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ing house, on his scanty income. He liked the shores of the Mediterranean even under the disadvantage of a limited income, much better than the village of Hedingham, and had no intention of returning to English rusticity yet awhile. He wrote to his daughter occasionally, not forgetting to hint that any addition to his pittance which she might be inclined to make would be welcome.

Sir Aubrey had given one state dinner to those county people who had called upon his wife, a dinner distinguished by a solemn splendour, but almost as gloomy as that funeral banquet which the Roman tyrant Domitian gave to his friends, where the walls were hung with black, and the paraphernalia of death so closely represented, that many of the amiable Cresar's guests swooned away and died in real earnest, slain by the mere horror of this ghastly jest. After this state dinner there were no more galetics at Perriam, but Sir Aubrey took his lovely young wife to three or four feasts of the same kind which his friends gave in her honour. This constituted Syl-via's brief experience of the polite world; for now came an event which was to exclude Sir Aubrey Perriam from society for ever.

To be continued.

A TROUSSEAU ON SHORT TIME.

It does not take a long preparation for a marriage if the loving couple mean business. $J_{\bullet}Q$. Adams, of Michigan, had lived a bachelor till he was forty and had no time to lose. He went into a dressmaking shop in Detroit one morning and asked the head business woman if she could make a merinodress by three o'clock in the afternoon. She said she could. John Qaincy went out and came back immediately leading an Audrey-looking girl of about seventeen, wearing a callco dress and a straw hat. She had a bundle of stuff for a dress under her arm. She agreed to help make the dress, and sat down at a sewing-machine and helped. John walked up and down in front of the shop, as a constant admonition that he was superintending the contract. The gown was finished on time and the girl put in it. In the meantime John had hailed a preacher-looking man and asked him if he could hitch up a couple for life. He said that was a branch of his business. He was retained. John asked the proprietor of the shop if she had any objection to the use of the dress where it was made. She had not, and so John Quincy Adams and the Michigan Audrey stood up and were married in that dressmaking sanctuary. John emptied his pockets of nickels and pennies, all the moncy he had, a bushel in bulk, \$3.25 by count, an i gave it to the preacher for having detained him. And that basiness pair walked out into the wide world, arm in arm, looking happy. Bliss is cheap in Michigan.

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MARK TWAIN ON WOMAN.

Mark Twain, the well-known humourist, replied to the toast of the ladies at the festival of the Scottish Corporation of London on December 1. In doing so, he said : I am proud, indeed, of the distinction of being chosen to respond to this especial toast, to "The Ladies," or to woman, if you please. for that is the pre-erable term, perhaps; it is certainly the older, and therefore the more entitled to reverence. (Laughter.) I have noticed that the Bible, with that plain blunt honesty which is such a conspicuous characteristic of the Scriptures, is always particular to never refer to even the illustrious mo-ther of mankind herself as a "lady," but speaks of her as a woman. (Laughter.) It is odd, but you will find it is so. I am peculiarly proud of this honour, because I think that the toast to women is one which, by right and by every rule of gallan-try, should take precedence of all others—of the army, of the navy, of even royalty itself, perhaps, though the latter is not necessary in this day and in this land, for the reason that, tacitly, you do drink a broad general health, to all good women when you drink the health of the Queen of England and the Princess of Wales. (Loud cheers.) I have in mind a poem just now which is familiar to you all, familiar to everybody. And what an inspiration that was (and how instantly the present toast recalls the verses to all our minds) when the most noble, the most gracious, the purest and sweetest of all poets says :

"Woman. O woman !---or---Wom-"

(laughter)-however, you remember the lines; and you remember how feelingly, how daintily, how almost imperceptibly the verses raise up before you, feature by feature, the ideal of a true and perfect woman; and how, as you contem-plate the finished marvel, your homage grows into worship of the intellect that could create so fair a thing out of mere breath, mere words. And you call to mind now as I speak how the poet, with stern idelity to the history of all huma-nity, delivers this beautiful child of his heart and his brain over to the trials and the sorrows that must come to all sooner or later that abide in the earth and how the pothetic story. or later that abide in the earth ; and how the pathetie story culminates in that apostrophe—so wild, so regretful, so full of mournful retrospection. The lines run thus : "Alas!—alas!—alas!

-Alas !--alas !'

and so on. (Laughter.) I do not remember the rest; but, taken altogether, it seems to me that the poem is the noblest tribute to woman that human genius has ever brought forth (laughter)-and I feel that if I were to talk hours I could not do my great theme completer or more graceful justice than I have now done in simply quoting that poet's matchless (Loud and prolonged cheering.)

words. (Renewed laughter.) The phases of the womanly nature are infinite in their variety. Take any type of woman and you shall find in it something to respect, something to admire, something to love. And you shall find the whole joining you heart and hand. Who was more patriotic than loan of Arc? Who was braver? Who has given us a grander instance of self-sacrificing devotion? Ah, you remember, you remember well what a throb of pain, what a great tidal wave of grief swept over all us when Joan of Arc fell at Waterloo. (Much laughter.) Who does not sorrow for the loss of Sappho, the sweet singer of Israel ? Who among us does not miss the sentle ministrations, the softening influences, the humble piety of Lucretia Borgia? (Laughter.) Who can join in the heartless libel that says woman is extravagant in dress when he can look back and call to mind our simple and lowly mother Eve arrayed in her modification of the Highland costume. (Roars of laughter.) Sir, women have been soldiers, women have been painters, women have been poets. As long as lan-guage lives the name of Cleopatra will live. And not because she conquered George III .-- (laughter)-but because she wrote those divine lines-

" Let dogs delight to bark and bite, For God hath made them so.'

(More laughter.) The story of the world is adorned with the names of illustrious ones of our own sex-some of them sons of St. Andrew too-Scott, Bruce, Burns, the warrior Wallace, Ben Nevis-(laughter)-the gifted Ben Lomond, and the great new Scotchman, Ben Disraeli. (Great laughter.) Out of the great plains of history tower whole mountain ranges of sublime women-the Queen of Sheba, Josephine, Semiramis, Sairey Gamp; the list is endless—(laughter)—but I will not call the mighty roll, the names rise up in your own memories at the mere suggestion, luminous with the glory of deeds that cannot die, hallowed by the loving worship of the good and the true of all epochs and all climes. (Cheers.) Suffice it for our pride and our honour that we in our day have added to it such names as those of Grace Darling and Florence Nightingale. (Cheers.) Woman is all that she should be-gentle, patient, long-suffering, trustful, unselnish, full of generous impulses. It is her blessed mission to comfort the sorrowing, plead for the erring, encourage the faint of purpose, succour the distressed, uplift the fallen, befriend the friendless ----in a word, afford the healing of her sympathies and a home in her heart for all the bruised and persecuted children of mistortune that knock at its hospital door. (Cheers.) And when I say God bless her, there is none among us who has known the ennobling affection of a wife or the steadfast devotion of a mother, but in his heart will say, Amen!





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