

**Crispin** – a scoundrel, a schemer, a philosopher

*CRISPIN tries to convince his co-conspirator to stick to their scheme and marry Sylvia without revealing his true circumstances.*

Crispin:       And when she finds out, you will no longer be who you were: you will be her husband, in love with her, as in love and faithful and noble as you want to be and as she could wish for... Once you are the master of her love..., and of her dowry, won't you be the perfect gentleman? You are not like Mr Punchinello, who, with all his money, with all the luxury it provides, has still not allowed himself the luxury of being honourable ... He is a rogue by nature; but you were only one out of necessity ... And if you hadn't had me at your side, you would have died of hunger purely because of your scruples. Ah! Do you think that if I had found another man in you I would have been happy with making you fall in love...? No; I would have set you to the pursuit of politics, and not to the pursuit of Mr Punchinello's money, the world would have been ours ... But you're not ambitious, you're happy with being happy ...