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WORKE FOR CUTLERS.

OR,

A MERRY DIALOGUE BETWEEENE

Sword,
Rapier,
and
Dagger.

Acted in a Shew in the famous University of Cambridge.

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WORKE FOR
Cutlers: or, a merry Dialogue betweene

Sword,
Rapier,
and
Dagger.

Enter Sword.

Sword.

Ay Rapier, come forth, come forth I say, Ile giue thee a crowne, though it be but a crackt one: what wilt not? art so hard to be drawne forth Rapier?

Enter
Works for Cutlers.

Enter Rapier.

Rapier. Sfoot thou shalt know that Rapier dares enter: nay Backe-Sword.

Enter Dagger, he holds Rapiers hands behind him.

Rapier. Whose this behinde me?
Dagger. Tis Dagger sir; what will you never leave your quarrelling?
Rapier. Well Sword, Dagger hath defended you a good many times; but tis no matter, another time shall serve: shall I get you out Sword alone, that I may have you single Sword.

Sword. Yes if you'd be single Rapier too.

Dag. Nay Sword, put the case of Rapiers aside, that there were two of them, I hope you were able to buckle with them.

Sword. Ile tell you what, if I goe into the Field with him, hang Sword vp if I do not cut Rapiers points, and lath him when I have done: nay, you shall finde Sword mettle to the very backe: 'sfoot, my teeth be an edge at him.

Dag. If you offer but to thrust towards him
Works for Cutlers.

Sword. But it were more wisedome then to stand: For the Cutler is a man as well Armed as any man I knowe, and has as good skill in weapons.

Rapier. Ha sword, is the winde in that Doore? Faith nowe I see which wyse you stand bent sword, you had rather sleepe in a whole skinne, then goe into the Fields to trye your selfe.

Sword. Syr, sword has bene proue'd before nowe, and yet heele proue himselfe a-gaine with you, if you dare follow him.

Dagger. Doe you heare Sword? If you go, looke for Dagger at your backs presentlie; For I am a Justice of Peace, and am sworne to keepe and defend the Peace.

Rapier. Syr, wee will fight, and doe you take it in Dagger, if you please; if you once offer to hinder vs, Ie so Pummell you Dagger, that you were never better Pummell in your life; And howsoever, I hope thers Lawe aginst you as well as others, and Rapier can put vp a Case aginst you.

Dagger. Alas I care not if you were both Plaintifles against mee, you shall finde Dagger your Defendant. He warrant you.
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I, and if neede bee, I could put vp an Action of Batterie against you.

Sword. What talke you of Law? Sword sornes to have any other Law then Martial law, and that vpon you Rapier.

Dagger. Away swords, the time was indeed when thou wafst a notable Swash-buckler, but now thou art growne olde Sword.

Rapier. I, you doe well, to excuse his Cowardise.

Sword. Why Sir, tis well knowne that Sword has fownd in his dayes.

Dagger. Flourish, yfaith Sir I, I have seene Sword hang with nothing but Scarfes ere now.

Rapier. With Scarfes! with a Halter, if he had bee well fendile, for hees a notable Theefe.

Dagger.  A Theefe.

Rapier. I, a Theefe.

Did you neere heare of Cutting-Dicke, this is the very fame man.

Dagger. Nay Rapier, nere his sword the teeth with that: for you know you were both inditted for treason before now, and were in danger to be hangd, and drawd too, and had escaped well if you had not been quarterd.

Sword I hope knows how to keep his quarters.

Dagger. You are a craftie Foxe Sword: In were.

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were well if you knewe howe to kepe your friendship too, for Gentlemen and Friends should not fall out.

Sword. Rapier a Gentleman?

Rap. A Gentleman? and has Armes.

Dag. But mee thinke Sworde, by the very founding of his Name should bee the better Gentleman, and has the better Armes too: for if the truth were well knowne, Rapier hath but one arm.

Rapier. Sword beare Armes? Hees a base companion. Alas I haue knowne you beare a Basket Sword.

Dag. If you looke in booke of Armorie, Ile warrant you, you shall finde Sworde of more antiquite then you Rapier. Hee derives his Pedigree from Morgan, Benis of South-hampson Sword; and that from S. George his sword, that killd the Draggon.

Rapier. I, the dragoon in Susses, the other day: But Ile warrant you Rapiers of as good a blood as hee for his hart.

Dag. Byth maffe, I think indeed, you are both well fanged. Your both of one blood, only there this difference, that Sword comes of the elder brother, or you Rapier of the yoger.

Rapier. And oftimes the younger brother produceth the better Souldier.

Dag.
Dagger. Nay, dagger will defende you both for good Souldiers.

