

Must give up Age to Want and Shame.

Let her behold the Frantick Scene, 70

The Women wretched, false the Men:

And when, these certain Ills to shun,

She would to thy Embraces run;

Receive her with extended Arms,

Seem more delighted with her Charms; 75

Wait on her to the Park and Play,

Put on good Humour, make her gay;

Be to her Virtues very kind,

Be to her Faults a little blind;

Let all her Ways be unconfin'd, 80

And clap your *Padlock* — on her Mind.

NOTES:

Title Padlock — a detachable lock (OED).

1 Danae Greek mythological daughter of King Acrisius of Argos and Queen Eurydice. Acrisius had no sons to give his throne to and as Danae was childless he kept her locked in a tower to keep the prophecy that his grandson would kill him from coming true (“Danae,” *greekmythology.com*, accessed 7 August 2017).

2 Horace A Roman poet, Quintus Horatius Flaccus who wrote about this myth in reference to Danae being locked away (“Horatii Flacci Opera,” *books.google.com*, accessed 7 August 2017).

3 Jove “A poetical equivalent of Jupiter” Danae was impregnated by Zeus in the tower (OED) (“Danae,” *greekmythology.com*, accessed 7 August 2017).

9 Whipster — a vague, mischievous, or contemptuous person (OED).

20 Curious — careful, attentive, concerned (OED).

32 Zeal — ardent love or affection (OED).

48 Bodkin “A long pin or pin-shaped ornament used by women to fasten up the hair” (OED).

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