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S<sup>2</sup>TANDS Candidate for Cuckold, and if he mis 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 Mistresses 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-

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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 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 mis 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 Landlord, and according as he thrives there makes his Approaches to the Miftrefs. He can tell readily what the Difference is between Jointure 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

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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 Fortune, 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 Matrimony with a felonious Intent. He has a great defire to beget Money on the Body of a Woman, and as for other Iffue is very indifferent, and cares not how old fhe be, fo fhe be not paft Money-bearing.

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