

CHAPTER XIV.

Single prints connected with the Dance of Death.

1500-1600.

(N.B. The right and left hands are those of the spectator. The prints on rwood are so specified.)



N ancient engraving, in the manner of Israel Van Meckenen. Death is playing at chess with a king, who is alarmed at an impending check-mate. A pope, cardinal, bishop, and other persons are looking on. Above are three labels. Bartsch, x. 55, No. 32.

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Albert Durer's knight preceded by Death, and followed by a demon, a well-known and beau-

tiful engraving.

A very scarce and curious engraving, representing the interior of a brothel. At the feet of a bed a man is sitting by a woman almost naked, who puts her hand into his purse, and clandestinely delivers the money she takes from it to a fellow standing behind one of the curtains. On the opposite side is a grinning fool making significant signs with his fingers to a figure of Death peeping in at a window. This singular print has the mark L upon it, and is something in the manner of Lucas Van Leyden, but is not