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*A Groat's worth of Wit*

FOR A

**PENNY:**

OR, THE

**INTERPRETATION**

OF

*Dreams, Moles, &c.*



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GROAT'S WORTH OF WIT,

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PENNY.

*How a man or maid shall know the dream, whether they shall have the they love, or not.*

If a maid loves a man, and dream she is going to church with another man, and that she runs from him she will assuredly have the man she desireth: but if she dream she goeth into church with the other man, she will not have the man she loveth. the man dreams any thing which is assured is like the aforesaid, it denotes the like fortune as to a woman.

## *The Signification of MOLES.*

IF a man has a mole opposite the heart, it shews him vicious; if a woman, it shews the same. If a man has a mole on the neck, it signifies he shall become very rich; if a woman the same. If a man has a mole behind the neck, it demonstrates he shall be beheaded, except God, through earnest prayers, prevent the same. If a man or woman have a mole on either lip, it denotes gluttony. A mole on a man's chin denotes he shall be rich in money and possessions: the woman having a mole on the same place demonstrates she will have the like success, and that she hath likewise a mole opposite the melt or spleen; if a man hath a mole on the ears, it shews he shall be rich and very much revered and well spoken of; the like to a woman; if a woman or a man have a mole on the loins it denotes a weak and poor kindred, as well as very great want; if a mole be seen on both

the shoulders of a man, let him be  
 ware of imprisonment; if a man has  
 a mole on the throat, it shews he shall  
 marry a rich and beautiful woman;  
 if a woman has one on the same place  
 it shews she shall marry a wealthy and  
 comely man; if a mole appear on the  
 hand of either man or woman, it shews  
 prosperity and enjoyment of children;  
 if a man or woman have a mole on the  
 breast, it shews much loss and pove-  
 rty; if either man or woman have  
 a mole on the bottom of the belly,  
 argues weakness, sickness, and sorrow;  
 if a mole in either man or woman  
 near the private parts, it shews un-  
 speakable covetousness; if a woman  
 has a mole on the right knee, it shews  
 her honest and virtuous; if on the left  
 knee, she will have many children;  
 if a mole on the ankle of a man, shews  
 that he shall take on him the woman's part;  
 if a woman with one on the same place  
 shews that she will be desirous to re-  
 turne taking the man's part; if either  
 has a mole on the foot, it is a signe

that they shall travel into strange countries, and a mole on the right side of either sex, signifies honesty and riches: but on the left side to be surrounded with dire calamities: if a man have a mole on his forehead, it shews he shall possess much wealth by means of his wife; a woman having a mole on the forehead is born either to govern; or come to high dignity; if a man has a mole on the eye-brow, let him refrain from marriage: for if he marries he shall have seven wives in his life-time; a woman having a mole on the same place stands fair to have as many husbands: if a man hath a mole on his nose, somewhat of a ruddy colour, it denotes him a person over much given to the venereal act; if a woman have a mole on the nether jaw, she will lead her life in much sorrow and pain of body, because she has that within her which hinders her from bearing children; If a man have the form of a mole on his tongue, it shews he shall wed a rich and virtuous woman.



*The Signification of Dreams.*

If you dream of men with bill words, or writings in their hands, then beware of being arrested the day following.—If you dream of a snake or a serpent, and they come near to hurt you, then look well to yourself for there are private enemies seeking to destroy both you and yours.—If you dream you reach the top of a hill, it shews you will next day put an end to some affair of consequence; but if you fall before you reach the top, it shews your suit will be lost.—If you dream of troubled water, and that you fall into it, you may expect to hear bad news the next day.—If you dream you outrun a hare, then you shall receive a letter or letters the next day.—If you dream you are beshitten, and are not, then you will have good fortune in all your business the next day.—If you dream of eggs that are broken, there was much mischief per-

tending towards you, but it is past and gone.—If a woman dreams of eggs that are whole, she and her neighbours will have a sad bout of scolding the next day.—If a man dream that he is lying with his neighbour's wife, and is not, then the devil is using his best endeavours to rob him of what he ought not to lose.—If a man that is born under the planet Mars, sees two or three moons at once in his dream, then let him expect to hear strange news from the great ones—It is good to dream of gold, but bad to dream of small pieces of silver—If you dream your friends are dead, it signifies they are well—if a man or woman dream of a black coffin it denotes some kindred of theirs is dead. It is bad to dream of birds or cackling hens, but very good to dream of corn and bread—It is good for a man to dream of his going or climbing up any place, but bad to dream of falling down any place.

