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Question: Write a short note on the character of Sir Lucius O'Trigger.

Answer: Sir Lucius O'Trigger is also an interesting character. His name smacks of his dominant feature - his pre-occupation with daggers, pistols and duels. He is not a man in the armed forces, still he is a soldier of fortune aspiring to repair his dwindling resources through marriage to a young rich lady of the fashionable society in which intrigues and secret love affairs are normal. Mrs. Malaprop's letters under the pseudonym Delia present him with just the opportunity he has been aspiring for. He carries on the affair under the illusion of carrying on an affair with Lydia, the young and beautiful and rich girl.

Sir Lucius is intelligent and scheming. He incites Bob Acres to challenge Beverley to a duel on account of their rivalry over Lydia. Thus he manoeuvres

curved to remove two rivals for the hand of Lydia, from his path at one stroke. But he is very cultured and refined. He has a refined sense of humour. His description of Mrs. Malaprop as the queen of dictionary and his offer to make the gift of Mrs. Malaprop to Captain Absolute are indicative of this trait.

The end.

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