

TWO OF SIR PHILIP SIDNEY'S SONNETS, FROM
"ASTROPHEL AND STELLA."

XXVII.

Because I oft, in dark, abstracted guise,
Seem most alone in greatest company;
With dearth of words, or answers quite awry,
To them that would make speech of speech arise:
They deem, and of their doom the rumor flies,
That poison foul of bubbling pride doth lie
So in my swelling breast, that only I
Fawn on myself, and others do despise.

Yet pride, I think, doth not my soul possess,
Which looks too oft in his unflattering glass;
But one worse fault, ambition, I confess,
That makes me oft my best friends over pass,
Unseen, unheard, while thought to highest place
Bends all his power, even unto Stella's grace.

XLI.

Having this day my horse, my hand, my lance,
Guided so well, that I obtained the prize,
Both by the judgment of the English eyes
And of some sent from that sweet enemy, France;
Horsemen, my skill in horsemanship advance;
Town folks my strength; a daintier judge applies
His praise to sleight, which from good use doth rise:
Some lucky wits impute it but to chance:

Others, because of both sides I do take
My blood from them who did excel in this,
Think Nature me a man of arms did make;
How far they shot awry! the true cause is.
Stella looked on, and from her heavenly face,
Sent forth the beams which made so fair my race.

WILL OF GOV. THOMAS DUDLEY'S FIRST
WIFE, DOROTHY'S, FATHER.

EDMONDE YORKE of Cotton End in the County of Northampton, yeoman, 18 November 1614, proved 17 April 1614. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Hardington. I give to Nathaniel, my eldest son, a certain bowl called the "mazzar," to be delivered unto him after the disease of Katharyne my wife, over and above the goods heretofore given unto him, as by certain writings thereof made betwixt me and the said Nathaniel may appear. I do give to Barthew (Bartholomew) my second son twenty pounds to be employed as a stock for the keeping of him. And when he shall be able to employ the same, in the judgment of my overseers, the same money shall be delivered unto his own hands (some bedding