

1: The Man of Mode - Wikipedia

The Man of Mode, or, Sir Fopling Flutter is a Restoration comedy by George Etherege, written in The play is set in Restoration London and follows the libertine Dorimant as he tries to win over the young heiress Harriet and to disengage himself from his affair with Mrs. Loveit.

Plot[edit] The protagonist of *The Man of Mode* is Dorimant, a notorious libertine and man-about-town. The story opens with Dorimant addressing a billet-doux to Mrs. Loveit, with whom he is having an affair, to lie about his whereabouts. An "Orange-Woman" is let in and informs him of the arrival in London of a beautiful heiress – later known to be Harriet. Dorimant expresses his wish to break off his relationship with Mrs. Loveit, being already involved with her younger friend Belinda. The two friends plot to encourage Mrs. Young Bellair, the handsome acquaintance of both men, enters and relates his infatuation with Emilia, a woman serving as companion to Lady Townley – his devotion is ridiculed. The three debate the fop Sir Fopling Flutter, newly come to London. A letter arrives from Mrs. Loveit and Dorimant departs. Belinda enters and informs her of a masked woman that Dorimant was seen in public with. Dorimant appears and accuses the women of spying on him and also that Mrs. Loveit has encouraged the affections of Sir Fopling; in a pretended state of jealousy, he leaves. Emilia then reveals her interest in Dorimant to Belinda and Lady Townley. Dorimant meets with Fopling and pretends that Mrs. Loveit has affections for him Fopling. Loveit encounters Fopling she acts flirtatious, in spite of not liking him and succeeds in making Dorimant jealous. Woodvill chides Dorimant and his reputation in front of him, not seeing through his disguise. Dorimant admits to Emilia that he loves Harriet but continues to be obstinate. Fopling appears and almost uncovers Dorimant but the latter leaves to meet Belinda. She expresses her jealousy at Mrs. Loveit, imploring him to never see her again. Belinda returns to Mrs. Dorimant arrives afterwards and confronts Mrs. Loveit; she says she is aware that he is only faking jealousy to spend time with another woman. Lady Woodvill and Old Bellair rush their children to get married. Dorimant interrupts; his true identity is revealed when Mrs. Loveit and Belinda arrive to confront him. Woodvill is in dismay. Young Bellair and Emilia publicly show their love for each other. Old Bellair concedes to the match and Woodvill admits that she likes Dorimant despite the gossip she has heard about him. Harriet admits she loves Dorimant, so Woodvill allows for their marriage while warning Harriet that the match will bring ruin upon her. Both young couples will marry. Harriet advises Belinda and Mrs. Loveit to stay away from Dorimant for their own good and perhaps join a nunnery to preserve their goodness. Dorimant and Harriet will move back to the country to live with the Woodvills. Fopling is glad not to commit to anyone. Genre and style[edit] Brian Gibbons argues that the play "offers the comedy of manners in its most concentrated form".

2: The Role of the Woman in The Man of Mode

George Etherege. The Man of Mode, or, Sir Fopling Flutter - a Comedy 2. Prologue by Sir Car Scroope, Baronet Like dancers on the ropes poor poets fare.

