

One industrious Insect

The Catch Club or Merry Companions, c. 1700

A REBUS upon Mr. Anthony Hall, who keeps the Maremaid Tavern in Oxford,
& plays his Part very well on the *Violin*. The words by Mr. Tomlinson. Set by Mr. H. Purcell.

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
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[1.] One in - dus - tri - ous In - sect, and the sweet - ness of th'o - ther, is the

[2.] his Sur - name the Room where the Fire's in the mid - dle, and

[3.] the Sign he hangs out is half Flesh, and half Fish, and he

Chris - tian Name of our well be - lov'd Bro - ther;

some say he plays ve - ry well on the Fid - dle;

sells as true Wine as good Fel - lows can wish.

Insecta praecautā, alterius merda
Dant fratri prænomen (dum verba absurda)
Cognomen tritacinum quo medio fit Ignis
Multique ferunt est Tibicen insignis
Vexilla sunt, magna Bicarnea mundi;
Vinum, quod vendit, optarent potabundi.

Third verse: "Flesh" and "Fish" reversed in source.

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