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Comedies

*Alexander and Campaspe*

Author: Lyly, John, 1554?-1606.  
Title: A moste excellent comedie of Alexander, Campaspe, and Diogenes played befoore the Queenes Maiestie on twelfe day at night, by her Maiesties children, and the children of Poules.  
Date: 1584  

*An Humorous Day's Mirth*

Author: Chapman, George, 1559?-1634.  
Title: A pleasant comedy entituled: An humerous dayes myrth As it hath beene sundrie times publikely acted by the right honourable the Earle of Nottingham Lord high Admirall his servaunts. By. G.C.  
Date: 1599  

*Bartholomew Fair*

Author: Jonson, Ben, 1573?-1637.  
Title: Bartholmew fayre : a comedie, acted in the yeare, 1614 by the Lady Elizabeths servaunts, and then dedicated to King Iames, of most blessed memorie ; The diuell is an asse : a comedie acted in the yeare, 1616, by His Maiesties servaunts ; The staple of newes : a comedie acted in the yeare, 1625, by His Maiesties servaunts by the author, Beniamin Iohnson.  
Date: 1631  

*The Blind Beggar of Alexandria*

Author: Chapman, George, 1559?-1634.  
Title: The blinde begger of Alexandria most pleasantly discoursing his variable humours in disguised shapes full of conceite and pleasure. As it hath been sundry times publickly acted in London. by the right honorable the Earle of Nottingham, Lord high Admirall his servauntes. By George Chapman: Gentleman.  
Date: 1598
The Bondman

Author: Massinger, Philip, 1583-1640.

Title: The bond-man an antient storie. As it hath been often acted with good allowance, at the Cock-pit in Drury-lane: by the most excellent princesse, the Lady Elizabeth her Seruants. By Phillip Massinger.

Date: 1624

How A Man May Choose

Author: Heywood, Thomas, d. 1641.

Title: A pleasant conceited comedie, wherein is shewed, how a man may chuse a good wife from a bad As it hath bene sundry times acted by the Earle of Worcesters seruants.

Date: 1602

The Fair Maid of the West Part I

Author: Heywood, Thomas, d. 1641.

Title: The fair maid of the West. Or, A girle worth gold. The first part. As it was lately acted before the King and Queen, with approved liking. By the Queens Majesties Comedians. Written by T.H.

Date: 1631

The Faithful Shepherdess

Author: Fletcher, John, 1579-1625.

Title: The faithfull shepheardesse. By Iohn Fletcher

Date: 1610

Friar Bacon and Friar Bungay

Author: Greene, Robert, 1558?-1592.

Title: The honorable historie of frier Bacon, and frier Bongay As it was plaid by her Maiesties seruants. Made by Robert Greene Master of Arts.
Gallathea

Author: Lyly, John, 1554?-1606.
Title: Gallathea As it was playde before the Queenes Maiestie at Greene-wiche, on Newyeeress day at night. By the Chyldren of Paules.
Date: 1592

The Woman Hater

Author: Beaumont, Francis, 1584-1616.
Title: The vwoman hater As it hath beene lately acted by the Children of Paules.
Date: 1607

The Roaring Girl

Author: Middleton, Thomas, d. 1627.
Title: The roaring girle. Or Moll Cut-Purse As it hath lately beene acted on the Fortune-stage by the Prince his Players. Written by T. Middleton and T. Dekkar.
Date: 1611

The Knight of the Burning Pestle

Author: Beaumont, Francis, 1584-1616.
Title: The knight of the burning pestle
Date: 1613

Philaster

Author: Beaumont, Francis, 1584-1616.
Title: Phylaster, or, Loue lyes a bleeding acted at the Globe by His Maiesties servants / written by Francis Baymont and John Fletcher
Date: 1620
The Miseries of Enforced Marriage

Author: Wilkins, George, fl. 1607.
Title: The miseries of inforst mariaige As it is now playd by his Maiesties Seruants. By George Wilkins.
Date: 1607

Mucedorus

Author: Anon.
Title: A most pleasant comedie of Mucedorus the kings sonne of Valentiain and Amadine the Kings daughter of Arragon with the merie conceites of Mouse. Newly set foorth, as it hath bin sundrie times plaide in the honorable cittie of London. Very delectable and full of mirth.
Date: 1598

Old Fortunatus

Author: Dekker, Thomas, ca. 1572-1632.
Title: The pleasant comedie of old Fortunatus As it was plaied before the Queenes Maiestie this Christmas, by the Right Honourable the Earle of Nottingham, Lord high Admirall of England his seruants.
Date: 1600

The Old Wives' Tale

Author: Peele, George, 1556-1596.
Title: The old wiues tale A pleasant conceited comedie, played by the Queenes Maiesties players. Written by G.P.
Date: 1595

Two Angry Women of Abington

Author: Porter, Henry, fl. 1599.
Title: The pleasant history of the two angry women of Abington With the humorous mirth of Dicke Coomes and Nicholas Pruerbes, tuto seruingmen. As it was lately playde by the right Honorable the Earle of Notingham, Lord high Admirall his seruant. By Henry Porter Gent.

