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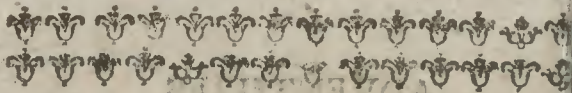
CAP. GULLIVER.

IN A VOYAGE TO

LILLIPUT.

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CAPT. LEMUEL GULLIVER.

CHAP. I.

MR. LEMUEL GULLIVER, was the third son of a gentleman in Nottinghamshire: at the age of 14 he was sent to Emanuel College, Cambridge, where he studied very closely for three years; but the charge of maintaining him being too great for his father's narrow fortune, he was bound apprentice to Mr. Bates, Surgeon in London. What little money he got, he laid out in learning navigation and other parts of mathematics, as he always fancied he should be a great traveller: When his time was expired, he left Mr. Bates, and studied physic two years at Leyden, in Holland.

Soon after his return from Leyden he married Miss Polly Burton, daughter of a merchant in Newgate-street, with whom he received a portion of 400l.

After practising about 3 years in Wapping, with but little success, he accepted of an advantageous offer from Captain Pritard, of the Antelope, who was making a voyage to the South Sea.

They sailed from Bristol on the 4th of May, 1699. Their voyage was at first very prosperous; till leaving these seas and steering their course towards the East Indies, they were driven by a storm to the northward of Van Diemen's land: twelve of the crew were dead by hard labour and bad food, and the rest were in a very weak condition.

On the 5th of November, (the beginning of summer in those parts) the weather being hazy, they espied a rock within a cable's length of the ship, and the wind being strong, they immediately split upon it. Mr. Gulliver and five of the crew saved out the boat, and made a shift to get clear of the ship and the rock. They drifted till they could work no longer; and then, trusting to the mercy of the

waves, in about half an the boat was overfet by a sudden squall from the north. What became of the other seamen, Mr. Gulliver knew not; but he swam with wind and tide and often let his legs drop, in hopes of feeling the bottom; at last when he was almost ready to expire, he found himself within his depth, and the storm being greatly abated he walked above a mile before he reached the shore. He then advanced near half a mile up the country, but could not discover either houses or inhabitants. He lay down on the grass, which was very soft, and slept about nine hours. He awaked just at day break and upon attempting to rise, he found he could not stir, for as he lay on his back he found his arms and legs fastened to the ground, and his hair which was long and thick, tied in the same manner. In a little time, he felt something alive, moving on his left leg, which advanced almost up to his chin: when bending his eyes downwards, he perceived it to be a human creature, about six inches high, with a bow and arrow in his hand, and a quiver on his back; he then felt at least forty more

following the first: and being greatly astonish-
 ed, he roared so loud that they all ran back
 in a fright: and some of them broke their
 staves, by leaping from his side to the ground.

Soon after, one of them cried aloud, Tol-
 lo Phonac; when instantly Mr Gulliver per-
 ceived some hundreds of arrows discharged
 upon his hands and face which pricked him
 like so many needles, and gave him so much
 pain, that he strove again to get loose. Some
 of them attempted to stab him in the side
 with their spears, but they could not pierce
 his buff waistcoat. When the people obser-
 ved that he lay quiet, they discharged no
 more arrows. He saw them busy erecting a
 stage, at a little distance, about a foot and a
 half high, which they had no sooner finished
 than four of them ascended it by a ladder.
 One of them who seemed to be a person of
 quality, was taller than those who attended
 him: one of whom held up his train, and
 was about four inches high. He cried
 out three times, Langro Dehul San; on
 which they cut the strings that bound the
 left side of his head. The little monarch
 made an oration, not one word of which

