

A Wooer

Non-Specific Humans Candidate for a Cuckhold Lover all women his Mistress
Clients The Stoics the Virtuous The Widows Virgins Chamber-maid Tenant Land
lord Men of Fortune Women of Fortune Matchmakers Setters Issue

Mythological Figures Cupid

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S²TANDS Candidate for Cuckold, and if
he mis of it, it is none of his Fault; for
his Merit is sufficiently known. He is com
monly no Lover, but able to pass for a most
desperate one, where he finds it is like to prove
of considerable Advantage to him; and there
fore has Passions lying by him of all Sizes pro
portionable to all Women's Fortunes, and can
be indifferent, melancholy, or stark-mad, ac
cording as their Estates give him Occasion; and
when he finds it is to no Purpose, can presently
come to himself again, and try another. He prosecutes his Suit against his Mistress
as Clients
do a Suit in Law, and does nothing without
the Advice of his learned Council, omits no
Advantage for want of soliciting, and, when
He gets her Consent, overthrows her. He en-

deavors to match his Estate, rather than him
self, to the best Advantage, and is his Mis
tress's Fortune and his do but come to an
Agreement, their Persons are easily satisfied, the
Match is soon made up, and a Cross Marriage
between all four is perfectly concluded. He is

not much concerned in his Lady's Virtues, for if the Opinion of the Stoics be true, that the virtuous are always rich, there is no doubt, but she that is rich must be virtuous. He never goes without a Lift in his Pocket of all the Widows and Virgins about the Town, with Particulars of their Jointures, Portions, and Inheritances, that if one misss he may not be without a Reserve; for he esteems Cupid very improvident, if he has not more than two Strings to his Bow. When he wants a better Introduction, he begins his Addresses to the Chamber-maid, like one that fues the Tenant to eject the Landlord, and according as he thrives there makes his Approaches to the Mistresses. He can tell readily what the Difference is between Jointure with Tutition of Infant, Land and Money of any Value, and what the Odds is to a Penny between them all, either to take or leave. He does not so much go a wooing as put in his Claim, as if all Men of Fortune

had a fair Title to all Women of the same Quality, and therefore are faind to demand them in Marriage. But if he be a Wooer of Fortune, that designs to raise himself by it, he makes wooing his Vocation, deals with all Matchmakers, that are his Setters, is very painful in his Calling, and, if he Buinesses succeed, steals her away and commits Matrimony with a felonious Intent. He has a great desire to beget Money on the Body of a Woman, and as for other Issue is very indifferent, and cares not how old she be, so she be not past Money-bearing.