Date: 1599


Volpone

Author: Jonson, Ben, 1573?-1637.
Title: The workes of Beniamin Ionson
Date: 1616


(This play-text was extracted from the first folio of Ben Jonson's works.)

History plays

The Battle of Alcazar

Author: Peele, George, 1556-1596.
Title: The battell of Alcazar fought in Barbarie, betweene Sebastian king of Portugall, and Abdelmelec king of Marocco. With the death of Captaine Stukeley. As it was sundrie times plaid by the Lord high Admirall his seruants.
Date: 1594


The Death of Robert, Earl of Huntingdon

Author: Munday, Anthony, 1553-1633.
Title: The deat of Robert, Earle of Huntington Otherwise called Robin Hood of merrie Sherwodde: with the lamentable tragedie of chaste Matilda, his faire maid Marian, poysoned at Dumowe by King Iohn. Acted by the Right Honourable, the Earle of Notingham, Lord high Admirall of England, his seruants.
Date: 1601


The Duchess of Suffolk

Author: Drue, Thomas, fl. 1616-1653.
Title: The life of the dutches of Suffolke As it hath beene divers and sundry times acted, with good applause.
Date: 1631
Edward I

Author: Peele, George, 1556-1596.
Title: The famous chronicle of king Edward the first, surnamed Edward Longshankes with his returne from the holy land. Also the life of Lleuellen rebell in Wales. Lastly, the sinking of Queene Elinor, who sunck at Charingcrosse, and rose againe at Pottershith, now named Queenehith.
Date: 1593

Edward II

Author: Marlowe, Christopher, 1564-1593.
Title: The troublesome raigne and lamentable death of Edward the second, King of England with the tragicall fall of proud Mortimer: as it was sundrie times publiquely acted in the honourable citie of London, by the right honourable the Earle of Pembrooke his servaunts. Written by Chri. Marlow Gent.
Date: 1594

Edward IV Part I and Edward IV Part 2

Author: Heywood, Thomas, d. 1641.
Title: The first and second partes of King Edward the Fourth Containing his mery pastime with the tanner of Tamworth, as also his loue to faire Mistrisse Shoare, her great promotion, fall and miserie, and lastly the lamentable death of both her and her husband. Likewise the besieging of London, by the bastard Falconbridge, and the valiant defence of the same by the Lord Maior and the citizens. As it hath diuers times beene publicly played by the Right Honorable the Earle of Derbie his servaunts.
Date: 1600

If You Know Not Me, You Know Nobody Part I

Author: Heywood, Thomas, d. 1641.
Title: If you know not me, you know no bodie: or, The troubles of Queene Elizabeth
Date: 1605
(Part 2 is also contained in this source document but was not used in the corpus.)

*The Scottish History of James the Fourth*

Author: Greene, Robert, 1558?-1592.
Title: The Scottish historie of James the fourth, slaine at Flodden Entermixed with a pleasant comedie, presented by Oboram King of Fayeries: as it hath bene sundrie times publiquely plaide. Written by Robert Greene, Maister of Arts.
Date: 1598

*Sir John Oldcastle*

Author: Munday, Anthony, 1553-1633.
Title: The first part of the true and honorable historie, of the life of Sir Iohn Old-castle, the good Lord Cobham As it hath been lately acted by the right honorable the Earle of Notingham Lord high Admirall of England his seruants.
Date: 1600

*The Massacre at Paris*

Author: Marlowe, Christopher, 1564-1593.
Title: The massacre at Paris with the death of the Duke of Guise. As it was plaide by the right honourable the Lord high Admirall his Seruants. Written by Christopher Marlow.
Date: 1594
Bibliographic name / number: STC (2nd ed.) / 17423, Bibliographic name / number: Greg, I, 133. /, Physical description: [64] p., Copy from: British Library, Reel position: STC / 815:10

*Tamburlaine Part I*

Author: Marlowe, Christopher, 1564-1593.
Title: Tamburlaine the Great Who, from a Scythian shephearde, by his rare and woonderfull conquests, became a most puissant and mightye monarque. And (for his tyranny, and terour in warre) was tearmed, the scourge of God. Deuided into two tragicall discourses, as they were sundrie times shewed vpon stages in the citie of London. By the right honorable the Lord Admyrall, his seruauntes.
Date: 1590

(Parts 2 is also contained in this source document but was not used in the corpus.)

