail; 28 Pictures by Albert Durer.

beyond this there is an open piece of ground, with buildings on both fides.

On the right there is a fign hung toward the street. In the middle of the street a magnificent fountain, at which a woman is washing. Two black friars are towards the right. The branches of trees that hang over a wall indicate a garden; and the friars a monastery.

Beyond this a long ftreet, which terminates with a church; and beyond the church are feen mountains, green meadows, trees, and water.

The dimensions are, three feet nine inches in height, by two feet eight inches in breadth.

THE

PRODIGAL SON

IN HIS RIOT;

A Picture by QUINTIN MATSYS, or, according to Tenniers in his Gallery, MASSEYS; who is faid to have been changed by the power of Love from a Blackfmith to a Painter.

THIS is probably one of the most capital of his works. The carnations are highly finished, and the draperies rich and diversified.

On a table, on the foreground, of light-coloured wainscoat, sland

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three veffels of different forms: that to the right is filled with fruits of different kinds.

Further advanced, is a table at which they fit. Upon a plate are also various fruits, and a cup of a gold colour; to the right of the cup is a book open, with mufical notes.

A woman, who fits most to the right of the picture, holds this book with her left hand. She appears, by the attitude of her countenance, to be singing; the turn of her right arm and hand marks her attention to the tune. Her drapery is orange and green; her head is dressed with great care; and a little cap she wears, seems wrought with gold.

By her fits the Prodigal, with a round cap. He is thought to resemble Henry VIII when young, and the Anne Bullen.

At the other end of the table fits a woman who holds a glass with wine in her left hand; her eyes are fixed on the prodigal, and fhe feems intending to ply him with the glass if he quits the other.

By this woman is a man who. plays on a German flute.

A woman employed to take the purse, holds it up in her right hand, behind the prodigal and his mistress; and puts her thumb between her two first fingers, as a fignal that the purse is taken.

Between this woman and the

mufician there is a face, the fame with the Mifer at Windfor, that preffes on the mufician's shoulder, and directs his fore-finger towards the purse, to let him know their success; and he seems to steal a look that way by the turn of his eye.

The woman that holds the glass is faid to resemble Catherine Par; her face is seen in profile; her head is richly dressed, and with labour; the back part of her body is seen; her drapery is red; the linen of her shirt is sine; and a great deal of it seen on the arm that holds up the glass.

At the left fide of the picture is feen the outfide of the tavern as a feparate little picture; the

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women beating him away naked, and a woman throwing a pot upon him from a window. This little picture is only separate from the other by a deep shade.

This picture passed at Paris under the name of Holbens; but the most experienced connoisseurs afcribe it as above; only one Flemish painter, Mr. Lindoe, thought the picture so far superior to Matsis and Holbens, that it could not belong to any of them; and that it was one of the richest compositions of Abraham Bloemart. It must be acknowledged it is rare to find fo much grace in a German picture of that period.

The dimensions are, three feet

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ADAM AND EVE

IN THE GARDEN,

By Holbens.

A D A M receives the forbidden fruit. The dimensions are, one foot three inches in height, by one foot two inches and an half in breadth.

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OLDHEAD;

Painted in a masterly manner; and thought to be by MICHAEL ANGELO BUONOROTTI.

THE dimensions are, one foot one inch in height, by ten inches in breadth.

APICTURE

TAKEN FROM

THE ODYSSEY OF HOMER,

After ULYSSES returns to Ithaca.

A repetition, with changes, of one of the pictures painted at Fountainbleau by PRIMATICGIO and his affiftants. Painted on wood.

ONE of his attendants bends his bow to shoot an arrow through feven oval rings fixed by handles in the ground.

A crowd of attendants, like failors, look attentively on.

Ulyffes' back is towards the foreground of the picture; and

his legs, which are uncovered, advance beyond the handles that fupport the rings; but the joints of his knees are curved where he expects the arrow to come; he holds up his drapery behind with his left hand to keep it difentangled from the rings.

Telemachus is converfing with Ulysses; his face and forepart of his body is turned toward the foreground of the picture; he holds a fpear in his left hand; and with his right he points to two figures in conversation in the right extremity of the picture. The one with a shield in her hand reprefents Penelope; and the other, by the drefs and figure, Minerva.

Telemachus, taking Minerva for a lover of Penelope, excites the jealoufy of Ulyffes, whose face is feen in profile, viewing them with a flern countenance.

This picture is one of those painted by Primaticcio, a Florentine, and disciple of Julio Romano.

By the failing of the plaister, these pictures are now gone; but there are prints after them by Van Thuldan. And in the print it is Ulysses that shoots; but this is an improvement, by which the jealousy of Ulysses is introduced. This picture, with the improvements, is probably painted by Andrea del Sarto, whose manner it very much resembles.

The dimensions are, three feet eleven inches in height, by five feet two inches and an half in breadth.

ULYSSES,

After Shipwreck, carried by the NYMPHS, who suppose him dead.

IN the right of the picture two nymphs are pushing off a vessel with poles.

The nymphs, who carry Ulyffes, are very tall; their necks long, in the taste of Parmigiano.

The composition, from which this picture was taken, was paint-

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ed by Primaticcio at Fountainbleau.

The dimensions are, three feet eleven inches in height, by five feet two inches and an half in breadth.

ULYSSES,

In great fury, kills the SUITORS of PENELOPE, excited by TE-LEMACHUS.

A GROUP of Penelope's maids are looking on. One of them paffionately laments the death of a young man. Another maid points at her, as having difcovered the private cause of her grief. The bodies of men flain by Ulyffes lye dead upon the ground. Upon the foreground of the picture there are two dead men lying; one of whom is feen in front; the other, a back view.

The composition, from which this picture was taken, was also painted by Primaticcio, at Fountainbleau.

The dimensions are, three feet eleven inches in height, by five feet two inches and an half in breadth.

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M A G I;

An Altar-piece of the Venetian School; painted on wood near the beginning of the restoration of painting.

A composition consisting of six sigures. The background is a representation of ruins.

The dimensions are, one foot nine inches in height, by one foot three inches and an half in breadth.

THE

VIRGIN AND CHILD,

WITH

St. CATHERINE and the Ring.

A Picture by Correggio.

THE drapery on the head of the Virgin is linen; her robe is red, and her mantle blue; she sits in a chair, and is seen in profile.

The Child has a ring in his right hand; his face is feen full, declining towards the left.

The light of the picture is obliquely from the right; and falling upon the right fide of the cheek and neck of the Virgin, leaves the forepart of the face in shade.

A light, fupposed to come between the left side of the Virgin's face and the Child, illuminates the Child's face, falling more strongly on the upper part, and on the right side.

The expression of the Child is peculiar to this picture, and no less excellent than singular.

The light coming from the right, to which St. Catherine is turned, falls upon the left fide, which is feen in profile; her robe is yellow, and her mantle approaching to green.

There is an antient engraving of this composition by an engraver of the name of Michael An-

gelo; but this engraving is not done from this picture, but from one later of the fame mafter. In the engraved picture there is a landscape added, which makes the background; and the face of the Child is fully seen; being more removed to the left, and thereby entirely detached from the face of the Virgin.

The dimensions are, two feet four inches and three fourths in height, by one foot eleven inches in breadth.

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MAGDALENE READING,

By Correggio.

THE fore and back ground of this is different from the picture in the late King of Poland's collection.

The dimensions are, eleven inches and an half in height, by one foot two inches and an half in breadth.

ANOTHER MAGDALENE READING,

By the fame Painter.

THE fize of this picture is larger than the former, and the proportion of its breadth to its height greater.

The landscape in the fore and back ground is different from the other pictures by Correggio on this subject; the Magdalene after a different model; and the figure larger in proportion to the size of the picture.

The dimensions are, one foot two inches and an half in height, by two feet three inches in breadth.

St. CATHERINE READING,

By Correggio.

SHE holds in her right hand a book open; and in her left, the palm of martyrdom; which refting upon the wheel, fupports the right hand.

The light comes from the right obliquely downward, enlightens the brow, and all the right fide of the body down to the elbow.

The fingers behind the book are in the shade; but the light falls obliquely on the back of the left hand and fingers.

The expression of this picture is naïve and modest; the aspect pleasing, and the air graceful.

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The dimensions are, two feet three inches in height, by one foot eleven inches in breadth.

LOT and his DAUGHTERS,

By Correggio.

THIS picture is painted on wood, highly finished, and with that smoothness of surface for which Correggio was remarkable. The folds of the draperies are equal to those of Raphael in his best disposition.

Lot is feen in profile; his drunkenness appears in his eyes, and in the flush of his face; his head and neck are uncovered, and the upper part of his head is bald; his robe is of a ruffet colour, and his loofer drapery a light yellow filk; the toes of his right foot reft upon the ground.

One of his daughters fits upon his left knee; her right arm is round his neck; and the tips of her thumb and fingers touch a little below it. His right hand folding upward from the elbow, falls below her left breaft. In her left hand, which is lifted up from the elbow, she holds a glass; the upper part of her drapery is green, and the lower red; her right foot is feen in front uncovered. The form is elegant, and the painting thoroughly finished.

Her fifter is behind Lot at a

little table covered with a linnen cloth; and the holds a plate with both her hands, containing grapes of a red and green colour, ready to be preffed. Her drapery is yellow.

By the foot appears the end of a trunk covered with a piece of drapery of the same colours, but of a lighter red. And further behind in the picture is a distant representation of Lot's wife, looking back towards Sodom, which is all in flames.

The dimensions are, three feet fix inches and an half in height, by two feet five inches and an half in breadth.

THE

GRACES DISARMING CUPID,

By Correggio, on wood.

THE scene of the picture is landfcape. The Grace on the right fide of the picture is pulling the arrow from him with the forefinger and thumb of her right hand; her head is uncovered, except a garland of flowers; her loofe red drapery covers only the tip of her shoulders, and falls behind, flowing loofe. All the forepart of her body is naked to the toe, except what is covered by the spread wing of Cupid, and his arm pulled along by the arrow. The forms and proportions of this figure are elegant.

Cupid weeps, and is held by the Grace in the middle, who has a straw-coloured loose drapery coming over her head; the left wing of Cupid covers her breast.

The third Grace holds up the quiver above her head, which is turned toward the right of the picture; but fo, that the face is less seen than in profile. The back of this Grace is seen, and a little of the lest side. A piece of loose drapery, extremely thin, falls over her right shoulder, behind and before; and that which comes before turns round the

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left thigh, and is blown by the wind.

Cupid's bow lies upon the foreground.

The light of this picture is broad, and high, and comes obliquely from the right fide.

The picture confifts only of one group.

The dimensions are, three feet fix inches and an half in height, by two feet five inches and an half in breadth.

DIANA

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ENDYMION,

A picture in the stile of the Cupola's of Corregio.

DIANA appears in the clouds; a bright light furrounds her; in her right hand she holds a bow, in her left an arrow.

One Cupid attends her on the right, and another on the left.

Endymion, reclined backwards, is afleep; his mouth open. The light falls upon his breaft, the forepart of his right thigh and foot. A red drapery, which covers

her left fide, coming from behind his shoulders, falls under his right arm, which hangs down, and coming over the higher part of his right thigh, crosses and falls to the ground.

On the fame line with Endymion is a Cupid, in whose hands is a large hunting trumpet, that winds in a circular form. The light falls from Diana on the forehead and shoulder of the Cupid.

On the foreground, to the right of the picture, is Pan with his mufical instrument by him. There is fomething in the view and form of this figure that calls to remembrance the figure of St. Jerom in Correggio's famous Holy Family.

The figure on the left fide of the picture is a river-god.

The whole is only finished as a small picture intended to be enlarged. It is painted with a full body of colour; and the nature of the light intended to imitate that of the moon.

The dimensions are, two feet five inches and an half in height, by two feet and one fourth of an inch in breadth.

THE

HOLY FAMILY,

A high finished picture by

COCHRANE after CORREGGIO.

THE original of this picture is in a little chapel at Rome, to which it was prefented by a Cardinal. Some fay, that this is the only picture now remaining at Rome, which they are fure was painted by that mafter.

Towards the right, on the upper part of the picture, the heads of two angels are feen.

The hand of the Child is di-

rected towards them. In the countenance of the Child appears furprise mixed with fear. The mouth, both of the Mother and Child, is open, and appears to be uttering found. The right hand of the Virgin, which crosses over the left arm of the Child, has fruit in it which seems to be a peach.

The tawny complexion of Jofeph, and the deep shade that covers part of the faces of the angels, and the hinder part of the head of the Child, heighten the brilliancy of the light that falls obliquely, first on the face of the Virgin and Child, then upon his left arm, and the back of her right hand, and last upon the

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Child's limbs on the foreground of the picture.

The dimensions are, one foot two inches and one fourth in height, by one foot and three fourths of an inch in breadth,

THE

VIRGIN AND CHILD,

With fome little Angels slightly painted in the upper part of the picture. A copy after Correggio by Cochrane, after an original picture in a private collection at Bologna.

THIS is a fecond copy by the fame hand, the first having been fold to a person of very great distinction in England.

The dimensions are, one foot fix inches and an half in height, by one foot two inches in breadth.

