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1. *Do the prologues in this play serve the same purpose that they do in the other plays?*

Yes; that is, they describe events that must be known, and create an interest in what follows. Another stage invention of that day is introduced in this play with the prologues; that is the Dumb Show; this explained things not easy to explain by words.

ACT I

2. *Does the material presented in this act seem suitable for a Play?*

The material presented in this act does not seem suitable for a play. It is a subject that would not be discussed in public nowadays.

3. *What opinions do you have of the social life of the 17th century from the fact that this was a popular play of the period?*

Compared with modern standards, one would judge that the social life of the 17th century was very coarse and vulgar. Men