*The Valiant Welshman*
Author: R. A., Gent.
Title: The valiant Welshman, or The true chronicle history of the life and valiant deedes of Caradoc the Great, King of Cambria, now called Wales As it hath beene sundry times acted by the Prince of Wales his seruants. Written by R.A. Gent.
Date: 1615
Bibliographic name / number: STC (2nd ed.) / 16, Bibliographic name / number: Greg, I, 327(a)., Physical description: [72] p., Copy from: Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery, Reel position: STC / 817:03

Sir Thomas Wyatt

Author: Dekker, Thomas, ca. 1572-1632.
Title: The famous history of Sir Thomas VVyat With the coronation of Queen Mary, and the coming in of King Philip. As it was plaied by the Queens Maiesties Seruants. Written by Thomas Dickers, and Iohn Webster.
Date: 1607
Bibliographic name / number: STC (2nd ed.) / 6537, Bibliographic name / number: Greg, I, 256(a)., Physical description: [54] p., Copy from: British Library, Reel position: STC / 881:16

Tragedy plays

The Malcontent

Author: Marston, John, 1575?-1634.
Title: The malcontent. Augmented by Marston. With the additions played by the Kings Maiesties servants. Written by Ihon Webster. 1604
Date: 1604

A Woman Killed With Kindness

Author: Heywood, Thomas, d. 1641.
Title: A woman kilde with kindnesse. Written by Tho. Heywood
Date: 1607

The Changeling

Author: Middleton, Thomas, d. 1627.
Title: The changeling as it was acted (with great applause) at the Privat house in Drury-Lane, and Salisbury Court / written by Thomas Midleton, and William Rowley, Gent.
Date: 1653
Bibliographic name / number: Wing / M1980, Physical description: [64] p., Copy from: Folger Shakespeare Library, Reel position: Wing / 75:05
Dido Queen of Carthage

Author: Marlowe, Christopher, 1564-1593.
Date: 1594

The Duchess of Malfi

Author: Webster, John, 1580?-1625?
Title: The tragedy of the Dutchesse of Malfy As it was presented priuatly, at the Black-Friers; and publiquely at the Globe, by the Kings Maiesties Seruants. The perfect and exact coppy, with diuerse things printed, that the length of the play would not beare in the presentment. VWritten by Iohn Webster.
Date: 1623

Dr Faustus

Author: Marlowe, Christopher, 1564-1593.
Title: The tragicall history of D. Faustus As it hath bene acted by the right honorable the Earle of Nottingham his servuants. Written by Ch. Marl.
Date: 1604
(Note that this is the "A Text" version of the play.)

The Jew of Malta

Author: Marlowe, Christopher, 1564-1593.
Title: The famous tragedy of the rich Ievv of Malta As it vvas playd before the King and Queene, in his Majesties theatre at White-hall, by her Majesties Servants at the Cock-pit. Written by Christopher Marlo.
Date: 1633

The Maid's Tragedy

Author: Beaumont, Francis, 1584-1616.
Title: The maides tragedy As it hath beene diuers times acted at the Blacke-friers by the Kings Maisties Seruants.
Date: 1619

Sejanus
Author: Jonson, Ben, 1573?-1637.
Title: The workes of Beniamin Ionson
Date: 1616
(This play-text was extracted from the first folio of Ben Jonson's works.)

The Spanish Tragedy
Author: Kyd, Thomas, 1558-1594.
Title: The Spanish tragedie containing the lamentable end of Don Horatio, and Bel-imperia: with the pittifull death of olde Hieronimo.
Date: 1592

Women Beware Women
Author: Middleton, Thomas, d. 1627.
Title: Two new playes ... written by Tho. Middleton, Gent.
Date: 1657

The White Devil
Author: Webster, John, 1580?-1625?
Title: The white diuel, or, The tragedy of Paulo Giordano Vrsini, Duke of Brachiano with the life and death of Vittoria Corombona the famous Venetian curtizan. Acted by the Queenes Maisties Seruants. Written by Iohn Webster.
Date: 1612