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GOLDEN DREAMER;

OR,

DREAMS REALISED,

CONTAINING

THE INTERPRETATION

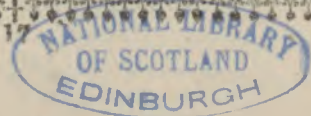
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To dream of the atmosphere, has a variety of interpretations, and depends entirely on the different appearances it has. If you dream the sky is clear, of a fine blue, calm and serene, then it is a good omen; you will be successful in your enterprises: if you are soliciting any place of preferment, you will surely obtain it,—if you are in love, you will surely marry the object of your affections,—have you a law-suit? you will gain it,—are you in trade? it will flourish and be profitable,—are you a farmer? good crops will attend you, your cattle will increase, your pigs and poultry will be abundant, your commodities will fetch a good price at the market,—are you married? you will have many children, and they will be dutiful and do well,—are you about to undertake a journey? it will answer your utmost expectations,—are you going to sea? you will have a pleasant and prosperous voyage,—are you in debt? you will speedily be enabled to extricate yourself from it,—are you in prison? you will shortly be set at liberty. To dream that it is full of thick, dark, and heavy clouds, is an unfavourable token,—you will fall sick, and perhaps die,—disappointments will attend your business.

*Adultery.* To dream of the committing of this sin, forebodes great troubles and misfortunes,—if you are in love, you will certainly fail in marrying

the object of your wishes,—if you have a lawsuit, it will certainly go against you, by the treachery of those who pretend to be your friends,—if you are in business, some heavy loss will happen to you. Such a dream announces that you are in great danger of losing your liberty,—and if you are about to undertake a voyage to sea, omit it for the present, for you will never reach the destined port. To dream you are tempted to commit this crime, and that you resist it, it is a happy omen,—every thing will flourish with you,—be sure it is a good time to begin trade after such a dream,—if you have a lawsuit, all will go on in your favour, with credit to yourself, and confusion to your opponents,—if you are about to undertake a long journey, it will be pleasant and successful to your object,—if you are going to sea, you will have an agreeable voyage, beautiful weather, and a quick arrival at the port of destination,—if you are in love, do not desist in pressing the object of your wishes, for they will be gratified.

*Apparel.* No dream more demonstrates the events that are about to happen you, than dreaming of wearing apparel; but almost every colour has a different interpretation, and much depends on its appearing new or old, its fitting you, or being too big or too little. We shall here explain them according to their different significations. To dream you are dressed in *white*, is a sure token of success in the first object you undertake, and that you will be successful in love, and that your sweetheart is of good temper and amiable disposition. To dream you are dressed in *green*, denotes that you are

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dream you are dressed in *black*, is an unlucky omen  
some quarrel is about to happen between you and  
friend or relation; sickness is about to attend you  
and your family; death will deprive you of some  
near friend or relation; law-suits will perplex and  
harass you—if you undertake a journey, it will be  
unsuccessful, and contribute much to injure your  
health and fortune—if you are in love, it denotes  
that your sweetheart is very unhappy, and that sick-  
ness will attend her,—if you are a farmer, you will  
be cheated by some knave, and your crops will turn  
out indifferent; the murrain will attack your cattle  
and some dreadful accident will happen by the over-  
turn of one of your waggons,—if you are in business  
some one will arrest you, and you will have great  
difficulty in settling the matter. To dream you are  
dressed in *blue*, denotes happiness; you will shortly  
be invited to some banquet or merry making, where  
you will make some friends and be very happy, if you  
only avoid quarrelling, which some enemy to your we-  
fare will endeavour to excite you to do,—your sweet-  
heart is by this colour denoted to be very faithful to  
you, and will make you very happy and comfortable  
you will have many children, chiefly boys, who will  
turn out honest and good,—if you are in trade you will  
prosper. If you dream you are dressed in *scarlet*  
you are thereby warned of some very heavy calamity  
and a severe fit of illness—your sweetheart is by  
announced to you to be of a turbulent disposition  
much inclined to dispute about trifles, and liable to  
make you very unhappy,—your children will be  
short-lived and of very unhappy tempers, much in-  
clined to be very sickly,—it surely denotes a quarrel  
and loss of friends. To dream you are dressed in  
*yellow*, is rather lucky than otherwise, your sweet