*Of the Fortunes and Destinies of persons  
born under the Twelve Signs, according  
to Ptolemeus.*

To know what planet a person is born under, it is necessary to observe that there are seven planets, which are attributed to the seven days of the week; each day hath its name of planet: Sol shews Sunday, being the most worthy, and so takes the worthiest day. Luna governs the first hour of Monday, Mars the first on Tuesday, Mercury on Wednesday, Jupiter on Thursday, Venus on Friday, and Saturn on Saturday. The natural day hath twenty-four hours, and each several hour reigns a planet. It is to be understood that, when you begin to reckon on Sunday, you must reckon thus, Sol, Venus, Mercury, Luna, Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars, and when the number is on, you must then begin with the hour in which you would know what



planet reigneth. On Monday we must begin at Luna, on Tuesday at Mars, Wednesday at Mercury, Thursday at Jupiter, Friday at Venus, and Saturday at Saturn.

Thus, when the number of the planets is past, you must begin in order as aforesaid. At one o'clock on Sunday morning reigneth Sol; at two Venus, and so by order in every hour. When a child is born, it is to be known at what hour, in the beginning, in the midst, or at the end; if it be in the beginning he shall hold of the same, and of the other before; if in the midst, it shall hold of the same, and of the next after: nevertheless, the planet which he is born under shall not rule over the other, and that of the day shall have the most predomination, which is the cause the child holds divers planets, and has several conditions:

He that is born under the Sun will be prudent, wise, and eloquent. Those who are born under Venus are beloved of every man, and they shall bear a rule. They who are born under Mer-

cury, are not the most prudent. They who are born under Luna, generally have high foreheads, ruddy, merry visaged, shame-faced, and very religious. They who are born under Jupiter, are hardy, fair visaged, ruddy, chaste, and vagabonds. They who are born under Mars, are great speakers, liars, thieves and deceivers, and are generally very big, and odd of colour.

*The Birth of Children and other Events with respect to the Moons Age, and the Day of the Week.*

*1st.*

To be born the first day of the new moon, portends their life shall be pleasant, with an increase of riches.

*2nd.*

A child born on the second day will grow apace, and be inclined to lust of either sex. It is lucky on this day to send messages of trade by land, and sow seed.

*3d.*

A child born on the third day will

be short lived. Never begin any work of moment on this day. Thefts committed on this day will soon be discovered.

*4th.*

The fourth day is bad. Persons falling sick on this day rarely recover; and the dreams will have no effect.

*5th.*

The fifth day is favourable to begin a good work, and the dreams will be tolerably successful; the child born on that day will be deceitful and proud.

*6th.*

The sixth day the dream will not immediately come to pass; and the child born will not live long.

*7th.*

The seventh. Do not tell your dream on this day, for much depends on concealing them; if sickness befalls you on this day, you will soon recover; the child born will live long, and have many troubles.

*8th.*

The eighth day, the dream will come to pass, and is a very prosperous day

*9th.*

The ninth day differs very little from the former; the child born this day, will arrive at great riches and honour.

*10th.*

The tenth day is likely to be fatal: those who fall sick will very rarely recover, but the child born, on this day, will live long and be a great traveller.

*11th.*

The eleventh is a day to be married, or commence a journey. A child born at this age of the moon will be healthy, handsome, and of a good constitution, with a particular mole on its forehead. If a female, will be remarkable for wisdom.

*12th.*

On the twelfth day, the child born will meet every affection, but be of a bad temper. This is a very unlucky day, particularly to those falling sick.

*13th.*

A child born on the thirteenth day will be unfortunate, both in temper

and estate; though a good day for marriages, or to find things which have been lost. Persons imprisoned on this day will soon have their liberty.

14th.

A child whose nativity is on the fourteenth day, will die as a traitor. An excellent day to ask a favour. Take physic this day.

15th.

The fifteenth day is very unfortunate. A good day to find anything that is lost.