Success on the stage Soon after the Restoration in he composed his comedy of *The Comical Revenge or Love in a Tub*, which introduced him to Lord Buckhurst, afterwards the earl of Dorset. It is partly in rhymed heroic verse, like the stilted tragedies of the Howards and Killigrew, but it contains comic scenes that are exceedingly bright and fresh. The sparring between Sir Frederick and the Widow introduced a style of wit hitherto unknown upon the English stage. The success of this play was very great, but Etherege waited four years before he repeated his experiment. Meanwhile he gained the highest reputation as a poetical beau, and moved in the circle of Sir Charles Sedley, Lord Rochester and the other noble wits of the day. His temperament is best known by the names his contemporaries gave him, of "gentle George" and "easy Etheredge. But in this play Etherege first shows himself a new power in literature. We move in an airy and fantastic world, where flirtation is the only serious business of life. At this time Etherege was living a life no less frivolous and unprincipled than those of his Courtals and Freemans. After a silence of eight years, he came forward with one more play, unfortunately his last. *The Man of Mode or, Sir Fopling Flutter*, indisputably the best comedy of manners written in England before the days of Congreve, was acted and printed in 1673, and enjoyed an unbounded success. Besides the merit of its plot and wit, it had the personal charm of being supposed to satirize, or at least to paint, persons well known in London. Sir Fopling Flutter was a portrait of Beau Hewit, the reigning exquisite of the hour; in *Dorimant* the poet drew the Earl of Rochester, and in *Medley* a portrait of himself or, equally plausible, of his fellow playwright and wit Sir Charles Sedley; while even the drunken shoemaker was a real character, who made his fortune from being thus brought into public notice. Etherege was a friend of John Wilmot; each had a daughter by the unmarried actress Elizabeth Barry. After this brilliant success Etheredge retired from literature; his gallantries and his gambling in a few years deprived him of his fortune, and he looked about for a rich match. He was knighted before, and gained the hand and the money of a rich widow. In March he was appointed resident minister in the imperial German court at Regensburg. His manuscript despatches are preserved in the British Museum, where they were discovered and described by Gosse in 1845; they are available in editions by Sybil Rosenfeld and Frederic Bracher. Reputation Etherege holds a distinguished place in English literature as one of the "big five" of Restoration comedy. He inaugurated a period of genuine wit and sprightliness. He invented the comedy of manners, and led the way for the masterpieces of Congreve and Sheridan. His wit is sparkling and frivolous, his style picturesque. Etherege is noted for his delicate touches of dress, furniture and scene; he vividly draws the fine airs of London gentlemen and ladies, perhaps better than Congreve.

3: Sir George Etherege (The Diary of Samuel Pepys)

Sir George Etherege (c. 1601, Maidenhead, Berkshire - c. 10 May 1633, Paris) was an English playwright who wrote the plays The Comical Revenge or, Love in a Tub in 1632, She Would if She Could in 1633, and The Man of Mode or, Sir Fopling Flutter in 1633.

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Jacknewitz Around the mid seventeenth century, England, renowned for its theatrical genius, introduced a new, astounding feature to its public stage: However, were these productions presenting actresses as autonomous female subjects, which women authors like Aphra Behn described, or were they just making use of the actresses as traditional, oppressed objects? Premiering several years after the addition of women to the stage[s] of the London theaters, *The Man of Mode* depicts women within Restoration society as oppressed, inferior objects. The *Man of Mode* revolves around the life of Mr. Dorimant, a witty, seductive man involved with Mrs. Loveit, Bellinda, and Harriet, but subplots concerning other characters such as Emilia also exist. She and her love interest, the also virtuous Young Bellair, avoid the scheming activities of their peers, but do not censure them either. In actuality, she has grown to enjoy the conversations. Language of and about seduction seduces Emilia. The narration pleases and interests her, not the immoral significance of the words. Because she lacks insight and possesses a reserved demeanor, she does not respond to the gossip or to the initial flirtations of Old Bellair. She is unaware and undesiring of anything except identifying herself with her husband in a joyous marriage. For her, the play ends happily; she and Young Bellair are joined. Blinded by innocent passion, Emilia willingly assumes the role of conventional compliance. Infatuated with Dorimant, she wishes for him to sacrifice his old mistress, Mrs. Loveit, for her even though she knows that he is a womanizer, and she will just be one in a series of interchangeable women Gill Was not her ruin enough to fright me from danger? In spite of this, she allows him to gain the advantage over her and defeats herself Young A previous conquest, the passionate Mrs. Loveit refuses to accept abandonment by her lover, Dorimant. She rejects remaining a passive object and actively seeks revenge, first through the avenue of jealousy, using foolish Sir Fopling: But I design not so much the reviving his, as my revenge. According to Pat Gill, while trying to even the score, Mrs. Loveit, who seems more victim than victimizer, is exorcized by the play as if she were a sinister menace. Her behavior becomes a threat that must be repudiated. Unlike Bellinda, she attempts to gain an advantage and does not admit to her gender She is punished for engaging in the male activity of assertiveness regarding her wild, uncontrolled desires. By refusing to settle for the man her mother has selected for her to marry, Harriet demonstrates independence. Her true feelings, however, are hidden throughout the entire play. In order to accomplish this task, she acquires a deep understanding of love and his character, bringing him to face his enemy, confessing the pangs of sincere passion in words and actions. However, Harriet still maintains her wholesome respectability. She un genders the act of seduction by actively participating in it: Could you keep a Lent for a mistress? In expectation of a happy Easter; and though time be very precious, think forty days well lost to gain your favor. Men grow dull when they begin to be particular. Is not this like you? It appears that Harriet may have solely used her wit as a means to lure Dorimant into marriage and fatherhood, using her wit as a vehicle for patrilineal succession Markley The beguiling strength that Harriet displays as an assertive, independent subject in the presence of both men and other women begins to crumble into that of a submissive object. Instead of continuing to make use of her equalizing wit, Harriet abandons the notion of pressing Dorimant further regarding his sincerity, trust, and honesty. Instead, she settles for the role of the weak woman. Nonetheless, her wit dwindles as she decides to submit herself to him without his making any further concrete commitment. The characters of Emilia and Bellinda voluntarily settle for the role of object. The character of Mrs. Loveit initially appears powerful, but is eroded from her position by society because of her vigorous, uncontrolled passions and desires. The subjecthood of the witty and virtuous heroine, Harriet, is upheld throughout the work only to dwindle into submissive obedience within the patriarchal value system at the very end. Works Cited Berglund, Lisa. *Subversive Morality in The Man of Mode*. The Longman Anthology of British Literature: The Restoration and the Eighteenth Century. New York, New York: Addison Wesley Longman, Inc. The University of Georgia Press, The Feminist Voices in

