

296. painted maypole. The pole around which the villagers danced at the May-day sports. The maypole was painted with vertical or diagonal stripes of various colours.

300. curst. Shrewish, sharp-tongued.

302. a right maid. A girl, indeed.

304. something. Somewhat.

310. your stealth. Your having stolen away.

314. so. If.

317. fond. Foolish.

323. shrewd. Shrewish, sharp-tempered.

329. minimus. Small creature.

hindering knot-grass. Knot-grass is so called because of the knotted or thickened joints. It was supposed to hinder the growth of children.

330. bead. Because she is small and dark complexioned.

officious. Here, zealous.

333. intend. Pretend.

335. aby. Pay for.

336-7. to try, etc. To try which of us has the most rightful claim.

338. cheek by jole. Cheek beside cheek (jole or jowl).

339. All this disturbance (coil) is because of you.

341. curst. Shrewish, ill-tempered.

344. amaz'd. Confused, bewildered.

345. still thou mistak'st. You are always making mistakes.

347. shadows. Spirits.

352. sort. Turn out, happen.

355. overcast. Cover over with clouds.

356. welkin. Sky.

357. Acheron. In classical myth, one of the four rivers of Hades.

361. wrong. Insults.

365. batty wings. Wings like a bat's.

367. liquor. Juice.

virtuous property. Good quality.