pat pei come not in pe fues, ne bifore pe houndes, and shape hem as oft as bei may to mete with hym, and as oft as eny man see hym or mete hym he course) as often as they can to meet him. And as shuld goo to be fues and blowe a moot and often as any man see him or meet him, he should rechace and pan halowe to pe houndes to come go to the fues and blow a mote and recheat and then forth wip alle. And pis doo spede hym fast in pe holloa to the hounds to come forth withall, and this maner pat I have said to mete with hym ageyn, done, speed him fast in the manner that I have and what relaye pt he commet first to shuld take said to meet with him again. And the relay that good hede pat he vnlay nouzt, if oper relaies be he (the hart) cometh to first should take good heed behynde for drede of beendyng out fro be relaies that he vauntlay not, if other relays be behind but he shuld lat be deer passe and go to be fues for dread of bending out from the relay. But he and per blowe a moot and rechace and relaye vpon should let the deer pass and go to the fues, and be fues, And be hunter ought to be avised bat his there blow a mote, and recheat and rally upon the houndes catche it so wele in couple or he relay fues. And the hunter ought to be advised that pat bei renne not in contre, for bat myght make his hounds catch it (the scent) well in couple, ere be houndes pat come perwith and be hunters to he relay, that they run not counter.3 For that be on a stynt and perauenture nouzt rekeuere it might make the hounds that come therewith and of alle be day aftir. And if it so be that be hunter the hunters to be on a stynt (at fault), and peradpat hath relaied, see pat pe deer ben likly to falle in daunger, pat is to say among other dere, and ellis nedeb not, he shuld whan he hab relaied stonde stille in be fues and halow the houndis pat come fort perwith and take up be hynderest, and if it be in a parke go stonde azein with hem at his place and if it be out of parke in forest or oper wode folowe aftir alle pat he may. And in pis wise aught every relay to do til he come among be bak relaies for if bei atte bak see bi spredyng to fore of his clees and by settyng fast and depe his argus in be erbe, and if bei se hym haue also cast his chaule, ban bei aught unlay for auauntage of the houndes, for so shal bei be sonner haue hym at abay and fro pen he nys but dede, if pe hunters serve arist the houndis. Napelees men han sene at be first fyndeng or sone aftir, deere turne be hede and oftenest in Rutsontyde, but y mene not of deer pat turnen so to a bay, but y mene of hunttyde dere whan men han seyn of hem be tokenys for saide bifore bat he stant at abay, and if it be so pat pe houndes haue envoisid or be ouershette or pat pei be on a stynt by any oper wayes what hunter at hors or on foot that parteyned frist it shuld blowe be stynt, as y shal devise in a chaptire pat shall be of alle blowynges8 and after pat he shall falle to fore be houndes as sone as he myghte, and take hem up, and if it so be pat pei haue envoised ii deer of aunteler9 pei shuld not be astried foule but fallen afore and taken up in he feirest wise hat men may.

go, so that they come not into the fues (across the line) nor in front of the hounds, and shape (their venture not recover it all the day after. And if it so be that the hunter that hath relayed, see that the deer be likely to fall into danger, that is to say among other deer, and else it needeth not, he should when he hath relayed stand still in the fues, and holloa the hounds that come forth therewith and take up the hindermost, and if it be in a park go stand again with them at his place, and if it be out of park in a forest or other wood follow after as well as he is able. And in this wise ought every relay to do till he come among the back relays. For if they at the back see by the spreading of the claws by setting fast and deep his ergots (dew claws) in the earth, and if they see him also cast his chaule,6 then they ought to vauntlay for advantage of the hounds, for so shall they sooner have him at bay, and from then he is but dead if the hunters serve aright the hounds. Nevertheless men have seen at the first finding or soon after deer turn the head (to bay), and oftenest in rutting time, but I mean not of deer that turneth so to bay, but I mean of hunted deer when men have seen of them the tokens said before that he stand at bay. And if it be so that the hounds have envoised7 or have overshot, or that they be on a stynt by any other ways, those hunters on horseback or on foot to whom belongs the right, first should blow the stynt as I shall devise in a chapter that shall be of all blowing.8 And after that he should fall before the hounds as soon as he can and take them up, and if so be that they have envoysed two deer of antler9 they should not be rated badly, but get in front of them and take them off in the fairest way that

<sup>1</sup> Vauntlay, to cast off the relay before the hounds already hunting have passed. See Appendix: Relay.

3 Do not hunt heel: contre, counter. <sup>2</sup> Catch the scent is understood here. 7 Gone off the right line. 6 Drop his jaw. (?) <sup>5</sup> See Appendix: Hart.

