CAP<sup>M</sup>. xxiiii.—HOW A MAN SHULD KNOWE A GRETE HERT BY THE FUMES

AFTIRE I shal teche yow to knowe, to deme be fumes of an hert for sum tyme bei croteye in wrethis and sumtyme flatt, and somtyme ifourmed and sumtyme sharpe at bob be eendis, and som tyme ipressid to gidres and somtyme in many ober maner as I haue saide bifore. Whan bei Juyn if he croteis ben greet and hik it is tokenyng pat it is an hert chaceable, and if he fynde pe fumes iwrethede and it be from myddes Juyn in to be mydel of August of greet fourme and in grete wrethis and wel nessh, it is tokenyng bat it is an hert chaseable, and zif ze fynde þe fumes þt ben fourmed and not holdyng togideris as it is from be begynnyng of Juyl in to be eende of August, if bei ben grete and blak and longe and ben not sharpe atte endes and ben hevy and drye with out glemyng it is token bat it is an hert chaceable, and if he fumes ben faynt and light and ful of glemyng or sharpe at bob be eendis or at bt oon eende bise byn tokenys þat he is no deere chaceable. But 3if it ben whan bei burnysshen bat bei trotei her fumes moor ybrent and more sharpe at þat oon ende but anoon whan bei haue burnysshed bei crotei her fumes as by fore, and for pat pe fumes bene good and greet, if bei ben gleymyng it is a tokyn þat he hab suffryd some dissese. From þe eende of August forbward be fumes ben of no jugement for bei vndo hem self for be Rutte.

CHAP. 24.—HOW A MAN SHOULD KNOW A GREAT HART BY THE FUMES 1

AFTER I shall teach you to know a great hart by the fumes of the hart, for sometimes they crotey in wreaths, and sometimes flat and sometimes formed, and sometimes sharp at both ends, and sometimes pressed together, and sometime in many other manners as I have said before. When they croteyen flat and it be in auerille or in May in to crotey flat and it be in April or in May or in June if the croteyes be great and thick it is a token that it is a hart chaceable, and if he find the fumes wreathed, and it be from the middle of June to the middle of August in great forms and in great wreaths and well soft, it is a token that it is a hart chaceable, and if he find the fumes that are formed and not holding together as it is from the beginning of July into the end of August, if they are great and black and long and are not sharp at the ends, and are heavy and dry without slime, it is a token that it is a hart chaceable. And if the fumes are faint and light and full of slime, or sharp at both ends, or at one end, these are the tokens that he is no deer chaceable. But if it be when they burnish that they crotey their fumes more burnt and more sharp at the one end, but anon when they have burnished, they crotey their fumes as before, and for that the fumes be good and great; if they be slimy it is a token that he has suffered some disease. From the end of August forward, the fumes are of no judgment for they undo themselves for the

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix: Excrements.