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S2TANDS Candidate for Cuckold, and if  
he miſs of it, it is none of his Fault; for  
his Merit is ſuſſiciently 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-  
ſelſ, to the beſt Advantage, and is his Miſ-  
treſs’s Fortune and his do but come to an  
Agreement, their Perſons are eaſily ſatisſied, the  
Match is ſoon made up, and a Croſs Marriage  
between all four is prefeſtly concluded. He is  
not much concerned in his Lady’s Virtues, for if  
the Opinion of the *Stoics* be true, *that the vir-*  
*tuous are always rich*, there is no doubt, but ſhe  
that is rich muſt be virtuous. He never goes  
without a Liſt 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-  
ſerve; 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 ſues the Tenant to eject the Land-  
lord, and according as he thrives there makes  
his Approaches to the Miſtreſs. 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 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 ſaid to demand them  
in Marriage. But if he be a Wooer of For-  
tune, that deſigns to raiſe himſelſ by it, he  
makes wooing his Vocation, deals with all  
Matchmakers, that are his Setters, is very  
painful in his Calling, and, if he Buſineſs ſucceed,  
ſteals her away and commits Matri-  
mony with a ſelonious Intent. He has a great  
deſire to beget Money on the Body of a Wo-  
man, and as for other Iſſue is very indifferent,  
and cares not how old ſhe be, ſo ſhe be not paſt  
Money-bearing.