Mr. Gulliver could understand, he observed, however many signs of threatnings; and others of promises, pity, and kindness: and he answered, by motions of submission and friendship. Being almost famished with hunger, he put his finger frequently to his mouth, to signify to them that he wanted food. The Hurgo (for so they called a great Lord), understood him very well; he descended from the stage, and ordered several ladders to be placed against Mr. Gulliver's sides, by which above a hundred of the people mounted, and walked towards his mouth, laden with baskets of meat; there were shoulders, legs, and loins shap'd like those of mutton, but smaller than the wings of a lark. He eat two or three of them at a mouthful and took three of the loaves (which were as big as a musket bullet) at a time. The inhabitants were astonished at his bulk and appetite: and on his making a sign for drink, they slung up one of their largest hogsheds, rolled it towards his hand, and beat out the top. He drank it off at a draught, for it did not hold half a pint, and tasted like Burgundy. They afterwards brought a second hoghead,

which he also dispatched; and calling for
 ore, found they had no more to give him.
 When they had done these wonders, they
 shouted for joy; and after warning the peo-
 ple on the ground the King desired he would
 throw the empty barrels as far as he could;
 and when they saw the vessels in the air,
 there was an universal shout of Hekina De-
 al.

Mr. GULLIVER could not help wonder-
 ing at the intrepidity of these diminutive
 portals, who ventured to walk and mount
 upon his body, while one of his hands was
 at liberty, without trembling at the very
 sight of so prodigious a creature as he must
 appear to them. After some time an am-
 bassador from the King appeared before
 him, who producing credentials under the
 royal seal, spoke about ten minutes without
 any sign of anger, and yet with great
 resolution; pointing often towards the
 Metropolis, which was distant about
 half a mile, whether it was his Majesty's
 pleasure that he should be conveyed —
 Mr. Gulliver made signs that he should be
 glad to be released; and the ambassador
 understood very well what he meant, for
 he shook his head by way of disapprobation.

tion, and signified that he must be carried as a prisoner; he therefore gave tokens that they might do what they would with him; whereupon the Hurgo and his train withdrew with cheerful countenances. Soon after the people shouted out, Peplom Selau, and he felt the cords so relaxed, that he was able to turn upon his right side. they then rubbed his hands and face with an ointment which took off the smart of their arrows; and this circumstance, added to the plentiful meal he had made, caused him to fall asleep. The natives of Lilliput are excellent mathematicians and mechanics: and the King immediately set five hundred carpenters to work to prepare an engine by which he might be conveyed to the capital. It was a wooden frame three inches high, seven feet long, and four broad, and moved upon twenty-two wheels.

It was brought to Mr Gulliver's side as he lay. To raise so immense a creature upon this vehicle, eighty poles, each of a foot high were erected, and very strong ropes of the bigness of packthread, were fastened by hooks to many bandages, which the work-

men had girt round his neck, hands, body, and legs. Nine hundred of the strongest men were employed to draw up these cords, by pulleys fastened on the poles, and in a few hours he was raised, slung into the engine and tied down. All this Mr. Gulliver was told afterwards; for while the whole operation was performing, he lay fast asleep by the force of a medicine that had been purposely infused in the wine he had drunk. Fifteen hundred strong horses, about four inches and a half high, were yoked to the machine and had much ado to drag it along. They made a long march this day, and then Mr. Gulliver was guarded in the night, by five thousand men, on each side one half of them with torches, and the other half of them with bows and arrows ready to shoot him if he offered to stir. Early the next morning, they continued their march, and at noon arrived within two hundred yards of the city gate.

The carriage stopped near an old temple the largest in the kingdom, but which on account of a murder having been committed therein, was never frequented. In this edifice it was agreed Mr. Gulliver

should lodge. The gate was four feet high, and two feet wide, and on each side was four windows. To this temple he was fastened by ninety-one chains, which were fixed to his leg by thirty six padlocks.—Just opposite stood a famous turret, five feet high to the top of which, the Emperor and many lords ascended, for the sake of seeing so large a monster; vast numbers of people came also upon the same errand; and when the workmen found that they had thoroughly secured him, they cut all the strings with which he was bound; and upon his rising upon his legs, they shewed the greatest marks of wonder and astonishment.

CHAPTER II.