heart by it appears to be very jealous of you, and great pains will be requisite to prevent your separating—if you are married, keep a good look out, for some one is about to alienate the affections of your partner—in trade it promises prosperity; but some one will cheat you of a trifle not of much consequence—if you are a farmer, you will have an abundant crop—if you undertake a voyage by sea, you will be greatly the gainer by it; and if you expect any place of preferment, after much trouble you will attain it. To dream you are dressed in crimson, denotes that the dreamer will live to a good old age, and will be neither fortunate or unfortunate through life: you are about to experience some very pleasant news from a distant quarter, and from those you thought dead. Your sweetheart will be obliged to leave you, but will continue faithful to you—if you are in trade, you will experience some loss by a person that you had great confidence in, but you will, at nearly the same time, get a job that will amply make you amends—it denotes a small dispute between a landlord and his tenant, which will be settled amicably to the advantage of the latter. To dream you are dressed in a *variety of colours*, denotes a variety of fortunes are about to attend you; old friends will desert you, new ones will supply their place—if you are in love, a quarrel will take place between you and your sweetheart, which will, after much uneasiness to both parties, be adjusted by friends—be cautious in what you do for some time, for many traps will be laid to ensnare you, but on no account trust yourself on the water; relations will shortly die, and if you have any children, sickness will attend them—if you are sick at the time of the dream, it denotes a happy and speedy

recovery. To dream you are *fashionably dressed* and in good company, is very good for the dreamer; he will rise considerably above his present condition—your sweetheart will prefer you above others, and be very good tempered; whatever you undertake will have a prosperous issue, and some unexpected news of an agreeable nature will reach you—expect to see a long absent friend return in good circumstances; but avoid having a dispute with any one, for it will go against you and do harm, particularly if it be with your sweetheart. To dream you are dressed shabbily, that your clothes are ragged and torn, is a bad omen.

*Asses.* To dream you are riding on an ass, is the forerunner of some foolish quarrel in which you will be much in the wrong, and condemned by your friends—if you are in love, it denotes that some misunderstanding will happen between you and your sweetheart, in which you will be much in fault—if you are in business, it foretells that you will make some foolish bargain. To dream you are driving an ass, denotes that you will fall into some trouble, of which you will get the better, and that you will be relieved from present embarrassments,—if you are in love, it denotes that some quarrel will take place betwixt your sweetheart and yourself, which will soon be made up again to your advantage. To dream an ass runs after you, denotes that some slander will be raised against you by some foolish person, who will become themselves the victims of the scandal raised against you.

*Acquaintance.* To dream you quarrel or fight with an acquaintance, it is an unlucky omen, it forebodes a division among your own family, much to the injury and prejudice of the dreamer—if you

are in love, your mistress will prove unfaithful, and marry some other man that she has told you she most hates,—if you are in business, some heavy loss will befall you; you will disagree with some of your best friends on the most trivial matters, which will end in an open rupture,—if you are a farmer, expect a bad crop, the murrain amongst your cattle; that your pigs and poultry will fail and not fetch good prices,—if you have a lawsuit, depend that your attorney will neglect you, that your witnesses will be tardy and backward, and that finally you will lose your cause. Do not for sometime undertake a journey by land, or a voyage by sea; enter for the present into no new undertaking, for you will be unsuccessful; quit, if you can, your present place of residence; and, above all, avoid lending money, for you will surely lose it together with the friendship of those to whom you lend it. If you dream that you are with an acquaintance at some place of public amusement, you may expect soon to be called from home on business of importance.

*Dancing.* To dream you are dancing at a ball, wake, or entertainment, foretells that you will shortly receive some joyful news from an absent friend, and that you are about to inherit some unexpected legacy; it foretells success and happiness in love; that your sweetheart is kind and true, and will make you very happy in marriage; to the sailor it denotes a pleasant and successful voyage; increase of children to married persons, and of business to those in trade.

*Devil.* To dream of this professed enemy to the human race denotes that many dangers will threaten you, all of which you will overcome; it foretells of a lawsuit, in which your adversary will endeavour

secretly to undermine you, nevertheless you will get the better of him, and put him to shame; if you are in love, it forebodes that some one is endeavouring to alienate the affections of your sweetheart, but will be unsuccessful; to the tradesman it denotes a good deal of business, attended with many troubles; to the poor it denotes good employment; and to the sailor, a wife with a great sum of money.

