THO. BERTHELET on this historie.

VHO so ever desirath to rede
Marchiall prowess, feeble of chivalrie,
That was hym profite at tyne of nede,
Lette hym in bande take this historie,
That sheweth the slayghtes and policie,
The wyuly taynes of wyttie Annibal,
The crafty desirites, full ofte whereby
He gonne his pursuant enemies a fall.

Of wythstic stomake, and courage valiant,
Of noble herte, and mannely enterprise,
Of intencheffe, of mynde fine and constante,
Of governaunce prudent, warse, and wyse,
Shall fynde accordynge unto his doist
This prince Scipio, this mystery Romayne,
Whiche all for pleasant ever dydyse diysyse,
In Contience a lorde and sone of Comlyng.

To thus make memorie plesyse her beholdse,
That wyoly wyttir, power, wyise, nor policie,
Cound Annibal ever styll upholdse,
But that by Scipios wythstic chivalrie,
His manesicle, vertue, and destryes burluny
He was subdue, there is no more to sayyn,
And yet to speke, as truistle wyll verifie,
There was never fonde a better captyne.

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T. BERTHELET.

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Fig. 6a. 88 italic, W. Rastell’s ‘Arrighi’ type.
Cope, Sir A. The historie of Annibal and Scipio,
S.T.C. 5718.

Xenophon’s treatise of household. 1537.
S.T.C. 2607x.

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with her? A by my fayne, and if there be any, they be very fewe. Ye married her very ponde, when she had nother scene nor harde mode of the wynde. Wherefore it were more to be marked at it, if she knew and did as she shold, than if she byd any se.
They, the which ye fayse, Critobul. have good wyues, hau ye taught them so in bede? Socrates. It is a thyng not to stand long upon. For I will bryng you my wyfe Alcina, the which shalle shewe you all this better than I my selfe. But me thinketh that a wyfe, being a good companion, and a good fayre to her hufbe in a house, is very necessary, and within a litell as much worth as the houfebande. For commonly goodnes and subsistance do com in to the houfe by the labour and payne of the man, but the woman is he for the most parte, that keeps and bestoweth it, where nede is. And if these two thyngees stande well together, and be well ordenyn, the house doo increace, if not, they musite neede decaye. And so vnder me thinketh, that I shall shewe you in all sciences them, that do worke and labour, accordyng as they shulde, if ye thynke that it needeth. But what nede you to rebuke them all good Socrates, sayde Critobulus? For it is nother possibe for a