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"Now like Friar Bacon's brazen head, I have spoken,  
Time is, Time was, Time's past!"—*Byron.*

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## PREFACE.

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THE following tract, which has at least the unusual merit of being entirely free from the coarseness which pervades nearly every popular work published during the reigns of Elizabeth and James I, is reprinted from a copy formerly belonging to Burton, the author of the "Anatomy of Melancholy," and now preserved in the Bodleian Library at Oxford. It is of excessive rarity, having escaped the notice of Lowndes and other bibliographers, nor have I succeeded in tracing the existence of any other exemplar; an additional inducement for reprinting a piece that contains several curious notices of our old manners and customs.

The author, who probably writes under an assumed name, has in some measure founded his satire on the tale of Friar Bacon's brazen head, or rather has taken his text from the words said to have been spoken by that ingenious piece of mechanism, lost, alas! to the world for ever through the stupidity of an attendant. How