



CHAP. I.

This first Chapter sheweth to what wse Women were made, it also sheweth that most of them degenerate from the wse they were framed wnto, by leading a proud, lazie, and idle life, to the great hinderance of their poore Husbands.

the first beginning (saith he) a Woman was made to be a helper vnto man, and so they are indeede; for that which man painefully getteth. He also saith, that they were made of the rib of a man, and that their

froward nature sheweth; for a rib is a crooked thing, good for nothing else, and women are crooked by nature: for a small occasion will cause them to be angry.

Againe, in a manner, thee was no fooner made, but ftraight-way her minde was fet vpon mischiefe: for by her aspiring minde and wanton will, the quickly procured mans fall, and therefore euer since they are and haue beene a woe vnto man, and follow the line of their first leader.

For I pray you let vs consider the times past, with the time present; first, that of Dauid and Salomon, if they had occasion so many hundred yeares agoe to exclaime so bitterly