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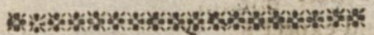
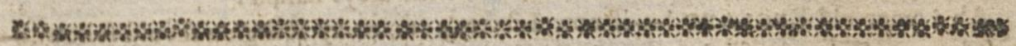
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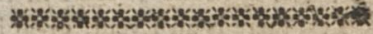
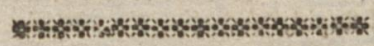
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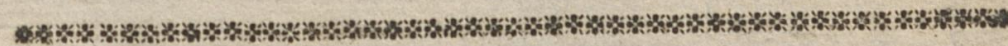
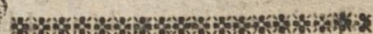
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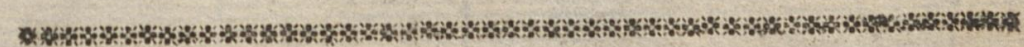
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To Mr URBAN, on completing VOLUME XXXIII. of the  
GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE.

I'M really in the greatest Distress, Mr URBAN, about the Verses this Year ;  
Why, Sir, it affords no Subject of Grief, or Joy, as I know of, or Hope, or Fear :  
The War is over, and the Peace has been discuss'd, as you very well know,  
Over Coffee, Wine, Gin, Porter, and Tobacco, a long Time ago :  
To be sure your MAGAZINE, Mr URBAN, is still filled with Treasures,  
But this you have told the World often, in all Metres and Measures ;  
You may vary your BOOK for ever with Wit and Learning, but yet  
You'll allow, after all, that they're still only Learning and Wit ;  
I must tell you, in short, that without something essentially new,  
After three and thirty Years, congratulatory Verses can never do.  
There's WILKES, indeed, the Owner of the Book that was stole, the ESSAY

WOMAN ON,

He's new, yes surely, as SAWNEY says, " He's a Phenomenon ;"  
But then you must grant, he can be no Hero in Poem or Play,  
Because after all his scolding and fighting, you know he's run away :  
'Tis Pity, for to be sure the World ne'er saw his Like in publick Spirit,  
Except honest KIDGELL, and he too suffers, O ! Grief of Grievs ! for his Merit !  
If he should go off, because Fools sneer, and little Boys halloo !  
Ah ! poor old ENGLAND !—if now Liberty's run away Religion should follow !—  
The very Thought frights me, 'tis Distress upon Distress, 'tis Woe upon Woe,  
O ! WILKES and LIBERTY ! KIDGELL and RELIGION ! O ! Ah !—Ah ! O !

But upon my Word I'm very thoughtless now I reflect  
Yes, there is an Event, great indeed beyond all I could expect ;  
A noble Alliance, a Prince and Princess, the brave and the Fair ;  
A Man may live to the Age of METHUSALEM and not see such a Pair :  
But 'tis too late, and since I have been so absent and stupid,  
I'll e'en leave them in better Hands, those of MERIT and CUPID :  
My Will is good, Mr URBAN, both to them and to you,  
'Tis unlucky, but we're all sometimes forgetfull.—Adieu !



Samuel Johnson -

b-18 Sept 1709 d 13 Dec 1784

a critic to the "Gentleman's Magazine"  
often in deep poverty, - 1738-54

received pension of £300 from Geo III. 1762

Boswell's life of Johnson pub 1791

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Samuel Johnson b 1705 d 1773  
dramatist

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Samuel Johnson protest theolog  
b 1649 d 1703

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