ing house, on his scanty income. Ho liked the shores of the ing house, on his scanty income. Ho liked tho shores of the
Medferrancan oven 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 wroto to his daughter occasionally, not forgetting to hint that any addition to his pittance which sho might be inclined to make would be welcome.
Sit Aubrey had given one state dianer to thoso county poo ple who had called upon his wife, a dinaer distinguishc.l by guet which the Roman tyrant Domitian gavo to his fricads where the walls were hung with black, and the parapheroalia of death so closely represented, that many of the amiable Cesar's guests swooned away and died in real enrnest, slain by the mere horror of this ghastly jest. After this state dinner there were no more galeties at Perriam, but Sir Aubrey took his lovely young wife to three or four feasts of the game kind which his frients 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 'rime

It dees not take a long meparation tor a marriage tr the loving bachelor till he was forty and had no thme to lose. He wen fato as dressmathag shop in Detroll one morning and asked the hem hamess woman if she contd make a merhodress by three
 of atout seventeen, wearlng a cealco dress and a straw hat. She fad a bambe of statr for a dress under herarm. She ngreed to hef maki. the dress, and sat down at a sewhag-machace and cometint admonntion that he waw kuperintendmy the contract The gewn was fanshed on the and the girl pat in th In the him tr he conth hath up a couple for life He gatd that was b, rinch of his hathess. He was retatned. John asked the proprictin of the shop to she thad any objection to the use of the dress whre fi was made. She had not, and so John quincy Adams
nat the Mingan Audrey stood np nad were marred th that had the mebgan dudrey stool ap and were married to that and wertites, all the mones he bat, a bushet in bulk, $\$ 3.25$ by com, in t sawe th the preachur for having detatued hitn. And


## MARK TWAIN ON WOMAN

Mark Twain, the well-known humourist, replied to the toast of the iadies at the festival of the Scotulsh Corporation of indeed on December 1. In doing so, he said: 1 am proud, radeed, of the distinction of being chosen to respond to this especial toast, to "The Ladies," or to woman, it you please. for that is tho pre.erable term, perhaps; it is certainly the I have noticed that the Bible, with the reverence. (Laughter.) which is such a conspicuous characteristic of the Scriptures is always particular to never refer to even the illustrious mother of mankind herself as a "lady," but speaks of hor 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 gallantry, should take precedence of all others-of the army, of the navy, of even royally itself, perhaps, though the latter is not necessary in this day and in this land, for the reason that, 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 winds) when the most noble, the most gracious, the purest and sweetest of all poets says

## Wotnan, O woman :-or-

-(laughter)-however, you remember the lines; and you remember how feclingly, how daintily, how almost impercep ideal of a truce and perfect woman ; anc how, as you contem plate the finished marvel, your homage grows into worship of the intellect that conld create no fair a thing ont of mero becath, mere words. And you call to mind now as I speak how the poet, with stern fidelity to the history of all huma nity, delivers this leautiful child of his heart and his braio over to the trials and the sorrows that must come to all sooner or later that abide in the earth; and how the pathetie story
culminates in that apostrophe-so wild, of mournful retrospection. The lines run, no regretful, so ful
"Alna!-alas!-:-alas!"
-and so on. (Laughter.) I do not remember the rest ; but tribute to woman it seems to me that the poem is the nofes - (laughter)-and If feel that if ! were to talk hours I could than I have now done in simply quoting that poct's matchtes
words. (Henewed laughter.) The phases of the womanly nature are infuite in their variety. Take any type of woman adinire, something to love. And you shall fiad the whole joining you heart and hand. Who was more patriotic than Jan of Arc? Who was braver? Who has given us a grander instance of self-sacrificing devotion? Ah, you remember, you rewember well what a throb of pain, what a great tidal wave of grief swept over all us when Joan of Arc ell at Waterloo. the sweet singer of Israel ? Who among us doess not misis the pentle ministrations, the softening infuences, the humble piety of Lucretia Borgia? (Laughter.) Who can join in the heartless libel that saye 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, womea have been soldiers, women have been painters, women have beeu pocts. As long as language lives the name of Cleopatra will live. And not because she conquered George III.-(laughter)-but because she

## Let dogs delight to bark and bite, For God hath made the mo." <br> 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 bous of St. Andrew too-scott, Bruce, Burne, the warrio Wallace, Ben Nevis-(laughter)-the gifted Ber Lomond, and the great new Scotchman, Bun Disracif. (Great laughter.) Out of the great plains of history to whot whe ramis, Sairey Garap; the list is endless-(lanephter)-but will not call the mighty roll, the names rise up in your own memories at the mere suggestion, luminous with the glory of decds that cannot die, hallowed by the loving worship of the rood 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 Flo rence Nightingale. (Cheers.) Woman is all that she should be-zentle, patient, long-suffering, trustiul, unselish, full of gederous impalses. It is her blessed mission to com:ort the succour the distressed, uplift the fallen. Defriend the friendles -in a word, afford the healing of her sywpathies and a hom 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 aronag us who has known the encobling affection of a wife or the steadfast
devotion of a mother, but in his ketri will sar, Amen (Loud and prolouged cticering.)


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