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A man might as well to value himself for being wise
than a Woman, if he has his advantage to a better
Education, than he ought to boast of his Courage in beating
a man when his hands were bound.

Letters of Frid are still letters
Reflection upon Marriage 1706.

So few happy marriages.

A Woman indeed can't properly be said to choose, all
that is allowed her, is to refuse or accept what is offered.
... he may call himself her Slave for few days, but it is only in order to make her Win all the rest of his life.

Let the business be carried as Prudently as it can be on the Woman's side, a reasonable Man can't deny that she has by much the harder bargain.

... a Woman who has been taught to think Mamage her only Present, the Sum-total of her Endeavour, and the completion of her Hopes, that which must settle and make her Happy in this World, and very few, in their Youth especially, carry a Thought steadily to a greater distance; She who has seen a Lover dying at her Feet, and cannot therefore imagine that he who proposes to receive all his Happiness from her can have any other Design or Desire than to please her; whose Eyes have been dazzled with all the Glitter and Pomp of a Wedding, and who hear of Nothing but Joy and Congratulations; who is transported with the Pleasure of being on a Papillage, and Mistress not only of herself but of a Family too; She who is either so simple or so vain, as to take her Lover at his Word either as to the Praises he gave her, or the Promises he made to himself; in sum, she whose Expectation has been raised by Contrivings... will have a terrible disappointment when the hurray is over, and when the Comes calmly to Consider her Condition...