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Hats. They have a sort of Court that determines petty Suits among themselves. They are generally a sort of People that never refuse any kind of Employment, and are made use of on several occasions, especially by the Nobles, who are very kind to 'em, and do 'em considerable Favours. I know not whether I forgot to tell you in one of my former Letters, that they may take the Degree of Doctors in Medicine at *Padua*, and practice Physick any where in the City and State of *Venice*.

This is all that you must expect at present concerning the famous City of *Venice*. I am,

Venice, Apr.
16. 1688.

S I R,

Your, &c.

LETTER XIX.

S I R,

There is not any thing worth Observation between *Padua* and *Rovigo*, only that the Country is Even and Fruitful, watered with several Rivers, and well cultivated. It is every where full of Meadows, Groves, Vineyards, and well-till'd Spots of Ground. The *Venetians* have there some Houses of Pleasure; but the common Habitations, when you draw near to *Rovigo*, are but Huts made of Reeds, which a Fire would reduce to Ashes in less than an Hour; yet are they as Merry as if they liv'd in a Palace. We frequently observ'd several People in Masquerade, coming out of those Cabins, and dancing Gambols to the tunes of the Violin and Bagpipe. These Rustick Diversions perhaps
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