



## **The Works Of Alexander Pope Esq.**

In Nine Volumes Complete. With His Last Corrections, Additions, And Improvements; As they were delivered to the Editor a little before his Death

Containing His Miscellaneous Pieces In Verse and Prose

**Pope, Alexander**

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Macer, a character

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## C H A R A C T E R.

WHEN simple *Macer*, now of high renown,  
 First sought a Poet's Fortune in the Town,  
 'Twas all th' Ambition his high soul could feel,  
 To wear red stockings, and to dine with *Steel*.

Some Ends of verse his Betters might afford, 5  
 And gave the harmless fellow a good word.

Set up with these, he ventur'd on the Town,  
 And with a borrow'd Play, out-did poor *Crown*.

There he stop'd short, nor since has writ a tittle,  
 But has the wit to make the most of little: 10

Like stunted hide-bound Trees, that just have got  
 Sufficient sap at once to bear and rot.

Now he begs Verse, and what he gets commends,  
 Not of the Wits his foes, but Fools his friends. 14

So some coarse Country Wench, almost decay'd,  
 Trudges to town, and first turns Chambermaid;



Aukward and supple, each devoir to pay;  
 She flatters her good Lady twice a day;  
 Thought wond'rous honest, tho' of mean degree,  
 And strangely lik'd for her *Simplicity*:      20  
 In a translated Suit, then tries the Town,  
 With borrow'd Pins, and Patches not her own:  
 But just endur'd the winter she began,  
 And in four months a batter'd Harridan.      24  
 Now nothing left, but wither'd, pale, and shrunk,  
 To bawd for others, and go shares with Punk.