[Leaflet advertising performances by a man with no arms at the Coach and Horses at Charing Cross. from one of valerius's bills originally printed in 1716].

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THIS is to Certify all Gentlemen, Ladies and other curious Enquirers into the Miracles of Nature and Art, That here is come to this Place what may justly be reckon'd the EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD, viz. A Young Man about the 24th Year of his Age, (who tho' born without Arms) performs all Manner o' Martial Exercises with his Feet: In the first place, he beats the Drum and sounds the Trumpet, at one and the same time : he flourisheth his Colours, plays at Backsword, charges and fires a Pistol with great Expedition and Dexterity. He also plays at Cards or Dice, and can also Comb his Head and Shave his Beard, and does readily pull off his Hat, and courteously salute the Company. He useth a Fork at Meet; and will take a Glass in one Foot, and a Bottle in the other, and so fill the Glass, and genteely drink the Health of the Company : moreover he can thread a Needle, Embroider, and play upon several Sorts of Musick; and what is yet more Wonderful, writes six Sorts of very fine Hands. He has been but few days in England, but he had the honour to shew himself before most other Princes and Princesses of Europe, and may be seen at any Time of the Day without Loss of Time, at the Coach and Horses at Charing Cross.

If any Person desire to see him privately at their own House, they may be accommodated with him on Half an Hour's Warning.

VIVAT REX.

[Copied from one of Valerius's Bills (of the above Size) in the British Museum: printed 1716.]