*Death.* To dream you see this grim looking bundle of bones, denotes happiness and long life; and you will be either speedily married yourself, or else assist at a wedding. To dream that you are dead, also denotes a speedy marriage, and that you will be successful in all your undertakings; to those that are married it foretells young children, and that they will be dutiful, and give you great comfort. To dream you see another person dead, denotes ill usage from friends; if you are in love, your sweetheart will prove false; if you are a farmer you will lose money by horses, and be way-laid as you return from market.

*Dogs.* To dream of these domestic and faithful animals, has very different significations, according to the manner in which you see them,—if they fawn and fondle upon you, then it is a lucky omen; if you have had a quarrel with a friend or sweetheart, it will be reconciled to your advantage; if you are in love, your sweetheart will marry you, and render you very happy; it denotes health, riches and honour: if they are barking and snarling at you, then depend that enemies are secretly endeavouring to destroy your reputation and happiness; if you are in love, be careful of your present sweetheart; if you marry him or her, you will be unhappy and poor; if you dream they bite you, then it is a cer-



tain prognostic that you will experience some loss; if you are in love, your sweetheart will deceive you and make you very unhappy.

*Drowning.* To dream you are drowning, or that you see another drowned or drowning, portends good to the dreamer, and denotes that he will escape many difficulties, settle near his native place, marry, have children, and become happy and rich: to the lover it denotes that your sweetheart is good tempered and inclined to marry you. If you are a sailor, it foretells a favourable and a pleasant voyage.

*Eating.* To dream you are eating, is a very unfavourable omen; it portends disunion among your family, losses in trade and disappointment in love—storms and shipwreck by sea. To dream you see others eating, is of a contrary tendency, and foretells success in all your present enterprises; if you marry the present object of your affections, that you will grow rich, be happy, and have dutiful children.

*Eyes.* To dream you lose your eyes is a very unfavourable omen; it denotes decay of circumstances, loss of friends, death of relations, and miscarriage in love—If a woman with child dreams of it, it denotes that the child in her womb will be very unhappy, and before it arrives at years of maturity, lose its liberty.

*Feasting.* To dream you are at a feast, denotes that you will meet with many disappointments, particularly in the thing which you are most anxious about: it love it forebodes much uneasiness between sweethearts; and to them who are married, it foretells undutiful children, with many heavy losses.

*Fall.* To dream you fall from any high place,

or from a tree, denotes loss of place and goods,—if you are in love, it surely indicates that you will never marry the present object of your affections. To the tradesman, it denotes decline of business; and to the sailor storms and shipwreck.

*Fighting.* To dream you are fighting, denotes to the lover that you will lose the object of your affections through a foolish quarrel: it also forebodes much opposition to your wishes, with loss of character and property. After such a dream I would advise the dreamer to quit his present situation, because such a dream indicates that you will not prosper in it; to the sailor it denotes storms and shipwreck, with disappointment in love.

*Fire.* To dream of the subtle elements, denotes health and happiness to the lover, marriage with the object of your affections, and many children: it also denotes that you will be very angry with some one on a trifling occasion. To dream you see burning lights descending, as it were from heaven, is a very bad sign indeed; it portends some dreadful accident to the dreamer, such as being hanged, losing your head, having your brains dashed out, breaking your legs, getting into prison, or other strange accidents.

*Flying.* To dream you are flying, is a very excellent omen; it foretells elevation of fortune, that you will arrive at dignity in the state, and be happy. If you are in love, your sweetheart will be true to you, and if you marry you will have many children.

*Fortune.* To dream you make a sudden fortune is a very bad omen; to the tradesman it denotes losses in trade, quarrelling with his creditors, and the loss of liberty; to the lover it denotes that your

sweetheart does not return your love; to the sailor it indicates storms and shipwrecks.

*Friend.* To dream you see a friend dead, betokens hasty news, of a joyous nature; if you are in love, it foretells a speedy marriage with the object of your affections.

*Fruit.* To dream of fruit, has different interpretations, according to what the fruit is that you dream of. Apples betoken long life and success; a boy to a woman with child; cheerfulness in your sweetheart, and riches by trade.—Cherries indicate disappointment in love, vexation in the marriage state, and slight in love.—Figs are the forerunners of prosperity and happiness,—to the lover they denote the accomplishment of your wishes,—to the tradesman, increase of trade,—they are also indicative of a legacy.—Gooseberries indicate many children, chiefly sons, and an accomplishment of your present pursuits;—to the sailor they declare dangers in his next voyage,—to the maiden a roving husband; and to the man a rakish wife.—Nuts, if you see clusters of them, denote riches and happiness, to the lover success and a good tempered sweetheart—if you are gathering of them, it is not a good omen, for you will pursue some matter that will not turn out to your advantage; if you crack them, the person who courts you, or to whom you give your address, will treat you with indifference, and be very unfaithful.—Oranges are very bad omens; they forebode loss of goods and reputation, attacks from thieves, wounds, and fickleness in the object of your affections.—Pears prefigure elevation of life, accumulation of riches and honour, success in undertakings and constancy in love. If a woman with child dreams of them she will have a