JUDAS, betraying our SAVIOUR,
SALUTES HIM.

A Copy after CORREGGIO.

THEY are seen amongst a group of soldiers by the light of a torch. On the foreground of the picture are two sigures. The one nearest is a young man; he has no drapery but a loose red mantle, that a soldier behind him takes hold of; which the young man, to get clear, is detaching with his right hand, by taking hold of a

part of it which is fastened on his head. He is running to the right, but his head is turned to the left, looking towards the foldier, who runs after him.

The effects of the light upon the foldier's face is fingular. The colouring of these figures is fresh; the complexion of the young man fair, and the figure neatly finished.

The dimensions are, one foot nine inches and an half in height, by one foot five inches and an half in breadth.

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PENITENT MAGDALENE,

Ascribed to Correggio, but probably a copy or sketch.

THE background is dark. Rays of light, of a gold colour, dart from the high corner of the right fide of the picture.

Towards the left there are trees and herbage growing from the fide of the dark rock, which conflitutes three fourths of the back ground of the picture. Behind which appears the fky; and below, barren rocks, that indicate a wilderness; and nearer the foreground is water and brush-wood.

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Her eyes are lifted up, her mouth open, and her face marked with penitential devotion. In her right hand is a crucifix; and a little beyond it the pot of ointment in the form of an antique vafe. The circle of fanctity marked of a gold colour, hovers over her head. Her right elbow feems to lean upon a book open, to which her left hand is lifted up and turned; her hair is long, and falls in locks on her shoulders; the drapery of her robe is white, and her mantle red.

There is a Magdalene of Correggio near this composition in the Palais Royale. The dimensions are, one foot seven inches and one fourth in height, by one foot three inches in breadth.

CUPID MAKING HIS BOW.

A Picture representing a figure about eighteen years of age, and fo turned as to be feen partly in front, the face being more than two thirds feen, and the body is almost entirely turned, bowed downwards, and carving his bow. His purple wings refemble the changeable colours of the peacock. Below are feen two Cupids; the one crying, the other laughing. The one who cries feems to do it from the pain the other gives by twifting his hands, which appear to be hurt.

There is a picture of this composition at Vienna, another at Rome, and a third at Paris in the Palais Royale.

The anatomy is better underflood in this picture than in Correggio's, but the painting is not fo foft. This picture was in the collection of a Nobleman at Bruffels.

Upon the end of the bow is painted, "Franciscus Parmensis" invenit;" a painter of the Parma school, a great imitator of Correggio and Raphael, and who was a contemporary. That master, although exceedingly graceful, is remarked to have been a little negligent in the extremities of his figures.

The dimensions are, four feet ten inches in height, by three feet nine inches in breadth.

A PENITENT INTHE

CHARACTER of a MAGDALENE

WITH long hair, but without any box of ointment, renouncing her ornaments, fome of which lie upon a little cheft by her. A fuccefsful imitation of the manner of Correggio.

Although this picture is not of the French school, it is said to be the portrait of Madam de Valoa, taking leave of her ornaments before she entered a monaftery.

The dimensions are, three feet two inches and three fourths in height, by three feet nine inches in breadth.

THREE CUPIDS

Playing on different instruments;

COPIED by fome master from the famous picture of Leda Bathing by Correggio.

The dimensions are, three feet in height, by two feet three inches and an half in breadth.

CUPID MAKING HIS BOW,

With two young Cupids, the one laughing, and the other crying.

A VERY old picture, foftly painted, but has lost its freshness. The dimensions are, two feet two inches and an half in height, by one foot ten inches and an half in breadth.

VIRGIN AND CHILD, WITH

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St. CATHERINE and the Ring.

Painted on wood by FREDERICK BAROCCIO.

THE Virgin is near a front view; her head reclined to the left; her eyes almost closed, as in the famous picture of the Salutation by this master; her right arm is about the Child; her left takes hold of his left foot with her foresinger and thumb.

St. Catherine is feen in profile. There are two large pillars in the background of the picture.

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The dimensions are, three feet nine inches in height, by two feet eleven inches in breadth.

THE

ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS

In the Stable at Bethlehem.

THE Virgin and two angels are nearest the Child on the foreground of the picture.

A light comes from above, where angels are feen suspended in the air. This light is diffused unequally over the whole company; but upon the Child with extraordinary brilliancy. It is a noble imitation of the famous

picture called, the Nocte of Correggio; but the figures are totally different.

Some think this picture ought not to be afcribed to Baroccio, but to Parmigiano; who often imitated the flyle of Correggio.

The face of the Virgin is much the fame with one in a picture by Correggio.

Some think this picture was intended to be enlarged for an altar-piece; but if this had been done fuccessfully by Baroccio, it must have called such a degree of attention as to be generally known.

The dimensions are, three feet two inches in height, by two feet ten inches and an half in breadth,

ECCE HOMO,

By FREDERICK BAROCCIO.

THE picture confifts of three figures. Pilate, who points at our Saviour, "Behold the man!" Our Saviour is crowned with thorns; a foldier in armour presses them down with his iron glove. In this flate of fuffering invincible meekness and constancy appear in the countenance of our Saviour.

There is a most extraordinary contrast in the countenance and whole expression of the soldier; he feems to be in the greatest trouble and agony of mind, from a confciousness of the cruelty and impiety of his action; he feels he counteracts the voice of nature, who calls aloud to him, and inspires him with terror; yet the fear of human punishment prevails.

This picture does honour to Baroccio, although left in fome parts unfinished: the hands are only once painted.

Bellori tells us, in his life of Baroccio, that he died when painting an Ecce Homo, which was to have been a full length: this picture is, perhaps, what he left behind him unfinished.

The dimensions are, three feet two inches and an half in height,

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by two feet nine inches and an half in breadth.

LUCRETIA,

By FREDERICK BAROCCIO.

HER head is thrown back; her eyes look upwards; her mouth open. In her right hand a poniard; her left upon her bosom; the upper part of her body is uncovered; her drapery blue and yellow; the curtain of the bed in which she sits, red.

A Cupid, who fits at the extremity of her right knee, takes hold of a red fash, which hangs over his shoulder; and turning his face towards Lucretia, appears greatly alarmed and astonished at her action. Here the painter shews the invention of the poet.

The dimensions are, two feet ten inches in height, by three feet nine inches in breadth.

THE

HOLY FAMILY,

Painted on wood by BAROCCIO.

THERE is a vafe with a flower in it on the right fide of the picture. The ground is landscape.

The Virgin is dreffed in red, with a blue mantle.

Joseph is dreffed in green, with a yellow mantle.

The Child is naked; he has

three cherries in his right hand, and his left careffes the cheek of John the Baptist; who is seen in front, with a fmiling countenance.

The dimensions are, three feet two inches in height, by one foot eight inches in breadth.

FEMALE BUST,

A garland about her head, with a trumpet, and purple drapery; painted to represent Fame by BA-ROCCIO.

The dimensions are, one foot eleven inches and an half in height, by one foot eight inches in breadth.

PORTRAIT

OF

ANNIBAL CARACCI,

Painted by Himfelf.

THE dimensions are, one foot three inches in height, by one foot two inches in breadth.

NEPTUNE
PURSUING A NYMPH,

By Annibal Caracci.

HIS trident is over his left arm, his right stretched out, the hand open, directed towards the nymph he pursues. He stands upon his right foot; his left foot and leg being lifted up, parallel to the ground in running. His hair and beard are grey; his complexion brown; a red drapery covers the trunk of his body; his arms, legs, and feet are uncovered.

The nymph has a piece of drapery blown behind her by the wind. Her face is turned to the right fide, fo as to be near fully feen by the spectator; her arms, which are lifted up, are just beginning to sprout; which shews the story to be from the Metamorphoses of Ovid. Her body, which is naked, and seen on the right side, is turned in such a

manner that you fee more than a profile. The carnation is fair and delicate, and makes a fine contrast with that of Neptune; the legs and feet are so distinguished as to be both well feen.

The picture is simple and elegant; the landscape fitted to the subject; and the whole does honour to Annibal Caracci.

The dimensions are, two feet in height, by two feet four inches in breadth.

PORTRAIT OF

CARDINAL BARONIUS,

By Annibal Caracci.

THE dimensions are, two feet four inches and an half in height, by one foot eleven inches and one fourth in breadth.

DAVID

Holding GOLIAH'S HEAD by the Hair with his Hand,

By ANNIBAL CARACCI.

THE dimensions are, three feet two inches in height, by two feet eight inches and an half in breadth.

A

CARICATURA,

Roughly sketched, ascribed to An-

IN which two figures are in convultive laughter; faid to reprefent perfons bit by the tarantula. The one has a guitar in his hand, and a red cap on his head. The head of the other is dreffed with leaves.

The dimensions are, two feet five inches in height, by two feet five inches in breadth.

OUR SAVIOUR

Crowned with Thorns,

Painted by ANNIBAL CARACCI.

HIS arms are bound; a reed in his right hand; a purple drapery hanging over his right shoulder; his head inclined a little obliquely towards the left; a light from above falls foftly on the right fide of his face, and down his breaft, which is for the most part uncovered, and terminates with his hands.

On his left fide stands a Roman foldier in armour, who looks intently upon him.

The countenance of our Savi-

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our expresses great recollection: his eyes are closed.

The dimensions are, three feet two inches in height, by two feet and half an inch in breadth.

THE

BAPTISM OF OUR SAVIOUR,

By Annibal Caracci.

SAINT JOHN the Baptist is seen in profile; his drapery is red; his carnation tawned by the sun, contrasts with the fairness of the body of our Saviour.

Two angels attend, with linnen.

The Holy Ghoft, in the form

of a dove, appears in the air; and above the clouds the Father, fupported by angels.

This picture was probably intended to be enlarged for an altar-piece.

The dimensions are, one foot two inches and three fourths in height, by ten inches and three fourths in breadth.

A

MAGDALENE EXPIRED,

By Annibal Caracci.

A N Angel holds up her crown. The dimensions are, one foot four inches and an half in height, by one foot eight inches and an half in breadth.

OURSAVIOUR

Crowned with Thorns,

By Annibal Caracci.

A Soldier in armour, with gloves of steel, presses down the crown of thorns with his whole force. His eyes almost start from his head with the force of exertion; his mouth is open, and his teeth pressed together, make a shocking grin.

In the countenance of our Saviour appears a dispassionate magnanimity; his blood, trickling down, falls upon the tying of the soldier's sandal. The dimensions are, three feet and half an inch in height, by three feet six inches and an half in breadth.

DIANA BATHING,

Attended by a Nymph, PAN looking on, by ANNIBAL CARACCI.

BEHIND Pan, who looks on with great glee, there is a young fatyr who looks upward.

In the air there are two Cupids; one of whom bends his bow; the other has a bow in his left hand, and in his right a torch.

Upon the ground lie a bow,

a quiver, arrows, and drapery; which is red, green, and blue, bordered with gold.

Diana, to whom they belong, with her right hand is drawing the drapery over her shoulder; with her left hand she is wiping herself with a cloth; her right leg is in the water, and the toes of her left foot.

To the left of Diana is a nymph, whose body is seen in profile, and her face three quarters.

The dimensions are, three feet eleven inches in height, by five feet one inch and an half in breadth.

YOUNG MAN

Playing on a Guitar,

By ANNIBAL CARACCI.

THE dimensions are, two feet nine inches and an half in height, by three feet four inches and an half in breadth.

SHEPHERD EMBRACING A SHEPHERDESS,

Attended by Curid. A picture

By ANNIBAL CARACCI.

THE subject is from Ovid. The dimensions are, four feet four inches and an half in height, by three feet four inches and an half in breadth.

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CHRIST DEAD,

Attended by two Angels,

Painted by ANNIBAL CARACCI.

THE dimensions are, one foot and one fourth of an inch, by one foot seven inches.

A

MAN WRITING,

A picture of the Bolognese School.

HE has a wreath about his head, which is bald, and a loofe drapery.

The dimensions are, three feet two inches in height, by two feet four inches in height.

SAINT FRANCIS

In Contemplation,

Painted by Ludovico CARACCI.

A Picture of great force of expression, of colouring, and of light and shadow.

A light furrounds the head of St. Francis. The view is almost in front; the head a little inclined to the right; his right hand is upon his breast, the singers directed upwards; the left covering the drapery of the right arm, points toward the left side. A strong high light coming obliquely from the right, falls up-

on the right cheek, part of both hands, and upon fome rocks that lie before him.

At his left fide, upon a rock, is a fcull, which supports a crucifix.

The dimensions are, three feet ten inches and an half in height, by three feet and half an inch in breadth. Picture, representing a MIRACLE,
By Guido.

WHO feems of the Franciscan order, standing erect upon a piece of drapery on the surface of the fea.

Behind him is a monk of the fame order, on his knees; his hands lifted up and fpread; his face, which is in profile, full of aftonishment at the miracle, and faith of the faint.

There is another of the fame order, who kneels on one knee; his head is thrown back, and inclined to the left of the picture; he looks up with great admiration to the faint.

There is an angel in the air, who points to a distant harbour, on which buildings appear. The form of the angel is beautiful, and his attitude graceful. The faint and miracle are Bolognese, as is shewn by an old print on the same subject.

