

think she means merrily. So to supper and to bed.

21. Up, and to the office (having a mighty pain in my forefinger of my left hand, from a strain that it received last night in struggling avec la femme que je mentioned yesterday), where busy till noon; and then, my wife being busy in going with her woman to a hot-house to bath herself, after her long being within doors in the dirt, so that she now pretends to a resolution of being hereafter very clean – how long it will hold, I can guess – I dined with Sir W. Batten and my Lady, they being nowadays very fond of me. So to the Change, and off of the Change with Mr. Wayth to a cook's shop and there dined again, for discourse with him about Hamaccos and the abuse now practised in tickets, and more like every day to be – also, of the great profit Mr. Fen makes of his place – he being (though he demands but $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of all he pays, and that is easily computed) but very little pleased with any man that gives him no more. So to the office; and after office my Lord Brunkerd carried me to Lincoln's Inn fields, and there I with my Lady Sandwich (good lady), talking of innocent discourse of good housewifery and husbands for her daughters, and the luxury and looseness of the times and other such things, till past 10 a-clock at night; and so by coach home, where a little at my office, and so to supper and to bed. My Lady tells me what mad freaks the mayds of Honour at Court have – that Mrs. Jennings, one of the Duchess's maids, the other day dressed herself like an orange-wench and went up and down and cried oranges – till falling down, or by such accident (though in the evening), her fine shoes were discerned and she put to a great deal of shame.

23. This day, by the blessing of Almighty God, I have lived 32 years in the world – and am in the best degree of health at this minute that I have been almost in my life-time, and at this time in the best condition of estate that ever I was in; the Lord make me thankful. Up, and to the office, where busy all the morning. At noon to the Change, where I hear the most horrid and astonishing news that ever was yet told in my memory – that De Ruiter, with his fleet in guinny, hath proceeded to the taking of whatever we have – forts, goods, ships, and men – and tied our men back to back and thrown them all into the sea – even women and children also. This a Swede or Hamburger is come into the River and tells that he saw the thing done. Home to dinner, and then to the office, where