16th.

The child born on the sixteenth day, will be unmanneredly and unfortunate. Buy and sell on this day. Dreams portend luck on this day.

17th.

The seventeenth of the moon, a child to be born on, shews it will be foolish. You may take physic, let blood, or contract business on this day.

18th.

The eighteenth day is fortunate, both for male and female born on it.



19th.

A nativity on the nineteenth day, the child will be wise and virtuous, and will arrive at great honours.

20th.

Your dreams portend good on the twentieth day of the moon, though a child on that day will be dishonest.

21st.

A child born on the twenty-first day will be of so unhappy a disposition, that let him look to the sword of justice, perhaps, "black with murder, sacrilege, and crimes." An unhappy fatality attends this day.

22nd.

On the twenty-second day, the child that is born, will purchase a good estate, he will be handsome, religious, and well beloved. This is a good day to remove bees.

23d.

On the twenty-third day, the child that is born, will be of an ungovernable temper, a great traveller, but die miserable. Good day to be married, or commence business.

24th.

On the twenty-fourth day, the child born, will achieve many heroic actions.

25th.

The child born on the twenty-fifth day, will be very wicked, and meet with many dangers. It is a very unfortunate day, and threatens vexation.

26th.

On the twenty-sixth day, the child, born, shall be very amiable; if a male, will meet but an indifferent state in the world; if a female, she will be married to a rich man for her beauty.

27th.

On the twenty-seventh day, a child born on this day will have every engaging quality, but will not rise to any great preferment. This is a very lucky day.

28th.

On the twenty-eighth day, the child that is born shall be the delight of his parents, but have much sickness.

29th.

On the twenty-ninth day, the child

then born shall be blessed with long life, and attain an eminent degree of holiness and virtue. A good day for marrying.

30th.

A child born on the thirtieth, will be fortunate and happy. This day equally as the last.

The child born on a Sunday, shall be of a long life, and obtain riches.

On Monday. Weak, of an effeminate temper, which seldom brings a man of honour.

On Tuesday. The person born will be subject to violent starts of passion, not easily reconciled; and if a man, given to illicit connections, which cause misfortunes to rise; and he will be in danger of dying by violence from them.

On Wednesday. Shall be given to learning and profit thereby.

On Thursday. He shall arrive to great honour and riches.

On Friday. He shall be of a strong constitution, and perhaps lecherous.

On Saturday. This day is a bad

day, though the child may comē to good. They are of a clogged disposition.

*OF the four elements, and of the four complexions of men.*

These four are the elements.

AIR, EARTH, FIRE, and WATER.

The twenty-four hours of the day and night rule sanguine, cholerick, melancholy and phlegm, according to Ptolemeus.

*How a man may know whether himself or friend waxing sick, shall live or die.*

The 6th and 16th day of March, shalt thou draw blood out of thy right arm. The 11th of April out of thy left arm. In the end of April out of which arm thou wilt, and especially against a fever, and if thou dost, neither shalt thou lose thy sight, nor shalt thou have a fever so long as you live. And whosoever on the 7th March is let blood in the right arm, and on the 10th of April in the left, shall recover—On the

4th and last days of May, if let blood in both arms, no fever shall ensue.

Whosoever, on the first day of the month falls into any infirmity, is in danger the three ensuing days, which pass'd he shall escape thirty-six days— Whosoever falls sick the second day, though he be long sick, yet he shall recover. He that falls sick the third will recover next change. If on the 4th, if he survives the 20th he shall escape. If the 5th, though he suffer grievously, he shall recover. If he fall sick on the 6th, though he seem to be healed, yet on the 15th of the next month he shall be dead. He that falleth sick on the 7th, if he be not well the 12th he will not recover. If on the 8th, the 9th, or the 10th, he shall be delivered with difficulty the next day. He that's sick on the 11th day, except he be delivered in two days, will die on the 15th. He that takes sick on the 12th or 13th day until the 18th day he shall be sick, if he pass which he will recover. He that



