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/ #Double Rule/ / #Center A #Center CATHOLIC/ / / [S]AYS his Prayers often, but never prays, and/ [S] wors*hips the Cros*s more than (i) Christ (i). He/ prefers his Church merely for the Antiquity of/ it, and cares not how s*ound or rotten it be,/ s*o it be but old. He takes a liking to it as/ s*ome do to old Chees*e, only for the blue Rot-/ tennes*s of it. If he had lived in the primitive/ Times he had never been a (i) Christian (i); for the/ Antiquity of the (i) Pagan (i) and (i) Jewish (i) Religion/ would have had the s*ame Power over him/ against the (i) Christian, (i) as the old (i) Roman (i) has/ agains*t the modern Reformation. The weaker/ Ves*s*el he is, the better and more zealous Member/ he always proves of his Church; for Religion,/ like Wine, is not s*o apt to leak in a leathern/ Boraccio as a great Cas*k, and is better pre-/ s*erved in a s*mall Bottle s*topped with a light/ Cork, than a ves*s*el of greater Capacity, where/ the Spirits being more and s\*tronger are the/ #Center L2/

148 #Center A CATHOLIC./ more apt to fret. He allows of all holy Cheats,/ and in content to be deluded in a true, ortho-/ dox, and infallible Way. He believes the (i) Pope (i)/ to be infallible, becaus*e he has deceived all the/ World, but was never deceived hims*elf, which/ was grown s*o notorious, that nothing les*s than/ an Article of Faith in the Church would make/ a Plas*ter big enough for the Sore. His Faith/ is too big for his Charity, and too unwieldy/ to work Miracles ; but is able to believe more/ than all the Sainst in Heave ever made. He/ worships Sainst in Effigie, as (i) Dutchmen (i) hand/ abs*ent Malefactors ; and has s*o weak a Me-/ mory, that he is apt to forget his Patrons,/ unles*s their Pictures prevent him. He loves/ so s*ee what he prays to, that he may not mis-/ take one Saint for another ; and his Beads and/ Crucifix are the Tools of his Devotion, with-/ out which it can do nothing. Nothing s*taggers/ his Faith of the (i) Pope's (i) Infallibility s*o much,/ as that he did not make away the Scriptures,/ when they were in his Power, rather than/ thos*e that believed in them, which he knows/ not how to unders*tand to be no Error. The/ les*s he unders*tands of his Religion, the more/ violent he is in it, which, being the perpetual/ Condition of all thos*e are deluded, is a/

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great Argument that he is miſtaken. His Re-/ ligion is of no Force without Ceremonies, like/ a Loads*tone that draws a greater Weight/ through a Piece of Iron, than when it is naked/ of it s*elf. His Prayers are a kind of Crambe/ that uſed to kill Schoolmaſters ; and he values/ them by Number, not Weight./ / / / / / / / / / / / / / / #center L3/