April 1661

RULE A WIFE AND HAVE A WIFE. [By John Fletcher.] Cast not known.

COMMENT. The Duke's Company. Pepys, Diary: Then to Whitefryars, and there saw part of "Rule a wife and have a wife," which I never saw before, but do not like it.

Monday 1 Salisbury

THE LITTLE THIEF. [The Night Walker, by John Fletcher.] Cast not known.

COMMENT. The Duke's Company. An edition dated 1661 lists no cast, no prologue, no epilogue. Pepys, Diary: And so to White-fryars and saw "The Little Thiefe," which is a very merry and pretty play, and the little boy do very well.

Tuesday 2 Salisbury

LOVE'S QUARREL. Author not known. Cast not known.

COMMENT. The Duke's Company. Pepys, Diary: Then by water, Creed and I, to Salisbury Court and there saw "Love's Quarrell" acted the first time, but I do not like the design or words.

Saturday 6 Salisbury

Monday 8-Saturday 13 PASSION WEEK

THE HUMOROUS LIEUTENANT. [By John Fletcher.] Cast not known.

COMMENT. Pepys, Diary: So back to the Cockpitt [Whitehall], and there, by the favour of one Mr Bowman, he [Creed] and I got in, and there saw the King and Duke of York and his Duchess (which is a plain woman, and like her mother, my Lady Chancellor). And so saw "The Humersome Lieutenant" acted before the King, but not very well done. But my pleasure was great to see the manner of it, and so many great beauties, but above all Mrs Palmer, with whom the King do discover a great deal of familiarity.

Saturday 20 At Court

Sometime before the Coronation of Charles 11, on 23 April 1661, there may have been acted *The Merry Conceited Humours of Bottom the Weaver*. An edition of 1661 refers to its being "often publikely acted by some of his Majesties Comedians" and the Dedication suggests that it would make a good entertainment at the mirthful time of the Coronation. The edition lists no actors' names, no prologue, no epilogue.

THE RELATION OF HIS MAJESTIES ENTERTAINMENT PASSING THROUGH THE CITY OF LONDON, TO HIS CORONATION: With a Description of the Triumphal Arches, and Solemnity. [By John Ogilby.]

COMMENT. The music was composed by Matthew Lock, and the architectural elements were created by Peter Mills, Surveyor of the City. For further details, see Robert Withington, English Pageantry (1918), 1, 243.

Monday 22

- NEPTUNE'S ADDRESS TO HIS MOST SACRED MAJESTY CHARLES THE SECOND: King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, &c. Congratulating His Happy Coronation Celebrated the 22th Day of Aprill, 1661. In several Designments and Shews upon the Water, before Whitehall, At His Majesties' Return from the Land Triumphs. [By John Tatham.]
- THE CITIES LOYALTY DISPLAY'D: or the Four Famous and Renowned Fabricks in the City of London Exactly described in their several Representations, what they are, with their private meanings and perfect Actions at the day of publick View, which is not yet discovered. Together with a true Relation of that

