



No; I have curâ€™d myself of that *disease*;  
Nor will I be provokâ€™d, but when I please:

But let me half that *cure* to you

restore; 35

You give the *salve*, I laid it to the *sore*.

Our kind relief against a rainy day,  
Beyond a tavern, or a tedious play,  
We take your book, and laugh our spleen away.

If all your *tribe*, too studious of *debate*, 40

Would cease false hopes and titles to create,  
Led by the *rare example* you begun,  
*Clients* would fail, and *Lawyers* be undone.

### NOTES:

**Title** *Henry Higden* (fl. 1686-1693), poet, dramatist, translator; as a member of Middle Temple, he was also a barrister. Drydenâ€™s poem was one of three celebratory verses published in the front matter of Higdenâ€™s *A Modern Essay on the Tenth Satyr of Juvenal* (London, 1687); *Juvenal* (b. 55-60? CE, d. in or after 127 CE), the most powerful of all Roman satiric poets (Britannica).

**1 Grecian wits** The most well-known early Greek satirists included Aristophanes (446 BC-386 BC), and Lucian (c. 125-after 180).

**2 pasquins** Composers of lampoons, satirists (QED).

**4 durst not** That is, dared not (QED).

**7 drolls** A funny or waggish fellow; a merry-andrew, buffoon, jester, humorist (QED).

**9 fop** A foolish person, a fool (QED).

**13 Court of Chancery** "Court of equity to provide remedies not obtainable in the courts of common law" (Britannica).

**14 Horace** (65 BC-8BC), Latin lyric poet and satirist (Britannica).

**16 yours** Juvenalâ€™s [Publisherâ€™s note].

**32 fray** A disturbance, esp. one caused by fighting; a noisy quarrel, a brawl (QED).

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