

church service, and ribbands and a sack-posset in bed and flinging the stocking. But in the close, it is said that my Lady Castlemayne, who was the bridegroom, rose, and the King came and took her place with pretty Mrs. Stuart. This is said to be very true. Whether the wind and the cold did cause it or no, I know not; but having been this day or two mightily troubled with an iching all over my body, which I took to be a louse or two that might bite me – I find this afternoon that all my body is inflamed and my face in a sad redness and swelling and pimples; so that I was, before we had done walking, not only sick but ashamed of myself to see myself so changed in my countenance; so that after we had thus talked, we parted and I walked home with much ado, the ways being so full of ice and water by people's trampling. At last got home and to bed presently and had a very bad night of it, in great pain in my stomach and great fever.

10. In the morning visited by Mr. Coventry and others, and very glad I am to see that was so much enquired after and my sickness taken notice of as I did. I keep my bed all day and sweat again at night, by which I expect to be very well tomorrow.

11. Took a glisten in the morning and rise in the afternoon. My wife and I dined on a pullet and I eat heartily – having eat nothing since Sunday but water-gruel and posset-drink. But must needs say that our new maid Mary hath played her part very well, in her readiness and discretion in attending me, of which I am very glad.

12. Up, and find myself pretty well; and so to the office and there all the morning. Rise at noon and home to dinner – in my green chamber, having a good fire – whither there came my wife's brother and brought Mary Ashwell with him, whom we find a very likely person to please us both for person, discourse, and other qualities. She dined with us, and after dinner went away again, being agreed to come to us about three weeks or a month hence. My wife and I well pleased with our choice, only I pray God I may be able to maintain it.

15. *Lords day.* Sending Will to church, myself stayed at home, hanging up in my green chamber my picture of the *Sovereigne* and putting some things in order there. So to dinner to three Duckes and two Teales, my wife and I. Then to church, where a dull