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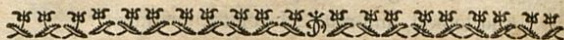
A Collection Of Poems In Six Volumes. By Several Hands

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Captain Cupid. By the Same.

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Captain C U P I D.

By the Same.

ERST, in Cythera's sacred shade,
 When Venus clasp'd the god of war,
 The laughing loves around them play'd,
 One bore the shield, and one the spear.

The little warriors Cupid led,
 The shining baldrick grac'd his breast,
 The mighty helmet o'er his head
 Nodded its formidable crest.

Hence off', to win some stubborn maid,
 Still does the wanton God assume
 The martial air, the gay cockade,
 The sword, the shoulder-knot and plume.

Phyllis had long his power defy'd,
 Resolv'd her conquests to maintain;
 His fruitless art each poet try'd:
 Each shepherd tun'd his pipe in vain.

Till Cupid came, a captain bold:
 Of trenches and of palisadoes
 He talk'd; and many a tale he told
 Of battles, and of ambuscadoes.