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NOTES TO THE WINTER'S TALE

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Colle flori temis a' cle re remissi,
which Golding renders:

And as she tem in the upper part her garment would have rent,
By chance she let her lap slip lowe, and out her flowers went.
Halliwell quotes from Barnes, *Divils Charter*, 1697, the
expression "the wazon of black die." If *azon* is used for
carriage in Ali's Well, iv. 1. 34, "our wazon is prepar'd."

152 Line 122, *pale primroses*. — Compare *Cymbeline*, iv
2, 223: "The flower that's like thy face, *pale primrose*." Milton's "rathie primrose that forsaken dies" (*Lycidas*, 142) is a less evident echo of Shakespeare's dithier verse
than the passage we it originally stood:

Bring the rathie primrose that unseid dies,
Colouring the pale cheek of uneng'd love.

153 Line 126: *The crown imperial*. — This flower (the *Fritillaria imperialis*) was originally a native of the East.

154 Line 127: *The flower-de-luce*. — Compare Henry V
v, 2, 223, 224: "what sayest thou my fair *flower-de-luce*?"
Ellacombe quotes a number of passages bearing on the
question whether Shakespeare was thinking of a lily or
an iris. It is not of much consequence, but it seems
probable that he was botanically wrong.

155 Line 142: *Nothing but that; more still, still so*. —
Roffe quotes an ingenious defence of the rhythm of this
line from Powden Clarke: "The iteration of *still* in the
peculiar way that Shakespeare has used it confounds
with the two monosyllables *more* and *so*, gives the musical
evidence, the alternate rise and fall, the to-and-fro undula-
tion of the water, the swing of the wave, with an effect
upon the ear that only a poet gifted with a true perception
would have thought of." I suppose no one will deny that
Shakespeare was a poet gifted with a true perception.

156. Lines 147, 148: *but that your youth,
And the true blood which peeps fairly through't.*

Is this a reminiscence of Hero and Leander, third sestet, lines 39, 40:

Through whose white skin, softer than soundest sleep,
With damask eyes the ruby blood doth peep.

Shakespeare quotes directly from the poem in *As You Like It*, III, 5, 82, 83:

Deal shepherd, now I find thy saw of might,—
"Who ever lov'd that lov'd not at first sight?"

The "dead shepherd's" immortal "saw" is in sestet 1, line 176. It should be noticed that in order to get the proper rhythm in line 148 it must be read with a strong
accent on the word *true*, a lesser accent having been laid
on the first word of the line. Perhaps there is some cor-
ruption in the text.

157. Line 160: *That makes her blood look out*. — If, read
out, it which is an evident misprint for the word substituted
by Theobald, *out*.

158 Line 169: *a worthy FEEDING*. — Steevens quotes
Drayton, *Polydibion*, vi: "their *feeding*, herbs, and their
fertility." Compare *As You Like It*, ii. 4. 99, where *feeder*
is used for shepherd, one who *feeds* the flocks.

159. Line 192: *milliner*. — Shakespeare uses this word
only here and in *I. Henry IV*, i. 3. 30; "perfumed like a

milliner." — In who deals
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meaning, is the sense of the passage. *Miller* is gen-
erally supposed to mean who deals
in Milan wares. — *Weigwys*. — *Dictionary*
English Etymology. — *active evidence* as in
duced in favour of the derivation

160 Line 195: *burdens of 14100s and 14110s*. —
burden are both burdens frequently met with
ballads, as in songs cited by Malone, the burden of
from *The Choice Drolery*, 1606, p. 21) being:

With a *sidde, sidde, sidde*,
With a *sidde, sidde, sidde*, *leg*;

and of another (from *Sportive Wit*, 1606, p. 56): "with a
finding, with a *finding*." A *finding* is said to be an old
Irish dance, and as such is referred to by Ben Jonson and
Beaumont and Fletcher. There is a lengthy note on the
name and character of the dance in the Variorum Shak-
speare, xiv, 429-430, part of which, a description of the
Irish dance, still (or at least in 1606) to be met with "on
rejoicing occasions in many parts of Ireland." "The
dance is called *Rince Fada*, and means literally 'the
long dance' . . . A king and queen are chosen from
amongst the young persons who are the best dancers, the
queen carries a garland composed of two loops placed
at right angles and fastened to a handle; the loops are
covered with flowers and ribbands; you have seen it, I
dare say (writes Malone's Irish correspondent), with the
May-maids. Frequently in the course of the dance the
king and queen lift up their joined hands as high as they
can, still holding the garland in the other. The most
remote couple from the king and queen first pass under;
all the rest of the line linked together follow in success-
ion: when the last has passed the king and queen sud-
denly face about and front their companions; this is
often repeated during the dance, and the various undulations
are pretty enough, resembling the movements of a
serpent."

161 Lines 200, 201: "If hoop, do me no harm, good man!" —
In *The Famous History of Friar Bacon*, says Farmer, there
is a ballad to the tune of "Oh! do me no harm, good
man." The tune is preserved in a collection of Ayres, to
sing and play to the Lyre and Bass Viol, with Panions,
Galliards, Almaines, and Corantos, for the Lyra Viol, by
William Corhane, 1610.

162 Line 204: *Has he any UNBRAIDED wares?*. — *Un-
braided wares* may mean, as Steevens suggests, anything
besides lace which are *leaded* — the principal commodity
of pedlars; it has been thought, from a passage in Ali's
Well, iv. 1. 73, where *braid* is used for deceitful (A. S.
briegd, deceit), that *unbraid* may more probably mean
not counterfeit, genuine, as in Steevens' quotation from
Anything for a Quiet Life: "She says that you sent ware
which is not warrantable, *braided wares*, and that you
give not London measure." Schmidt suggests that *un-
braid* may be the clown's blunder for "embroidered."

163 Line 205: *inkles*. — See *Love's Labour's Lost*, note 89.

164 Line 208: *caddises*. — Compare *I. Henry IV*, ii. 4.
79: "caddise-garter." *Caddises* were "worsted tapes or
bindings, used for garters, &c." (New English Dictionary).