

And so home – and to my office a while; and then comes Mr. Cocker to see me and I discoursed with him about his writing and ability of sight, and how I shall do to get some glass or other to help my eyes by Candlelight; and he tells me he will bring me the helps he hath within a day or two, and show me what he doth. Thence to the Musique-meeting at the post office, where I was once before. And thither anon come all the Gresham College and a great deal of noble company. And the new instrument was brought, called the Arched Viall – where, being tuned with Lutestrings and played on with Kees like an Organ – a piece of Parchment is always kept moving; and the strings, which by the keys are pressed down upon it, are grated, in imitation of a bow, by the parchment; and so it is intended to resemble several vyalls played on with one bow – but so basely and harshly, that it will never do. But after three hours' stay, it could not be Fixt in tune; and so they were fain to go to some other Musique of instruments, which I am grown quite out of love with; and so I, after some good discourse with Mr. Spong, Hill, Grant, Dr. Whisler, and others by turns, I home to my office and there late; and so home – where I understand my wife hath spoke to Jane and ended matters of difference between her and her, and she stays with us; which I am glad of, for her fault is nothing but sleepiness and forgetfulness; otherwise, a good-natured, quiet, well-meaning, honest servant, and one that will do as she is bid, so one called upon her and will see her do it. This morning by 3 a-clock, the Prince and King, and Duke with him, went down the River; and the Prince under sail the next tide after, and so is gone from the Hope. God give him better success then he used to have.

7. Lay pretty while, with some discontent, abed, even to the having bad words with my wife, and blows too, about the ill serving-up of our victuals yesterday; but all ended in love. And so I rose and to my office, busy all the morning. At noon dined at home, and then to my office again; and then abroad to look after Callicos for Flaggs, and hope to get a small matter by my pains therein and yet save the King a great deal of money. And so home to my office; and there came Mr. Cocker and brought me a Globe of glasse and a frame of oyled paper (as I desired), to show me the manner of his gaining light to grave by and to lessen the glaringnesse of it at pleasure, by an oyled paper. This I bought of him, giving him a Crowne for it; and so, well satisfied, he went away and I to my business again; and so home to supper, prayers, and to bed.