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THE HISTORY OF

The wicked LIFE and horrid DEATH of

Dr. JOHN FAUSTUS.

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How he sold himself to the Devil, to have
Power for 24 years to do what he pleased.

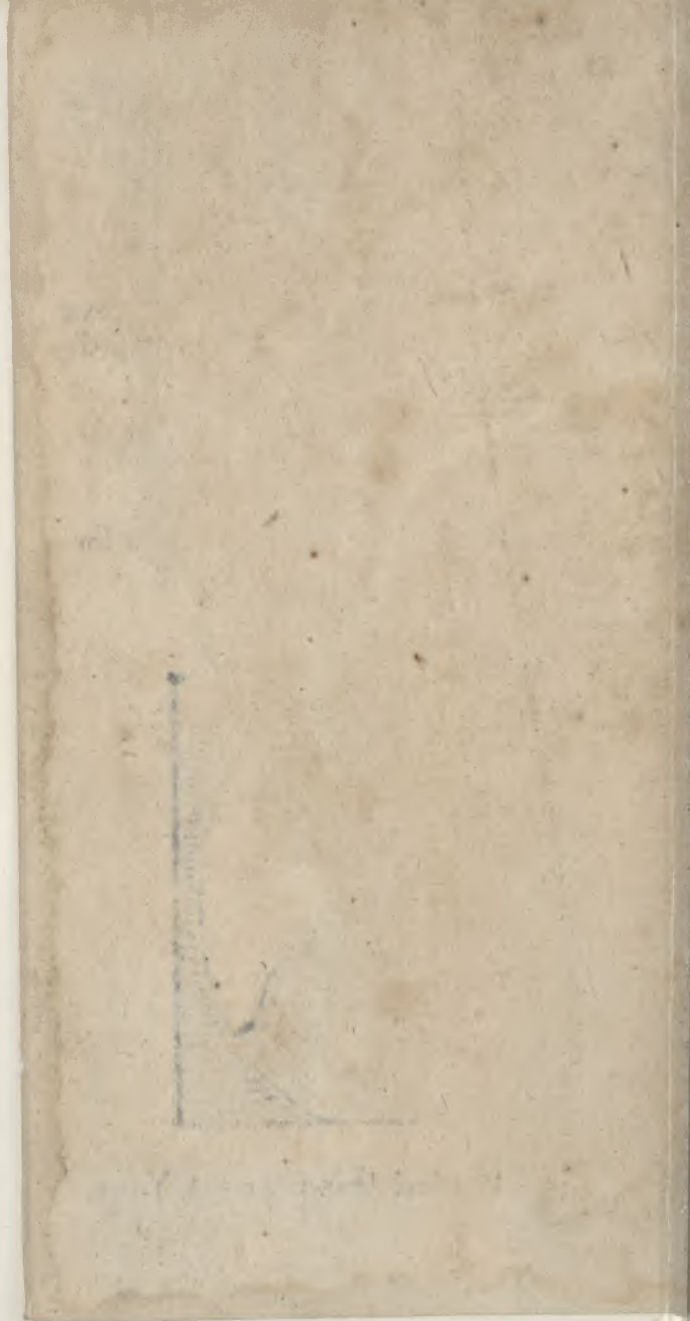
Also the strange things done by him and

MEPHOSTOPHILES.

With an account how the Devil came for
him at the end of 24 years, and
tore him in pieces.



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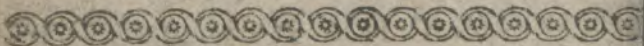
Dr JOHN FAUSTUS.

C H A P. I.

Dr Faustus's birth and education ; with an account of his falling from the Scriptures.

DOCTOR JOHN FAUSTUS was born in Germany ; his father was a poor labouring man, not able to bring up his son John ; but he had a brother in the same country, who was a very rich man but had never a child, and took a great fancy to his cousin, and he resolved to make a scholar of

him : and in order thereunto, put him to the *l* school, where he took his learning extraordinary well ; afterwards he put him to the University to study Divinity ; but Faustus could in no wise fancy that employment ; wherefore he betook himself to the studying of that which his inclination was most for, viz. Necromancy and Conjurat[i]on, and, in a little time, few or none could out-strip him in the art : He also studied Divinity ; of which he was made Doctor ; but within a short time fell into such deep fancies and cogitations, that he resolved to throw the scriptures from him, and betake himself wholly to the studying of necromancy and conjuration, charms and sooth-saying, witchcraft, and the like.



