

Committee, and there have another small business, by which I may get a little small matter of money. Stayed but little there; and so home and to my office very late, casting up my month's accounts; and blessed be God, find myself worth 1020*l* – which is still the most I ever was worth. So home and to bed.

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2. Up very betimes and walked (my boy with me) to Mr. Coles, and after long waiting below, he being under the barber's hands, I spoke with him and he did give me much hopes of getting my debt that my brother owed me, and also that things would go well with my father. Walked home, doing very many errands by the way, to my great content. And at the Change met and spoke with several persons about serving us with pieces-of-eight at Tanger. So home to dinner above stairs, my wife not being well of those in bed – I dined by her bedside. But I got her to rise, and abroad with me by coach to Bartholomew Fayre, and our boy with us, and there showed them and myself the dancing on the ropes and several other the best shows. But pretty it is, to see how our boy carries himself, so innocently clownish as would make one laugh. Here till late and dark. Then up and down to buy combs for my wife to give her maids; and then by coach home and there at the office set down my day's work; and then home to bed.

3. I have had a bad night's rest tonight, not sleeping well, as my wife observed, and once or twice she did wake me; and I thought myself to be mightily bit with fleas, and in the morning she chid her maids for not looking the fleas a-days. But when I rise, I find that it is only the change of the weather from hot to cold, which (as I was two winters ago) doth stop my pores, and so my blood tingles and itches all day all over my body and so continued to do, all the day long just as I was then; and if it continues to be so cold, I fear I must come to the same pass. But sweating cured me then, and I hope and am told will this also. At the office; sat all the morning. Dined at home; and after dinner to Whitehall to the Fishing Committee, but not above four of us met, which could do nothing; and a sad thing it is to see so great a work so ill fallowed – for at this pace it can come to nothing but disgrace to us all. Broke up and did nothing. So I