The dimensions are, one foot five inches and an half in height, by one foot one inch and an half in breadth.

A

Subject called a PIETAS;

BEING the dead body of our Saviour resting upon the knees of the Virgin, who faints; and

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is fupported by a woman behind her.

The expressions of grief in the Magdalene and another elder figure, are strong and vivid.

This picture is not original; but every touch of the pencil in the original is imitated, by a painter, whose copies were often taken for originals.

This picture was copied near fifty years before this, after the celebrated picture in the Palais Royale by Baptist.

The dimensions are, three feet one inch in height, by three feet feven inches in breadth.

A COMPOSITION,

Confisting of Twelve Figures, by FRANCIS ALBANO.

THE scene of the picture is landfcape. The principal figure lies reclined upon the ground, at the foot of a tree; her drapery is purple, and a light blue; the upper drapery covers only her right arm; the left arm, on which she leans, and her body are uncovered.

Beyond her, to the right, a Cupid stands playing on a round musical instrument: another, by him, sitting, blows a trumper.

To the right of the picture, a

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group, confisting of nine Cupids, dance; each mutually taking hold of one anothers hands.

The dimensions are, one foot four inches and an half in height, by one foot ten inches and three fourths in breadth.

TWOCOPIES

AFTER

FRANCIS ALBANO.

THEY are of an oval form; the one representing the triumph of Galatea, and the other that of Cybele.

The original of these pictures are among the most capital works of Albano.

The dimensions of both are, two feet seven inches and an half in height, by four feet sive inches in breadth.

THE

BIRTH OF VENUS,

New fprung from the Foam of the Sea; attended by the Graces, and by the Sea-Gods and Goddesses.

THERE are twelve Cupids in the air; and a great variety of fish on the foreground.

Neptune, standing on his seacar, drawn by sea-horses, with his trident in his right hand, and in his left the bridle, is surrounded by a belt of shells; his drapery coming over his right shoulder, flies obliquely in the air behind him. A crab-fish appears before the breast of his horse; other fishes are seen near it.

On the right of Venus is a large group of Sea-gods, Goddeffes, and Tritons; fome of which are adorned with shells. One holds up a mackerel with both hands; and another eels, tied to the end of a rod.

On the left of Venus, are two persons in conversation: the male is seen in front, and the semale in profile; her left hand is lifted up while she speaks to the other. These are undoubtedly portraits, probably of some prince and prince

cefs, for whom the picture was

The figure next this lady is of a very brown and dark complexion, which ferves as a contrast to her fairness. The principal figure of this group is Galatea. A little more to the left, and nearer the background, are the three Graces.

This picture has been by many afcribed to Albano. The manner of colouring, the fubject, and the naïvity of the Cupids, render this opinion plaufible; but the colouring has the freshness of Rubens; and the blue tints that he frequently used in his shades; the foreshortenings of the Cupids in the air are in his manner.

The great number of figures shews the fertility of the imagination of the painter; and the execution a Flemish patience. The fish are too learnedly chosen, and too well painted, to be done by any but one who confined himfelf to that subject. A painter of this kind would more readily be found in Flanders than in Italy. There are but few painters, and those only who had a great command of their pencil, who chose to introduce fo many figures into their compositions, and so much finished; and the whole picture shews rather the taste of the Flemish than the Bologna school. But this reasoning is submitted to the judgment of the public.

I have feen no copy or print after this picture.

The dimensions are, three feet nine inches and an half in height, by seven feet eight inches and an half in breadth.

ACIS AND GALATEA,

By Albano.

GALATEA fits in a fea-chariot, drawn by dolphins. On her right is a Triton, blowing a shell-trumpet. On her left, a Nymph and a Cupid.

Acis addresses her upon the shore; his drapery is a light blue silk, fringed with gold; and a red silk, thrown over his right

shoulder, furrounds his body, and falls near to the ground.

There are two Cupids in the air, one of whom bends his bow, and points his arrow at Acis.

The background of the picture is chiefly fea and fky.

I have feen no copy or print after this picture.

The dimensions are, three feet three inches and an half in height by two feet eight inches and an half in breadth.

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AN

OLD MAN, larger than Life,

By Domenico Zampieri, commonly called Domenichino.

HIS face resembles St. Jerome in Domenichino's famous picture; but there are no symbols to determine who the person is. A red drapery covers his thighs; but the upper part of his body is uncovered; his breast and right side are seen; the light comes high, and from the right side of the picture; he lifts up his right arm; and his naked shoulder, down to the bending of his elbow, is seen

in a strong light; the hand, lifted up from the bowing of the elbow, seems to interpose between some object not painted. The expression of his countenance marks fome supernatural object seen; his eyes are fixed; his mouth is open. He is, perhaps, a prophet, who sees some alarming events in futurity.

The pillar behind him indicates a church or temple.

I have feen no print after this picture; nor copy but what was done here.

The dimensions are, three feet nine inches and an half in height, by three feet and two inches in breadth.

CEPHALUS AND PROCRIS,

By Domenichino.

THE composition consists of eight figures. Procris lies dying on the foreground of the picture. The upper part of her body is uncovered; and the rest, down to the middle of the leg, is covered with a brown drapery.

At the right fide of the picture, is her husband, who supports her head.

The young man behind him, in grief and aftonishment, may be her brother.

The next figure, a young woman, may be her fifter.

The old woman, who looks fo intently, and with fo much grief, may be intended by the painter for her mother.

The arm of the young woman, which comes over the old woman's head, marks a daughter-like attention.

The woman, whose hands are clasped in each other, in great grief, who is seen in profile at the left extremity of the picture, with a red and green drapery, upon her knees, may be another sister, or her maid.

There is a shepherd, and spectators in the background, on this left side of the picture. The scenery is a wood.

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I have feen no copy or print after this picture.

The dimensions are, three feet two inches and an half in height, by four feet two inches and an half in breadth.

OUR SAVIOUR

Fallen down under his CROSS,

By Domenichino.

THIS composition contains eight figures. The dimensions are, one foot two inches and an half in height, by two feet three inches in breadth.

There is one of this composition in the Palais Royale at Paris.

A

HOLY FAMILY,

By Carlo Cignani, a famous Disciple of Albano.

THE whole of this picture is pleafing. The imitation of the light and shade admirable.

Some connoisseurs think this picture ought to be ascribed to Guido; and that it is one of his very best pieces of execution.

The dimensions are, three feet three inches in height, by two feet nine inches in breadth.

SAINT JEROME READING,

With SERAPHS in the air,

By Guercino.

THIS picture was probably painted to be enlarged from; but I have feen neither enlargement nor print.

The dimensions are, two feet in height, by one foot seven inches and an half in breadth.

THE

HOLY FAMILY,

By Guido.

THE Child is afleep. The Virgin lifts up a cloth that covered him. Her right hand is upon her breaft.

Saint John is upon the foreground; he is feen in profile, looking up to the Child; with his left hand he holds his enfign; and his right refts upon a lamb.

Joseph is conversing with an angel.

This composition of Guido

feems to be done in imitation of Raphael.

The background of the picture is ruins, trees, and fky.

The dimensions are, one foot three inches in height, by one foot one inch in breadth.

SAINT JEROME,

With two ANGELS in the air,

By Guido.

A SMALL picture for enlarging from; and which he probably intended to have finished higher.

The dimensions are, one foot four inches in height, by one foot one inch in breadth.

THE

VIRGIN,

Of the Bologna School, probably by Ludovico Caracci, if not by Guido. On wood.

SHE has a blue mantle, and a white drapery below; her fpread hands are across her breaft.

The dimensions are, two feet two inches in height, by one foot feven inches in breadth.

THE

Angel delivering St. Peter in Prison, by Guido.

THE dimensions are, three feet two inches in height, by two feet four inches in breadth. SAINT JOHN in the DESART,

A full figure, larger than life;

Painted by Guido in emulation of Raphael's picture on the fame fubject.

SAINT JOHN is feen in front; the light is high, and comes from left to right. He fits upon a rock; and leans to the left fide; his elbow refts, and partly supports his body; his loose drapery falls over the left arm; and his ensign refts upon the ground; and falling obliquely, is supported by the same arm. The back of his left hand is in the light, and the rest of the

arm, till near the middle, where it is covered with the drapery.

His face is young and simple; a little inclined to the left fide. from which it is illuminated. The light strikes upon the left shoulder, and declines upon the breast till it falls into a deep shade. The right arm is stretched and inclining upwards; the hand open, and fingers fpread, advances forward in the air; the light falls gently upon it, and has a beautiful effect. His legs are uncovered from about the thighs; the left thigh, croffing the right, is illuminated its full length; the right is illuminated above and below the knee to the swelling of the leg. His

loose drapery is purple; the folds are few and large.

The whole ground of this picture is dark, except a little of the fky to the right; its distance, lowness, and redness, mark the dawn of the morning.

There may probably be a print, but I have never feen any; nor any copy or repetition of this picture.

The dimensions are, fix feet one inch and a fourth in height, by four feet seven inches and an half in breadth.

MARY MAGDALENE,

By Guido, as large as life.

SHE fupports her head with her left hand; and her right rests upon the usual emblem of mortality; her hair, which is of great length, falls over her shoulders in large masses; her drapery is red and white; part of which falls over the left shoulder; three locks of hair cross the same arm near the middle. Two angels are in the air, who look to her with great and respectful attention.

This composition is very freely painted; and is the same with that in the Barbarini palace; but not a full length, as the Barbarini picture.

The dimensions are, five feet three inches in height, by four feet one inch and an half in breadth.

SAINT SEBASTIAN,

By Guido.

THE drawing and colouring of the picture is beautiful; the air and expression noble. Every part of the figure, which is as large as life, is thoroughly understood and accurately terminated; and he form of the legs and thighs elegant.

Some think this picture ought ather to be afcribed to Ludo-

The dimensions are, five feet two inches in height, by two feet an inch and one fourth in breadth. By the proportion of the height to the breadth, it seems to have been painted for a particular place. I have seen no print or repetition of this picture; nor copy, but one done at Glasgow.

MAGDALENE,

Less than an half-figure, large as life, by Guido.

The dimensions are, one foot eleven inches and three fourths in height, by one foot seven inches in breadth.

THE

VIRGIN AND CHILD,

By Guido.

THE Child is asleep. The hands of the Virgin are folded; and her looks are directed to him with maternal tenderness.

The light comes from the right of the picture.

This composition has been frequently repeated by Guido.

The dimensions are, three feet one inch in height, by four feet two inches in breadth.

THE

VIRGIN SEWING,

Accompanied with three ANGELS,

Painted in an oval form, on copper, in the style and manner of Guido, by Mr. Baptiste.

THE dimensions are, ten inches and an half in height, by eight inches and an half in breadth.

There is a print after a composition of Guido's, which is near the same with this.

SAINT BRUNO,

By Guido.

HE is looking upward, and a ftream of supernatural light approaches his eyes from above; he holds a pen in his right hand; and feems in fuspense, as waiting for inspiration: his left hand is open, the fingers stretched towards the foreground of the picture; the hand appears altogether disengaged from the canvas. A strong light, falling upon his white drapery, gives great relief to the figure.

A book, on which he has been writing, and which he is to con-

tinue to write, lies open, with an inkhorn and pen by him.

The particular taste of Guido appears in this composition in forming the eyes large, the nostrils narrow, and the mouth small. The expression and force of the picture is great.

I have feen no repetition nor print after it.

The dimensions are, three feet ten inches in height, by two feet eleven inches and an half in breadth.

MAGDALENE DYING,

Attended by Angels,

By Guido.

THE dimensions are, two feet ten inches and an half in height, by two feet an inch and one fourth in breadth.

This picture was probably intended to be enlarged.

OUR SAVIOUR

IN THE GARDEN,

By Guido.

THERE are angels in the air, who bear the different instruments of our Saviour's passion.

The angel who is placed neareft the ground, has the cross in his left arm, and with his right he presents a cup to our Saviour, who is in prayer.

The dimensions are, two feet ten inches in height, by one foot five inches and three fourths in breadth.

There is a picture by Annibal

Carracci on this fubject, containing only two figures, our Saviour and the angel that prefents the cup, who are fimilar to this in attitude and expression: which was the property of Charles I; engraved with an infcription, fignifying that it was among the more rare of his pictures.

THE

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL,

By Guido.

HIS left foot is upon the head of the Devil; his left hand holds the chain with which he is bound, and the right a fword, with which he menaces him.

The dimensions are, three feet two inches in height, by two feet four inches in breadth.

This picture appears to have been painted prior to the large and celebrated picture. The form of the angel in this picture, has more delicacy and less strength. The print by Frey after the great picture is generally known.

A

SYBIL,

By Guido, in the style of Guercino.

SHE has wrote upon a fcroll, That our Saviour should be born of a Virgin. She holds a pen in her right hand, and seems to be looking intensely into futurity.

The dimensions are, three feet three inches and three fourths in height, by two feet and eight inches in breadth.

THE

LABOURS OF HERCULES.

THE first essays of four pictures, which Guido painted larger than life, and are at Versailles, viz.