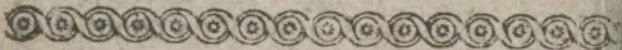
C H A P. II.

How Dr Faustus conjur'd up the Devil, making him appear at his house.

FAUSTUS, whose mind was to study conjuration, the which he followed night and day ; he took the wings of an eagle and endeavoured to fly over the world, to see and know all the secrets of heaven and earth : In a short time he attained power

command the devil to appear before him
when he pleased. One day as Dr Faustus
was walking in a wood, near to Wirtemberg,
Germany, he having a friend with him
that was desirous to know the doctor's art,
desired him to let him see if he could then
and there bring Mephostophiles before him;
which the doctor immediately did, and
the devil upon the first call made such a
noise in the wood, as if heaven and earth
should have come together; then the devil
made such a roaring, as if the wood had
been full of wild beasts. The doctor made
a circle for the devil, the which circle the
devil run round, making a noise as if ten
thousand waggons had been running upon
red stones. After this it thundered and
lightened as if the whole world had been on
fire. Faustus and his friend, amazed at this
noise, and the devil's long tarrying thought
to leave his circle; whereupon the devil
made him such music, the like was never
heard in the world: This so ravished Faustus
that he began again to conjure Mephostophiles
with the name of the prince of the devils, to
appear in his own likeness; whereupon, in
an instant, hung over his head a mighty
demon. Faustus calls again after his former
manner, after which there was a cry in the
wood as if hell had been opened, and all the

tormented souls had been there; Faustus in the mean while, asking the devil many questions, and commanding him to shew many tricks.



C H A P. III.

How Mephostophiles came to Dr Faustus's house, and what happened between them.

FAUSTUS commanded the spirit to meet him at his house by ten of the clock the next day. At the hour appointed he came into his chamber, asking Faustus what he would have; Faustus told him, it was his will and pleasure to conjure him to be obedient to him in all points of those articles, viz.

First, That the spirit should serve him in all things he asked, from that time till his death.

Secondly, Whatsoever he would have, he should bring him.

Thirdly, Whatsoever he desired to know he should tell him.

The spirit answered him and said, he had no such power of himself, until he had acquainted his prince that rul'd over him: "Faustus,"

said he, " we have rulers over us, that send
 us out, and command us home, when they
 please ; and we can act no farther than our
 power is, which we receive from Lucifer,
 who, you know, for his pride was thrust
 out of heaven. But," saith the spirit, " I
 am not to tell you any more except you
 make yourself over to us."

Whereupon Faustus said, " I will have my
 request ; but yet I will not be damned
 with you " Then said the spirit, " You
 must not, nor shall not have your desire,
 and yet thou art mine, and all the world
 cannot save thee out of my hands." Then
 said Faustus, " Get thee hence, and I con-
 jure thee, that thou come to me at night."

The spirit then vanished. Faustus then began
 to consider how he might obtain his desire,
 and not give his soul to the devil.

And while Faustus was in these his devilish
 cogitations, night drew on, and this hellish
 spirit appeared to Faustus, acquainting him
 that now he had orders from his prince to
 be obedient to him, and to do for him what-
 soever he desired, provided he would promise
 to be his, and withal to acquaint him first
 what he would have of him ? Faustus replied
 that his desire was to become a spirit, and
 that Mephistophiles should be always at his
 command ; that whensoever he called for

him, he shall appear invifible to all men
 and that he fhould appear in what fhape he
 pleased. To which the fpirit answered, that
 all his defires fhould be granted if he would
 fign thofe articles, he fhould have, whatever
 he would wifh or ask for ; whereupon Dr.
 Faustus withdrew, and prick'd his wriſt, re-
 ceiving the blood in a ſmall faucer, which
 cooled fo faſt, as if it forewarned him of the
 helliſh act he was going to commit ; never-
 theleſs he put it over embers to warm it, and
 writ as followeth :

