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stone, and the reason why alchemists cannot succeed in their purpose;
 14 Of the lawyer who spoke Latin to his chambermaid and the clerk
 who was the go-between; 15 Of the cardinal of Luxembourg and the
 good woman who wanted to make a priest out of her son who did not
 have testes, and how the aforesaid cardinal named himself Phelippot
 16 Of the man from Paris who was newly married and Beaufort, who
 found a way to make love to his wife, notwithstanding Madam
 Pernette's careful watching 17 Of the High Court lawyer who had his
 beard taken off tit for tat and the dinner he gave for his friends; 18 Of
 Gillet the joiner and how he had his revenge on the greyhound that
 always came and ate his dinne; 19 Of the cobbler Blondeau, who was
 never melancholy but twice in his life and how he took care of it, and
 his epitaph; 20 Of the three brothers who narrowly missed being
 hanged be- cause of their Latin
 21 Of the young man who made the most of the fine Latin his parish
 priest had taught him 22 Of a priest who did not say anything but Jesus
 in his Gospel; 23 Of Master Peter Faifeu, who got boots which did not
 cost him anything, and the scoffers of La Fleche in Anjou; 24 Of Master
 Arnaud, who took an Italian's hackney to Lorraine and returned it nine
 months later; 25 Of the counselor and his stableboy, who gave him
 back his old mule, passing it off as a young one; 26 Of the scoffers of
 La Fleche in Anjou and how they were tricked by Picquet with a lamprey
 27 Of the skittish ass which was frightened whenever a man took off
 his cap and Saint-Chelaut and CroisC, who put on each other's
 breeches

Sommario/riassunto

<P>The <I>Nouvelles Recreations et Joyeaux Devis</I> of
 Bonaventure des Periers are here translated for the first time into
 modern English. The translators have been successful in retaining the
 vitality of this important French Renaissance satirist, turning his
 colloquial sixteenth-century French into equally colloquial and lively
 American. The translation of the 129 tales is prefaced by a biographical
 study of des Periers both as man and artist, and a critical bibliography
 is also included.</P>