girl who will marry one far above her rank before she is seventeen—Strawberries denote to women with child a good time, and a boy; to a maiden, speedy marriage with a man who will become rich, and make her happy; to a youth, they denote that his wife will be sweet tempered, and bring him many children, all boys; they foretell riches to the tradesman and the sailor.

*Gallows.* To dream of the gallows is a most fortunate omen; it shows that the dreamer will become rich, and arrive at great honours; to the lover it shows the consummation of his most sanguine wishes; for a woman with child to dream of the gallows, signifies that she is pregnant of a son, will have a good time, and that the fruit of her womb will become very rich.

*Gifts.* To dream you have any thing given to you, is a sign that some good is about to happen to you; it also denotes that a speedy marriage will take place betwixt you and your sweetheart.

*Grave.* To dream you see a grave, foretells sickness and disappointment,—if your are in love, depend you will never marry your present sweetheart; if you go into the grave, it shows you will experience a loss of property, and that false friends will defame you,—if you come out of the grave, it denotes success in your undertakings, that you will rise in the world and become very rich; and if you are in love, that you will speedily marry your sweetheart,—if you take another out of the grave, you will be the means of saving the life of a person, who will be a very great friend to you, and receive some unexpected legacy.

*Hanged.* To dream you see people hanged, or you are going to be handged yourself, denotes



that you will rise above your present condition by marriage.

*Hills.* To dream of travelling over steep hills, shows that you will encounter many difficulties, and enter upon some arduous undertaking: if you descend the hill hastily you will get the better of all your difficulties and enemies, and become rich; to the lover it shows rivals, who will give great uneasiness.

*House.* To dream of building a house is a very favourable omen; if you are in trade it denotes success—if in love, that your sweetheart is good tempered and faithful, and will make you very happy. To dream your house is burnt down, denotes much trouble and many difficulties, with the loss of goods and reputation. To dream you see your house on fire, foretells hasty news, and that you will lose a near relation.

*Hunting.* To dream you are hunting a fox, and that he is killed, shows much trouble through the pretensions of false friends, but that you will discover them and overcome all their machinations—if you are hunting a hare, it is indicative of bad success: you will be disappointed in your favourite object, be what it may—hunting a stag, if he is caught alive, denotes good to the dreamer, and that he will be successful in all his present undertakings.

*Keys.* To dream of keys, is favourable to a person in trade—and to a sailor they denote some gift, and the dreamer will become rich. To dream you lose a key foreshows anger, and that you will lose a friend. To dream of finding a key, denotes an addition to your estate. If you are married, it also foretells the birth of a child: if you give another key, you will be speedily married; in love

keys betoken faithfulness, and a good tempered sweetheart.

*Knives.* To dream of knives is a very unpropitious omen; it betokens lawsuits, poverty, disgrace, strife, and a general failure in the pursuit of your projects; in love it denotes a happy marriage with the object of your affections, and that you will become, by industry, rich, and settle your children happy.

*Letters.* To dream of receiving letters, is demonstrative of your being beloved by a person of the opposite sex, who is very much your friend, and will do all in their power to render you happy. To dream of writing letters, shows success in enterprises, and that you will receive some very pleasant news.

*Light.* To dream you see a great light is a happy presage, it denotes that you will attain to great honours and become very rich,—in love it shows a sweetheart of an amiable disposition, that you will marry well, have children, and be very happy,—if the light disappears all of a sudden, it betokens a great change in your present situation, much for the worse, it portends imprisonment, and loss of goods, with unexpected misfortunes.

*Linen.* To dream you are dressed in clean linen, denotes that you will shortly receive some glad tidings,—that your sweetheart is faithful, and will marry you,—that you will be successful in all your present undertakings, and that you will receive a handsome present from an agreeable youth,—if your linen is chequered, you will get a legacy from some friend, and marry a very industrious person,—if it is dirty, then it denotes poverty, a prison, and disappointment in love, with the loss of something valuable.

