

Speculation, Wonder, and Surmise

- In 1579, when Shakespeare was fifteen, the population of Stratford would have been little more than fifteen hundred. Is it a safe assumption that he knew the woman named Katherine Hamlet who fell into the Avon that summer and drowned? (12) pg 10 RB
- Leibniz: Why is there anything at all rather than nothing? (61) pg 13 RB
- Why is Reader always mildly incredulous at remembering that the decimal system arose from counting on one's finger? (92) pg 16 RB
- When Ovid was banished from Rome, it was to Tomi, on the Black Sea.
Would Reader have otherwise ever heard of a city in Romania now called Constanta? (181) pg 23 RB
- Why is it never part of Reader's active memory that Helen of Troy was the daughter of a god and was hatched from an egg? (221) pg 26 RB
- Why is it commonly referred to as the *Arnolfini Marriage*, or even the *Arnolfini Betrothal*, when she is seven months pregnant? (252) pg 28 RB