[*two rules*]

# AN Astrologer

I2s one that expounds upon the Planets, and  
teaches to conſtrue the *Accidents* by the *due*  
*joining of Stars in Conſtruction.* He talks with  
them by dumb Signs, and can tell what they  
mean by their twinckling, and ſquinting upon  
one another, as well as they themſelves. He  
is a Spy upon the Stars, and can tell what they  
are doing, by the Company they keep, and the  
Houſes they frequent. They have no Power to  
do any Thing alone, until ſo many meet, as  
will make a *Quorum.*He is Clerk of the Com-  
mittee to them, and draws up all their Orders,  
that concern either public or private Affairs.  
He keeps all their Accompts for them, and  
ſums them up, not by *Debtor,* but by *Creditor*  
alone, a more compendious Way. They do  
ill to make them have ſo much Authority over

the Earth, which, perhaps, has as much as  
any one of them but the Sun, and as much  
Right to ſit and vote in their Councils, as any  
other : But becauſe there are but ſeven Electors  
of the *German* Empire, they will allow of no  
more to diſpoſe of all other ; and moſt fooliſhly  
and unnaturally depoſe their own Parent of its  
Inheritance; rather than acknowledge a Defect  
in their own Rules. Theſe Rules are all they  
have to ſhew for their Title ; and yet not one  
of them can tell whether thoſe they had them  
from came honeſtly by them. *Virgil's* Deſ-  
cription of *Fame,* that reaches from Earth  
to the Stars, *tam ficti pravique tenax,* to carry  
Lies and Knavery, will ſerve Aſtrologers with-  
out any ſenſible Variation. He is a Fortune-  
Seller, a Retailer of Deſtiny, and petty Chap-  
man to the Planets. He caſts Nativities as  
Gameſters do falſe Dice, and by ſlurring and  
palming *ſextile, quartile,* and *trine,* like *ſize,*  
*quater, trois,* can throw what chance he  
pleaſes. He ſets a Figure, as Cheats do a Main  
at Hazard ; and Gulls throw away their Money  
at it. He fetches the Grounds of his Art ſo  
far off, as well from Reaſon, as the Stars, that,  
like a Traveller, he is allowed to lye by Au-

thority. And as Beggars, that have no Money  
themſelves, believe all others have, and beg  
of thoſe, that have as little as themſelves : So  
the ignorant Rabble believe in him, though  
he has no more Reaſon for what he profeſſes,  
than they.