*Marriage.* To dream you are married, is ominous of death, and very unfavourable to the dreamer; it denotes poverty, a prison, and misfortunes. To dream you assist at a wedding is the forerunner of some pleasant news, and great success. To dream of lying with your newly married husband or wife threatens danger or sudden misfortunes, and also that you will lose a part of your property. To the sailor it augurs storms and shipwrecks, with a narrow escape from death.

*Milk.* To dream you are selling milk, denotes that you will be crossed in love, that you will be unsuccessful in trade. To dream you are drinking of milk, is the forerunner of joyful news and great success: if you are giving milk away, it shows you will be successful in love, and marry happily, have children, and do very well. To see milk flowing from the breast of a woman, denotes success in trade, and in love, that you will have many children, and that they will become rich by the industry of their parents.

*Mother.* To dream you see your mother, is a certain prognostic of some agreeable adventure being about to happen to you, and that you will hear from a friend at a distance. To dream you see your mother dead forebodes trouble and adversity, and that you will become very poor.

*Music.* To dream you hear delicious music, is a very favourable omen; it denotes joyful news from a long absent friend,—to married people, it denotes sweet tempered children,—in love, it shows that your sweetheart is very fond of you, is good tempered, sincere and constant. Rough and discordant music foretells trouble, vexation, and disappointment.

*Nails.* To dream your nails are growing long is very good, and denotes riches, prosperity, and happiness, great success in love, a good, industrious husband or wife, with dutiful children,—it also foretells that you will suddenly receive a sum of money that will be of great use to you.

*Nightingale.* To dream of this pretty warbler, is the forerunner of joyful news, great success in business, of plentiful crops, and of a sweet tempered lover. For a married woman to dream of a nightingale, shows that she will have children who will be great singers.

*Old Women.* For a man to dream he is courting an old woman, and that she returns his love, is a very fortunate omen; it prefigures success in worldly concerns,—that he will marry a beautiful young woman, have lovely children, and be very happy.

*Onions.* To dream of this useful vegetable denotes a mixture of good and bad luck,—if you are eating them, you will receive some money, recover some lost or stolen things, or discover some hidden treasure; your sweetheart will be faithful, but of a cross temper,—it also denotes attack from thieves, and a failure of crops,—it shows that you will be engaged in some disagreeable quarrel, perhaps with your own family. If you are throwing onions away, it is the forerunner of mischief and quarrels,—if you are in love, you will fall out with your sweetheart,—if you are in trade, you will quarrel with your customers and servants,—if you are gathering onions, it betokens the recovery of some sick person of your family,—the receipt of some unexpected news of a joyful kind, and a speedy removal from your present situation.



**Oven.** To dream you see an oven, foretells that you are about to be separated from your family by changing your present residence ;—it shews you an attack by thieves in some bye place, and also that your sweetheart is of a roving disposition, little likely to make you happy.

**Oysters.** To dream you are eating oysters, is a very favourable omen ; if you are in trade, your business will increase very fast, and you will become rich ; if you are a farmer, you will have plentiful crops ; if you are married, your wife or husband will be very fond of you, and you will have many children. For a maid to dream of eating oysters, shews that she will be quickly married to a young man who will thrive much by industry, and have many children by her ; to a man, it denotes that he will marry a real virgin, who will be very fond of him, and bring him many children.

**Palm.** To dream you are gathering of palm, denotes plenty, riches, and success in undertakings, and is a very good omen indeed ; to a married woman, it is a certain token of her bearing children ; to a maid it foretels a sudden marriage with the youth she loves, that she will have many children by him, and that she will live very happy in the married state.

**Pit.** To dream of falling into a deep pit, shows that some very heavy misfortune is about to attend you, that your sweetheart is false, and prefers another ; to a sailor it forebodes some sad disaster at the next port you touch at. To dream you are in a pit, and that you climb out of it without much trouble, foreshows that you will have many enemies, and experience much trouble, but that you will overcome them, and surmount your difficulties.

marry well and become rich ; to a sailor, it denotes that he will experience shipwreck, and be cast on a foreign shore, where he will be hospitably received, fall in love, marry a rich and handsome wife, quit the sea, and live at ease on the shore.

*Pictures.* To dream you are looking at beautiful pictures, foreshows that you will be allured by false appearances into some unprofitable concern, that you will waste your time on some idle project, and that you will always be in pursuit of happiness without attaining it ; in love it denotes great pleasure in the enjoyment of the beloved object, it promises a handsome wife, a good husband, and beautiful children.