“ I, John Faustus, approved doctor of di-
 “ vinity, with my own hand do acknow-
 “ ledge and testify myſelf to become a ſervant
 “ to Lucifer, Prince of Septentrional and
 “ Oriental, and to him I freely and volun-
 “ tarily give both body and ſoul ; in con-
 “ ſideration for the ſpace of twenty-four
 “ years, if I be ſerved in all things I ſhall
 “ require, or which is reaſonable by him to
 “ be allowed ; at the expiration of which
 “ from the date enſuing, I give to him all
 “ power to do with me at his pleaſure ; to
 “ rule, to fetch and carry me where he pleaſes
 “ body and ſoul : hereupon I deſy God
 “ and Chriſt, and all the Hoſt of Angels
 “ and good Spirits ; all living creatures that
 “ bear his ſhape, or on whom his image is
 “ imprinted ; and to the better ſtrengthen-

ing the validity of this covenant and firm
 agreement between us, I have writ it with
 my own blood, and subscribed my name
 to it, calling all the powers and infernal
 potentates to witness it is my true intent
 and meaning."

JOHN FAUSTUS.

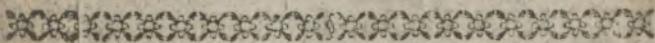


C H A P. IV.

What happened to Dr Faustus after the signing
 of the Articles.

WHEN Faustus had made an end of
 his writing, he called Mephostophiles
 to him, and delivered him the bond; where-
 upon the spirit told him, that if he did not
 repent of what he had done, he should enjoy
 all the pleasure his thoughts could form,
 and that he would immediately divert him.
 He caused a kennel of hounds to run down
 a hart in the hall, and vanished: then a bull
 danced before Faustus, also there was a lion
 and a bear which fell to fighting before
 Faustus and the lion destroyed the bear; after
 that came a dragon and destroyed the lion:
 And this, with abundance of more pastime
 did the spirit present to the doctor's view,
 concluding with all manner of music, with

some hundreds of spirits, which came and danced before Faustus. After the music was over, and Faustus began to look about him, he saw ten sacks full of silver, which he went to dispose of but could not, for none could handle it but himself, it was so hot. This pastime did so please Faustus, that he gave Mephistophiles the will that he made, and kept a copy of it in his own hands. The Spirit and Faustus being agreed, they dwelt together, and the devil was in their house-keeping; for there was never any thing given away to the poor, which before Faustus made this contract was frequently done, but the case is now altered.



C H A P. V.

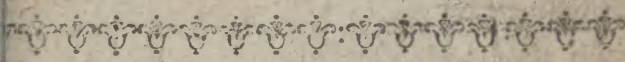
How Faustus served the Duke of Bavaria.

FAUSTUS having sold his soul to the devil, it was reported among his neighbours, so that none would keep him company, but his spirit which was very frequent with him, and did whatsoever he commanded him, playing merry tricks for to please Faustus. Not far from Faustus's house lived the Duke of Bavaria, the Duke of Saxony, and the Bishop of Salizburgh, whose houses and cellars Mephistophiles used to visit, and to bring the best of every thing they had: one

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y the Duke of Bavaria had invited most
the gentry of the country to dinner,
whose entertainment there was abundance
provision got ready: The gentry being
me, and ready to sit down to dinner, in
instant Mephostophiles came and took
way all with him, leaving them full of ad-
iration. If any time Faustus had a mind for
old fowl, the spirit would call whole flocks
at a window: Also the spirit did teach
Faustus to do the like, so that no lock nor
key could keep them out. The devil also
taught Faustus to fly into the air, and to
do many things which are incredible, and
too large for this small book to contain.



C H A P. VI.

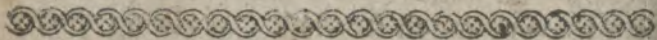
Now Dr Faustus dreamed of hell in his sleep,
and what he saw there.

