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#### WHEREIN

Is authentically, and most evidently proved, the NECESSITY of frequently CETTING DRUNK; and, that the PRACTICE of getting DRUNK is most ANTIENT, PAIMITIVE, and CATHOLIC.

#### CONFIRMED

By the Example of Heathens, Turks, Infidels, Primitive Christians, Saints, Popes, Bishops, Doctors, Philosophers, Poets, Free Masons, and other Men of Learning in all Ages.

#### BY

#### BONIFACE OINOPHILUS,

de Monte Fiascone, A. B. C.

Vinum lætificans Cor hominis. Narratur & Prisci Catonis, Sæpe Mero caluisse virtus.

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LEWIS M. THOMPSON

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