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The nine and twentieth Dialogue.

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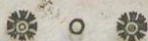
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Spoons full of English strong Beer, half so much Syrup, a little Dregs and put this all together in one Quart-Bottle and having filled this Bottle with good Water, but not till the Mouth, which we stop with a Cork and tie it very fastly. When all is done, we shake this Bottle a Quarter of an Hour and place it in the Sight of the Sun, or some where near to the Fire, by thus Doing we bring the mingled Water to a Fermentation and in the Compas of six Hours we get thereby the most pleasing Drink of Beer. *John.* Many Thanks, Brother, for this Information too, and for your kind Entertainment; but You see, the Sun is a setting, I must go on Board the Ship. I wish You a good Night and to Morrow Morning, please God, I'll come again to wait upon You.

The nine and twentieth Dialogue.

*The two Brothers, Peter and John, are
discoursing about Food and the Kind
of Victuals in the East-
Indies.*

John. Good Morrow Ty'e, Brother, According to Your Commands, I come
this

this Morning again to render You my Respect.

Peter. Dear Brother, You are wellcome, I am obliged Ty'e for this Kindness and I hope, You will do me the Favour to dine with me again.

John. Yes, Sir, With the greatest Pleasure of the World, seeing I am not yet engaged some other where.

Peter. That is, what I wish, for I think, I have the best Right in claiming to my self such an Opportunity, which we don't meet with every Day.

John. I thank You still for the yesterdays Entertainment and likewise for so many good Advice, given me, concerning the Matter of Drinking in this hot Country. Now, I wish also to hear, what Sort of Vi-
tuals You are able to dress on the Table? Because I was told formerly at home, that the People in the East-Indies did live upon nothing else, than Leaves of the Trees and Roots of the Bushes.

Peter. Yes, Such and the like Talk is to be heard in Countries, some what distant from the East-Indies; but when any Body himself comes hither, he will presently apprehend the Contrary. And, dear Brother, You may be an Eye-witness thereof, after Ye found yesterday with me some good wholesom Food of several Sorts.

John. Yes, Sir, But to keep Day by Day a convenient Table at home, thereto will be required many Things for the Kitchen.

Peter. To be sure, but God be thanked, who
has



has made already so good a Provision for this Country, that any one may be full content therewith. *John.* Well, Brother! Give me Leave to ask You one and the other Thing. Pray, What is it, that You do commonly eat with Meat? *Peter.* We do eat Bread, Wheaten-Bread, White-Bread and Fine-manched-Bread, but Rice only as often we have a Mind thereto. *John.* Why do You not eat Rye-Bread and Houshold-Bread, as far better nourishing, than any other Sort of Bread? *Peter.* Sir, To tell You the Truth, brown-Bread or course Bread is here with us a great Rarity. *John.* What is the Reason thereof? *Peter.* Sir, This Country does not bear Rye, although we have tryed the Sowing thereof several Times and in divers Soils. But Wheat grows here and there, as for Instance, at Bengall, within this Continent and about Suratt, and thus is the Wheaten bread, cheap and the Rye-Bread very rare. *John.* Well then, I know, what Bread you do eat, but what Sort of Meat is to be had here? *Peter.* We have Goose, Fowls, Capon, Ducks, Pigeons, Teals, Wood-cocks, Snipe and many Sorts of little Birds. Besides this, we don't want Mutton and Pork, Venison too, as Hares, Stag, Roe and Boar. Likewise we meet now and then with Beef and Veal. *John.* But what Provision is here for Fish? *Peter.* The best Fishes, we may wish for,

for, are here to be had in Abundance ; but I can't tell their Names , except one and other Sort, as Cod-Fish, Whiting, Eel, Dolphin and the like. Further we have Oysters, Crab, Cray-Fish and Shrimp. *John.* Pray, Sir, have You here also Herbs and Roots? *Peter.* Yes, We

have Turneps, Carrots, Cabbage, Cucumbers, Melons, Colewort, Parsley, Onion, Salled, Sparagras, Beans, French Beans and Pease.

