

late printed experiment of paper Tubes.

## —AUGUST—

11. Up, and by water to Sir W. Coventry to visit him, whom I find yet troubled at the Commissioners of Accounts about this business of Sir W. Warren; which is a ridiculous thing – and can come to nothing but contempt. And thence to Westminster hall, where the Parliament met enough to adjourne, which they did, to the 10th of November next; and so I by water home to the office, and so to dinner; and thence at the office all the afternoon till night, being mightily pleased with a little trial I have made of the use of a Tube spectacall of paper, tried with my right eye. This day, I hear that to the great joy of the nonconformists, the time is out of the Act against them, so that they may meet; and they have declared that they will have a morning lecture up again, which is pretty strange; and they are connived at by the King everywhere I hear, in city and country. So to visit W. Penn, who is yet ill; and then home, where W. Batelier and Mrs. Turner came and sat and supped with us; and so they gone, we to bed. This afternoon, my wife and Mercer and Deb went with Pelling to see the Gipsys at Lambeth and have their fortunes told; but what they did, I did not enquire.

13. Up, and Greeting comes and there he and I tried some things of Mr. Lockes for two flagelettes, to my great content; and this day my wife begins again to learn of him, for I have a great mind for her to be able to play a part with me. Thence I to the office, where all the morning; and then to dinner, where W. How dined with me, who tells me for certain that Creed is like to speed in his match with Mrs. Betty Pickering. Here dined with me also Mr. Hollier, who is mighty vain in his pretence to talk Latin. So to the office again all the afternoon till night, very busy; and so with much content home at night, and made my wife sing and play on the flagelette to me till I slept with great pleasure in bed.

16. *Lords day.* All the morning at my office with W. Hewer, there drawing up my report to the Duke of York, as I have promised, about the faults of this office, hoping therein to have opportunity of