CAP^m. xxi.—HOW þE HOUNDE SHULD BE LADDE OUT TO SCOMBRE

How þe child shuld lede þe houndes to scombre twies in þe day in the mornyng and in the evenyng so þat þe sonne be vp specially in wyntere þan shuld be lat hem renne and play longe in a faire medew in þe soune, and þan kembe euery hounde after other and wipe hem wiþ a grette wispe of straw, and þus shal be doo euery mornyng, and þan he shal lede hem in some faire place þer as tendre gras groueth as corn and oþer þinges, þat þei mowe fede hem isithe for to make her medecynes for somtyme houndes ben seke and wiþ gras þat þei etyn þei voiden hem and helyn hem self.

CHAP. 21.—HOW THE HOUNDS SHOULD BE LED OUT TO SCOMBRE

Also I will teach[1] the child to lead out the hounds to scombre twice in the day in the morning and in the evening, so that the sun be up, especially in winter. Then should he let them run and play long in a fair meadow in the sun, and then comb every hound after the other, and wipe them with a great wisp of straw, and thus he shall do every morning. And then shall he lead them into some fair place there where tender grass grows as corn and other things, that therewith they may feed them (selves) as it is medicine for them, for sometimes hounds are sick and with the grass that they eat they void and heal themselves.

[1] The first four words are omitted in our MS., but they are in the Shirley MS. and in others, and in G. de F.