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S²TANDS Candidate for Cuckold, and if he miſs of it, it is none of his Fault; for his Merit is ſufficiently known. He is commonly 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 therefore has Paſſions lying by him of all Sizes proportionable to all Women's Fortunes, and can be indifferent, melancholy, or ſtark-mad, according 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 himſelf, to the beſt Advantage, and is his Miſtreſs'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 preſently 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 miſs he may not be without a Re-

ferve; 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 Addreffes to the Chamber-maid,
 like one that fues the Tenant to eject the Land-
 lord, and according as he thrives there makes
 his Approaches to the Miftrefs. He can tell
 readily what the Difference is between Join-
 Ture with Tution 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 fo much go a wooing as
 put in his Claim, as if all Men of Fortune

had a fair Title to all Women of the fame
 Quality, and therefore are faid to demand them
 in Marriage. But if he be a Wooer of For-
 tune, that defigns to raife himfelf by it, he
 makes wooing his Vocation, deals with all
 Matchmakers, that are his Setters, is very
 painful in his Calling, and, if he Bufinefs fucceed,
 fteals her away and commits Matri-
 mony with a felonious Intent. He has a great
 defire to beget Money on the Body of a Wo-
 man, and as for other Iffue is very indifferent,
 and cares not how old fhe be, fo fhe be not paft
 Money-bearing.