I. Hercules wreflling with Antaeus. The dimensions are, two feet four inches and three fourths in height, by one foot eleven inches in breadth.

II. Hercules beating down with his club the Hydra, or monfler Typhon. The dimensions are, two feet five inches and one fourth in height, by one foot eleven inches and an half in breadth. III. Hercules wounds the Centaur carrying off Deïonira. The dimensions are, two feet five inches in height, by one foot ten inches and an half in breadth.

IV. Hercules placing himfelf on the funeral pile. The dimenfions are, two feet four inches and an half in height, by one foot eleven inches in breadth.

The above are but sketches, when compared with the finishing of the great pictures; engravings of which are in the collection called the Cabinet du Roy; and, in a lesser size, in a book entitled, Versailles Immortalized.

JOSEPH AND MARY,

Travelling into Egypt, with an Angel prefenting Flowers,

Supposed to be by CARLO MA-RATTI after GUIDO, who painted a larger and more finished picture of the same composition.

THE dimensions are, three feet three inches and three fourths in height, by two feet eleven inches in breadth.

JOSEPH AND MARY

Travelling into Egypt; as large as life; by Guido.

THE dimensions are, three feet eight inches and an half in height, by three feet five inches in breadth.

Several places of this picture have fuffered.

There is another of the same composition in the K. of France's collection; and has been engraved with the name of the painter. SYBIL, with Pen and Ink,

By Guido; or, more probably, by Domenichino.

HER head is reclined to the right, looking upwards: the colouring is very warm and brown.

This picture has fuffered by a rent in the cloth; though not perceptible when hung up.

The dimensions are, two feet four inches in height, by two feet two inches in breadth.

SAINT FRANCIS,

By Guido.

HE is feen in profile; the fingers of his right hand are on his breaft; his left hand spread, is turned toward the foreground of the picture. There is a capital picture by Guido of St. Francis with the Virgin and Child in the air, in which St. Francis has a very striking expression of devotion: this picture has been long and much admired in the collection of the Earl of Hopeton.

This figure greatly resembles it, though the attitude and circumstances differ; and is proba-

bly an earlier picture; as there is also a later, accompanied with variety of other figures; of which last we have an engraving.

The dimensions are, three feet three inches and an half in height by two feet eight inches and an half in breadth.

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MAGDALENE in Meditation,

By Guido, or at least by a Disciple.

SHE holds a death-head in both hands. The colouring of this figure approaches a clare-obscure.

The dimensions are, two feet one inch in height, by one foot nine inches in breadth.

SAINT JOHN the Baptist,

Painted in the fame stile; but with a greater body of colour,

By Guido.

THE dimensions are, two feet one inch in height, by one foot eleven inches in breadth.

SAINT CATHERINE

OFSIENNA.

Painted by Sansforat, Disciple of Guido.

SHE has a crown of thorns on her head; her hands are folded in one another; and the countenance expressive of devout meditation.

The dimensions are, three feet one inch in height, by three feet in breadth. A

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THE hair of the other only appears. This is only a fragment from a picture of Guido, in the taste of Correggio.

The dimensions are, one foot two inches in height, by one foot fix inches in breadth.

THE

VIRGIN IN MEDITATION,

By Guido.

HER hands are lifted up the height of her breast, the tips of the fingers touching one another. By the expression, and the tears on the cheeks, this picture must have been intended for a Mater Dolorofa.

The colouring of this picture is clear and fresh; the figure different from that engraved by Mr. Strange, in age, and drapery, and the attitude more in front.

The dimensions are, one foot

eleven inches and three fourths in height, by one foot feven inches in breadth.

PENITENT SAINT PETER,

By Guido, in the style of

MICHAEL ANGELO CARAVAGGIO.

THE dimensions are, one foot eight inches in height, by one foot four inches and an half in in breadth.

OUR SAVIOUR

LAYING IN THE TOMB,

A Picture in Clare-obscure,

Perhaps by Annibal Caracci.

THERE is a tomb of stone in the middle of the picture; on the mouth of which the dead body of our Saviour is laid. His body is foreshortened; his knees curved rife upward; as does his breast and shoulder.

St. John, the beloved disciple, takes hold of the linnen-cloth in which they are about to wrap him. The crown of our Saviour's

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head rests upon St. John's arm in an attitude falling backward, the neck not being able to support it. St. John is seen in profile; his eyes are fixed, looking towards the Virgin, who seems fallen down in a faint, embracing the knee of our Saviour.

Beyond the Virgin, to the right, is one of the Marys, who feems attentive to the Virgin.

Beyond this woman is an old man, with his head uncovered; he is employed in taking hold of the linnen cloth.

On his right hand, in the foreground of the picture, Mary Magdalene is feen in profile, upon her knees; her body bending forward, both arms stretched out,

and her mouth open; she seems crying in the most passionate grief. The whole of this sigure resembles the Magdalene in the Pietas of Annibal Caracci.

At the other end of the picture, there stands a man and a woman in conversation; he raises up his left hand, and points to a great distance, as if saying, From thence he shall come again: to which the woman to whom he speaks seems, by stretched-out and open hands, to assent willingly.

There is a thumb and a forefinger painted, which belongs to no figure in the picture.

This composition formerly belonged to a painter, who ascribed

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it to Michael Angelo; but unless the shortening of the body of our Saviour, there is nothing in the picture that resembles Michael Angelo.

The folds of the drapery, and the two figures, are in the stile of Annibal Caracci; though not altogether without some imitation of Raphael.

The dimensions are, one foot four inches in height, by one foot nine inches in breadth.

NARCISSUS,

By FRANCESCO MOLA, Disciple of ALBANO.

HE kneels upon a precipice, admiring his own image in the water.

A greyhound looks attentively towards him. The shepherdess Echo, at the other extremity of the picture, is weeping.

This picture was taken off the cloth on which it was painted, and fixed upon a new cloth, by Mr. Baptiste. I have seen no repetition nor copy of this picture.

The dimensions are, two feet two inches in height, by two feet eight inches in breadth.

PYRAMUS AND THISBE,

By BATTISTA MOLA:

THE drapery of Pyramus is of a light azure colour, a blue girdle and red mantle. He lies on the foreground, with his left knee curved upwards, and resting on the sole of his foot. His head is supported by the knees of Thisbe; who has just pierced her breast. Her right hand is lifted up; her eyes look upward, and her mouth is open. Her drapery is linnen, with a red mantle.

There is a lion behind her, running away.

The dimensions are, one foot

eight inches and an half in height by two feet two inches and an half in breadth.

I have feen no repetition or print of this picture.

SAINT FRANCIS DYING,

Attended by two Angels.

Of the Bolognese or PARMA School.

THE dimensions are, three feet ten inches in height, by three feet one inch in breadth.

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HOLY FAMILY,

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By Andrea DEL Sarto.

SOME person desiring to turn the picture into an oval form, has cut almost round the cloth, and intrenched a little upon some of the figures; but the parts still remain joined.

On the right fide of the picture Elizabeth is fitting with John the Baptist on her knee, whose face is feen in profile, looking intently to the Virgin, who appears in meditation. The Child is on her knee; his head in a three-quarter view.

To the left of the picture, behind the Virgin, Joseph is seen in profile; his drapery yellow, with a red mantle.

The carnations appear to be in Andrea's first manner, in which green shades predomine too much.

The dimensions are, three feet three inches in height, by two feet seven inches in breadth.

I have feen no repetition or print of this picture.

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VIRGIN AND CHILD,

By Andrea del Sarto.

THE Child is on his knees, and looks upward. This picture is very foftly painted.

The dimensions are, three feet five inches and an half in height, by two feet five inches and an half in breadth.

I have feen no print after this picture; but an old copy, very hard when compared with this.

WOMAN and Two CHILDREN, One of whom fucks,

By ANDREA DEL SARTO.

THE figures are less than life; and the painting comes below the breaft. There is a little landfcape in the background.

This picture was a fludy for one in the Luxemburg gallery, representing a Human Charity; where the figures are as large as life, and at full length. This picture in the Luxemburg gallery has called more than ordinary attention of late years, on account

Andrea del Sarto. 151 of its being taken fuccessfully off the plank on which it was painted, and placed on cloth.

The dimensions are, one foot five inches in height, by one foot ten inches in breadth.

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RESURRECTION OF

OUR SAVIOUR,

By SALVIATI.

THE dimensions are, two feet feven inches in height, by two feet one inch in breadth.

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COMPANION of the Above,

By SALVIATI,

REPRESENTING our Saviour, with a fpade in his right hand, resting on the ground. His left hand is stretched out towards the

Magdalene; and over the middle of his left arm hangs a piece of drapery as in the flatue of Apollo Belvidere.

The Magdalene kneels on her left knee. This picture represents that part of the Gospel, where Magdalene, after our Saviour's resurrection, takes him for the gardener.

The dimensions are, two feet feven inches in height, by two feet one inch in breadth.

THE

BUSTS of four RESTORERS of Learning, painted by

VASARI, on wood.*

TO the right of the picture are Ficinus, translator of Plato; and Landinus, the editor of Pliny. To the left is Politianus, celebra-

- * That the above portraits were painted by George Vafari, author of the Lives of the Painters, to be transferred into his work when he painted the Great Duke's palace at Florence, appears by his Trattato della Pittura, printed at Florence 1619, page 92.
- "P. Certamente ch'io ho havuto caro vedere l'effigie sua, che gli ero affezionato, si per le qualità fue virtuose d'animo, et d'in-

ted by original works in profe and verse; and Demetrius Graecus, known by the designation

gegno, ma questo qua innanzi vestito di rosfò chiaro con quella berretta tonda di que'

tempi pagonazza magro in viso chi è?

"G. Demetrio Calcondile di nazione Greca, il quale infegnò le buone lettere della fua lingua a quella Accademia, e fù infieme con questi altri trattenuto con provisioni onorate da Lorenzo.....

- "P. O come mi diletta di vederli? ma feguitiamo; questo da quel la gran zazzera che è lor dietro, e che tiene quel libro nella man finistra?
- "G. E M. Agnolo Poliziano Poeta ingegnoso, e dotto, caro infinitamente a Lorenzo, che nella giostra di Giuliano suo fratello, compose le lodi di quella, dove nella seconda stanza, disse invocando Lorenzo per il Lauro.

O causa ò fin di tutte le mie voglie, Che vivo sol d'odor delle tue soglie.

Mostrando ancora la volontà delli studii, per

of Chalcondylas; he published the first edition of Suidas' Lexicon at Milan.

la corona del Lauro che si da a' poeti. Guardi V.E. in quest'ultimo dietro al Politiano, quel poco di prossilo, che è alquanto di colore scuro.....

"P. Or torniamo da quest'altra parte, dove io veggo M. Marsilio Ficino Filosofo Platonico, vero lume della filosofia, che questo lo conosco, perche altre volte l'ho visto ritratto, certo che il luogo che gli havete dato a canto a Lorenzo se gli conviene; ma questa figura intera quà innanzi vestita di rosso, e che tiene quella Palla della terra in mano con quelle seste, ditemi il nome suo.

"G. Questi è Cristofano Landino allora segretario della Signoria, che sù da Prato vecchio di Casentino, che comentò il nostro Dante, perche la parte dell'inferno, secondo che si dice egli la intese meglio. Però gli ho fatto in mano la palla della terra, perche sotto la gran secca (come la chiama il nostro poeta) misurò e distinse bene, et meglio intese le bolge di quella, che non sece il Cielo."

The dimensions are, two feet in height, by two feet one inch in breadth.

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TOBIAS Blefling his SON,

Immediately before he takes his Journey to be married,

TOBIT is upon his knees; his hands lifted up; and joining in the benediction with great attention and devotion.

The father, who fits, lifts up his right hand open, and stretches out his left: he is a venerable old man; his eyes are blind; the hair of his head and beard are bushy and white.

Tobias: her grief is accompanied with weeping; her right hand is stretched out obliquely downwards, and open; her left hand lifted up to her face, with a white drapery, with which she wipes off her tears.

A fervant looks to her with great attention and affectionate fympathy.

The angel, who is to accompany Tobit, is feen at full length; he is a graceful figure, in a blue and white drapery; and has a flender rod in his left hand; his right is upon his breaft; his countenance is full of fympathy and devotion.

There is no dispute about this being a pleasing picture; but while some ascribe it to Peter di Cortona, there are others who ascribe it to Carlo Maratti.

There are in all eight figures in the picture. The background is architecture and fky.

The dimensions are, three feet fix inches and an half in height, by two feet four inches and an half in breadth.

THE

HEAD of a Young PAINTER,

THOUGHT TO BE

CARLO MARATTI.

THE dimensions are, one foot fix inches in height, by one foot in breadth. THE

ADORATION OF THE

SHEPHERDS,

By Carlo Maratti.

THIS picture confifts of eight figures. The two on the fore-ground are on their knees. The whole have a proper and diversified expression.

The dimensions are, three feet four inches in height, by two feet ten inches in breadth.

I have feen no print or copy of this picture. Connoisseurs are not agreed in ascribing it to Carlo Maratti; though they all allow it to be worthy of him.

A

WOMAN,

With the Moon under her Feet, representing the Conception of the Virgin,

By CARLO MARATTI.