*Paper.* To dream of paper is a good omen ; if it is quite clean, you will be very successful in your undertakings, marry the person you love, have good and dutiful children, and be very happy ; if it is dirty and scribbled upon, then it shows temporary want, and some unpleasant altercation ; if it is plainly written, you will receive hasty news of a good nature, make an advantageous bargain, and obtain some money by a legacy ; if it appears rumpled and carelessly folded up, it shows that some difficulties will occur which will give you much pain ; if it is neatly folded, you will obtain your favourite wish, be what it may.

*Peacock.* To dream of seeing this beautiful bird is a very good omen ; it denotes great success in trade ; to a man a very beautiful wife, much riches, and a good place ; to a maid a good and rich husband ; to a widow, that she will be courted by one who will tell her many fine tales, without being sincere ; it also denotes great prosperity by sea, and a handsome wife in a distant part.

*Pigeons.* To dream you see pigeons flying, imports hasty news of a pleasant nature, and great success in undertakings; they are very favourable to lovers, as they announce constancy in your sweet-heart, but also that the person you love will be absent from you a long while on a journey; if your lover is at sea, they denote that he has a pleasant voyage continues faithful, and will return rich.

*Plays.* To dream you are at a play, is the forerunner of great good luck; it betokens great happiness in the marriage state, and very great success in business; to a maid it shows speedy marriage with a young man, who will be very successful in business, and acquire riches and honours to make her very happy.

*Purse.* To dream of finding a purse, is a very favourable omen; it denotes great happiness and unlooked-for prosperity; in love it is the sure token of a speedy marriage, and the being dearly beloved by the object of your affections. To dream you lose your purse, shows the loss of a friend; in other respects it denotes some pleasant adventure is about to happen to you, by which you will be the gainer; to the sailor it denotes the loss of his sweetheart while at sea.

*Racing.* To dream you are running a race, is a token of good, presages much success in life, and that you will speedily hear some very joyful news; in love, it denotes that you will conquer all your rivals, and be very happy in the union with the object of your affections. To dream you are riding a race shows disappointment and anger, bad success in trade and in love; to a married woman, it denotes the loss of her husband's affections, and that her children will be in trouble.

*Rainbow.* To dream you see a rainbow, denotes great travelling and change of fortune; it also foretells sudden news of a very agreeable nature; it announces that your sweetheart is of a very good temper, and constant, and that you will be very happy in marriage: have great success in business through the means of trading with foreign parts.

*Ravens.* To dream you see a raven is a very unfavourable token, it denotes mischief and adversity; in love it shows falsehood, and to the married they forebode much mischief through the adultery of your conjugal partner; to the sailor they betoken shipwreck, and much distress upon a foreign shore.

*Riding.* To dream your are riding, if it be with a horse, is very unfortunate; expect to be crossed in love; if you are in trade, business will decay, and you will be very near bankruptcy; if you are a sailor it denotes perfidy in your sweetheart, and loose conduct with one of your shipmates; but if it be with him, then expect the reverse of these things will happen, and that you will obtain a sum of money by some speculation of which you have but an indifferent opinion.

*Rods.* To dream you are whipt with rods denotes that you will meet with a perfidious friend, who will go very near to ruin you; it also betokens your being shortly at a merry-making, where you must be careful of quarrelling; if you do, it will turn out to your disadvantage; in love it denotes your sweetheart to be of a fickle disposition, and little calculated to make you happy.

*River.* To dream you see a flowing river, and that the waters are smooth and clear, presages happiness and success in life; to the lover it shows



constancy and affection in the object of your love, and that if you marry, you will pass a very happy and contented life, have fine children, mostly girls, who will be very beautiful; to the tradesman and farmer, it shows prosperity and gain; to the sailor, that his sweetheart will be kind and constant, and that his next voyage will be lucrative and pleasant. If the water appears disturbed and muddy, or has a yellow tinge, then it denotes that you will acquire considerable riches; if you have a lawsuit, such a dream surely foretells that you will gain your cause.

*Sheep.* To dream you see a flock of sheep feeding, is a very favourable omen; it denotes success in life; to the lover it indicates your sweetheart to be faithful, of an amiable temper, and inclined to marry you; in the married state, it denotes children, who will be very happy, become rich, and be great comforts in the evening of life; to the tradesman, it foretells increase of business, and accumulation of wealth, but also forewarns him that he has a servant unworthy of his confidence; to the sailor nothing can be a greater sign of good luck, his next voyage will be pleasant and lucrative, and his sweetheart kind and true.

