

play; but as it was yesterday, I do find that where I expect most I find least satisfaction, for in this play I met with nothing extraordinary at all, but very dull inventions and designs. Knipp came and sat by us, and her talk pleased me a little, she telling me how Mis Davis is for certain going away from the Duke's House, the King being in love with her; and a house is taken for her and furnishing and she hath a ring given her already, worth 600*l*. That the King did send several times for Nelly, and she was with him, but what he did she knows not; this was a good while ago, and she says that the King first spoiled Mrs. Weaver – which is very mean methinks in a prince, and I am sorry for it – and can hope for no good to the State from having a prince so devoted to his pleasure. She told me also of a play shortly coming upon the stage of Sir Ch. Sidly's, which she thinks will be called *The Wandring Ladys*, a comedy that she thinks will be most pleasant; and also another play, called *The Duke of Lerma*; besides *Catelin*, which she thinks, for want of the clothes which the King promised them, will not be acted for a good while. Thence home, and there to the office and did some business; and so with my wife for half an hour walking by moonlight and, it being cold frosty weather, walking in the garden; and then home to supper, and so by the fireside to have my head combed, as I do now often do, by Deb, whom I love should be fiddling about me; and so to bed.

12. *Lords day*. Up and to dress myself, and then called in to my wife's chamber, and there she without any occasion fell to discourse of my father's coming to live with us when my sister marries. She declared if he came, she would not live with me but would shame me all over the City and Court; which I made slight of, and so we fell very foul; and I do find she doth keep very bad remembrances of my former unkindnesses to her, and doth mightily complain of her want of money and liberty; which I will rather hear and bear the complaint of then grant the contrary, and so we had very hot work a great while; but at last I did declare as I intend, that my father shall not come and that he doth not desire and intend it; and so we parted with pretty good quiet, and so away I; and being ready, went to church, where first I saw Ald. Backewell and his lady come to our church, they living in Mark lane; and I could find my heart to invite her to sit with us – she being a fine lady. I came in while they were singing the 119 Psalm, while the Sexton was gathering to his box, to which I did give 5*s*. And so after sermon home, my wife, Deb,