MR. GULLIVER was no sooner on his legs, than he was pleased at beholding the prospect of the country, large fields of forty feet square, woods, at least sixty feet long; and tall trees almost seven feet high; and the city on the left hand, which looked like the view of London in a rare-shew.

The Emperor having descended from the tower, came forward with the Queen and many ladies, to examine Mr. Gulliver more minutely. He had ordered his cooks and builders to prepare ten waggon-loads of meat, and ten of wine, and he and his attendants sat at some distance to see him dine. With regard to the Emperor's person, he is taller by a quarter of an inch, than any of his subjects which is enough to strike them all with awe. His dress was plain and simple, but he wore a golden helmet on his head, adorned with jewel, and a plume of feathers. He suffered Gulliver to take him up into the palm of his hand, after having drawn his sword to defend himself if he should not be used kindly. The Emperor spoke often to Mr. Gulliver, and Mr. Gulliver as often answered him, but all to no purpose, for they could not understand one another. When the court withdrew, he was left with a strong guard, to prevent the impertinence of the rabble, many of whom, supposing he would devour all the victuals in the country, had the audacity to shoot their arrows at him; but the Col. ordered them to be seized and

delivered into his hands. they were immediately bound and pushed towards him; he placed them upon his right hand, and made a sign as if he would eat them up alive, they were greatly affrighted and equalled terribly when they saw him take out his knife; but afterwards locking mildly and cutting the strings with which they were bound, he placed them gently on the ground, and away they ran as fast as they were able. This mark of clemency was represented much to his advantage at Court.

For a fortnight he lay upon the naked pavement of his house, which was smooth stone; during which time six hundred beds were brought in, carriages, and worked up within the building; one hundred and fifty were sewn together in breadth and length; and these were four double, which, however was barely sufficient to relieve him from the hardness of the floor; and in the same manner also, he was provided with sheets, blankets and coverlids,

The Emperor, however, had frequent councils concerning him; who desired that certain officers might search him, for probably he might have weapons about him,

which might be dangerous to the state — To this Mr Gulliver consented; he took the two officers in his hand, and put them first into one pocket and then into another, These gentlemen set down in writing every thing they found; and after putting them safely on the ground, they presented the inventory to the Emperor, which was as follows.

In the right hand coat pocket, we found a large piece of coarse cloth large enough for a floor-cloth to the chamber of state. — In the left pocket a silver chest, with a cover of the same metal; we desired to see it opened; and on our stepping into it, found ourselves mid-leg deep in a sort of dust, which made us sneeze wonderfully. In the right waistcoat pocket we found a number of white thin substances folded about the bigness of three men, tied with a cable and marked with black figures. In the left an engine, from the back of which were extended a row of long poles resembling palisadoes. — In the right hand breeches pocket, we saw a hollow pillar of iron, about the length of a man, fastened to a strong piece of timber larger than the pillar; on one side of which were

pieces of strong iron sticking out; and in the left pocket another engine of the same kind. In a smaller pocket of the right hand several pieces of white and red metal, of different sizes; some of the white ones were so heavy that we could hardly lift them. In the left pocket were two strange engines, with one of which he told us he shaved himself and that with the other he cut his victuals. There were two other smaller pockets, from one of which he took a large globe, half silver, and half of some transparent metal; this he put close to our ears and we were surprized with a noise as loud as the fall of a water-mill; this engine, he called his oracle, and said, it pointed out the time of every action of his life; we therefore presume it is the god that he worships. From the left pocket, he took out a net, large enough for a fisherman; in this were several pieces of yellow metal, which if they be real gold, are of more value than all the wealth in your Majesty's coffers.

Round his waist was a belt made of the skin of some unknown animal, from which hung a sword the length of nine

men; on his right side was a bag, containing two cells, in one of which were several balls as big as a man's head, and which we were scarce able to lift; the other was filled with black grains, about fifty of which we could hold in the palms of our hands.