HER face marks recollection; her hands are across her breast; her drapery is red, with a blue mantle.

She is furrounded with flowers, by Mario da Fiori.

The dimensions are, three feet one inch in height, by two feet four inches in breadth.

I have feen no print of this picture; nor copy, but one done at Glafgow.

OUR SAVIOUR

At the Well, conversing with the

WOMAN of SAMARIA.

By CARLO MARATTI.

THE ground of the picture is the well and landscape. Our Saviour sits on the right side of the picture; his right hand and eyes are lifted up; his left hand rests on the well, reclined obliquely to that side; his face is near a front view.

The woman looks toward the the right; her face is feen in profile; her right hand is flretched towards our Saviour, and her left

is upon her bosom; her right knee advances, and is curved; her right foot flanding on a higher step than her left; her red mantle, over her right shoulder, is blown behind her by the wind; her under drapery white, and of a straw colour: the forepart of the whole body, and the left fide are feen. The expression of her countenance shews a respectful attention; and her attitude, conviction. Some think this picture was done to be enlarged.

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THE

VIRGIN AND CHILD,

By CARLO MARATTI,

SEEN through an oval, with a warm yellow background.

The dimensions are, one foot five inches and an half in height, by one foot two inches in breadth.

A

HOLY FAMILY,

By CARLO MARATTI.

THIS picture, which is only a first colouring, contains six sigures. On the left is Joseph, with

both hands leaning upon his flaff.

In the middle of the picture, the Virgin is feen in front, looking down to the Child, who looks up to her. The maternal and filial affection is finely expressed. With her right hand she supports the principal weight of the Child, and her left hand comes forward over his right thigh.

To the right of the picture are three figures. On the foreground is Saint John the Baptist.

Behind Saint John, a figure of a woman rifes higher in the picture, and looks over the Virgin's right shoulder to the Child; she leans upon the Virgin's shoulder with her right hand; her left coming round, her fingers rest upon the Virgin's left arm.

Behind the woman there is an angel, who touches a musical infrument with a bow.

This feems to be one of the most capital compositions of Carlo Maratti; and so far as I know, he never repeated it; but it has been twice copied at Glasgow in a more finished manner. If it was never finished, it is probable it was never engraved.

The dimensions are, three feet feven inches and an half in height by three feet in breadth.

A

HUMAN CHARITY,

Representing a Woman with three CHILDREN, painted by GIU-SEPPE CHIARI, if not by CARLO MARATTI.

HER right hand fupports one of the children, who looks up, and leans with his left hand on her shoulder, and his right placed on her breast: her left hand supports a child who sucks, and presses her breast with his left hand: her mantle goes over the shoulders of the third.

The dimensions are, three feet in height, by three feet three inches in breadth.

OUR SAVIOUR

ON THE CROSS,

By Ludoviçus Gentile,

THE Virgin and St. John are on the right fide. The Virgin fits and leans her head upon her right arm; her left coming across her breast, leans upon a piece of blue drapery.

St. John stands reclined to the right, with his hands folded in each other, looking towards our Saviour with devotion and grief.

The cross stands over against a blue sky with white clouds.

170 GENTILE.

This picture, which is painted on copper, was afcribed to Le Brun; but on the back is wrote, "——— Gentile."

The dimensions are, one foot feven inches and an half in height, by one foot two inches in breadth.

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PICTURE

By BENEDETTO LUTI,

REPRESENTING a woman with a bunch of grapes in her hand; and a child by her with a garland of oak leaves.

There is also in the picture a representation of Pan, with another child and a satyr. The ground of the picture is landscape.

The dimensions are, one foot eleven inches in height, by one foot five inches and an half in in breadth. I have feen a drawing of this picture, and, if I am not mistaken, an engraving in clare obscure.

THE

VICTORY OF JOSHUA

Over the AMALEKITES,

By the Elder TEMPESTA.

THIS is one of the most capital battles of that famous painter. There is a large print of it confisting of two sheets, done by the painter.

The dimensions are, four feet feven inches in height, by seven feet in breadth.

BATTLE in the HOLY WAR,

By the Younger TEMPESTA.

THIS battle is finely painted, and highly finished. It is divided into three groups; which prevents that confusion complained of in the tout ensemblé of a battle.

In the group to the right fide the principal figure is a Christian: rays of light are about his head; which denote a hero of sanctity, and agrees with the character of St. Lewis King of France.

Behind him is a king, with a rayed crown, with a fword in his

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hand ready to strike; this seems to be intended for Richard King of England, commonly called Coeur de Lion.

In the foreground of this fide of the picture a man lies on his back, holding up his shield with his left hand, and his sword in his right.

The principal figure of the fecond group is a Turk, with a turban; his bow bent, and the arrow directed to St. Lewis. Both of these heroes are on white horses; but St. Lewis's is of a fairer colour.

In the third group, the principal figure is a Christian, with a red drapery, a blue mantle coming over his left shoulder, crosses

his breaft, with a helmet upon his head; he fits on a bay horse, whose mouth, mane, and tail are white: with his spear he pierces the lower part of the back of a Turk with fuch force, that it pierces the horse, and has made him fall down; the Turk still holding his fword in his right hand, and his shield in his left, is tumbling from his horse; his head, which is covered with a large turban, is not far from reaching the ground.

The background of the picture is landscape and sky.

The works of this painter are rare and much valued, although his character as a man was exceedingly bad.

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The dimensions are, three feet two inches and half in height, by five feet one inch and an half in breadth.

OUR SAVIOUR

AMONG THE DOCTORS,

By Guercino da Cento.

THIS picture is in two groups; containing eight figures larger than life.

On the foreground, on the right fide of the picture, is a large manufcript, with a covering of a light brown colour. Upon this another manufcript is placed on one end, which bends, and partly opens with its own gravity; the covering is dark, and the leaves of a white colour: the whole is fo conducted as to throw back

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the figure behind, and to increase the relievo of the picture.

The man who fits behind the manuscript is naked to the waist; about which is a brown drapery that hangs down till it come near the ground: his head is feen in profile, and in shade, mixed with fome reflexions of light; his hair and beard are of a dark brown; he rests his left elbow on his knee, and with three fingers takes hold of the lower part of his face, the forefinger stretched upwards, touches the left fide of his nose; his body bends obliquely forward the better to hear the conversation; his right hand takes hold of a book which rests upon his knee, which is finely feen in perfpective; and the leg and foot, their full length, appear in the air, entirely detached from the ground of the picture, and feem to the eye as advanced beyond the frame itself.

Beyond this doctor stands one of inferior rank, who may be a fervant, holding books which rest upon his shoulder: this person is in shade, intermixed with faint reslexions; a little light passes between his arm, and the book which it supports.

Our Saviour stands nearest the center of the picture, on this right slide group; his right hand takes hold of his foresinger, as one demonstrating or reasoning, as Socrates appears in the School of

Athens; his head is uncovered; his hair brown; the right fide of his cheek in the light; the rest of his face is in shade, mixed with reflexions; his drapery is linnen, with a red, and dark-coloured mantle; the light glides along the back of his right hand, and falls upon his right foot, the toes of which are toward the foreground; the light and shadow are so managed in falling on the drapery, that they give the whole great roundness.

Immediately beyond our Saviour, and advancing more towards the left of the picture, there is a gate; beyond the gate a flair; and at the head of the flair two figures; behind whom appears

fome landscape, which shews that this gate conducts to the outfide of the building. Upon the bottom of the stair, and upon its fleps, a light comes from the right fide of the picture, behind the figures, and is fo managed as to increase the depth of the picture, and shew a great distance beyond the figures.

On the left fide of the picture, nearest the foreground, is a figure, whose head is seen in profile, covered with a white turban; the colour of his beard is black; his drapery is red velvet, lined with cloth of a faint yellow, ornamented; he has a large vellum manuscript upon his left knee, which he keeps fleady with his left hand, taking hold of it by the head of the page, which points towards the right fide of the picture; the left fide of the book, advancing towards the foreground, throws a great part of the leg which fupports it into shade; a light, coming obliquely from the right fide of the picture, puts the foot and forepart of the leg in the light, that which is obstructed by the book only excepted. From the gate in the background there comes a light that detaches this figure from those behind, and produces very beautiful reflections upon the red drapery; the right leg is foreshortened, and approaches obliquely to the foreground; about one third of the foot from the toes is in shade; the rest is seen in the light to near the middle of the leg; the knee of this leg is upon the ground; the fole of the foot and the hinder part of the leg is feen; the muscles strongly and particularly marked. The painter shews himself so great a master of foreshortening, that he feems to equal nature, fo that nothing could be wished more complete.

Immediately beyond this figure, appear two hands stretched out; the body to which they belong is concealed by the figures that surround him; the hands are perfectly detached in the air; the right hand is seen front, and the left in profile; the light falls strongly on the forepart of the hand, and on the fingers curved forwards with a mixture of shade; the thumb and palm of the hand advances to the foreground of the picture, all in shade surrounded by light, except the upper part of the thumb; round the wrift a little white drapery is feen, and above it a drapery of blue and red.

Beyond this doctor, appears an old man, bald; his beard grey; his head is firetched forward; his hands are concealed.

Immediately behind him, appears a figure in front, his head covered with a turban; admiration is in his countenance; his

right hand is lifted up, and feen in front, fully spread; about his wrist appears white drapery; the rest of the drapery is of a dark colour, except about the neck you fee the fame white drapery, covered immediately with one not fo dark as the upper garment. This man points with his left hand, firetching out his forefinger, the rest of his fingers being folded; the back of his hand is turned obliquely toward the foreground; the light and shade falling upon it, give it an extraordinary roundness; and a little light that falls on the inner fide of the white drapery of his fleeve, as it were behind the arm, deceives the eye, and makes one imagine they fee round the hand; this hand is directed obliquely towards our Saviour,

There are two figures behind, eagerly looking over the heads of the others, as extremely defirous to fee and hear what paffes.

The painter has given the figure of our Saviour great roundnefs and simplicity of character; but more natural than graceful. The truth of his imitation, the sineness of his penciling, the great relief of his figures, as they appear in this picture, are equalled by few, and surpassed by none.

The lights and shades have strong features of Guercino; and

the colouring is not inferior to Jordans, Rembrant, or any diflinguished by their strength of colouring in the Flemish school.

The dimensions are, five feet eleven inches and an half in height, by feven feet eight inches in breadth.

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SAINT PAUL,

By GUERCINO. On wood.

HIS face is feen in front, a little inclined to the left; his head is uncovered; his hair and beard black; the last is large and long; his drapery is of a dark brown, covered with a red mantle; a large manuscript open, rests upon his knee; the fide nearest him is perpendicular, and the fide that refts on his knee horizontal; his hand refting upon this under fide, with his fingers curved, his forefinger pointing, feems to be marking a particular paffage. The fame artful management of light and

shadow appears in painting this hand, as in the picture before described; and in the writing of the open pages, the appearance of an antient manuscript is finely imitated. In the expression of the countenance there is a boldness, that marks one determined in opposing gainfayers; which the painter probably supposes prefent, though not painted.

The dimensions are, three feet four inches and an half in height by two feet four inches and an half in breadth.

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ANOTHER

SAINT PAUL,

By Guercino.

THE figure is nearly in front; the head reclined to the right; his right elbow inclines toward the background; and his arm rifing upwards, the hand comes before his breaft, which touches the forepart of the thumb, and points of his fingers; in the curve of his arm the handle of his fword is feen, the blade going perpendicular to the ground; his left arm advances obliquely towards the foreground of the picture; his forefinger points to a particular passage of a manufcript that lies before him, and his other three fingers are curved. The manuscript lies very horizontal. Before it is an ink-horn, in which stands a pen; an anachronism very common among painters.

The drapery of St. Paul is linnen, like a modern shirt, finely imitated; the drapery above the linnen is red, ornamented with gold about the neck; his mantle is of a dark colour.

The dimensions are, three feet ten inches in height, by three feet one inch in breadth.

A

CONCERT OF MUSIC,

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MICHAEL ANGELO CARAVAGGIO.

THIS picture contains eight figures, the fize of nature, who fit round a table. The figures and draperies feem to be painted after nature; and are strongly marked by the peculiar characteristics of Caravaggio.

The dimensions are, four feet in height, by fix feet three inches in breadth.

OUR SAVIOÙR

Crowned with Thorns, and a Reed in his Hand, by CARAVAGGIO.

THE ground of the picture is dark. The light comes from above, as it generally does in the works of this painter.

The representation is solemn, the recollection deep, but inspires a melancholy gloom. The picture was probably intended for enlargement. This sigure has been nearly copied in a small picture by his disciple Valentini.

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SAINT SEBASTIAN

Tied by the Arms to a Tree, with an ANGEL drawing an Arrow out of his left fide;

By GERARD SEGERS.

St. Sebastian and the angel are painted at full length. The figure of St. Sebastian is slender, elegant, and less than ordinary life; he is naked, excepting a little drapery round his midle; the anatomical part well understood.

The drapery of the angel is white and yellow; he shews great attention in taking out the arrow

GERARD SEGERS. 195 gently; but his form is rather human than celestial.

The ground of the picture is landscape and sky. There is a fine print after this picture.

