

of Mornas as well, to the end that all might be the better known to each other who were to be companions in travel henceforth.

It was a pretty sight to see so gallant a lot of gentlemen, handsomely dressed as they were and their horses gaily caparisoned,

arms delight to exercise, and although the weapons were but staves, there was not one among the whole of them who did not desire the fame of holding his own against Henri because of his prowess with real weapons, and as for Mornas, while he was not so



"SHE WENT TO THE SHREWD FELLOW."

riding out in little groups to learn the manner of the country. Henri of Aulnac and my Lord of Mornas had scarce an hour to themselves in the day, for when the young men had done with riding for information, they set about those games of skill in which men of

strong a man as his neighbor, he was mightily dexterous in fencing, as became a man in his place, and made up in skill what he lacked in strength. He could never have taken the place of Henri on a field where work was a-doing all day long, but there was that about him