

aught I at present see. So home and there very late, very busy; and then home to supper and to bed – the people having got their house very clean against Mondy dinner.

8. Up; and having dressed myself, and to the office a little and out, and expecting to have seen the pretty daughter of the Ship tavern at the hither end of Billiter lane (whom I never yet have opportunity to speak to), I in there to drink my morning draught of a half pint of Rhenish wine, but a mi dolor ella and their family are going away thence and a new man come to the house. So I away to the Temple to my new bookseller's, and there I did agree for Rycaut's late history of the Turkish Policy, which costs me 55s.; whereas it was sold plain before the late fire for 8s., and bound and coloured as this is for 20 – for I have bought it finely bound and truly coloured, all the figures; of which there was but six books done so, whereof the King and the Duke of York and Duke of Monmouth and Lord Arlington had four – the 5th was sold, and I have bought the 6th. So to enquire out Mrs. Knepp's new lodging, but could not; but do hear of her at the Playhouse, where she was practising, and I sent for her out by a porter, and the jade came to me all undressed, so cannot go home to my house to dinner as I had invited her; which I was not much troubled at, because I think there is a distance between her and Mrs. Pierce, and so our company would not be so pleasant. So I home and there find all things in good readiness for a good dinner; and here unexpectedly I find little Mis Tooker, whom my wife loves not from the report of her being already naught; however, I do show her countenance, and by and by come my guests, Dr. Clerke and his wife, and Mrs. Worshipp and her daughter, and then Mr. Pierce and his wife and boy, and Betty, and then I sent for Mercer; so that we had, with my wife and I, twelve at table; and very good and pleasant company, and a most neat and excellent, but dear dinner; but Lord, to see with what envy they looked upon all my fine plate was pleasant, for I made the best show I could, to let them understand me and my condition, to take down the pride of Mrs. Clerke, who thinks herself very great. We sat long, and very merry and all things agreeable; and after dinner went out by coaches, thinking to have seen a play, but came too late to both houses and then they had thoughts of going abroad somewhere; but I thought all the charge ought to be mine, and therefore I endeavoured to part the company, and so ordered it to set them all down at Mr. Pierces; and there my wife and I and Mercer left them