

The Spectator Club Quotations

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"Sir Roger de Coverley, of Worcestershire, a baronet."

Explanation:

Sir Roger is introduced as a well-known country gentleman and baronet from Worcestershire. This shows his important and respected place in society.

"He keeps himself a bachelor by reason he was crossed in love by a perverse beautiful widow..."

Explanation:

Sir Roger is still unmarried because a beautiful widow once rejected his love. This event changed his life.

"He is now in his fifty-sixth year, cheerful, gay, and hearty; keeps a good house both in town and country; a great lover of mankind..."

Explanation:

Sir Roger is an older man but remains joyful and is loved by people everywhere he goes.

"Sir Andrew Freeport, a merchant of great eminence in the city of London; a person of indefatigable industry, strong reason, and great experience."

Explanation:

Sir Andrew is a rich, hard-working London businessman who stands for effort, reason, and business knowledge.

"A penny saved is a penny got."

Explanation:

This is Sir Andrew's favorite saying. It means saving money is as good as earning it.

“ ...Captain Sentry, a gentleman of great courage, good understanding, but invincible modesty.”

Explanation:

Captain Sentry is a brave and honest retired army officer who is very modest. Captain

“All his conversation and knowledge have been in the female world.”

Explanation:

Will Honeycomb spends his time socializing and learning about fashion and women.