When this inventory was read over; the King desired Mr. Gulliver to give up the several particulars; he therefore first took out his scymeter out of the scabbard and waving it backward and forward, the reflection of the sun greatly dazzled the eyes of the beholders. The next thing he demanded, was one of the hollow iron pillars; Mr Gulliver took it out of his pocket, and charging it with powder only he let it off in the air; on which hundreds of Lilliputians fell to the ground as if they had been dead, and even the Emperor was greatly confounded. His pistols were then delivered up, together with the pouch of powder and bullets, after begging that the former might be kept from the fire, for fear his Imperial Majesty's palace might be blown in the air. The Emperor being desirous of seeing his watch, two of the yeomen of the

guards hung it across a pole, as the draymen do a barrel of beer in England, and he and the learned men were amazed at the noise it made, and at the motion of the minute hand. His money, comb, knife, razor, &c. were then given up. The scymiter, pistols, and pouch, were conveyed by broad-wheel waggons to the king's stores, but the rest were restored.

CHAP. III.

MR. Galliver's gentle behaviour, gained the good opinion of the Emperor, the army, and the people in general, insomuch that he was set at full liberty. They became less apprehensive of danger from him, and at last, the boys and girls would dance country dances on the palm of his hand, as he lay on the ground, or play at hide and seek in his hair.

The Emperor one day had a mind to entertain him with several thews, with none of which he was so much diverted as that of the rope-dancers, who performed upon a slender white thread, about two feet long, and raised

about twelve inches from the ground. This diversion is only practised by the nobility and men of liberal education, who are candidates for the high employments of the state — When any great office becomes vacant, five or six of these candidates petition the King to entertain his Majesty, with a dance on the rope, and whoever jumps highest is to succeed.

These diversions, however, are often attended with fatal accidents; Mr. Gulliver himself saw two or three people break their limbs; and when the Ministers themselves are commanded to perform, they frequently strain so far, that there is hardly any of them who have not received a fall, and some of them two or three

There is another diversion, which is peculiar to the Liliputians; it is as follows: The Emperor lays on a table three silken threads, one blue, the other red, and the third green. These threads are intended for such noblemen as are to be distinguished by a particular favor. The Emperor holds a stick in his hand and the candidates leap over or creep under it, backwards and for-

wards; and whoever holds out longest in leaping and creeping is honored with the blue silk; the red is given to the next, and the green to the third,

C H A P. IV.

THE wall of the city of Milendo is two feet and a half high, and seven inches broad, so that a coach may be driven upon the top of it, and there are strong towers, at the distance of every ten feet. Mr. Gulliver easily trode over the wall, and went carefully through the principal streets in his waistcoat only, for fear the skirts of his coat might damage the roofs and eaves of the houses. The garret windows, and tops of houses, were so crouded with spectators, that Mr. Gulliver imagined the city must contain at least five hundred thousand souls. Some of the houses were five stories high, the markets well provided, and the shops very rich. The city is an exact square of five hundred feet; two great streets, which divide it into quarters, are five feet wide;

the lanes and allies are from twelve to eighteen inches. The Emperor's palace, which is in the centre, is inclosed by a wall two feet high; the outward court is a vast square of forty feet; and here stand the Royal Apartments. These Mr. Gulliver, by lying down upon his side, and applying his face to the windows, had the pleasure of viewing, and he found them more splendid than could be imagined. He saw the Empress and the young Princess in their several lodgings, and her Majesty was pleased to put her hand out at the window for him to kiss.

About a fortnight after Mr. Gulliver obtained his liberty, he was visited by Reldresal, the principal secretary. Reldresal complimented him upon his liberty, and entered into a political conversation with great confidence. He informed Mr. Gulliver that the Lilliputians were threatened with an invasion from the island of Blefusca, with whom they had waged war for six and thirty moons.

Mr. Gulliver then desired the Secretary to inform the Emperor that he was ready with the hazard of his life, to defend his person & state against all invaders.

C H A P. V.

