

lowed. Poor were the Expectations of the Studious, the Modest and the Good, if the Reward of their Labours were only to be expected from Man. No, my Friend, thy intended Pleadings, thy intended good Offices to thy Friends, thy intended Services to thy Country, are already performed (as to thy Concern in them) in his Sight before whom the Past, Present, and Future appear at one View. While others with thy Talents were tormented with Ambition, with Vain-glory, with Envy, with Emulation, how well didst thou turn thy Mind to its own Improvement in things out of the Power of Fortune; in Probity, in Integrity, in the Practice and Study of Justice; how silent thy Passage, how private thy Journey, how glorious thy End! *Many have I known more Famous, some more Knowing, not one so Innocent.*

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N^o 134. *Friday, August 3.*

— *Opiferque per Orbem*
Dicor —

Ovid.

DURING my Absence in the Country, several Packets have been left for me, which were not forwarded to me, because I was expected every Day in Town. The Author of the following Letter, dated from *Tower-hill*, having sometimes been entertained with some Learned Gentlemen in Plush Doublets, who have vended their Wares from a Stage in that Place, has pleasantly enough addressed to Me, as no less a Sage in Morality, than those are in Physick. To comply with his kind Inclination to make my Cures famous, I shall give you his Testimonial of my great Abilities at large in his own Words.

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SIR,

S I R,

Y^{OUR} saying t'other Day there is something wonderful in the Narrowness of those Minds which can be pleased, and be barren of Bounty to those who please them, makes me in pain that I am not a Man of Power. If I were, you should soon see how much I approve your Speculations. In the mean time, I beg leave to supply that Inability with the empty Tribute of an honest Mind, by telling you plainly I love and thank you for your daily Refreshments. I constantly peruse your Paper as I smoke my Morning's Pipe, (tho' I can't forbear reading the Motto before I fill and light) and really it gives a grateful Relish to every Whiff; each Paragraph is freight either with useful or delightful Notions, and I never fail of being highly diverted or improved. The Variety of your Subjects surpris'd me as much as a Box of Pictures did formerly, in which there was only one Face, that by pulling some Pieces of Looking-glass over it, was changed into a grave Senator or a Merry Andrew, a patch'd Lady or a Nun, a Beau or a Black-a-moor, a Prude or a Coquette, a Country Squire or a Conjurer, with many other different Representations (very entertaining as you are) tho' still the same at the Bottom. This was a childish Amusement when I was carried away with outward Appearance, but you make a deeper Impression, and affect the secret Springs of the Mind; you charm the Fancy, soothe the Passions, and insensibly lead the Reader to that Sweetness of Temper that you so well describe; you rouse Generosity with that Spirit, and inculcate Humanity with that Ease, that he must be miserably stupid that is not affected by you. I can't say indeed that you have put Impertinence to Silence, or Vanity out of Countenance; but methinks you have bid as fair for it, as any Man that ever appeared upon a publick Stage; and offer an infallible Cure of Vice and Folly, for the Price of one Penny. And since it is usual for those who receive Benefit by such famous Operators, to publish an Advertisement, that others may reap the same Advantage, I think my self obliged to declare to all the World, that having for a long time been splenetick,

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' ill-natured, froward, suspicious and unfociable, by the
' Application of your Medicines, taken only with half
' an Ounce of right *Virginia* Tobacco, for six succes-
' five Mornings, I am become open, obliging, officious,
' frank and hospitable.

I am,
Tower-hill, *Your humble Servant,*
July 5, 1711. *and great Admirer,*
George Trusty.

THIS careful Father and humble Petitioner hereafter mentioned, who are under Difficulties about the just Management of Fans, will soon receive proper Advertisements relating to the Professors in that behalf, with their Places of Abode and Methods of Teaching.

S I R, *July the 5th. 1711.*
' IN your Spectator of *June* the 7th, you transcribe
' a Letter sent to you from a new sort of Muster-
' master, who teaches Ladies the whole Exercise of the
' Fan; I have a Daughter just come to Town, who tho' she
' has always held a Fan in her Hand at proper Times,
' yet she knows no more how to use it according to true
' Discipline, than an aukward School-boy does to make use
' of his new Sword: I have sent for her on purpose to learn
' the Exercise, she being already very well accomplished
' in all other Arts which are necessary for a young Lady
' to understand; my Request is, that you will speak to
' your Correspondent on my behalf, and in your next Pa-
' per let me know what he expects, either by the Month,
' or the Quarter, for teaching; and where he keeps his
' Place of Rendezvous. I have a Son too, whom I would
' fain have taught to gallant Fans, and should be glad to
' know what the Gentleman will have for teaching them
' both, I finding Fans for Practice at my own Expence.
' This Information will in the highest manner oblige,

S I R, Your most humble Servant,
William Wiseacre.

' As soon as my Son is perfect in this Art (which I
' hope will be in a Year's time, for the Boy is pretty apt,)
' I design he shall learn to ride the great Horse, (altho'