

**C**ERMANA CORRUPTIONIS  
mors est, desperationis domina,  
incredulitatis mater, inferni pa-  
rens, diaboli conjunx, omnium  
malorum regina.

S. PETRUS CHRYSOLOGUS.

*Madame, in sothe, ther is non other bote;  
Dethe hath in erthe no lady ne maistresse,  
But on this davnce ye moste nedis fote,  
Al, be ye quene, countesse, or duchesse.*

