



THE LAW OF CROCHET.



ARLIAMENT has at length been compelled to give its ever-tardy attention to a question deeply affecting the domestic happiness of thousands of her MAJESTY'S married subjects. We allude to the Crochet question. The measure is entitled, "*An Act to Amend, Consolidate, and Define the Law of the Crochet-Hook.*"

The PREAMBLE recites that the power of the Crochet-Hook has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished.

Clause 3, exempts a husband from all the penalties of looking grumpy and

being a disagreeable cross old thing, in certain cases; namely,—

When a lovely anti-macassar is held up for his admiration, he having at the time one or more buttons deficient in his shirt.

Clause 5, provides that nothing in that Act contained shall prevent a devoted wife from sitting up till any hour of the night darning stockings, or mending the children's things.

Clause 6, declares that all disputes arising as to the meaning of any words in the Act shall be settled by the husband, without appeal.

Clause 8, provides that the husband shall be obliged to furnish his wife with the means of

rational and sensible amusement during his absence from home; namely, if a lawyer, he had better give her some copying to do; if a merchant, he can send her account-books to cast up; and, if an author, he can desire her to read his works; but this latter task (which no author's wife can condescend to perform) is to be prescribed in moderation.

There are some other Clauses, but their nature will be explained on the discussion of the measure. The charge of the Bill in the House of Lords will be entrusted to LORD BROUGHAM, who is celebrated for his Crochet work, and in the House of Commons to MR. DISRAELI, because he really works very fairly—with a hook.