AFTER Faustus had a long conference
with his spirit concerning the fall of
Lucifer, and the state and condition of all the
fallen angels, he, in a vision or dream saw
hell, and all the devils and souls that were
tormented there: he also saw hell divided
into several cells, or deep holes; and for
every cell, or deep ward, there was a devil

appointed to punish those that were under
 his custody. Having seen this sight
 much marvelled at it; and having Mephosto-
 philes with him, he asked him what sort
 people they were that lay in the first da-
 pit? Mephostophiles told him they were those
 who pretended themselves to be physicians
 and had poisoned many thousands to their
 practice; and now, saith the spirit, they
 have the same administered to them, as they
 did to others, though not with the same ef-
 fect, for they will never die here, saith I.
 Over their heads was a shelf laden with
 gallipots full of poison. Having past them
 he came to a long entry exceeding dark
 where there was a mighty crowd, he asked
 them what those were? The spirit told
 him they were pick-pockets; who loved
 to be in a crowd when they were in the other
 world, and to content them, they put them
 in a crowd there, amongst them was forty
 padders on the highway, and those of the
 function. Walking further, he saw many
 thousands of vintners, and some millions of
 tailors, insomuch that they could not tell
 whence to get stowage for them; a great
 number of pastry cooks with peels on their
 heads. Walking further, the spirit opening
 a great cellar door, from which arose
 a terrible noise, he asked what they were

The spirit told him they were witches, and those that had been pretended Saints in the other world ; but, how they did squabble, fight, and tear one another ! No : far from them lay the Whoremongers and Adulterers, who made such a hideous noise, that he was very much startled. Walking down a few steps, he espied an incredible number, almost hid with smoke ; he asked what they were ? The Spirit told him they were millers and bakers ; but, good lack, what a noise was there among them ! The millers crying to the bakers, and the bakers to the millers for help but all was in vain, for there was none to help them. Passing on farther he saw thousands of shop-keepers some of whom he knew, who were tormented for defrauding and cheating their customers. Having taken this prospect of Hell, the Spirit Mephostophiles took him in his arms and carried him home to his own house, where he awaking, was amazed at what he had seen in his dream. Being come to himself, he asked the Spirit in what place Hell was, and who made it ? Mephostophiles answered, ' Knowest thou, that before the fall of Lucifer, there was no hell, but upon his fall, was hell ordained. As for the punishment of Hell, we devils do not know ; it is the wrath of God that makes Hell so

furious, and what we procured by our Fall :
 But where Hell is, or how it is governed,
 and whatsoever thou desirest to know, when
 thou comest there thou shalt be satisfied as
 far as we know ourselves.

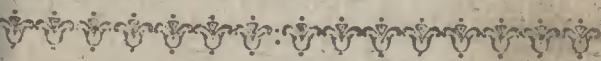


C H A P. VII.

Containing some Tricks of Dr Faustus.

DR Faustus having attained his desire of
 his Spirit, had now full power to act
 or do any thing whatever he pleased ; upon
 a time the Emperor had a desire to see him,
 and likewise some of the Doctor's tricks ;
 whereupon he was requested by the Empe-
 ror to do somewhat to make him merry ;
 but the Doctor in the mean while looking
 round about him, at last espied a Lord look-
 ing out at the window, and the Doctor
 calling his Spirit to help him, he in an in-
 stant fastened a large pair of horns upon the
 Lord's head, that he could not get his head
 in till Faustus took the horns off again, which
 were soon taken off invisibly : The Lord
 whom Faustus had served so, was extremely
 vexed, and resolved to be revenged on the
 doctor, and to that end, lay a mile out of
 town for Faustus's passing by, he being the
 day to depart from the country ; Faustus

ming by a wood-side, beheld the Lord
 mounted upon a mighty warlike-horse, who
 a full drift against Faustus, who, by the
 up of his Spirit, took him and all, and
 tried him before the Emperor's palace,
 i grafted a pair of horns on his head as
 as an Ox's: which he could never be
 of, but wore them to his dying day.



C H A P. VIII.

How Dr Faustus eat a Load of Hay.

Faustus, upon a time, having many Doc-
 tors and Masters of Arts with him, went
 walk in the fields, where they met with
 a load of hay: "How now, good Fellow,
 Faustus, what shall I give thee to fill
 thy belly with hay?" The Clown thought
 it had been a mad-man to talk of eating of
 hay, and told him he should fill his belly for a
 load of hay; to which the doctor agreed, and
 set to eating, and quickly devouring half
 a load: At which the doctor's companions
 laughed, to see how simply the poor country
 man looked and to hear how heartily he
 obeyed the doctor to forbear: Faustus pity-
 ing the poor man, went away, and before
 the man got near home, all the hay was in

the Cart that the Doctor had eaten, which made the country fellow admire.



