[*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 ſophiſtica-  
ted ; 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 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 Witneſs 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 paſt, there had been no Error at  
all in the Caſe.