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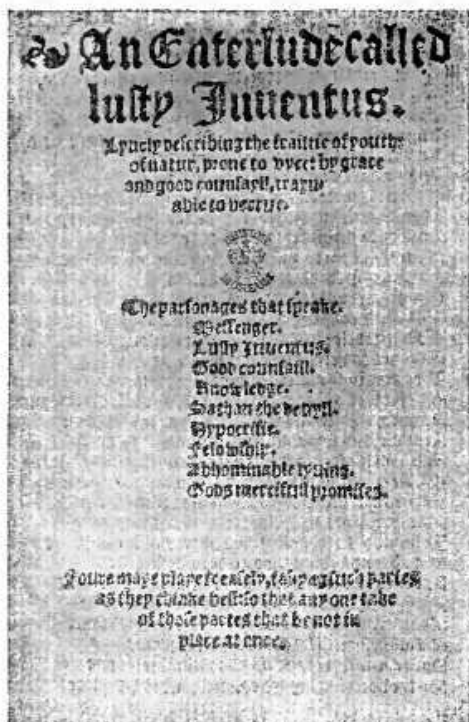
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[Reduced Facsimile of Title-page of "Lusty Iuuentus"
from a copy in the British Museum.]

AN ENTERLUDE CALLED LUSTY JUENTUS,
LYUELY DESCRIBING THE FRAILTIE OF
YOUTH: OF NATUR PRONE TO VYCE: BY
GRACE AND GOOD COUNSAYLL TRAYNABLE TO
VERTUE.

The Parsonages that speake:

MESSINGER

LUSTY JUENTUS

GOOD COUNSAILL

KNOWLEDGE

SATHAN THE DEUYLL

HYPOCRISIE

FELOWSHIP

ABHOMINABLE LYUYNG

GODS MERCIFULL PROMISES

*Foure maye playe it easely, takyng such partes as they
thinke best: so that any one take of those partes that be
not in place at once.*



LUSTY JUVENTUS

The Prologue of the Messenger.

For as much as man is naturally prone
To evil from his youth, as Scripture doth recite,
It is necessary that he be speedily withdrawn
From concupiscence of sin, his natural ap-
petite: [write,—
An order to bring up youth Ecclesiasticus doth
An untamed horse will be hard, saith he,
And a wanton child wilful will be. [excuse,
Give him no liberty in youth, nor his folly
Bow down his neck, and keep him in good awe,
Lest he be stubborn: no labour refuse [law,
To train him to wisdom and teach him God's
For youth is frail and easy to draw
By grace to goodness, by nature to ill:
That nature hath ingrafted, is hard to kill.
Nevertheless, in youth men may be best
Trained to virtue by godly mean;
Vice may be so mortified and so suppress,
That it shall not break furth, yet the root will
remain; [plain,
As in this interlude by youth you shall see
From his lust by Good Counsel brought to
godly conversation,
And shortly after to frail nature's inclination.

The enemy of mankind, Satan, through
 Hypocrisy [intent,
 Feigned or chosen holiness of man's blind
 Forsaking God's word, that leadeth right way,
 Is brought to Fellowship and ungracious com-
 pany,

To Abhominable Living till he be wholly bent,
 And so to desperation, if good counsel were
 not sent

From God, that in trouble doth no man forsake
 That doth call, and trust in him for Christ's

Finally, youth by God's special grace [sake.
 Doth earnestly repent his abhominable living
 By the doctrine of good counsel, and to his
 God's mercy entereth to him reciting [solace
 God's merciful promises, as they be in writing :
 He believeth and followeth, to his great con-
 solation. [their fashion.

And these parts ye shall see briefly played in
 [*Here entereth Lusty Juventus, or Youth,*
singing as followeth :

In a herber green, asleep where as I lay,
 The birds sang sweet in the middes of the day ;
 I dreamed fast of mirth and play :

In youth is pleasure, in youth is pleasure.

Methought I walked still to and fro,
 And from her company I could not go ;
 But when I waked, it was not so :

In youth is pleasure, in youth is pleasure.

Therefore my heart is surely pight,
 Of her alone to have a sight,
 Which is my joy and heart's delight :

In youth is pleasure, in youth is pleasure.

Finis.