

The SPECTATOR.

*Tandem de sine Matrem
Tempeſtiva ſequi viro. Hor. Od. 23.*

Friday, February 29. 1712.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

Feb. 7. 1711-12.

I AM a young Man about eighteen Years of Age, and have been in Love with a young Woman of the ſame Age about this half Year. I go to ſee her ſix Days in the Week, but never could have the Happineſs of being with her alone. If any of her Friends are at home, ſhe will ſee me in their Company; but if they be not in the Way, ſhe flies to her Chamber. I can diſcover no Signs of her Averſion; but either a Fear of falling into the Toils of Matrimony, or a childiſh Timidity, deprives us of an Interview apart, and drives us upon the Difficulty of languishing out our Lives in fruitleſs Expectation. Now, Mr. SPECTATOR, if you think us ripe for Oeconomy, perſwade the dear Creature, that to pine away into Barrenneſs and Deformity under a Mother's Shade, is not ſo honourable, nor does ſhe appear ſo amiable, as ſhe would in full Bloom. [There is a great deal left out before he concludes.]

Mr. SPECTATOR,

Your humble Servant,

Bob. Harmleſs.

IF this Gentleman be really no more than Eighteen, I muſt do him the Juſtice to ſay he is the moſt knowing Infant I have yet met with. He does not, I fear, yet underſtand, that all, he thinks of, is another Woman; ther'fore, till he has given a further Account of himſelf, the young Lady is hereby directed to keep cloſe to her Mother.

The SPECTATOR.

I cannot comply with the Requeſt in Mr. Troſt's Letter; but let it go juſt as it came to my Hands, for being ſo familiar with the old Gentleman, as rough as he is to him. Since Mr. Troſt has an Ambition to make him his Father-in-Law, he ought to treat him with more Reſpect; beſides, his Stile to me might have been more diſtant than he has thought fit to afford me: Moreover, his Miſtreſs ſhall continue in her Confinement, till he has found out which Word in his Letter is not wrightly ſpelt.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

I Shall ever own my ſelf your obliged humble Servant for the Advice you gave me concerning my Dancing; which unluckily came too late: For, as I ſaid, I would not leave off Capering till I had your Opinion of the Matter; was at our famous Aſſembly the Day before I received your Papers, and there was obſerved by an old Gentleman, who was informed I had a Reſpect for his Daughter; told me I was an inſignificant little Fellow, and ſaid that for the Future he would take Care of his Child, ſo that he

did not doubt but to croſſe my amorous Inclinations. The Lady is confin'd to her Chamber, and for my Part, am ready to hang my ſelf with the Thoughts that I have danced my ſelf out of Favour with her Father. I hope you will pardon the Trouble I give; but ſhall take it for a mighty Favour, if you will give me a little more of your Advice to put me in a write Way to cheat the old Dragon and obtain my Miſtreſs. I am once more,

S I R,

York, Feb. 23,

Your obliged humble Servant,

1711-12.

John Troſt.

Let me deſire you to make what Alterations you pleaſe, and inſert this as ſoon as poſſible: Pardon Miſtake by Haſte.

I Never do pardon Miſtakes by Haſte.

The SPECTATOR.

S I R,

Feb. 27, 1711-12.

PRAY be ſo kind as to let me know what you eſteem to be the chief Qualification of a good Poet, eſpecially of one who writes Plays; and you will very much oblige,

S I R,

Your very humble Servant,

N. B.

TO be a very well-bred Man.