The dimensions are, four feet one inch and an half in height, by three feet one inch and an half in breadth.

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MAID OF ORLEANS,

By VALENTINI, a Disciple of Caravaggio.

THE light from the right fide of the picture falls upon her face, and breaft, upon the right fide of her armour, and upon the loofe red drapery which hangs down before her; in her left hand is a garland of laurel.

The dimensions are, two feet four inches and an half in height, by one foot eleven inches and an half in breadth.

DAVID PLAYING on the HARP,

By VALENTINI.

A PICTURE larger than ordinary life. His drapery is black, white inclining to yellow, resembling filk, a white frieze inclining to azure, covered with a brown filk which partakes of orange. His hands touch the strings of the harp on both fides; he has a rayed crown on his head; his hair and beard are black; the light falls from above upon the upper part of his face, upon his left arm and hand. The background of the picture is brown.

The dimensions are, four feet

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two inches and one fourth in height, by three feet one inch and one fourth in breadth.

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ECCE HOMO,

By VALENTINI.

OUR Saviour is crowned with thorns; his hands bound.

On his right fide one points to him, faying, Behold the man.

On the other, one places a reed in his right hand. This figure has a deriding countenance; is feen in profile; his mouth very open, meant to be faying, Hail, King of the Jews!

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The dimensions are, eleven inches in height, by nine inches and an half in breadth.

MUTIUS SCAEVOLA,

By VALENTINI.

HE has killed the fecretary, who lies upon the foreground of the picture, inflead of Porfenna, whom he intended to kill. He flands firm; and holds his right hand in the flame, declaring, that five hundred Romans were no less determined.

Porsenna, admiring, and fearing such extraordinary intrepidity, forgives Mutius, and makes peace with the Romans.

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The whole light comes from a fire in the center of the picture.

The dimensions are, three feet three inches and an half in height, by four feet two inches and an half in breadth.

A

THE VIEW STEME

MAN who Laughs and Drinks,

By VALENTINI.

The dimensions are, one foot ten inches in height, by one foot fix inches in breadth.

I have feen no copies or prints of the preceeding pictures of Vallentini.

A

YOUNGMAN

Playing on a German Flute,
By Andrea del Sarto.

THE dimensions are, three feet two inches height, by two feet five inches and an half in breadth.

AN

ECCE HOMO,

With a variety of infulting and mocking Figures;

By the fame Painter. On wood.

THE dimensions are, two feet fix inches in height, by three feet ten inches in breadth.

A

BATTLE,

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SHOCK OF CAVALRY,

By GIACOMO CORTESI, called Bourguignoni.

THE dimensions are, two feet one inch and an half in height, by two feet seven inches and three fourths in breadth.

ASSUMPTION of the VIRGIN,

By Pietro Berretini da Cortona.

THE Virgin is in the center of the picture; her head is inclined to the right; both her hands are on her breaft; she is looking up towards heaven; her drapery is white, brown, and a blue mantle. There are cherubs in the air.

The figures on both fides are amazed. One of them feems to be Magdalene, by the vafe she takes hold of with her left hand. The ground of the picture is landscape.

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The dimensions are, three feet in height, by two feet four inches and an half in breadth.

ARGUS AND MERCURY,

Ascribed to PIETRO DA CORTONA,

ARGUS is afleep, and Mercury it ready to put out his eye. The dimensions are, three feet two inches in height, by four feet three inches in breadth.

OUR SAVIOUR

Crowned with Thorns,

In the manner of CARAVAGGIO.

HIS hands are pierced; the one is on his breaft, and the other is lifted up.

The picture has a great deal of force; but fails in beauty, grace, and propriety.

The dimensions are, two feet five inches in height, by one foot ten inches in breadth.

PENITENT MAGDALENE.

By FRANCESCO MOLA.

HER head is inclined toward the left of the picture, and her feet towards the right; her hands firetched out towards the left are joined; she looks down to a crucifix nearer the foreground of the picture.

The dimensions are, three feet two inches in height, by four feet two inches in breadth.

SAINT JOHN READING,

The Companion of the Former,

By the fame Painter.

His book refts upon the ground, which he takes hold of with both hands; he is reclined under the shade of some trees behind him; his drapery is a loose scarlet mantle, and a girdle of camels hair. His symbol, the lamb, rests at his right side.

The dimensions are, three feet two inches in height, by four feet two inches in breadth.

ASSUMPTION of the VIRGIN,

By Carlo Maratti.

SAINT Peter is on the foreground of the picture. The dimensions are, three feet four inches in height, by two feet eleven inches in breadth.

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MAGDALENE,

By the fame Painter.

THE dimensions are, two feet two inches in height, by one foot ten inches in breadth.

THE

FOUR STAGES of HUMAN LIFE

By RIBERA, commonly called Spagnolet.

A BOY offers a bone to a dog fleeping on the foreground of the picture. A girl holds a basket in her left hand, with provisions. A taller girl plays on a musical instrument. An old man, with a bald head and a grey beard, a basket in his left hand, his cap in his right, feems to be offering its contents to an old woman, who is employed in fewing. She wears spectacles, and is strongly wrinkled.—The figures in this

picture are probably taken from nature.

The dimensions are, four feet one inch in height, by five feet eight inches in breadth.

PROMETHEUS

Fixed to a Rock, the Vulture tearing his Liver,

By SPAGNOLET.

THE drawing of this figure has all the precision and excellence of Annibal Caracci; and some connoisseurs think it ought rather to be ascribed to him than Spagnolet.—I have seen no prints of the two preceding pictures.

The dimensions are, three feet five inches in height, by four feet two inches in breadth.

THE

FLAGELLATION OF

OUR SAVIOUR,

On wood; ascribed by some to

FEDERIGO ZUCCHERO.

THE background is dark. The whole light of the picture comes from a torch held by a man on the left fide of the picture. This man, though old, is vigorous; his complexion is brown; his beard white; he has a green cap on his head, but the rife in the middle is of a red colour; he is feen very near a profile.

There is a figure behind him, of which nothing is feen but part of the face.

There are three employed in the fcourging of our Saviour. One on the left fide plucks the hair with his right hand, and his left is ftretched out with a fcourge in it; his head is covered with a red cap; his profession is seen in his countenance; the coloury of his slesh is a reddish brown; his drapery suited to his rank.

Another scourger stands upon the right side of the pillar, behind the right of our Saviour; his right hand is lifted up to scourge, and his face turned looks back to our Saviour: the colour of his face is brown and ruddy; and his beard long and red.

There is a figure in profile, a part of whose face is only seen. And nearer the foreground of the picture, another with rods in his left hand: this figure is seen in a back view; but his head is turned about so as to see part of his right cheek; the upper part of his body is naked to the waist, and his legs and seet.

On the right fide of our Saviour, an arm and hand appear ftretched forth to lift a fcourge, which lies on the ground.

Our Saviour is tied to a pillar, which reaches to near the full height of the picture; his eyes are shut; his mind recollected;

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an expressive constancy is in his attitude and countenance; he has no drapery but about his waist. Every thing relative to the figure is well understood, and neatly finished. The light falls on the forepart of the figure; the shades are warm and brown.

The dimensions are, one foot fix inches in height, by one foot two inches in breadth.

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PICTURE

By BENEDETTO CASTIGLIONE.

THE light of the picture is the flame of an altar, which throws its strongest light on a woman, who sits on a goat; her drapery is loose, and almost falling off her shoulders; her breast is naked; she has no cincture.

Immediately before her are two young Bacchanals. One of whom fits with his legs stretched to right and left, with a patera in his hand for facrifice.

The furrounding objects are feen with a difmal glimmering

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light; and are intended by the painter to infpire aversion and terror. The architecture behind the altar, without order or proportion, is an image of the scene. The picture perhaps represents a facrifice to Circe made in a hollow cave.

A male figure, of a ruddy, brown complexion, proftrate, his eyes directed, as paying homage, to the woman who fits on the goat. This figure is fo deformed, that he is fcarcely entitled to be called human; and he feems to be in a progress to further brutality.

The whole scene of the picture feems to represent what Plato says, That the worshippers are transformed into the refemblance of the object they worship: the worshippers of the celestial Venus become divine; but of the terrestrial, earthly.

Some think this picture ought to be afcribed to Lucas Jordano.

The dimensions are, three feet three inches and one fourth in height, by four feet five inches and an half in breadth.

I have feen no print nor copy of this fingular picture.

SCIENCE trampling IGNORANCE and cherishing the ARTS,

By Domenico Feti.

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AT her right lie books and mathematical instruments; in her right hand a bust, and in her left a picture; by which there are musical instruments and books. There is a Cupid in the air, with a garland in his hand ready to crown her.

The dimensions are, three feet fix inches and an half in height, by four feet three inches and an half in breadth. YOUNG MAN with a Turban,

By LANFRANC.

THE dimensions are, one foot eleven inches in height, by one foot five inches in breadth.

SAINT JEROME,

With a Mort-Head,

Ascribed to the same Painter.

THE dimensions are, two feet three inches in height, by one foot eight inches in breadth.

A

LANDSCAPE,

Painted on wood,

Probably by CLAUDE LORRAINE.

TO the left there is a great group of trees; nearer the foreground a shepherd sits, playing on his pipe, while his slock is feeding. To his right there is a precipice; to his left a high mountain, on which a solitary traveller is seen. Along the side of the mountain, the light reslects vividly on some places, which are barren sand or rock, and contrasts the green.

The sky is warm; the clouds are brilliant, by the intermixing light of the fun: the effect of which light is perceptible thro' the foliage of a tree to the left of the picture.

The dimensions are, one foot eleven inches in height, by three feet in breadth.

A LANDSCAPE, on wood,

Painted either by CLAUDE LOR-RAINE, or by a Disciple.

TO the right there is a river, over which there is a high bridge. To the left of the bridge there is a high round tower, and trees dropt at different diffances. A warm evening fky reflects upon the water, and is contrasted with a blue fky to the left. The effect of the reflexions of the sky appears upon the foliage over against it. This picture is painted with a free pencil; but is not highly finished. The dimensions are, one foot eight inches and an half in height, by two feet three inches in breadth.

TWO

NIGHT-PIECES,

The fubjects tragical,

By SALVATOR ROSA. On wood.

IN the one there is a woman tied with a chain, to whom a man points with his right hand; his left is upon his breaft; he is feen in profile; he looks towards a lady, who fits upon a throne; and kneels upon his right knee: the fubject of his address feems to be the woman in chains.

In the companion to this picture there is a dead body, stretched under a lamp. A man in armour

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flying in great alarm: a fword lying near him.

They are both of one fize, viz. feven inches and one fourth in height, by eleven inches in breadth.

TWO SEA-ENGAGEMENTS,

Supposed to be by SALVATOR ROSA.

THE grounds are dark. They are both of the fame dimensions, viz. two feet two inches in height, by three feet two inches in breadth.

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SAINT JEROME,

On cloth, pasted on wood, by SALVATOR ROSA.

THIS figure is strongly marked with age, and austerity of life.

A

H E A D, larger than Life,

By SALVATOR ROSA.

THERE is a grandeur of manner and expression in this head. It has no attribute by which it can be distinguished; but is probably done for an Evangelist.

I know of no repetition nor print of the above pictures.

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WILLIAM, DUKE OF AQUITAINE,

By SALVATOR ROSA.

HE grasps a standard in his hand with great vigour; his countenance marks the intrepidity of the hero. He offered to defend with his sword the right of William Duke of Normandy to the crown of England; and from him came the custom of having a champion at every coronation.

This picture is not only valuable as a work of Salvator Rofa, but as connected with the history of England.

There was a full length of this hero done by Salvator Rofa, as

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mentioned in his life; as he was canonized, it might be in an attitude of devotion.

A

LANDSCAPE,

By SALVATOR ROSA.

THE foreground is steep and rocky. An old hermit sits upon the ground. A shepherdess, at a distance, seems to be speaking to him.

There is an old castle towards the centre of the picture; and variety of trees, two of which are blasted and broken as by thunder.—There was an engraving after this picture done at Glasgow.

AN

ECCE HOMO,

By ANDREA del SOLARIO.

THIS composition contains eight figures. Our Saviour stands in the middle of the picture, with the crown of thorns; a brown drapery comes over his right shoulder; his face is pale, his hair and beard black; his hands are bound across, the reed in his right hand; his breaft and left arm are uncovered.

On his left is a foldier in armour; and by him a young Ethiopian.

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On the right fide of the picture there are two figures. The one next to our Saviour has a red cap faced with green; he is feen in front.

The figure by him may be intended for Pilate; he likewise wears a cap, but it is more ornamented; he has a large beard of a dark brown colour; his head and eye are a little turned to the right; his under drapery is dark and in shade, except a little white about the neck; a red filk drapery in diverse folds lies over his right arm, which, from the elbow, advances toward the foreground of the picture; the thumb is stretched upward and obliquely forward; his forefinger points to 230 ANDREA DEL SOLARIO.

the right, and the three following fingers are curved.

The picture, which is painted on wood, makes but one group; and the light on our Saviour is broad and strong.

ANOTHER

ECCE HOMO,

By the same Painter; on wood.

