

Courtesies.—Acts of kindness.

The ancient Roman honor.—A spirit of honor was eminently characteristic of the ancient Romans.

p. 312. *Three thousand ducats.*—The value of the Venetian ducat, in Shakespeare's day, was about \$1.50.

Catch him on the hip.—To have the advantage over him. This was a phrase used by wrestlers.

Signior.—An Italian title of respect, equivalent to the English "Sir" or "Mr."

Sufferance is the badge of all our tribe.—Patient endurance, like a badge, distinguishes us from all other races.

p. 313. *As like.*—As likely.

If I break.—If I fail to comply with the conditions.

With better face.—With less reason for being ashamed of it.

Pretending kindness, and that, etc.—Pretending (that he wishes to show) kindness, and that, etc. Compare page 321, "Desired his opinion, and that," etc.

p. 314. *Break this day.*—Fail to make payment on the day when the bond should fall due.

If he will take it, so.—If he will take this friendship, well and good.

Portia.—Portia, the wife of Brutus (one of the conspirators against Julius Cæsar), is reputed to have been a woman of surpassing excellence in the graces of person and of mind.

p. 315. *Broken words.*—Words broken, or interrupted, by his emotion.

Use your pleasure.—Do as you wish.

Event.—Result, issue.

b.—Second Reading.

P. 321. *She did nothing doubt.*—She did not at all doubt.

p. 322. *How mercy was a double blessing.*—What word should be used instead of "how"?

p. 323. *To wrest the law a little.*—To do violence to the law by altering it a little.

A Daniel come to judgment.—A man equal to the prophet Daniel in point of wisdom is come to administer justice.

p. 324. *Awful expectation.*—Notice the correct use of "awful"; expectation filled with awe.

The words expressly are.—The exact words are.

Nor do not cut off.—The double negative is not now admissible, but is very frequent in Shakespeare.