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Etherege delights in investigating the wooing, the rejecting, and the successes and failures which characterize the game. In the true spirit of Restoration poetry, however, these investigations are never conducted in a personal mode; Etherege is not interested in examining love philosophically or personally. He is most often objective and detached, sometimes bemused, but never intensely involved in his subject matter. Consequently, his investigations of love appear in conventional, readily recognizable forms: In this song, Gatty confesses her love for Courtall. Following her song, Gatty is chided by her sister for her frank admission of affection; her sister feels she should dissemble. The rules of the game of love call for pretense rather than a sincere declaration of love. To heed this warning is to play the game successfully. Pastoral poems Etherege occasionally wrote in the pastoral mode, loosely following a long tradition of poetry which utilizes the theme of rural bliss in uncluttered, paradisiacal settings. The artificiality of pastoral paradises was congenial to his poetic tastes since he apparently never desired to explore anything of topical, immediate significance. Instead, he preferred the timeless world of the pastoral and its often inherent paradox of unhappiness amid pastoral perfection. Why so dull a lover? Thus, Etherege creates a tension between the bliss of rural retirement and the quickness with which such happiness can vanish. Readers are meant to pity Phillis and to consider that such pain might be inflicted on them, but not necessarily to gird against the caprices of fate. He felt no urge, however, to moralize. His sole poetic impulse was to examine the game of love from all sides. Only the playing of the game matters—“a game at which no one wins. The lover gives her the traditional answer that because all life is transitory, he can make no such guarantee. In the spirit of the *carpe diem* tradition, however, he urges her not to be sad but to anticipate their future bliss together, limited though it may be. This poem is noteworthy because it is one of the few times Etherege ventures forth from his amorality to assert a message of warmth. The poem concludes with the lover addressing his mistress: The entire section is 2, words.

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The Man of Mode has ratings and 31 reviews. Dominick said: Meh. George Etherege Sir George Etherege was an English dramatist.

