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question? to which Mrs. Graham replied
with a sweet smile, "Yes, very," and con-
tinued to gaze at the new visitor.

He was remarkably handsome—that
was the first thing apparent; he was re-
markably well dressed—that was the next
observation made; he had all the ease,
grace, self-possession of a man of high
station—that was the closing remark: and
Mrs. Graham determined that he should
be one of her set.

The introduction to his wife and daugh-
ter over, Mr. Graham asked if Mr. Fair-
fax had dined. He replied that he had,
at a cottage hard by, whence he had taken
shelter from the rain; and seated opposite
to Margaret Graham, he gave an account
of his adventures of the evening, lightly,
gayly, but mingling touches of kindly
feeling and good sense, and merry com-
ments on his own wisdom in putting him-
self under the guidance of an idiot, in a
manner which amused and pleased both
father and daughter, while Mrs. Graham
declared it was delightful, and the whole
party seemed to feel that a new spring of
life and pleasure had burst forth in the
midst of them, to stir the waters that had
been inclined to stagnate. The dessert