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**CUNDUM**, the dried gut of a sheep, worn by men in the act of coition, to prevent venereal infection, said to have been invented by one Colonel Cundum. These machines were long prepared, and sold by a matron of the name of Philips, at the green canister in Half-moon-street, in the Strand. That good lady having acquired a fortune, retired from business; but learning that the town was not well served by her successors, out of a patriotick zeal for the public welfare, returned to her occupation, of which she gave notice, by diverse hand bills, in circulation in the year 1776.