

to say that she did not like such a horse so well as the rest, he being too prancing and full of tricks, she said he did "make too much vanity." Thence to the Tennice Court (after I had spent a little time in Westminster hall, thinking to have met with Mrs. Lane, but I could not and am glad of it) and there saw the King play at Tennis and others. But to see how the King's play was extolled without any cause at all, was a loathsome sight, though sometimes endeed he did play very well and deserved to be commended; but such open flattery is beastly. Afterward to St. James's park, being unwilling to go to spend money at the ordinary, and there spent an hour or two, it being a pleasant day, seeing people play at Pell Mell - where it pleased me mightily to hear a gallant, lately come from France, swear at one of his companions for suffering his man (a spruce blade) to be so saucy as to strike a ball while his master was playing on the Mall. Home - and at my office till 12 at night, making my solemn vowes for the next year, which I trust in the Lord I shall keep. But I fear I have a little too severely bound myself in some things and in too many, for I fear I may forget some. But however, I know the worst, and shall by the blessing of God observe to perform or pay my forfeits punctually. So home and to bed - with my mind at rest.

6. *Twelfth day.* Up and to my office, where very busy all the morning; being endeed over-loaded with it through my own desire of doing all I can. At noon to the Change but did little, and so home to dinner with my poor wife; and after dinner read a lecture to her in Geography, which she takes very prettily, and with great pleasure to her and me to teach her. And so to the office again, where as busy as ever in my life, one thing after another and answering people's business. Perticularly, drawing up things about Mr. Woods masts, which I expect to have a quarrel about with Sir W. Batten before it be ended - but I care not. At night home to my wife to supper, discourse, prayers, and to bed. This morning I begun a practice which I find, by the ease I do it with, that I shall continue, it saving me money and time - that is, to Trimme myself with a Razer - which pleases me mightyly.

7. Up, putting on my best clothes, and to the office, where all the morning we sat busy; among other things, upon Mr. Wood's performance of his contract for Masts, wherein I was mightyly concerned, but I think was found all along in the right and shall have