C H A P. IX.

How he struck a parcel of Students that were fighting together blind ; and how he served a parcel of Clowns who were singing and ranting in an Inn.

THirteen Students meeting with seven more near Dr Faustus's house, fell out extremely, first in words, and at last to blows, the thirteen being too hard for the seven and Dr Faustus looking out of his window and seeing the fray, and how much they were over matched, conjured them all blind, that one could not see the other ; and in that manner they fought and smote one another which made all that saw them laugh : at length the people parted them and led them to their Chambers, they instantly received the fight.—The doctor coming into an Inn with some friends was disturbed by the hallowing and bawling of a parcel of drunken Clowns whereupon when their mouths were wide open he so conjured them, that by no means they could shut them again ; and so all of a sudden there was a deep silence ; and as they had stared one upon another, without being able to speak, thinking they were

bewitched they dropped one by one away in a stinking fear, and never could be got to the house afterwards.

C H A P. X.

How Dr Faustus helped a young man to a fair lady.

HERE was a gallant young gentleman that was in Love with a fair Lady who was of proper personage, living at Wirtemberg, near the Doctor's house: This gentleman had long sought this lady in marriage, but could not attain his desire; and having placed his affections so much on her, he was ready to pine away, and certainly died with grief had he not made his address to the Doctor, to whom he opened the whole matter. No sooner had the gentleman told his case to the Doctor, he told him he need not fear, for his desire should be fulfilled, and he should have that he so much desired, and that this strewoman should have none but him, which was accordingly done: for Faustus changed the mind of the damsel by his magical practice, that she could think of nothing else but him whom before she hated; Faustus's desire was this: He gave him

an enchanted ring, which he ordered him to put into the lady's hand, or to slip it on her finger, which he did; and no sooner had she the ring but her heart burnt with love to him; she instead of frowns, could do nothing but smile upon him, and not be at rest till she asked him if he thought he could love her, and make her his wife? He gladly answered, with all his heart. So they were married the next day, and all by the help of Dr Faustus.

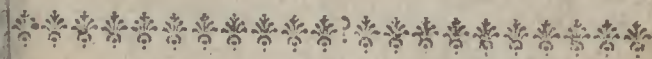


C H A P. XI.

How Dr Faustus made seven women dance naked in the Market place.

FAUSTUS walking in the market place saw seven women sitting all in a row selling eggs, butter, &c. Of every one bought something and departed: No sooner was he gone, but all the eggs and butter were gone out of their baskets, and they knew not how: At last they were told, Dr Faustus had conjured their goods away: they thereupon ran speedily to the Doctor's house and demanded satisfaction for their ware: He resolving to make himself and the Town's People merry by his conjuration

Art, made them return to their baskets naked as ever they were born; and having danced a while in the market-place, every one's goods were conjured into their baskets again, and they set at liberty.



C H A P. XII.

How Faustus served a Country Fellow that was driving of Swine.

DR Faustus, as he was going to Wirtemberg, overtook a Country Fellow driving an hundred Swine, who were very head-strong, some running one way and some another; so that the driver could not tell how to get them along: The Doctor taking notice of it, by his conjuring art, made every one of them dance upon their two hind legs, with a fiddle in one of their fore feet, and with the other fore foot they played upon the fiddle, and so they danced and fiddled all the way till they came to Wirtemberg market. The driver of them all the way dancing before them, which made the people wonder: After the Doctor had satisfied himself with the sport he conjured the fiddles away, and the driver then

offered them to sale, and quickly sold them all, and took the money; but before he was gone out of the house, Faustus had conjured the Hogs out of the Market place, and sent them all home to the asperser's house. The man that bought them seeing all the swine gone, flooped the man that sold them, and would have his money which he was forced to pay, and so returned home sorrowful, and not knowing what to do; but, to his great amazement, found all his swine in their sties.

