

The Henpect Man

Non Specific Humans His Wife Husband Groom Superior Officer Guardian Slave
Wife's Villain Grand Seigneur's Daughter

Mythological Figures Jesuits Devil Hermaphrodite Monster Esau

Animals Preposterous Animal

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R²IDES behind his Wife, and lets her wear the Spurs and governs the Reins. He is a Kind of prepofterous Animal, that being curbed in goes with his Tail forwards. He is but fubordinate and minifterial to his Wife, who commands in chief, and he dares do nothing without her Order. She takes Place of him, and he creeps in at the Bed's Feet, as if he had married the Grand Seigneur's Daughter, and is under Correction of her Pantofle. He is his Wife's Villain, and has nothing of his own further than fhe pleafes to allow him. When he was married he promifed to worfhip his Wife with his Soul inftead of his Body, and endowed her among his worldly Goods with his Humanity. He changed Sexes with his Wife, and put off the old Man to put on the new Woman. She fits as the Helm, and he does but tug like a Slave at the Oar. The little

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do part. He is but Groom of his Wife's
Chamber, and her menial Husband, that is
always in waiting, and a Slave only in the Right
of his Wife.