Sword. Rapier a Souldier? When did you ere knowe Rapier fight a Battell?
Dagger. Yes Rapier is a Souldier, and a Man as well Armed at all poyntes as anie one.

Sword. No, no, its Sword that's the notable Souldier, Why, there's none of all you Captaines could doe anie thing in Warre without him.

Rapier. I hope Rapier hath not beene at Fencing-Schoole all this whyle for nothing.

Dagger. Alas there's none Master of Defence but Dagger: But yet if you speake of Souldiers, there's Bow, Bill, and Gunne, worth twenty such as we are.

Rapier. Indeed they say that Bow has bin an olde Souldier.

Sword. Yet hees not fit for a Souldier, any man may bende him as hee lift.

Rapier. And as for Bow-string, I dare undertake to whip him my selfe.

Sword. Then let mee alone to tickle Bones owne nokke yfaith.

Dagger. But what say you to Bill? hees a notable sturdy villain.

Sword. Bill, Ile pay him soundly, if ere I reach him.

Dagger. Its more then you can doe, Ime affraid, For Bill's a Tall-fellow on's hands, and will quickly be Wood: and then theres Gunne, such another Bouncing-fellow too.

Rapier. Gunne, Alas hees No-body: any little Boy will make him roare.

I have made him goe off 'oth Fieldes, a good many times my selfe.

Dagger. Well, is Gunne No-bodie? Ime sure heel giue fomie blowes sometimene.

Sword. Its nere but when Powder over-charges him, then indeed heel be somewhat hothe oth matter.

Rapier. I think that Powder is a vile bragger, he doth nothing but cracke.

Dagger. Faith I knowe not what Souldier hee is, but they say Hees an excellent politician.

Rapier. Hee a Politician?

Dagger. Why, hee has an excellent wit?

Sword. Pitt, Its nothing but a flath.

Dagger. Ime sure I can remember since he was a Parlement-man.

Rapier. Hee a Parlement-man: For what Shyre?
Warke for Cullers.

Dag. Nay ber-lady, it was for the whole Countrye.

Sword. I wonder they should chuse him: Why he does every thing on the sudden.

Dag. O he plots shrewdly. If they had not look't too it, Hee had undenimed the whole parlement-house.

Sword. I but hees No-body now-adayes, Hees blowne vp long agoe.

Dagger. Well if eyther you, or any body else shuld meete with Povvder, yet its a hundred to one, if he meete not vith his match.

Rapiere. Nay, you should let him alone dagger, and you should see that swords as notable a bragger as Povvder. He thinks hee shull here be matcht too: but hee shull, and ouer-matcht too, by rapiere; I warrant him.

Come sword, after your long Parley, Dare you goe into the Fieldes?

Sword. Dare I? You shull soone see that: Goe, and Ile follow you.

Dag. Well saide, desperate Dice. Sword, You may be shamed to offer it: You knowe you are two-handed: sword, and rapiere has but one hand (whylet I helpe him) to do any good w ithall, and yet youd have him go into the Fieldes w ith you. Come, theres neyther of you shall goe. Doe not you knowe that

that Duells are put downe?

Youle bee bound to th Peace euer hereafter, if you strike but one stroke. Therefore you had best let me decide your controuersie for you.

Sword. Why, you are a backe-Friend to vs both dagger.

Dagger. Nay, you knowe I me equally alredy to you both, and therefore shal prove an impartial Judge: How saie you, will you be rude by me?

Rapiere. Nay let him choose, rapiere at a good poyn't whether he will or no.

Dagger. Why are you so long sword before you speake?

Sword. Are duells put downe? Then I am forc'd to be Friends: Speake then.

Dagger. Then in briefe it shall bee thus. Sword, you shall bee Chief of force in Campe, and bee made General of the Field, to beeare sway everywhere. As for you rapiere, since Duells are put downe, you shall live quietly and peaceable here in th Court, and goe every day in Velure; You shall be Friends with euery one, and bee on euery ones side, that if occasion serve, and sword be absent, so that matters are drive to a push.
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Rapier. Shall be the onely man to performe a Combate: And I my selfe will backe you both, as occasion shall serue.

How say yee, are yee content?

Rapier. Wee are.

Dagger. Then goe before to my House, to the Dagger in Cheape: and there wee shall conclude all.

Rapier. A Long Sword.

Exeunt, Sworde and Rapier.

Dagger.

Our weapons drawnne, and yet no hurt yet finde, Did Dagger then desent unto your wunde? Hee that defended others, does long sence, At last hee does not stand in owne defence, But this hee hopes, with you it will suffice, To crave a pardon for a Schollers Prize.

FINIS.