

to be on these days. Perticularized concerning their excess in playes and gameing, saying that he whose office it is to keep the Gamesters in order and within bounds serves but for a second rather in a Duell, meaning the Groome porter. Upon which, it was worth observing how far they are come from taking the Reprehensions of a Bishop seriously, that they all laugh in the chapel when he reflected on their ill actions and courses. The sermon done, a good Anthemne fallowed, with vialls; and then the King came down to receive the Sacrament, but I stayed not; but calling my boy from my Lord's lodging and giving Sarah some good advice, by my Lord's order, to be Sober and look after the house, I walked home again with great pleasure; and there dined by my wife's bedside with great content, having a mess of brave plum-porridge and a roasted Pullett for dinner; and I sent for a mince-pie abroad, my wife not being well to make any herself yet. After dinner sat talking a good while with her, her [pain] being become less, and then to see Sir W. Penn a little; and so to my office, practising arithmetique alone with great content, till 11 at night; and so home to supper and to bed.

26. Up. My wife to the making of Christmas-pies all day, being now pretty well again. And I abroad to several places about small businesses; among others, bought a bake pan in Newgate market and sent it home; it cost me 16s. Then to [Mr. Moore at] the Wardrobe, who is not yet well. Hither came Mr. Battersby; and we falling into a discourse of a new book of Drollery in verse called *Hudebras*, I would needs go find it out; and met with it at the Temple, cost me 2s.-6d. But when I came to read it, it is so silly an abuse of the Presbyter-Knight going to the warrs, that I am ashamed of it; and by and by meeting at Mr. Townsends at dinner, I sold it to him for 18d.

29. To Whitehall and got up to the top gallery in the banquetting-house to see the Audience of the Russia Ambassador; which after long waiting and fear of the falling of [thè] gallery, it being so full and part of it being parted from the rest for nobody to come upon, merely from the weakenesse thereof. And very handsome it was. After they were come in, I went down and got through the croude almost as high as the King and the Embassadors, where I saw all the presents, being rich furs, hawkes, carpets, cloths of tissue, and sea-horse teeth. The King took two or three hawkes upon his fist, having a glove on, wrought with gold, given him for that purpose.