To dream you see them dispersing, and running away from you, shows that pretended friends are endeavouring to do you an injury, and that your children will meet with persecution and great troubles; in love, such a dream shows your sweetheart to be fickle, and little calculated to make you happy. To dream you see sheep shearing is indicative of loss of property, and the affections of the person you love, also your liberty. To dream you are shearing them yourself, shows that you will gain an advantage over some person who meant to

harm you, and that you will get the better of difficulties, and marry the object of your affections.

*Spit.* To dream you are in a kitchen turning a spit, is the forerunner of troubles and misfortunes; expect to be robbed, to lose your trade, to become very poor, and that your friends will desert you: if you are in love, it shows the object of your affections to be of a bad temper, lazy, and doomed to misfortunes and poverty.

*Starching.* To dream you are starching of linen, shows you will be married to an industrious person, and that you will be successful in life, and save money; it also shows that you are about to receive a letter, containing some pleasant news.

*Squirrel.* To dream of a squirrel, shows that enemies are endeavouring to slander your reputation; to the lover, it shows your sweetheart is of a bad temper, and much given to drinking; if you have a lawsuit, it will surely be decided against you: if in trade, sharpers will endeavour to defraud you: and you will quarrel with your principal creditor.

*Swimming.* To dream you are swimming with your head above the water, denotes great success in your undertakings, whether they be love, trade, sea, or farming. To dream of swimming with your head below the water, shows that you will experience some great trouble and hear some very unpleasant news from a person you thought dead. In trade it shows loss of business, and that you will perhaps be imprisoned for debt; in love it denotes disappointment in your wishes.

*Swans.* To dream of seeing swans denotes happiness in the marriage state; and many children, who will become rich and respectable in your old age,

with joy and happiness; to the lover, they denote constancy and affection in your sweetheart; in trade they show success, but much vexation from the disclosure of secrets.

*Tempests.* To dream you are in a storm or tempest, shows that you will, after many difficulties, arrive at being very happy, that you will become extremely rich, and marry exceeding well. For a lover to dream of being in a violent tempest, denotes that you will have many formidable rivals, who after causing you a great deal of vexation and uneasiness, you will triumph over. It also forebodes you will receive good news from a long absent friend, who is abroad, and who will have overcome many hardships and extreme difficulties.

*Thunder and Lightning.* To dream you hear distinctly thunder, and see lightning, is a very good omen; it denotes success in trade; good crops to the farmer; and a speedy and happy marriage to the lover. If you are soliciting a place, you will obtain it; if you have a lawsuit, it will go in your favour; it also indicates speedy news from a far distant country, intimating that a near relative has obtained a very lucrative situation, in which he will have an opportunity of doing his friends a great deal of good.

*Trumpet.* To dream that you hear the sound of a trumpet is a bad omen, and denotes troubles and misfortunes; to the tradesman it presages the loss of business; the farmer bad crops; to the lover insincerity in the object of your affections.

*Trees.* To dream you see trees in blossom denotes a happy marriage with the present object of your affections, and many children, who will all do

extremely well in life; to the tradesman it denotes success in business, and to the sailor pleasant and lucrative voyages. To dream you are climbing trees, denotes that you will make a fortune, and rise to honours and dignities in the state. To dream you are cutting down trees, foretells heavy losses by trade and by sea; and also the death of a near relation, or most dear friend.

*Water.* To dream you are drinking water, denotes great trouble and adversity in trade, loss of business, and being arrested: to the lover it shows your sweetheart is false, prefers another, and will never marry you.

*Wheat.* To dream you see, or are walking in a field of wheat, is a very favourable omen; and denotes great prosperity and riches: in love, it augurs a completion of your most sanguine wishes, and foretells much happiness, with fine children, when you marry; if you have a lawsuit, you will gain it, and you will be successful in all your undertakings.

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#### TO THE READER.

THE foregoing pages are published principally to show the superstitions which engrossed the mind of the population of Scotland during a past age, and which are happily disappearing before the progress of an enlightened civilization. It is hoped, therefore, that the reader will not attach the slightest importance to the solutions of the dreams as rendered above, as dreams are generally the result of a disordered stomach, or an excited imagination.