

others might be deterred from sacrificing a virtuous character to their insolence and vanity.

HEAD of a YOUNG HEIR.

This is a young HEIR just come to his ESTATE, which is very considerable. During his residence at College, he was placed under the discipline of a very severe Tutor, till, about twelve months ago, he received the joyful news of his father's death, which was as agreeable a surprisè to young Mr Hairbrain, as a father's proposing a brisk young fellow as a match for a buxom lass of twenty, who longs for a husband. He was no sooner equipped in sables, than he burst out of the college gates, with as much alacrity as a debtor out of the barricaded door of a gloomy gaol, after he had been released by a compassionate creditor or a merciful act of insolvency. Having repaired to the antient mansion-house, and performed his last duty to his father, he set out with longing desires of enjoying the various pleasures and delights of London, that motley spot of vice and virtue ; and at the recommendation of a friend, furnished elegant chambers in the Inner Temple. Thus seated in the centre of iniquity, he procured a number of acquaintance among the the experienced debauchees, and made so rapid a progress in the school of vice, that he soon became a libertine, without reflection ; and raked on, without reprehension from his own conscience, or from other people. Resolved to deny himself no kind of liberty which could in any degree conduce to gratify his sanguine and juvenile desires, he abandoned his study for the company and conversation of frothy fops and rattling coxcombs, and devoted the principal part of his
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time to whoring, drinking, and gaming—exercises so essential to the character of a man of taste and humour. He soon became a dupe to the jilts of the town; and before he acquired sense and experience to avoid the bubbles of a whore, he was reduced to the necessity of being a bubble to the doctor, and very cheerfully paid more for his punishment than for the unfortunate rapture which enjoined him to so severe a penance. His time is principally engrossed in amorous dalliance with ladies of easy virtue and complying disposition. If he has any to spare it is sported among rakes like himself, and sometimes, with spungers, flatterers, and parasites, who live upon the prodigal, and will stick by him till they have reduced him to a level with themselves. His Irish fencing master is one of his greatest favourites, having imposed upon his credulity a belief of a number of romantic duels and fictitious rencounters, insomuch that he thinks him a very knight in valour; but all this bouncing is only to work young coxcombs into an opinion of his courage which never extends beyond a harmless thrust with a foil, or a sham push at a pimp or waiter. As he esteems gaming a very honourable employment, being the fashionable pastime that prevails at court, he values its professors, and takes those very men into his bosom, who are making daily depredations on his estate. In short, his life is one scene of dissipation, folly, and extravagance, of every kind and degree; so that for want of discretion in his early years, it is highly probable he will exhaust his substance, reduce himself to beggary, and die a wretched and melancholy example of the dire effects of a vicious and abandoned disposition.

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