

[*two rules*]

## THE HENPECT MAN

R<sup>2</sup>IDES 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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Wit he has being held *in capite* has rendered all the reft of his Concerments liable to Pupilage and Wardfhip, and his Wife has the Tuition of his during his or her Life ; and he has no Power to do any Thing of himfelf, but by his Guardian. His Wife manages him and his Eftate with equal Authority, and he lives unde rher aribtrary Government and Command as his fuperior Office. He is but a kind of Meffuage and Tenement in the Occupation of his Wife. He and fhe make up a Kind of Hermaphrodite, a Monfter, or which the one half is more than the whole ; for he is the weaker Veffel, and but his Wife's Helper. His

Wife espoused and took him to Husband for  
 better or worfe, and the laft Word ftands.  
 He was meant to be his Wife's Head, but being  
 fet on at the wrong End ſhe makes him ſerve  
 (like the Jefuits Devil) for her Feet. He is her  
 Province, an Acquifition that ſhe took in,  
 and gives Laws to at Indifcretion ; for being  
 overmatched and too feeble for the Encounter,  
 he was forced to ſubmit and take Quarter.  
 He has inverted the Curſe, and turned it upon  
 himſelf ; for his Defire is towards his Wife,  
 and ſhe reign over him, and with *Eſau* has  
 fold his Birthright for a Mefs of Matrimony.

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His Wife took his Liberty among his worldly  
 Goods, to have and to hold till Death them  
 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.

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