

A Vintner

Non-Specific Humans Bakers every Man the Company an Anti-christian Cheat
his Neighbour a Jesuit

Proper Names Apelles

Mythological Figures Christ

Animals Birds

[double rule]

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H²ANGS out his Buſh to ſhew he has not
good Wine ; for that, the Proverb ſays, needs it not. If wine were as neceſſary as
Bread, he would ſtand in the Pillory for ſelling
falſe Meaſure, as well as Bakers do for falſe
Weight ; but ſince it is at every Man's Choice
to come to his Houſe or not, thoſe that do, are
guilty of half the Injuries he does them, and
he believes the reſt to be none at all, becauſe
no Injury can be done to him, that is willing
to take it. He had rather ſell bad Wine, than
good that ſtands him in no more, for it makes
Men ſooner drunk, and then they are the eaſier
over-reckoned. By the Knaveries he acts
above-board, which every Man ſees, one may
eaſily take a Meaſure of thoſe he does under
Ground in his Cellar ; for he that will pick
a Man's Pocket to his Face, will not ſtick to
uſe him worſe in private when he knows no-

thing of it. When he has poiſoned his
Wines he raiſes his Price, and to make amends
for that abates his Meaſure, for he thinks it

a greater Sin to commit Murder for small Gains, than a valuable Consideration. He does not only spoil and destroy his Wines, but an ancient reverend Proverb, with brewing and racking, that says, In vino veritas, for there is no Truth in his, but all false and sophisticated ; for he can counterfeit Wine as cunningly as Apelles did Grapes, and cheat Men with it, as he did Birds. He brings every Bottle of Wine he draws to the Bar, to confess it to be a Cheat, and afterwards puts himself upon the Mercy of the Company. He is an Antichristian Cheat ; for Christ turned Water into Wine, and he turns Wine into Water. He scores all his reckonings upon two Tables made like those of the ten Commandments, that he may be put in Mind to break them as oft as possibly he can ; especially that of stealing and bearing false Witnesses against his Neighbour, when he draws him bad Wine and swears it is good, and that he can take more for the Pipe than the Wine will yield him by the Bottle, a Trick that a Jesuit taught him to cheat his

own Conscience with. When he is found to over-reckon notoriously, he has one common Evasion for all, and that is to say it was a Mistake, by which he means, that he thought they had not been sober enough to discover it ; for if it had passed, there had been no Error at all in the Case.
