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TRUE INTELLIGENCE.

Bedford Coffee-house, Dec. 30.

A Book is opened here by the Waiters, according to anniversary Custom, in order to take a List of all the choice Spirits of the Age; and therefore all, who have any smattering of Wit, Humour, Genius, &c. are desired to repair forthwith to this Place, where for so small a Price as a Crown, by Way of *Christmas-Box*, they may have their Names enrolled in the Volumes of Fame among Poets, and Demi-Poets, Critics and Demi-Critics, Country Fox-Hunters and Town Rakes, Beaux and pretty Fellows, &c.

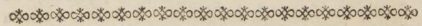
Drury-Lane Theatre.

There has been such a prodigious squeezing of Hats here of late, that the Managers, as well to suppress the Destruction of Beavers, as to put a Stop to an unnatural and ungraceful Department, have been induced to issue out Orders from the Green Room against this Practice; and it is thereby strictly enjoined, that whoever has a Message to deliver on the Stage, or a Kicking to receive, shall perform it without Recourse to this modern Affectation, which occasions great Speculation among the Under-Graduates of each Theatre, and, we hear, that a Copy of this Order is sent to Mr. Lee at *Edinburgh*, whose Hats are said to be at present as flat as *Scotch Bonnets*.

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A Literary Bill of Mortality for the Year 1752.

Casualties among Books.		Casualties among Authors.	
Abortive	- - 7000	Bit by mad Dogs	- 500
Still born	- - 3000	Planet struck	- - 900
Old Age	- - - 0000	Bruised	- - - 1000
Worms	- - - 8000	Killed themselves	- 15
Consumption	- - 500	Starved	- - - 1200
French Disease	- - 700	Fall from a Garret	} 2
Complication	- - 100	Window.	
Yellow Fever in a Jakes	200	Malignant Fever	- 80
Hard bound	- - 100	Mortification	- - 120
Trunk-makers	- 1000	Canker	- - - 20
Pastry-Cooks	- - 1000	Surfeit	- - - 0000
Sky-Rockets	- 10000	Executed	- - - 37
Transportation	- 10000	Dog-Star Rage	- 300
		Empyema *	- - 1
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NUMB. 12. GRAY'S-INN, Saturday, Jan. 6, 1752.

The Ruling Passion, be it what it will.
The Ruling Passion conquers Reason still. POPE.

The following Letter is a Piece of Raillery upon Whimfies, which have a real Existence; and it is written by a Gentleman of so elegant a Taste, that I persuade myself a Production of his cannot fail to contribute

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* *Empyema*.] Alludes to the Indisposition of the *Inspector*; an Account of which was given in a Pamphlet, entitled *Libitina sine confitea*.