

Bib. Galesiana, Rabelais
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This one slip in two, forwarding before
the Rabelais card.

No writings of the same rank have claimed a set curative purpose, and one may add no writings have the same therapeutic value! R. begins the Prologue to Gargantua with "Drinkers very illustrious, and you very precious pockified Patients, for to you and no others are dedicated my writings". To avoid a chill after a hard and profitless day, hunters re-read the inestimable deeds of Gargantua—even applied locally they will cure a toothache! Poor pocky gouty patients with rattling teeth and raucous throats find consolation in listening to some pages of this book, no book with such "Virtues, Properties, and Prerogatives". "It is peerless incomparable and without Paragon. More of it have been sold in two months than will be bought of bibles in nine years. "Not less useful than delectable" says the privelega of Francis I to the third book. For the sick the gouty and the unfortunate in their sore discomfort Rabelais had compared the books, as he could not possibly take under his personal care all who needed his services. Contemplating the qualities of his physician, whether ever morose and depressed, or serene, pleasant and smiling, so the patient is influenced by a transfusion of the spirits; and the author# in making public these joyous books givess joyous pastimes to many sick and languishing of whom he cannot possibly take charge. The careful physician has but one end in view, not to depress his patient in any way whatever.