

- c What profit is there in either of them ?
15 Better is a m[a]n who hideth his foolish-
ness,
Than a man who hideth his wisdom.

DISCIPLINE OF SHAME

- 14a Hearken, O children, to the discipline of
shame,
16a And be abashed by my standard.
It is not fitting to beware of every shame;
And not every kind of modesty is ap-
proved.
17 Be ashamed before (thy) father and mother
of whoredom;
Before a king and prince of deceit;
18 Before a master and mistress of a lie ;
Before the congregation and people of
transgression;
Before a comrade and friend of treachery;
19 And before the place where thou so-
journest of furtiveness.

[Of the violation of an o[ath] and covenant;
Of stretching out the elbow at meat;
Of refusing to grant a request ;

- 21a Of turning away the face of thy friend;
b Of reckoning (closely) the parts of a
portion;
20a Of silence before an inquiry as to thy
welfare.

- b Of gazing [after a woman that is a harlot],
21c And of ascending upon her bed.
22c Before a friend of reproachful w[or]ds;
d And after giving, spurn not.

CHAPTER XLII.

- 1a Of repeating a word thou hearest ;
Of laying bare any secret counsel :
So shalt thou be truly sensible to shame,
And find favour in the sight of all living.