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FROM THE 'SPECTATOR'

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PREFACE

The following selection comprises all numbers of the *Spectator* which are concerned with the history or character of Sir Roger de Coverley, and all those which arise out of the Spectator's visit to his country house. Sir Roger's name occurs in some seventeen other papers, but in these he either receives only passing mention, or is introduced as a speaker in conversations where the real interest is the subject under discussion. In these his character is well maintained, as, for example, at the meeting of the club described in *Spectator* 34, where he warns the Spectator not to meddle with country squires, but they add no traits to the portrait we already