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Temptation. For, excepting two or three Trades, which Women still retain, all the Rest are engrossed by Men. We have Men-Mantua-makers, Men-Milliners, Men-Staymakers, Men-Shoemakers for Women's Shoes, Men-Hair-Cutters for Women's Hair, &c. and very likely in time we shall have Sempstresses, Laundresses, and Clear-Starchers, of the same Sex.

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Such Perversions as these, of the Order of Society, are not of fmall ill Consequence, either to the Welfare of Individuals, or the Good of the State. And therefore to discourage such Practices as much as may be, in the Affair of Men-Servants, The Proposal is, That each of them shall be taxed Two Shillings and Six Pence in the Pound, according to their Wages, to be paid by their Masters and Mistreffes, and to be collected by the Officers of the Window Tax. If a Scheme of this Nature were effectually put in Practice, the Confequence would be, either, That Women-Servants would be employed, rather than Men, which would answer a good End in that Respect;—or else, that these Men-Servants, tho' idle and useless in themselves, would contribute to the promoting of Commerce and extending our Trade, by means of the Tax they pay for this End; — though forely against their Will.

THE 3d Tax proposed, is, That upon Saddle-Horses.

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