9 If the hounds have gone away after two stags. 8 This chapter does not exist.

And if pei renne to ouzt ellis pei shuld be fallen afore and ascied and wele lasshed, and what houndes pat pei may gete up bryng hem to pe next rightes if he witt where, and ellis her pat he was last seye, And if it be a grete daunger pei ouzte to blowe a moote for pe lymer and lat hym serve til he haue retreuyd hym, or ellis þat he have brouzt it out of davnger, and as oft as he fyndeb and seeb bat he is in be ryghtes be lymer shuld say lowde to tymes or thryes Cy va Cy va and rechace, and so shuld the hunters as oft as hem lust to blowe pat. And if the lymer ouershete or cane not put it forthe enery hunter pat per is aught for to goo somdele abrood for to se if bei may fynde be rightes with vesteiyng1 berof and who so may fynde it or the lymer be fallen in azein he shuld rechace in he ryghtes and blow after pat a moot for pe lymer and serve for as is saide bifore, and if he lymer zeue it up and may not ne will not do his devoire,2 pan shuld pei blowe to moot for pe rechace,3 and cast hem of per as pei were last in pe ryghtes. And if pe hunters here pat be houndes renne wel and putte it lustely foorth bei shuld route and jopey 4 to hem lustely and oft and rechace also. And if per be but oon hounde pat undertakep it lustely, pei shuld hue and jopeie to hym and eke rechach, and as oft as pei be on a stinte pei shuld blowe be stint, and do as bifore is sayde, and if eny of pe forsaid houndes retreue hym as pat men may wit and here it be the doubelyng of peire mene,5 but if bei here eny hunter bifore hem bat hab mette wip alle pat bloweth pe riztes and halowe ellis pei shuld hast hem pider as hem pouzt pe hounde retreuyd it, or ellis to mete wip be houndes to se pe fues whedir it be pe hunted deer or noon, and if it be not he pei shuld do as aboue is saide whan bei ben of on a stynt, and if it be, he every man spede hym pat spede may and every relaie do as aforun is sayd. And if eny of be hunters happen while pei ben on a stint to se an hert pat hym benkeb for be hunted deer hym owyth to blow a moot and rechace, and after pat blow to mote for pe houndes and stonde stylle bifore pe fues til be beerner with be houndes be come. And if bei suppose pt bei may not here hym he shuld drawe hym to til bei had herd hym. And whan eny of be beerners or be lymner her a man blowe for hem bei shulde shulde answere blowyng in pis wise in her horn Trut, Trut, Trut, but he shuld wit redely bi þe fues aftir þe tokenys þ

men can. And if they run ought else they should be got in front of and rated and well lashed. And what hounds they may get up, bring them to the next rights (right line) if they know where, or else there where he (the hart) was last seen. And if it be great danger they ought to blow a mote for the lymer and let him sue till he hath retrieved him or else till he has brought him out of danger. And as oft as he findeth or seeth that he is in the rights the lymerer should say loud, Cy va twice or thrice—and recheat, and so should the hunters as oft as they lust to blow. And if the lymer overshoot or cannot put it forth, every hunter that is there ought to go some deal abroad for to see if he may find the rights by vesteying1 thereof. And whoso may find it before the lymer be fallen in again, he should recheat in the rights, and blow after that a mote for the lymer and sue forth as is said before. And if the lymer gave it up, and cannot and will not do his duty, then should they blow two motes for the raches and cast them off there where they were last in the rights. And if the hunters hear that the hounds run well and put it lustily forth they should rout and jopey4 to them lustily and often and recheat also. And if there be but one hound that undertaketh it lustily they shall hue and jopey to him, and also recheat. As oft as they be on a stynt they should blow the stynt and do as before is said. And if any of the aforesaid hounds retrieve him so that men may know and hear it by the doubling of their menee,5 but if they hear any hunter above them that hath met (the deer) that bloweth the rights and holloaeth else (where) they should haste them thither where they thought the hounds retrieved it; or else to meet with the hounds for to see the fues whether it be the hunted deer or not. And if it is not he, they should do as above is said when they be on a stynt, and if it be he every man shall speed him that speed may, and every relay do as before is said. And if any of the hunters happen while they be on a stynt to see a hart that he thinketh to be the hunted deer he ought to blow a mote and recheat and after that blow two motes for the hounds and stand still before the fues till the Berners with the hounds do come. And if they suppose that they may not hear him he should draw to them till they have heard him. And when any of the Berners or the lymerer hear a man blow for them, they should answer blowing in this wise with their horns: trut trut, but he should know readily by the fues after the tokens that have been said

<sup>1</sup> Searching with the eye for signs of the hart. <sup>2</sup> Duty.

3 Should read "raches."

<sup>4</sup> Call to the hounds encouragingly. See Appendix: Jopey.
<sup>5</sup> Shirley MS.: "doubling of their mouths," from the Fr. menee. See Appendix: Menee.