

work in our blue chamber. At the office all the morning; and so to dinner, my wife with me, but so as I durst not look upon the girl; though God knows, notwithstanding all my protestations, I could not keep my mind from desiring it. After dinner to the office again and there did some business; and then by coach to see Roger Pepys at his lodgings next door to Arundell house, a barber's. And there I did see a book which my Lord Sandwich hath promised one to me of – a description of the Escuriall in Spain; which I have a great desire to have, though I took it for a finer book when he promised it me. With him to see my Cosen Turner and The[oph]., and there sat and talked, they being newly come out of the country; and here pretty merry, and with The[oph]. to show her a coach at Mr. Povy's man's, she being in want of one; and so back again with her and then home by coach, with my mind troubled and finding no content, my wife still troubled, nor can be at peace while the girl is there; which I am troubled at on the other side. We passed the evening together, and then to bed and slept ill, she being troubled and troubling me in the night with talk and complaint upon the old business.

7. Up, and at the office all the morning; and so to it again after dinner and there busy late, choosing to imploy myself rather then go home to trouble with my wife, whom, however, I am forced to comply with; and ended I do pity her, as having cause enough for her grief. So to bed, and there slept ill because of my wife.

8. *Lords day.* Up, and at my chamber all the morning, setting papers to rights with my boy. And so to dinner at noon, the girl with us; but my wife troubled thereat to see her, and doth tell me so; which troubles me, for I love the girl. At my chamber again to work all the afternoon till night, when Pelling comes, who wonders to find my wife so dull and melancholy; but God knows, she hath too much cause. However, as pleasant as we can, we supped together; and so made the boy read to me, the poor girl not appearing at supper, but hides herself in her chamber – so that I could wish in that respect that she was out of the house, for our peace is broke to all of us while she is here. And so to bed – where my wife mighty unquiet all night, so as my bed is become burdensome to me.

9. Up, and I did, by a little note which I flung to Deb, advise her