MR Gulliver comunicated to the Emperor a project he had formed, of seizing the enemy's whole fleet, while it lay at anchor in the harbour, and ready to sail with the first fair wind. The depth of the channel that divided the two islands of Lilliput and Blefuscu, was in the middle, about six feet; and after being provided with a proper quantity of cables, as thick as pack-thread, and bars of iron, as thick as knitting needles, which he bent in the form of a hook Mr. Gulliver in his leather jacket only waded about thirty yards into the sea when being out of his depth he swam till he felt the bottom on the opposite shore. The enemy were so frightened, that they all left their anchor and made towards the shore. Mr Gulliver then took out his tackle, fastened a hook at the prow of each ship, and than tying all the cords together, began to pull, but not a ship would stir, for they had all good anchor-ge. He therefore took out his knife, and absolutely cut all their cables: in execu-

ting this, however, he received a prodigious number of wounds in his hands and face, face, from the arrows of the enemy. He then took up the cords to which the hooks were tied, and with great ease drew fifty of the enemy's men of war after him.

The Emperor with his attendants, stood on the coast, expecting the issue of his adventure. They saw the ships move, but could not discern Mr Gulliver, who was up to his chin in water. They concluded him to be drowned, and that the enemy's fleet were approaching in a hostile manner. However, as the sea became shallower and shallower every step, he was soon within hearing and then holding up the end of the cable by which the fleet were fastened together, he cried aloud, "Long live the most puissant Emperor of Lilliput." He was received at his landing, with great encomiums, and created a Nardic, which is the highest title of honor,

His Majesty desired that Mr. Gulliver would take some future opportunity of bringing all the rest of the enemy's ships into his ports; and his ambition was so great, that he seemed to think of nothing

but reducing Blefuscu to a province — Mr. Gulliver however boldly protested, that he would never be an instrument of bringing a brave and free people into slavery

This open declaration, however, was at first productive of dislike in the Emperor, & afterwards of hatred. From this time an intrigue between his Majesty and his ministers, that had like to have ended in poor Gullivers destruction.

Soon after the seizure of the Blefuscu fleet ambassadors were sent from that nation with humble offers of peace — After the treaty was ratified, their Excellencies paid a visit to Mr. Gulliver; they complimented him upon his valor and generosity, and in the name of their Emperor invited him to pay a visit to their kingdom, Accordingly, the next time he saw the Emperor, he desired leave to wait on the Blefuscu monarch, which he granted indeed, but in a very cold manner; for the Flimnap and Bolgolam had represented his intercourse with the ambassadors as a mark of disaffection.

It was not long however, before he had an opportunity of doing, as he thought,

so signal a service as would have put aside all suspicions of his fidelity. He was alarmed at midnight with horrid cries; and several of the courtiers intreated him to repair immediately to the palace, for her Majesty's apartments were on fire, by the carelessness of a maid of honor, who fell asleep while she was reading a romance. Mr. Gulliver got up and made the best of his way to the metropolis: he might easily have stifled the fire with the flap of his coat; but that, in his haste he had unfortunately left behind him. — The case was truly deplorable, Mr. Gulliver had, however, drunk plentifully of wine, and this by his coming very near the flames, and by his labouring to quench them, began to operate, and was voided in such a quantity, and was so properly applied, that in three minutes the fire was totally extinguished. By the laws of the realm however, it was a capital offence for any person to make water within the precinct of the palace, and Mr. Gulliver was informed, that the Emperor would rather that the palace had been burnt to the ground, than he should make use of such filthy means of extinguishing the fire; and as for the Empress she would never be

persuaded to live in her apartments and vowed vengeance against our hero.

Mr. Gulliver's suit of servants was very numerous. He had three hundred cooks to dress his victuals. A shouder of mutton was one mouthful, and a barrel of liquor one reasonable draught. Once indeed, he had a surloin of beef so immensely large, that he made three bites of it. The geese and turkies were a scanty mouthful and of their smaller fowls, he frequently took up twenty or thirty at a time upon the end of his knife.

At last; however, he resolved to leave the island, and return to England; which he did, and arrived in the Downs, on the 13th of April.

I N I S.