THE fame tafte and composition with the former; painted probably in an earlier period, and from different models.

THE

VIRGIN IN GRIEF,

Supported by St. JOHN,

By GIORGIONE.

A STRONG light falls upon the Virgin. St. John is in deep shade. The abruptness of the light, and its colour, mark it to be the light of a lamp, and not of day.

The dimensions are, two feet one inch and an half in height, by one foot and nine inches in breadth.

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GASTON DE FOIX,

A full length, in armour,

Painted on wood, by GIORGIONE.

HE was killed near Naples, by purfuing the enemy too far. This portrait was probably done after his death, his eyes being closed.

This picture is less than two feet in length, by about one in breadth.

THE MIRACLE

OFTHE

LOAVES AND FISHES,

By SEBASTIAN DEL PIOMBO, Scholar of GIORGIONE.

THIS painter became the favourite of Michael Angelo; and it is reported, that he gave him defigns of his own to enable him to contend with Raphael; which Michael Angelo hoped would fucceed, by the union of his own masterly defigns, and Sebastian's fine Venetian colouring. He went fo far as to paint the Resurrection of Lazarus, for Julio de Medici, intended to be hung as a companion to Raphael's Transfiguration; but this scheme proved abortive; because neither Michael Angelo nor Sebastian could imitate the graces of Raphael; while he could profit by every excellence of his contemporaries. This picture was fent to Julio's episcopal palace at Narvon; and is now to be seen in the collection of the Palais Royal.

The characters of the heads in this picture refemble those of Michael Angelo. The colouring is strong; the relievo great; the gradation of the figures, and the whole perspective, excellent.

There are twelve figures near the eye. The multitude are at a distance, on the banks of the river.

Our Saviour is dreffed in his feamless coat, and stands in the

ftrongest light; his feet are uncovered; there are scarce any folds in his drapery; his hands are spread out bleffing the small provision; his features differ very much from every representation of other painters.

The disciples are all uncovered; and full of attention: their draperies are diversified into red, blue, yellow, brown, and white. There is a figure that bends obliquely forward, and stretches out his right hand, whose body appears completely in the air; the light falls upon his head and back; he is clothed with a red drapery.

The dimensions are, three feet four inches in height, by five feet seven inches in breadth.

TITIAN'S MISTRESS

INTHE

CHARACTER OF VENUS,

By TITIAN.

THE upper part of the figure is uncovered; her left hand is fpread upon her breaft; and her right fupports her loofe drapery; her head is turned to the left. On which fide a Cupid ftands with a mirror in his hand, which reflects that part of the face, arm, and body which are concealed.

The dimensions are, three feet eleven inches and an half in height, by three feet four inches and an half in breadth.

This picture has been engraved; and the attitude has been borrowed by painters, who used different models:

This particular picture was once in the collection of Monsieur Colbert; and was purchased from an old lady, who had it as a part of executry.

MARY MAGDALENE

IN THE WILDERNESS,

A Half-length, by TITIAN.

SHE has no drapery; but her long hair, which falls over her breaft, on which is placed her right hand.

This picture is remarkable forits relievo. It was purchased from the collection of Baron Fraula.

The dimensions are, two feet ten inches and an half in height, by two feet one inch and an half in breadth.—This picture has been engraved.

OUR SAVIOUR

Crowned with Thorns,

A picture by TITIAN, about three quarter length.

HE has no drapery; his head is reclined towards the right; the right arm is feen; the left is hid by the turn of his body.

The dimensions are, two feet one inch and three fourths in height, by one foot nine inches and one fourth in breadth.

There is a repetition of this picture in the cathedral at Bruffels.

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A

HOLY FAMILY,

By TITIAN.

IN which is St. John the Baptist. Joseph's face is a full view.

This composition has been engraved; but in the engraving Joseph is different.

The dimensions are, two feet feven inches and an half in height, by three feet two inches and one fourth in breadth.

FOUR STAGES of HUMAN LIFE

By TITIAN.

THIS picture is highly finished. The ground is landscape: the fky represents the evening before fun-fet. Manhood is represented by a shepherd, who sits under a shade, looking with the eyes of a lover towards a shepherdess, who has a pipe in each hand. She leans upon his knees, while he fits upon the ground with his legs across each other. His colouring is brown; and her's is fair and delicate; her hair is

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yellow; fhe wears a garland on her head; the drapery that comes over her arms is fine linnen, and the rest red cloth.

At a distance, fitting on the ground, toward the left side of the picture, is an old hermit, meditating on death. It appears by the old prints, that when this picture was first done, it had no hermit.

Beyond him two children ly upon the ground, mutually refting upon each other, in a profound fleep; they are both naked, and without wings. A third, about the fame age, winged, and with a little drapery, is beginning to climb a tree.

The dimensions are, three feet

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two inches in height, by four feet ten inches in breadth.

The execution of this picture is every way worthy of Titian in his best time. It belonged to a painter, who bestowed it as part of his daughter's portion.

There is another in the Palais Royale; which fome think, who have feen both, is neither fo highly finished nor so well preserved.

THE

EMBALMING of our SAVIOUR,

By TITIAN.

THIS composition consists of eight figures; which are not imitations of the antique, but of simple nature.

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The attitude of the dead body of our Saviour is near the fame with his picture of the Laying in the Tomb.

The dimensions are, three feet ten inches in height, by five feet one inch in breadth. I have seen no print nor repetition of this picture.

THE

VIRGIN AND CHILD,

Accompanied by two ANGELS.

By TITIAN.

THE dimensions are, two feet eight inches in height, by two feet one inch and an half in breadth. I have been told that there is a repetition of this picture at Kenfington.

THE

DESCENT of the HOLY GHOST

AT PENTECOST,

Painted by TITIAN when he was fixty-one years of age, and enlarged in the Saluté at Venice.

THIS picture is painted with extraordinary freedom, great variety and vivacity of expression.

The dimensions are, four feet nine inches in height, by three feet sive inches and an half in breadth.

SMALL PICTURE,

Enlarged for the Altar of St. Nicholas at Venice; the large one is fince ruined by time.

THE lower part of the picture reprefents fix faints, in which connoisseurs find he has taken for a model an antient statue for each.

On the right fide of the picture is St. Catherine in profile; her face is turned towards the left. By her is St. Nicholas; a majestic figure, with an expression suppofed to imitate the force and greatness of the Laocoon. The next is St. Peter. The two that follow are monastics; one of them is distinguished by a white flower: these perhaps represent St. Anthony and St. Dominic. The last is St. Sebastian; whose attitude plainly resembles the Antinous.

In the fky appears the Virgin and Child, attended by angels.

An enlargement of this picture has been lately found torn by the middle feam of the cloth, in two halfs, and these in different places; and was purchased by the late Pope at a large price. This feam is observed to be usual in Titian's large pictures.

The dimensions are, three feet eight inches and an half in height, by two feet two inches and an half in breadth.

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MARTYRDOM

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SAINT PETER MARTYR

MISSIONARY to the VAUDOIS.

REPRESENTING two monks dreffed in white; one of whom flies away in great terror; the other is cast down on the ground; and a man in great fury, holding one of his arms with his left hand, lifts up his right to give him a mortal wound.

In the higher part of the picture are two angels; one of whom holds up the palm of martyrdom.

The figures, the trees, and the fky are all highly finished; but the colouring is fomething different from Titian's; and is probably a copy, carefully done by Pouffin.

The dimensions are, two feet three inches in height, by one foot eight inches and one fourth in breadth.

The fky, the landscape, and the figures in this little picture are admirable; and as the great picture has been long in ruins, this must have been done at an early period. There are various prints after the original picture.

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SUPPER AT EMMAUS,

By TITIAN.

THE figures are differently arranged from those in the picture engraved; and the manner of painting more in the style of Giorgione. The effect of the departing sun in the sky is beautiful.

The dimensions are, three feet in height, by three feet six inches in breadth.

I have feen no engraving of the composition as in this picture.

SAME SUBJECT,

By TITIAN; on wood,

THE figures are disposed as in the engraving, and in the picture at Versailles.

This picture is highly finished, in the best coloury of Titian; and the countenance of our Saviour is of remarkably fine expression.

The dimensions are, one foot five inches in height, by one foot eleven inches and an half in breadth.

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JOSEPH receiving the CHILD

from the VIRGIN,

By TITIAN.

JOSEPH is on the right fide of the picture, and a Bishop kneels upon the left. This Bishop is faid to be the same that was afterwards Sextus V.

The fame composition is engraved in the Prince Leopold's Cabinet, with the portrait of a different person.

The dimensions are, one foot eleven inches and three fourths in height, by two feet seven inches and one fourth in breadth.

VENUS AND ADONIS,

The fize of life, by TITIAN.

THIS picture is remarkable for an extraordinary glow of warmth in the colouring. It has been later done by him than any I have feen on this fubject, as appears by the changes and additions.

Adonis' head is covered by a hunting-cap. The Cupid is not playing with a pigeon, as in all the pictures on this fubject engraved. He is here afleep; intended, perhaps, not only to represent the morning; but, allegorically, the situation of Adonis.

There is also an Aurora in the

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clouds; and Adonis is attended with three dogs, which is one more than in the usual pictures. The javeline, that is usually incomplete, by rising above the height of the picture, is here seen in its extremity.

The expression of the figures, and the admirable beauty of the colouring must strike with surprise and pleasure.

This picture was in the collection of the Count Vatville; and was exchanged by him for other pictures.

The dimensions are, fix feet two inches in height, by fix feet three inches in breadth.

VENUS SLEEPING,

By TITIAN.

THE ground is different from any other; and the figure after a different model. This picture has fuffered by time.

The dimensions are, one foot two inches in height, by one foot fix inches and three fourths in breadth.

ANOTHER SLEEPING VENUS, By TITIAN.

THERE is a Cupid fitting on the foreground, at the right fide of the picture; his right hand is lifted up to his hair; his left crof-

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fes his breaft; he rests his bow on the ground.

On the right fide, behind Venus, hangs a curtain. From behind the curtain the profile of a young man is feen, who plays upon a flute. The figure of Venus has fuffered by time, and undergone fome reparation.

The background is landscape. In the distant sky is seen the dawn of the morning.

The dimensions are, three feet two inches in height, by six feet two inches and an half in breadth.

Titian has frequently repeated this fubject; but I have feen none accompanied with the fame fcenery, landscape, and figures.

ACOPY

AFTER

ANOTHER VENUS,

By TITIAN,

An original formerly belonging to a noble Italian Family; and fince to Mr. Hamilton, History-painter at Rome.

THIS copy, which is highly finished, was, with Mr. Hamilton's permission, copied by Mr. Co-CHRANE.

The dimensions are, three feet feven inches in height, by five feet feven inches in breadth.

GRACES AT A FOUNTAIN,

Where there is a Statue of VENUS;

By TITIAN.

TWO of the Graces only are feen: the one holds up a mirror, in which she looks; her face being turned to the right side of the picture. The other, turned toward the left, rests her right hand upon the fountain; her countenance is beautiful; and is all, as it were, real nature and life.

These figures are accompanied with a great multitude of Cupids in different actions, and grouped

with great art; every figure has its own peculiar character; and the landscape is beautiful.

Ridolphi mentions three different pictures done by Titian on this fubject. This is later, and more perfect than the picture from which the print is done.

Titian's name is upon this picture; and it is, perhaps, the most capital work done by him. An eminent connoisseur, looking at the linnen, said, He could have known the picture to be Titian's by that alone; because nobody painted linnen in that manner but himself.

Bellori fays, that Fiamingo the famous fculptor, and Nicolas Pouffin, took the forms of the children in this picture for their flandard of tafte; and that the one by modelling after them, and the other by drawing and copying, acquired the excellencies that appear in their pictures, when they paint Cupids or children.

Several French writers affirm the fame flory; but this was unknown to Pouffin's brother-inlaw; perhaps, because it happened before his connection.

The dimensions are, five feet feven inches and three fourths in height, by five feet nine inches in breadth.

A

CONCERT OF MUSIC,

By TITIAN. On wood.

IN the principal group there are twelve figures. On the right fide of the picture a man fits playing on a guitar. The next figure is playing on a harpfichord: these figures face one another.

Beyond this last figure is one finging; who probably directs the band; his eyes feem to be looking down towards a paper.

The following figure plays on a violin, and is nearer the foreground. In the fame line with the former finger, there is another, who has a book in his hand.

The two figures that follow have their faces turned towards the right of the picture, and play on wind-instruments. The first is clothed in red, and feen in profile: the other in green. The last figure in the concert plays on a bass-viol.

The four remaining figures in this group are hearers of the concert. There is a dog in the foreground, much in the lionform.

To the left of the picture there is a fmall group, containing two ladies, and fome distant figures.

The dimensions are, one foot

three inches and an half in height, by two foot fix inches and an half in breadth.

ORPHEUS IN THE SHADES,

By TITIAN.

THIS composition consists of nine figures, less than life. On the right fide of the picture is Charon, Sysiphus and Orpheus. In the centre the Furies. On the left fide Pluto and Proferpine.

The dimensions are, four feet four inches in height, by five feet eleven inches in breadth.

I have feen no print nor repetition of this picture.