John. I fear to become to You somewhat troublesome, in asking so many Questions, but I hope, I shall have almost done. Pray, what Fruits have you here? *Peter.* We have Abundance

thereof, although their Shape and Taste entirely differs from those of Europa. For You will

find here Fig-trees, Dates, Oranges, Lemons, Googaves, Mangoes, Plantains or Pisangs and Pomegranates &c. *John.* How stands the Case with Flowers? Have ye also any Rose, Tulip and Gilly-flower? *Peter.* No, Sir, but in their

Stead, as fair and fine, many good other Flowers; and at Ceylon, there is Abundance of Rose-Mary. *John.* Sir, above in your Answer about Meat, I did observe, that You spoke these

Words: We do now and then meet with Beef and Veal, pray, What is the Meaning thereof? Have ye not here every Day Beef and Veal, as

we in Europa? *Peter.* No, Sir, we live here among the Heathens, one of their chief Wor-

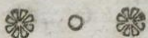
ship is the very Cow. Now You may guess, with what Mind they will suffer to see, when

Europeans are so bold as to kill without any

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Mercy one Daughter of their Goddess.
John. What Foolishness! Will they adore
 a living Cow with two Horns and four Hoofs?
Peter. Yes, Sir, every Year, about our Epipha-
 ny, they do celebrate a Cow-Feast. *John.* What
 are they doing in solemnizing their stupid Fe-
 stival? *Peter.* Sir, I'll tell You, what I saw once
 with my own Eyes. The Malabarians of
 two, three or four Villages came driving their
 Cattle in one large Place together. Every one
 of the Owners had trimmed their Cows with Fi-
 neries of Leaves upon their Horns and with Gar-
 lands of Flowers about their Neck. As soon as
 their Heard now closely stood in one Spot of
 Ground, the Inhabitants with their Musick be-
 gun to encompass these Cows, going three
 Times as in a Procession round about these
 Beasts, and lastly they all laid themselves flat
 along down upon their own Faces, paying their
 Duty; and rising up again from the Ground,
 the Worship was over and done. *John.* O! In-
 estimable Dignity of our Christian Religion,
 by which we know, how to Worship the Crea-
 tor of Heaven and Earth and our Dear Redeem-
 er Jesus Christ, who alone is worth to be
 worshipped and besides Him no any Creature,
 much less a Cow-beast. *Peter.* God be thanked,
 that we are brought up among good Christians!
 May please the Lord to keep us further in the
 right Way, that is fit, to lead us up to Heaven.
John. Seeing, the Heathen have here Cows
 enough, because they do honour them as their
 God.



Goddeſs, ſo I think, You have Milk, Butter and Cheeſe in Plenty. *Peter.* Yes, But the Cheeſe, which they do ſhape here and at Bengall don't come in any Compariſon with our Cheeſe or that of Holland. For they are as dry as a Flint and without any Taſt and Smell. *John.* Sir, Some People do like Pork mightily well, pray, have You here alſo Swines? *Peter.* Yes, Sir, of two Sorts, one kind is with long Legs, as in our own Country: and one kind with Short Legs and downward hanging Bellys, which came from China. To ſee a very Sucking Pig with ſuch a Belly, is ſomewhat ſtrange. *John.* Now, Dear Brother, that is the ſecond Day, I have ſpent with You in this Country, I like it well, becauſe it is in ſome Reſpect a continually green Spring. But my Buſineſs calls me away, I muſt go on Board the Ship, pleaſe God, I'll come to Morrow again. *Peter.* Yes, Brother John, fare well and don't fail to come again in my Houſe to Morrow.

The thirtieth Dialogue.

The two Gentlemens Siſter arrives as a Bride, is conveyed in the Town with Pomp and aſkes many Queſtions about the Women in the Eaſt-Indies.

John. Good Morrow T'ye, Brother Peter, Don't wonder, that I come ſo early, I bring You very good News. *Peter.* Sir, You are