He was one of the great British Restoration period dramatists. He had an expert touch with portraits of vain social show-offs, witty urban gentlemen on the make, and duplicitous young women plotting to get their man. In some ways, however, his greatest character was the persona he created for himself—a diplomat and gentleman of the court with a taste for the fast life. He left only three plays and a handful of poetry, and most of the information about him comes from letters written long after he ceased writing for the stage. To provide for him, his grandfather apprenticed him in to an attorney. Etherege later studied law in London, but he left the profession in and began working on his first play. He may have traveled in France during this time. Charles II had only recently been restored to power in England, following the rule of the strict Puritan leader Oliver Cromwell following the English Civil War, which had culminated in the overthrow and execution of Charles I in Cromwell had restricted theatrical productions as morally unhealthy, among other efforts at regulating what he and his followers saw as the sinfulness of life in England. When Charles II returned to England after his exile in France, however, he brought with him the French court tastes for extravagance, clever conversation, flirtation, and comic theater. England celebrated his return, and the period dominated by the distinctly un-Puritan character of his reign is known as the Restoration. One of the crew recalled it as being more successful than any preceding comedy. Its success opened doors for Etherege, and he was soon established as one of the witty group of courtiers including Sir Charles Sedley and John Wilmot, earl of Rochester. This play, which critics have generally considered superior to *The Comical Revenge*, generated less interest at the time. He accompanied Harvey to Constantinople now called Istanbul from to , and, upon his return to London, Etherege seems to have taken up the easy, directionless life he had left. Of the two the Sex is my strongest passion. The first recorded performance took place on March 11, There are reports of pranks and tavern brawls. In , Etherege was nonetheless thought respectable enough for knighthood, which he may have purchased rather than earned in order to marry a rich widow, Mary Arnold. Etherege was appointed as a diplomat to Germany soon after his marriage, and he lived there much as he did in London, continuing to indulge his passions for gambling and women. He had dancing and fencing instructors and enjoyed what opera and other music was available. He gave some time to tennis and more to hunting, but how much he gave to business is debatable. He left Germany for France early in , but little else is known after that. The place and date of his death are unknown, although research points to Paris in Irish nobleman and the main organizer of the Irish Rebellion, the event that sparked the Eleven Years War. After having the king executed in , he claimed absolute power and appointed himself Lord Protector for Life. Cavendish was one of the most prolific, ambitious, and thoughtful writers of the period. Her *Sociable Letters* gives a vivid, first-person account of her remarkable times. English philosopher and father of Materialism, or the reduction of all events and thoughts to the effects of physical motion. He argued for a clean break between philosophy and theology. English poet best known for his mock-epic poem *Hudibras*, which satirizes the hypocrisy of the Puritans. Works in Literary Context Restoration Comedy Until recently, Etherege has been considered one of the inventors of a genre known variously as the comedy of manners. This type of play is reflective of the lightheartedness of the era that produced it. After years of imposed seriousness during the Puritan rule of Oliver Cromwell, high society was eager for some naughty fun. His plays feature explicit sexual situations, drunkenness, rowdy violence, feasting, and revelry—with little worry about morals. Works in Critical Context *The Man of Mode* Moral issues tended to dominate critical discussion of Restoration comedy up through the middle of the twentieth century. Characters like Dorimant in *The Man of Mode* are seen on the one hand as accurate representations of a court wit of the period, and on the other hand as dangerous role models who can have a bad influence on the behavior of audiences and readers. Indeed, this was a view that was common up to the early twentieth century. His plays are morally as well as artistically sound. He felt and saw the comedy of contemporary life; and he honestly sought and found the means to express it. How and why

does Etherege use it in his comedies? Do you feel that Etherege wrote with insight about the people and society he knew best, or did he write an idealized version of people and relationships that were always outside of his own circle and situation? Is it relevant that Etherege did not write about many things he knew from his own life, such as his diplomatic work? William Shakespeare was known for writing plays that appealed to all the social levels of English society. Were they meant to be successful with all types of audiences? If not, how do you think this has affected his popularity among modern audiences? Following are some examples of works containing either audacious or notably foppish characters. Wilmot, who was good friends with Etherege, wrote biting satires of human hypocrisy while developing a reputation in the court of Charles II as a libertine. This adventure tale set during the French Revolution features a character with a secret identity: Elmer Gantry, a novel by Sinclair Lewis. A smug, womanizing college football player notices the power and money that evangelical preachers are making, so he decides to become one himself, destroying anyone who gets in his way. He is exposed as a fraud, but the publicity only gives him greater status. Pirates of the Caribbean: This adventure film features the memorable antihero pirate Captain Jack Sparrow, a man without a social compass, who swaggers and bluffs his way in and out of several tight spots on the high seas. Likenesses of Truth in Elizabethan and Restoration Drama. The First Modern Comedies: The Significance of Etherege, Wycherley, and Congreve. Harvard University Press, University of Wisconsin Press, A Mirror to Nature: Transformation in Drama and Aesthetics – University of Kentucky Press, Cite this article Pick a style below, and copy the text for your bibliography.

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