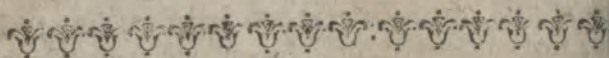
C H A P. XIII.

How Dr Faustus began to bethink himself of the near approach of his end.

FAustus having spun out his twenty-four years, within a month or two, began to consider what he should do to cheat the Devil, but could not find any way to prevent his miserable end, which was now near, whereupon he thus cries out to himself, "O miserable wretch that I am. I have given myself to the Devil for a few years pleasure, to satisfy my carnal and devil's desires, and now I must pay full dear; now I must have torment without any ease."

is me, for there is no help for me: I
e not, I cannot look for mercy from God,
I have abandoned him, and have given
self to the devil, to be his for ever: And
v my time is almost expired; I have had
desires; my filthy lusts I have satisfied;
I must be tormented for ever and
r."

A neighbour of his, a godly old man
ring of his way of living, in compassion
his soul came to him, and with tears
ought him to have more regard to his
scious soul, laying before him the pro-
e of God's grace and mercy, freely of-
ed to repenting sinners, and spoke so feel-
ly, that Faustus shed tears, and promised
try to repent. This good man was no
ner gone, but Mephostophiles found him
sive on his bed, and mustering what had
pened, began to reproach him with
ach of covenant to his lord Lucifer, and
reupon almost twisted his neck behind
, which made him cry out lamentably,
eatening to tear him in pieces, unless he
ewed his obligation, which for fear, with
ch sorrow, he did, in a manner the same
he former, which he confirmed by the
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C H A P. XIV.

How Dr Faustus was warned of the Spirit
prepare for his end.

FAUSTUS's full time being come, a spirit appeared to him, and shewed him his writing, and told him that the next night the devil would fetch him away, which made the doctor's heart ache: But to discompose himself, he sent for some doctors and mathematicians, and other students, to dine with him, for whom he provided great store of varieties, with music, and the like. But all would not keep up his spirits, when the hour drew near: Whereupon his countenance changing, the doctors and mathematicians of art enquired of him the reasons of his melancholiness? To which Faustus answered, "My friends, you have known me many years, and how I have practised in a manner of wickedness; I have been a conjurer, which devilish art I obtained from the devil; and also to obtain power to do whatever I pleased, I sold myself to the devil for twenty-four years time; when my full time being out this night, makes this night full of horror, I have called you my friends."

to see this my dreadful end; and I pray let
my miserable death be a warning to you
all, how you study that devilish art of con-
juring; for if you once begin it, a thousand
times one but it will lead you to the devil,
whither I am this night to go, whether I
will or no." They hearing of this sad
story, blamed him for concealing it so long,
asking him if he had made them acquainted
before, they thought it might have been
prevented. He told them, he had a desire
several times to have disclosed this intrigue;
but the devil told him, that if he did, he
would presently fetch him away: He also
told them, he had a desire to join with the
goodly, and leave off that wicked course,
but immediately the devil used to come
and torment him, &c. "But now," saith
Faustus, "it is but in vain for me to talk
of what I did intend, for I have sold myself
to the devil, body and soul is his." No
sooner had he spoke these words, but sud-
denly it fell a thundering and lightening,
like was never heard; whereupon Faustus
fell into the great hall, the doctors and
assistants staying in the next room, intending
to hear his end. About twelve o'clock the
house shook so terribly, that they thought
they would have tumbled down upon their
heads; and suddenly all the windows of the

house were broken to pieces, as if all nature had been changed; so that they trembled and wished themselves elsewhere; when upon a great clap of thunder, with a whirlwind the doors flew open, and a mighty rush of wind entered; with the hisses of serpents shrieks and cries, upon which he lamented and cried out murder, and there was such roaring in the hall, as if all the devils in hell had been there. When day-light appeared they took the boldness to enter the room and found his brains beaten out against the wall, and the floor sprinkled with blood, and his eyes torn out, very terrible to behold; but missing his body, they went in search of it, and found it on the dunghill mangled and mashed to pieces. — So ended this miserable wretch's life, forsaking God and all goodness, and given up to his implacable enemy, which we hope may be a warning to others. His mangled body in respect to his function, learning, and other qualifications, was decently buried.

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