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/ / #Double rule/ / #Center A/ #Center POPISH PRIEST/ [I]s one that takes the same Course, that the/ IDevil (i) did in Paradise, *he begins with the/ Woman. He Despises all other (i)Fanatics (i) as Up-/ starts, and values himself upon his Antiquity./ He is a Man-Midwife to the Soul, and is all/ his Life-time in this World deluding it to the/ next. (i) Christ (i) made St. (i) Peter (i) a Fisher of Men ;/ but he believe it better to be a Fisher of Wo-/ men, and so becomes a Woman's Apostle./ His Profession is to disguise himself, which he/ does in Sheeps-Cloathing, that is, a Lay Habit ;/ but whether, as a Wolf, a Thief or a Shep-/ herd, is a great Question ; only this is certain,/ that he had rather hanv one Sheep out of ano-/ ther Man's Fold, that two out of his own./ He gathers his Church as (i) Fantaics do, yet des-/ pises them for it, and keeps his Flock always in/ Hurdles, to be removed at his Pleasure ; and/ though their Souls be rotten or s*cabby with/*

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Fox, weighs his Goose, *before he will venture/ to carry him over a River. He fights with the/ (i) Devil (i) at his own Weapons, and strives to get/ ground on him with*

Frauds and Lies—These/ *he converts to pious Uses*. He makes his/ Prayers (the proper *Business* of the Mind) a/ Kind of Manufacture, and vents them by Tale,/ rather than Weight ; and, while he is busied/ *in numbering them, forgets their Sense* and/ Meaning. He *sets them up as Men do their/ Games at (i) Picquet, (i) for fear he should be mis-/ reckoned; but never minds whether he plays/ fair or not*. He sells Indulgences, like (i) Lockier's (i)/ Pills, with Directions how they are to be taken./ He is but a Copyholder of the (i) Catholic (i) Church,/ that claims by Custom. *He believes that (i) Pope's (i)/ Chain is fastened to the Gates of Heaven, like/ King (i) Harry's (i) in the Privy-Gallery./*