The SPECTATOR.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

YOU are to know that I am naturally brave, and love Fighting as well as any Man in England. This gallant Temper of mine makes me extremely delighted with Battles on the Stage. I give you this Trouble to complain to you, that Nicolini refus'd to gratify me in that Part of the Opera for which I have moſt Taſte. I obſerve it become a Cuſtom, that whenever any Gentlemen are particularly pleaſed with a Song, at their crying out *Encore* or *Altro Volto*, the Performer is ſo obliging as to ſing it over again. I was at the Opera the laſt time *Hydaſpes* was performed. At that Part of it where the Heroe engages with the Lion, the graceful Manner with which he put that terrible Monſter to Death gave me ſo great a Pleaſure, and at the ſame time ſo juſt a Senſe of that Gentleman's Intrepidity and Conduct, that I could not forbear deſiring a Repetition of it, by crying out *Altro Volto* in a very audible Voice; and my Friends flatter me that I pronounced thoſe Words with a tollerable good Accent, conſidering that was but the third Opera I had ever ſeen in my Life. Yet, notwithstanding all this, there was ſo little Regard had to me, that the Lion was

was carried off, and went to Bed, without being
 kill'd any more that Night. Now, Sir, pray
 consider that I did not understand a Word of
 what Mr. Nicolini said to this cruel Creature;
 besides, I have no Ear for Musick; so that during
 the long Dispute between 'em, the whole Enter-
 tainment I had was from my Eye: Why then
 have not I as much Right to have a graceful Acti-
 on repeated as another has a pleasing Sound, since
 he only hears as I only see, and we neither of us
 know that there is any reasonable thing a doing?
 Pray Sir settle the Business of this Claim in the
 Audience, and let us know when we may cry
Altro Volto Anglice, again, again, for the Future. I am
 an *English-Man*, and expect some Reason or other to
 be given me, and perhaps an ordinary one may
 serve; but I expect your Answer.

I am, S I R,
 Your most humble Servant,
 Toby Rentfree.

Mr. SPECTATOR, Nov. 29.
 YOU must give me Leave, amongst the rest
 of your Female Correspondents, to address
 you about an Affair which has already given you
 many a Speculation; and which, I know, I need
 not tell you have had a very happy Influence
 over the adult Part of our Sex: But as many
 of us are either too old to learn, or too obstinate
 in the Pursuit of the Vanities which have been
 bred up with us from our Infancy, and all of us
 quitting the Stage whilst you are prompting us
 to act our Part well; you ought, methinks, ra-
 ther to turn your Instructions for the Benefit of
 that Part of our Sex, who are yet in their na-
 tive Innocence, and ignorant of the Vices and
 that Variety of Unhappineffes that reign amongst
 us.

I must tell you, Mr. SPECTATOR, that it is as
 much a Part of your Office to oversee the Educati-
 on of the female Part of the Nation, as well as
 of the Male; and to convince the World you
 are not partial, pray proceed to detect the Male-
 Administration of Governesses as successfullly as
 you have expos'd that of Pedagogues; and re-
 lieve our Sex from the Prejudice and Tyranny of
 Education as well as that of your own, who
 without your seasonable Interposition are like to
 improve upon the Vices that are now in vogue.

I who know the Dignity of your Post, as SPEC-
 TATOR, and the Authority a skillful Eye ought to
 bear in the Female World, could not forbear con-
 sulting you, and beg your Advice in so critical a
 Point, as is that of the Education of young
 Gentlemen: Having already provided my self
 with a very convenient House in a good Air, I'm
 not without Hope but that you will promote this
 generous Design. I must farther tell you, Sir,
 that all who shall be committed to my Conduct,
 beside the usual Accomplishments of the Needle,
 Dancing, and the French Tongue, shall not fail
 to be your constant Readers. It is therefore my
 humble Petition, that you will entertain the Town
 on this important Subject, and so far oblige a
 Stranger, as to raise a Curiosity and Enquiry in
 my Behalf, by publishing the following Adver-
 tisement. I am,

S I R,
 Your constant Admirer,
 M. W.

The Boarding-School for young Gentlemen, which
 was formerly kept on Mile-End Green, being laid
 down, there is now one set up almost opposite to it at
 the two Golden-Balls, and much more convenient in every
 Respect; where, beside the common Instructions given to
 young Gentlemen, they will be taught the whole Art of
 Pastry and Preserving, with whatever may render
 them accomplished. Those who please to make Trial of
 the Vigilance and Ability of the Persons concerned, may
 enquire at the two Golden-Balls on Mile-End Green
 near Stepney, where they will receive further Satis-
 faction.

