

to several millions," she went on to state that the matrimonial profession had been misunderstood up to this hour, but that she would now place herself at the head of it, and, being a former pupil of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, act under the patronage of the clergy. "My object is a holy and a great one," she concluded. "May honest hearts perceive it, and march with me, taking for their motto: France, Religion, Family." The "Institute" began its work of regeneration last January, and in the course of five months Mme. de St. Just found 192 customers, and pocketed 29,878f. Her fee was \$20 down and 5 per cent. on the dower, to be paid within three months of marriage. Her customers were of all ranks, and the Public Prosecutor was obliged to own that many of them were persons of "the highest respectability." Nevertheless he moved that Mme. de St. Just might be punished for having accepted 100f. of the plaintiff and not having found him a wife in return. The plaintiff, after paying his fee, had been sent to look at a young lady, who, however, had just plighted her troth to another customer from the "Institute." He returned, and was referred to "an individual in a cafe," which individual took him to a shop on one of the boulevards, and showed him through the window a maiden of eighteen. The plaintiff deemed her too young, whereat Madame de St. Just remarked angrily that he was difficult to please, but produced "a list of heiresses," and deputed him to six of them, one after the other. Three of them would have nothing to say to him, and he declined saying anything to the other three. Madame de St. Just sent him about his business, adding that he had given her more trouble than all her previous customers put together, and that his claim to have his \$20 restored him was the most preposterous thing she had ever heard. The Judges of the Correctional Court inclined to this opinion, too. After listening to the Public Prosecutor they dismissed the charge with costs—an unlucky thing for the plaintiff, who confessed that he



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was on the look out for a wife simply because he was penniless; but they took a stern view of the defendant's having sported a name and particle which were not her own; and, on this count, sentenced her to pay a fine of \$100. Whether the "Institute" will now be conducted under the name of Jobert remains to be seen; but, as French opinion goes, the defendant appears to have left the court with but little stain on her character.

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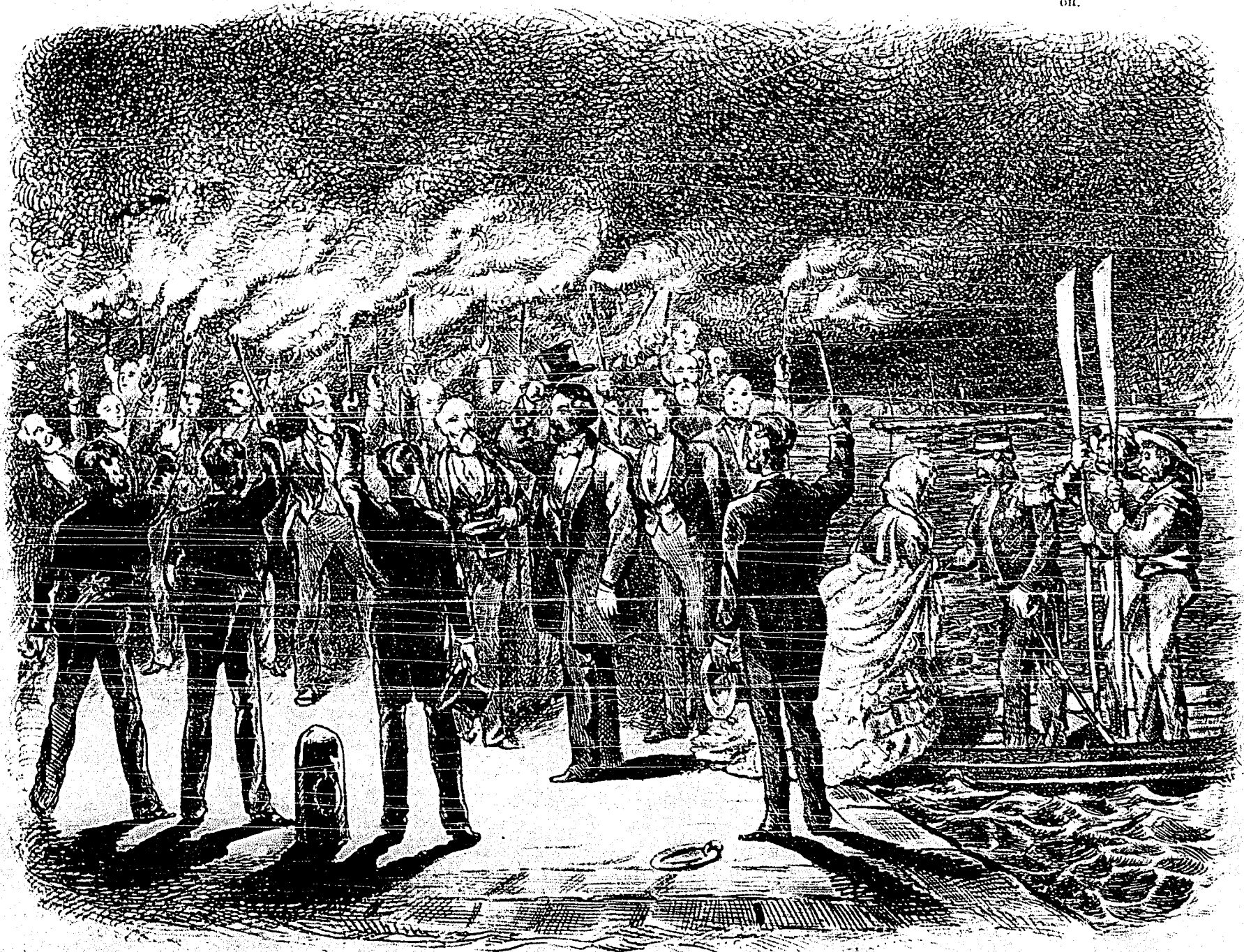
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