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The Metamorphosis

Admirall for the water workes, Yet I assure you this deuise of mine, requires not a sea of water, but a cesterne: not a whole Teams full, but halfe a tunne full, to keepe al sweete and sauorie: for I will vndertake, from the pesants cottage, to the princes pallace, twise so much quantitie of water as is spent in drink in the house will serue the turne: which if it were at Shaftsburie, where water is deereſt of anie towne I know, that is no great portion. And the deuise is so little cumberſome, as it is rather a pleasure then a pain, a matter so sleight that it will seeme at the first incredible, so sure, that you shal find it at al times infallible. For it dooth auoide at once all the annoyances that can be imagined, the sight, the fauor, the colde: which last, to weake bodies, is oft more hurtful, then both the other wher the houses stand ouer brooks, or vaults daily cleaſed with water. And not to holde you in too long suspence, the deuice is thys: You shal make a false bottome to that priuy that you are annoyed with, either of lead, or stone, the which bottome shal haue a sluice of brasse to let out all the filth, whiche if it be close plaistered, al about it, & renced with water, as oft as occasion serues, but specially at noone and at night, will keepe your priue as sweete as your parlour, and perhaps sweeter too, if Quaile and Quando be

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not kept out. But my seruant Thomas (whose penſill can performe more in thys matter then my penne) wyll ſet downe the forme of this by it ſelfe in the ende heereof, that you may impart it to ſuche friendes of yours, as you ſhall think worthy of it, though you put them not to ſo great penance, as to read this whole diſcourſe.

And that I may nowe alſo ende your penance that haue taken all this paynes to read this, that for your pleasure you would needs perſwade me to write; I wil not end abruptly heere, but as friends that are vpon parting in a iourney, chuſe a cleaſly place in the high way to take their leaue: one of an other, and not in the dirt and mire: ſo I, ere we part, wil firſt for the ennobling of this rare inuention, tell you ſomewhat of the place, of the company, of the meanes, and of the circumſtances, that firſt put ſo neceſſarie a conceyt in my head. For I remember I haue reade that Archimedes the excellent enginer, (a man in his time fully as famous as Syracuſa, as our M. Plat is here in England,) was ſayd to haue diſgraced himſelfe by an vntemperate or rather vntempeſtiue ioy that hee tooke of a very worthy and memorable inuention of his. The ſtorie is thus. Archimedes hauing long beaten his braines to finde ſome waye by Art how to diſcouer what quantitye of

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