

ingenious man – among other things, discoursing of the present fashion of gardens, to make them plain – that we have the best walks of Gravell in the world – France having none, nor Italy; and our green of our bowling-alleys is better then any they have. So our business here being ayre, this is the best way, only with a little mixture of Statues or pots, which may be handsome, and so filled with another pot of such or such, a flower or greene, as the season of the year will bear. And then for Flowers, they are best seen in a little plat by themselves; besides, their borders spoil the walks of any other garden. And then for fruit, the best way is to have Walls built Circularly, one within another, to the South, on purpose for fruit, and leaving the walking-garden only for that use. Thence walked through the house, where most people mighty hush, and methinks melancholy, I saw not a smiling face through the whole Court.

23. Up and to my chamber, doing several things there of moment. And then comes Simpson the Joyner, and he and I with great pains contriving presses to put my books up in; they now growing numerous, and lying one upon another on my chairs, I lose the use, to avoid the trouble of removing them when I would open a book.

28. Up and to the office, where no more news of the fleet then was yesterday. Here we sat. And at noon to dinner to the Popes head, where my Lord Brouncker (and his mistress dined) and Comissioner Pett, Dr. Charleton, and myself entertained with a venison pasty by Sir W. Warren. Here, very pretty discourse of Dr. Charleton concerning Nature's fashioning every creature's teeth according to the food she intends them. And that man's, it is plain, was not for flesh, but for fruit. And that he can at any time tell the food of a beast unknown, by the teeth. My Lord Brouncker made one or two objections to it; that creatures find their food proper for their teeth, rather then that the teeth was fitted for the food. But the Doctor, I think, did well observe that creatures do naturally, and from the first, before they have had experience to try, do love such a food rather then another. And that all children love fruit, and none brought to flesh but against their wills at first. Thence with my Lord to his Coach-house, and there put in six horses into his coach and he and I alone to Highgate – all the way, going and coming, I learning of him the principles of Optickes, and what it is that makes an object seem less or bigger. And how much distance doth lessen