VIRGIN AND CHILD,

With St. JEROME, St. CATHERINE, and another Saint kneeling before them;

By TITIAN;

Though perhaps not all coloured by himfelf.

SAINT Jerome is offering drink from a shell. All the figures are the size of life.

The dimensions are, four feet fix inches in height, by fix feet fix inches in breadth.

VIRGIN, OUR SAVIOUR,

AND

SAINT JOHN,

Painted on wood, by TITIAN.

THE dimensions are, one foot feven inches in height, by one foot four inches in breadth.

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TWO WOMEN BATHING,

By TINTORET.

THE figures are the fize of life, highly finished, and of great relievo. The painter supposes them to hear the noise of some person or persons coming that way; at which the youngest closes her eyes, and hangs down her head, turning it away from the quarter from which the sound is supposed to come.

The other, less timid, applies her left hand to one of her breasts in manner of one giving suck to a child: an expedient by which the painter informs us that she is a matron. She rests her right hand upon the ground; and turns about her head to the place from whence the sound comes, with a menacing air.

There are two figures done after the fame models in Tintoret's Slaughter of the Innocents.

The dimensions are, three feet one inch in height, by four feet five inches in breadth.

OUR SAVIOUR

Taken down from the Cross,

By TINTORET.

THE composition consists of five figures. Joseph of Arimathea supports the dead body of our Saviour. Magdalene has her arms ftretched out; her body is bowed down; she is looking to the Saviour. Another woman supports the head of the Virgin, who is falling into a faint.

There is a print of this picture, which appears to have been done from this individual one; being of the fame fize with the print, except a little concealed from the graver by the frame. There are few works of Tintoret on fo fmall a fcale.

The dimensions are, eleven inches and an half in height, by one foot two inches and an half in breadth.

TAKING DOWN FROM THE CROSS,

A Botzo, by TINTORET.

THIS composition consists of upwards of fifteen figures. The colouring is warm; the light and shadow strong; the attitudes and expressions much diversified and animated. I know not whether there is any large picture or print after this composition.

The dimensions are, two feet in height, by one foot eight inches and an half in breadth.

BURNING OF TROY,

At MIDNIGHT, from VIRGIL,

By TINTORET.

THIS picture is done with great fire and spirit; but not much finished; and is become so dark, that it is not to be feen without a ftrong light and proportionate distance.

The dimensions are, four feet eleven inches in height, by feven feet eleven inches in breadth.

HEZEKIAH THREATENED

WITH DEATH,

After having shewn his Treasures to the Messengers of the King of Babylon; a fine picture,

By PAUL VERONESE.

BEHIND the King is a red curtain; behind the curtain, branches coming more to the left; behind the branches, part of a round temple; and behind the temple, a fky befpread with white clouds.

The King's feet are upon a red cushion; his under drapery is yellow, the upper mantle red; the folds are large and elegantly

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disposed; his hands are clasped in one another; his right elbow leans upon a table loaded with gold, and fupports the other arm; the arms cross his breast, but are finely detached from it by the light which feems to come from above, and falls between the arms and breaft. Surprife and confternation are in his countenance; his head is turned to the left of the picture; where Death, in the form of a skeleton, enters with a menacing countenance.

Immediately before Death is a table covered with red filk, ornamented with gold, and loaded with little bags filled with treafure. Beyond the table, to the right, on which Hezekiah leans,

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a statue of gold is partly feen; and above the gold on the table, lies his crown.

On the foreground of the picture, to the right, are vafes of gold and filver. By the vafes, is an open trunk, filled with ornaments of gold and precious stones, part of which hang over upon the outside.

The dimensions are, four feet fix inches in height, by three feet feven inches in breadth.

I know of no repetition nor print after this fine picture.

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WISE MEN OF THE EAST

Paying Homage at the Birth of our Saviour,

By Paul Veronese.

THE King that kneels is clothed in a bright yellow. Two boys fupport his train: the one nearest the eye is chiefly clothed in white. The figures that have different turbants and caps, represent his guards.

At this period, Paul Veronese has had a false idea of contrast. Beside a head of the greatest gravity, thought, and devotion, he

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places a profile, almost touching it, strongly marked by levity and folly; which makes the same unnatural mixture as tragedy with comedy. He has also placed an ape, altho' in the shade, very improperly, near the Virgin; and the pleasing impression made by the sigure of the Virgin, far from being heightened by the sight of that disagreeable object, is rather disturbed.

The dimensions are, two feet four inches in height, by three feet ten inches in breadth.

Paul Veronese has painted this subject several times; but I have seen no repetition nor print of this particular composition.

AN

ENTERTAINMENT or COLLATION

By PAUL VERONESE.

On Wood.

THERE are fix persons sitting round an oval table, in pairs, in the open air, in a court; on each side of which there is magnificent architecture and sigures. Behind, there is more architecture and mountains.

The dimensions are, two feet five inches and an half in height, by three feet eleven inches in breadth. This picture is probably not engraved.

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THE

FEEDING OF FIVE THOUSAND

WITH

FIVE LOAVES and TWO FISHES,

By PAUL VERONESE.

THIS picture may contain about one hundred figures, of both fexes and of all ages, fitting in the field. The trees that rife behind them feem a forest. Few compositions contain so great a variety of forms, expressions, and attitudes; all executed in a masterly manner, after consulting nature: for each figure has its own peculiar form and character, as people are seen in life.

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There are two naked children, and two dogs of a white colour, upon the foreground.

The dimensions are, one foot feven inches and an half in height, by two feet eight inches in breadth.

I know not if this composition was ever enlarged or engraved; few would attempt to copy so large a composition.

THE

WISE MEN OF THE EAST,

By PAUL VERONESE.

A Composition of about fixteen figures; with a camel and horses. In the background there is a palace to the right, and a landscape

PAUL VERONESE. 279 to the left of the picture. This picture was probably painted to be enlarged.

The dimensions are, one foot ten inches and an half in height, by two feet one inch and three fourths in breadth.

THE

SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS

AT BETHLEHEM,

By PAUL VERONESE.

IN this picture the mothers all lament, without refentment; and it is perhaps the only one where the fubject is treated in that manner.

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The dimensions are, three feet four inches and an half in height, by five feet in breadth.

OUR SAVIOUR,

After having been taken down from the Crofs, supported by the

VIRGIN AND AN ANGEL,

BY

PAUL VERONESE. On copper.

OUR Saviour is in the attitude of fitting; his head refts upon the Virgin's breaft. Her fingers are feen under each arm fupporting his body.

The angel weeps; his face is feen in profile, looking towards

our Saviour; with his right hand he fupports the left of our Saviour; his left arm extended, the hand open, is expressive of the lively feelings of his mind.

The right arm and hand of our Saviour hang perpendicularly down: this differs from another picture of his on the fame fubject; where his hand is curved.

The dimensions are, one foot five inches and an half in height, by one foot one inch in breadth.

The first mentioned picture of this composition was engraved by Augustine Caracci; and of late in the cabinet of Crozat.

THE

KINGS

PRESENTING THEIR OFFERINGS,

By PAUL VERONESE,

When a Young Man. On wood.

THERE is a golden crown and fceptre lying on the foreground; and beyond them, a golden vafe.

One of the Kings falutes the hand of the Child; his upper mantle is a rich fcarlet, lined with white fatin; the garment below is green; and from below that again, there appears a drapery of red and yellow, approaching a gold colour.

Behind this King stands another, who has a gold vase of a different form, which he is just opening; his drapery is of four different colours.

Joseph is behind, in a leaning attitude: the painting of his face very much faded.

The Ethiopian King has likewife a vafe, which is different from the other two, in his left hand, and his fceptre in his right.

The dimensions are, three feet fix inches in height, by two feet five inches in breadth.

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TWOSHEPHERDS

In the Field, with a Flock;

A Botzo; by Bassan.

THE dimensions are, nine inches in height, by ten inches and an half in breadth.

ANOTHER

FLOCK, with three SHEPHERDS,

By BASSAN.

TWO of them have veffels in their hands. There are two dogs: one of them is afleep on the foreground.

The dimensions are, one foot feven inches and an half in height, by one foot nine inches and an half in breadth.

A

NIGHT-PIECE,

By Bassan.

SAINT JOHN holds a candle, from which comes all the light in the picture. The fubject is, our Saviour, after having been taken down from the cross. His head rests upon the breast of the Virgin; his feet upon the foreground of the picture; the light falls on his knees, and ftreams down on his feet; it falls likewife on his face and breaft, and upon a drapery that covers his belly, and falls down between his thighs; the rest of the thighs are in the shade.

Behind our Saviour is the Virgin: the light flews the form of her face, and the outer fide of the palm of her right hand.

Mary Magdalene flands behind with her arms stretched out, her hands open, and lifted upwards; her face is turned up, and inclined to the left.

The painter feems to have been more intent in shewing the surprising effects of light and shadow, than to please you with the beauty of his forms; and the effect of the whole is rather terrible than pleasing.

The dimensions are, two feet ten inches and an half in height, by two feet seven inches and an half in breadth.

OUR

SAVIOUR

Taken down from the Crofs,

By BASSAN.

IN the middle of the picture is a candle of large dimension, that has a strong blaze: from this candle all the light in the picture proceeds. The standard of the cross is seen, the rest supposed.

Joseph of Arimathea is placed behind the head of our Saviour, which leans upon his knee; and he supports the upper part of his body with a cloth: he is feen in profile.

Behind Joseph is a figure of an inferior rank, who leans upon a ladder.

Our Saviour lies with his head to the right fide of the picture, and his feet towards the left: the light falls upon his breaft, and upon his thighs; but much more upon his right thigh, which is nearest to the foreground of the picture.

The Virgin is kneeling, her hands open, and declining downwards; her drapery is red, blue, and white; the light falls strongly on her face, her white drapery, and her hands.

Mary Magdalene is to the right, fupporting her. There is another woman in the shade weeping.

In the different countenances there is more thoughtfulness and inward recollection, than passionate grief.

The dimensions are, two feet fix inches in height, by three feet five inches and an half in breadth.

These two last pictures are probably painted by Leander Bassan.

THE

ANGELS APPEARING TO THE

SHEHERDS BY NIGHT.

A Composition of seven human figures and an angel: the slocks are also seen. The effects of light and shadow in this picture are admirable.

The honest simplicity of the shepherds is exceedingly pleasing; and the expression of the passions natural, beautiful, and strong. The coloury is fresh; and the execution of the whole is worthy of Giacomo Bassan the father.

The dimensions are, three feet five inches in height, by four feet one inch in breadth.

THE

SHEPHERDS

Presenting their Offerings at the Birth of our Saviour,

By BASSAN.

The dimensions are, two feet ten inches and an half in height, by four feet one inch in breadth.

A

RURAL SCENE,

By BASSAN.

ON the foreground are three cocks. To the right of the picture there is a woman milking a goat, and two others beside it. To the left of the picture there is a man on horseback, attended by two greyhounds. On the foreground of the same side, there is a woman pulling slowers, and putting them in a basket. A rabbit feeds behind her.

On the right extremity of the picture there is a kettle standing

on the ground. A man stands beside it, with a pot in his hand. Beyond him there is a fire, with a pan hanging by a crook. A woman blows the fire with a pair of bellows. Behind her there is a cook employed; and a dog at his side. The ground of the picture is landscape.

The dimensions are, two feet eight inches and an half in height, by four feet in breadth.

THE

SHEPHERDS

Presenting their Offerings, painted on wood by BASSAN.

THE

RAPE OF THE SABINES,

By BASSAN.

THIS picture was painted by Baffan to be enlarged, and more highly finished. The enlarged picture is in the collection of the King of Sardinia.

PICTURES OMITTED IN THEIR PROPER PLACES.

THE

VIRGIN.

A Study of RAPHAEL for a picture of the Virgin and Child, which he executed.

The dimensions are, one foot feven inches in height, by one foot three inches in breadth.

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RAPHAEL'S GALATEA

In the Little Farnese.

THE dimensions are, two feet one inch in height, by one foot seven inches in breadth.

INNOCENCE, WITH A LAMB,

A Copy after Correggio.

THE dimensions are, one foot and three fourths of an inch in height, by one foot three inches and an half in breadth.

THE

SALUTATION of our SAVIOUR

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SAINT JOHN the BAPTIST,

By Guido. On wood.

A RED drapery, croffing the left fhoulder of our Saviour, comes round the right thigh, the other end falls over his back, and appears in elegant folds, gently blown by the wind; his expreffion is meek benevolence; his air fimplicity and grace.

The looks of Saint John mark, a reverend attention; his face is

feen in profile; his breaft approaches to a front view; his arms, croffing each other, are placed on his breaft; his body, bent forward, refts chiefly upon his right foot; and his left knee bowing, the leg is thrown behind.

The left arm of our Saviour coming round the right fide of St. John's neck, the hand refts upon his left shoulder; and the right arm of our Saviour, which is uncovered, the hand open, is expressive of his goodwill to St. John.

The ground of the picture is landscape, and the figures are entire.

I have feen no engraving of this picture, which well deferves to be engraved.

The dimensions are, one foot three inches in height, by ten inches and three fourths in breadth.

THE END OF THE SECOND VOLUME.

















