

*Fal.* *Mouldy* and *Bulcalf*:—for you, *Mouldy*, stay at home till you are past service:—and for your part, *Bulcalf*, grow till you come unto it: I will none of you.

*Shal.* Sir *John*, sir *John*, do not yourself wrong, they are your likeliest men, and I would have you serv'd with the best.

*Fal.* Will you tell me, master *Shallow*, how to choose a man? care I for the limb, the thewes, the stature, bulk, and big semblance of a man? give me the spirit, master *Shallow*. Here's *Wart*; you see what a ragged appearance it is: he shall charge you, and discharge you, with the motion of a pewterer's hammer; come off and on, swifter than he that gibbets on the brewer's bucket. And this same half-fac'd fellow *Shadow*, give me this man; he presents no mark to the enemy; the foeman may with as great aim level at the edge of a pen-knife: and, for a retreat, how swiftly will this *Feeble*, the woman's tailor, run off. O, give me the spare men, and spare me the great ones.—Put me a caliver into *Wart's* hand, *Bardolph*.

*Bard.* Hold, *Wart*, traverse: thus, thus, thus.

*Fal.* Come, manage me your caliver: so, very well, go to, very good, exceeding good.—O, give me always a little, lean, old, chop'd, bald shot.—Well said, *Wart*, thou art a good scab: hold, there's a tester for thee.

*Shal.* He is not his craft-master, he doth not do it right. I remember at *Mile-end* green, when I lay at *Clement's* inn, I was then sir *Dagenet* in *Arthur's* show, there was a little quiver fellow, and he would manage you his piece thus; and he would about, and about, and come you in, and come you in: *rah, tab, tab*, would he say; *bounce*, would he say: and away again would he go, and again would he come; I shall never see such a fellow.

*Fal.* These fellows will do well. Master *Shallow*, god keep you; farewell, master *Silence*. I will not use many words with you:—fare you well, gentlemen both! I thank you: I must a dozen mile to-night.—*Bardolph*, give the soldiers coats.

*Shal.* Sir *John*, heaven bless you, and prosper your affairs, and send us peace! As you return, visit my house; let our old acquaintance