

2 Henry IV

ADDITIONAL PASSAGES

Along with some substantial additions, Shakespeare probably made a number of short excisions when preparing the finished version of the play. The following, present in the Quarto but entirely or substantially omitted in the later Folio text, are the most significant:

A. AFTER 2.2.22

And God knows whether those that bawl out the ruins of thy linen shall inherit his kingdom±±but the midwives say the children are not in the fault, whereupon the world increases, and kindreds are mightily strengthened.

B AFTER `LIQUORS!', 3.1.52

O, if this were seen,
The happiest youth, viewing his progress through,
What perils past, what crosses to ensue,
Would shut the book and sit him down and die.

C. AFTER `FAMINE.', 3.2.309

yet lecherous as a monkey; and the whores called him `mandrake'. A came ever in the rearward of the fashion, and sung those tunes to the overscutched hussies that he heard the carmen whistle, and sware they were his fancies or his good-nights.