This is to give Notice, that the SPECTATOR has
 taken upon him to be Visitant of all Boarding-Schools
 where young Women are educated; and designs to pro-
 ceed in the said Office after the same Manner that the
 Visitants of Colleges do in the two famous Universities
 of this Land.

All Lovers who write to the SPECTATOR, are desired
 to forbear one Expression which is in most of the Letters
 to him, either out of Laziness, or want of Invention,
 and is true of not above two thousand Women in the
 whole World; viz. She has in her all that is valuable
 in Woman.

The Hudson's-Bay-Company give Notice, That
 their 3d Dividend on Apprentices will be paid the 2d of April next,
 (pursuant to their Proposals), and that they require all Persons who
 have not already proved their Claim and lodged their Proof with the
 Register, to do the same on or before the 23d of March next. They
 also require all such Persons who have not already paid their Quar-
 terage, (which was due the 25th of December last), to pay the same
 on or before the 29th of this Instant February, or they will be ex-
 cluded. And whereas the said Company have been informed of some
 Frauds designed at the said Dividend, they therefore give Notice,
 That whosoever shall discover any Person who shall presume to make
 Claim on any Clerk or Apprentice who was either Dead, Married,
 or Deserted from their respective Services, shall upon Proof of such
 Fraud receive the Sum of 20 s. Reward, provided such Proof be made
 before the 25th of March next. Attendance is given at their House
 in Fenchurch Street, from 10 in the Forenoon till 2, and from 4 till
 7 in the Evening; where Proposals are given Gratis for the Benefit
 of Single Persons on their Marriage, and for Apprentices, and for
 Youths designed for Apprenticeship. Note, Marriages may be Re-
 gistered for 6 Months, Apprentices for 13 Months, and Youths 12
 Months.

Whereas two Letters, one dated Thursday Mor-
 ning and the other Wednesday Night, are come to Hand from a
 Person who on Wednesday the 20th of February in the Morning
 went away from the House in London where he lived, and on said
 Day took his Leave of one who was to go to Cambridge; This
 may certify, that if the Writer of the said Letters will return to
 the House from whence he went, he shall find Reception if he re-
 turns immediate y.

Wm Tazwell undertakes to accomplish Gentle-
 men, or other Persons of either Sex above the Age of 14 Years, in
 the compleat knowledge of the Latin Tongue, and make them capa-
 ble of rendering Latin into English, and English into Latin, (by their
 Attendance only an Hour at a time 3 Days in a Week) in 3 Months
 time from his first beginning to teach them, tho' they never learn
 the Language before: And that by an easy practical Method, en-
 tirely new, founded upon undeniable Reason and Experience, and so
 wholly free from the tedious Forms of Schools, as not to require much
 Study or Pains, or be in the least burthenfome to the Memory, but is
 pleasant as well as profitable, and does not rite the Person's Patience
 in Learning, or break the Thoughts from, or hinder any Business.
 He is to be agreed with next the Blue Anchor and Crown in Prince's-
 Street near Stocks-Market, the lower end of the Street, where they
 may be taught, or at their own Dwelling.

Notice is hereby given, that at Mr. William
 Watkins' Mountain Vault in Queen's-Head Yard near the Bagnio in
 St. James's Street, is sold by Retail excellent Mountain-Malaga
 Wine at 6 s. 8 d. per Gallon or 1 s. 9 d. per Quart; being a fresh
 Parcel, just landed, and of the best Growth in Spain.

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 sive to the Duty of daily Self-Examination, with devout Prayers,
 Meditations, Directions, and Ejaculations for an holy Life and hap-
 py Death. The 4th Edit. A devout Christians Preparative to Death,
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 the Strand.

