

men *Chopsticks*. When the Eunnuch *Mandarins* dye, *An. 1683*  
all their riches fall to the King, who as Heir presently seizeth on their Estates, and by it gets vast Riches: for there is but little money in the Kingdom, but what falls into the clutches of these birds of prey. This probably may be one reason why the King is for preferring none but them; for they are excellent Spunges for him: and whatever some have said of their Love to Justice, I could never learn that they deserve that Character: but thro their oppression, and injurious dealings, trading is discouraged, and the Country is kept poor, which otherwise might be a flourishing Kingdom. After all, as very Eunnuchs as these *Mandarins* are, yet they are as great admirers of the female Sex as any men, and not satisfied without them, but they all keep several handsome young Wenches to dally and spend their time withal. They also love to be courted by Strangers to favour them with a Miss of their procuring. Nothing will ingage them more than to petition them on this account; and the person thus solicited will not fail to procure a young Damsel for his Friend, be it but for a night or two, or for 4 or 5 months. Ever afterwards he will take a more than ordinary care of the persons he has thus brought together, and their affairs; and this base sort of Office is here accounted very decent and honourable. Yet the common Bawdy-houses, tho extremely rife here, are by all of them accounted hateful and scandalous.