

Miss Owenson. She wrote the "Wild Irish Girl," and some other romances, which excited interest at the time. When staying with Lord and Lady Abercorn, they formed a plan for her happiness, by marrying her, at the age of thirty-six, to Dr. Morgan, a dull, piggish, and most conceited individual. The Morgans persuaded the Lord Lieutenant to confer the honour of Knighthood on the Doctor, and such was the origin of Lady Morgan's title. Her works cannot be accepted as illustrative of the domestic life to which women of society are accustomed in the reign of Victoria.

'Our New Doctor' is a capital description of the little scandals, little troubles, and littleness generally, of the society of many an English and American country village or town. "The new Doctor" boldly pursues his own course, and disgusts the young ladies of Mudford, by marrying a delightful girl to whom he was engaged before he came to the village with the suggestive name. He makes electrical and chemical experiments, and throws the neighbourhood into consternation, and the wise-acres and old maids into confusion. He leaves them with his bride and twin brother, who is exactly like "the new Doctor," and the cause of many ridiculous mistakes, in rather a "mixed" state.

'Politics at Home and Abroad' is, of course, very much tinged with the political bias of Blackwood's contributors. Earl Russell is perpetually playing fantastic tricks. Lord Palmerston holds him in leading strings. Mr. Gladstone, notwithstanding his two million pounds surplus, is, with characteristic restlessness, going to do something with the Bank of England; and generally, the Conservative party is awaiting the pleasurable responsibility of office soon to be thrust upon them, and likely to last for a very long term indeed.

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