falls sick the 14th day, will recover on the next. He that falls sick on the 15th day, except he recover within 15 days he shall die. He that falls sick on the 16th day, shall not recover. He that waxeth sick on the 17th day, though he lie ill twenty-four days, on the twenty-eighth he shall be well. He that falls sick on the 18th day, shall die by the 19th of next month. He that falls sick on the 19th, shall soon recover. He that waxeth sick on the 20th shall likely escape. He that waxeth sick on the 21st, in five days shall be well. He that waxeth sick on the 22nd, or 23d days, shall be delivered within ten days. He that falleth sick the 24th day, though it be with grievousness or pain, in another month he shall be delivered. He that falleth sick on the twenty-fifth day, on the 17th he shall recover; yet nevertheless he shall die in the next month. He that falls sick on the 26th, though he suffer a little, yet will escape. He that waxeth sick on the 27th day,

though he suffer the remainder of the month, yet in the next he shall be delivered. He that falls sick on the 28th runs great hazard of death; as also on the 29th. He that sickens on the 30th, shall recover; but if on the 31st it is doubtful.

*A Night Spell to catch Thieves.*

The following will drive away any evil spirit that haunts houses or other places; and having it about you, no thief can harm you; but if he comes to rob a garden, orchard, or a house, he cannot go till the sun rises. You must have in the four corners of the house this sentence written upon fine true virgin parchment.

Omnes Spiritus laudet Dominum  
 Mosem habe,  
 Prophetas exerget Deus, dissipari  
 inter inimicos.

But if for a garden or orchard, it must be placed at the four corners thereof; and if to keep one from being robbed

on the road, to have it always about him, and fear God,

If your spell be set in the hour of Mars, which you may know by this book, you may be assured of success, in your endeavours to catch a thief.

If any think there is a harm in it, let him not use it; for my part I can find none.

He that covets the love of a woman, must court her in the hour of Venus, and he will gain more love than at any other hour.

### *Of the Head.*

I warn you to beware of persons who want or have any default of their members; or have the——\*, and of a man that has no beard, for such are inclined to divers vices and evils, and one should eschew his company as an enemy.

Plain hair signifies a person piteous and debonair.

\* Especially of women who have these bad qualities.

They that have red hair are commonly ireful, and lack wit, and are of little truth.

Black hair is a good colour, and signifies the love of justice; and if it be hard it shews the person loves concord, and is of a good and subtile wit.

A man with black hair, and a red beard, has the signs of lechery and of justice.

Black hair and crisp shews melancholy and lechery.

Hanging hair shews malice.

Great plenty of hair on a woman shews covetousness.

A person with great eyes is slothful, obedient, and desirous to know more than he doth; but when your eyes are not too big nor too small, it shews they are strong, and of a good and courteous behaviour.

#### *Of the Forehead.*

The forehead smooth, a flatterer, applied to the fawning dog. The forehead big and wrinkled, bold and applied to the lion. A high forehead, liberal, applied to the lion. An over-wrinkled

forehead, void of bashfulness; if the forehead be very big, slow and applied to the ox. If round, to be dull of apprehension, and applied to the ass. If it is plain it is circumspect, and applied to the ass, or the dog. A square formed forehead, bold and applied to the lion.

### *The Eyes.*

The eyes small shew shame facedness; how much bigger the eyes so the less malice but the more folly. The eyes large, standing out, foolish, fearful, and immodest. Eyes disorderly roving too rash and unquiet in mind. The eye-lid quavering, fearful. The eye moving swiftly, with a sharpish look, fraudulent, unfaithful, and a thief. The eye stedfastly looking, troubled in mind, and a deceiver. The eye very wide open, extremely imprudent.

### *The Nose.*

The nose round, with a sharpness at the end, wavering of mind. The nose crooked like the eagle's bill, too bold.



The nose flat, lecherous and full of passion. The nose large at the end, desirous of what they see. The end of the nose sharp, fierce, and full of words, as a sword, a rolling eye, a smiling countenance, and a scarlet nose, as right a lusty Roger, an artist of the school of Venus, and a lover of the female sex.

### CONCLUSION.

I wish good trading and good health  
 To all, where'er you dwell;  
 Much honor aye and much good wealth  
 To all who wish us well.

Let no distractions now abound,  
 Nor whig nor tory longer grumble;  
 But let the glass go cheerful round;  
 Yet for their sins let all be humble.

FINIS.