

[*double rule*]

A VINTNER

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 fophiſticated ; 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 *Anti-*

christian Cheat ; for Chrif turned Water into Wine, and he turns Wine into Water. He fcores all his Reckonings upon two Tables made like thofe of the ten Commandments, that he may be put in Mind to break them as oft as poffibly he can ; efpecially that of ftealing and bearing falfe Witnefs againft his Neighbour, when he draws him bad Wine and fwears 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 Confcience with. When he is found to over-reckon notoriously, he has one common Evasion for all, and that is to fay it was a Miftake, by which he means, that he thought they had not been fober enough to difcover it ; for if it had pafst, there had been no Error at all in the Cafe.
